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No new candidates vie in race

By Rick Klittich

Staff Writer

With just two scats available in April's Board of Education election, Mountainside has only one candidate in the running as of Monday's filing deadline.

John Perrin, an incumbent, will gain one of the two seats to be garnered after his term and current Board of Education President Peter Goggi's term both expire. Goggi has decided not to run for re-election.

Legally, the board cannot function without filling the remaining open

The process to assure that the board will be able to function in its fall. seven-person capacity is composed of three options.

First, a resident could be voted on to the board, with his or her own approval, after being chosen as a write-in candidate during the April election.

Should someone not be written in and accept the opportunity to serve on the board, the Board of Education would have the chance to appoint someone of their choosing to fill the position. This procedure could include an interview process, with the candidate being voted on by the Board of Ed

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THERE'S SNOW BETTER TIME - To go sledding down a snowy hill. Just ask Sean and his mom, Diane Merkel, of Cranford, as they enjoy a smooth slide down a wintry slope at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. Below, Vito Sisto of Springfield lets a hay bale slow his super speed as he sleds down the hill.



7 seek seats on **Springfield BOE**

By Rick Klittich Staff Writer

Seven Springfield residents will be competing for three three-year seats on the Board of Education this year, including two of the four incumbents whose terms have expired.

As the deadline for filing a petition passed Monday, incumbents Scott Samansky, who has now served one three-year term, and Judy Millman, who was appointed by the Board of Education has your when President Larry Leves's death yielded an open seat, both filed for three-year seats. There are no candidates for the one-year seat that Millman has left available.

Samansky, a Springfield resident since 1992, said that involvement in the community is necessary to a town's success.

"The only way a community can function is when people take interest and are active," he said, noting that his schedule is flexible enough to allow him time to commit to town activities. "There is nothing more important than the future of the kids."

Millman said her time on the board has been great and she looks forward to another term.

"I want to be there to help continue improving the quality of education in the district," she said.

After many years on the Board of Education, Keith Kurzner and Steven Fischosin have decided that it is time to hang up their hats, assuring that two new members will join the board.

"I think 15 years is long enough," said Kurzner, adding that he has business commitments that may take away from the Jedication he would like to have if he ran again. "I also believe that, periodically, you need now people and new ideas."

Meanwhile, five other members of the community begin the campaign to gain a seat on the board, including neighbors Daniel Burke and Steven Friedman

"We have budget challenges ahead of us," said Burke, who has a son in sec-ond grade, another that will be in kindernetten berinning next year and is expecting a third child in July. "By no master will they be adved overnight. We need new blood to commit to these long-terms grade." "I want to be conscious of the taxpayer, while distance finding the learning expe-rience for the students," said Prindman. "We state the state for the students," and Prindman.

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With preliminary drawings already devel-oped, a contrast for renovations and construc-tion at Springfluid's Manicipal Hall could be out to bid as early as inte April, and Mayor Sy Mult

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"Once we approve the drawings." Mullimet said, "we'll come up with a figure and we could be ready to go out to bid by the end of" April."

At best, Malimon said, construction could bogin at the end of the summer. He said the project is probably going to span nine to 12 talks for economics

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Satidier would be forced to relinquish her seat as PTA president if elected to the board.

Llord Grossman, a resident since 1986 and father of a fifth-grade student and a school sophomore, said the board could use a change of members, specifically adding new parents that have children in the system.

Grossman said, with Fischbein and Kurzner's retirement from the board, it would be a fitting idea for their replacements to have younger children in the system. He added that there is a lot going on in the district, both good and bad.

Benjamin Rulf, who has lived in town for eight years and attempted to gain a sent just a couple of years back, and the Board of Education is important to the

"I have something to contribute," he said. Rulf explained that, as a retired scientist, he could help improve the student performance level of the methematics and science curriculum that, he believes, is showing students are not living up to their potential in the district.

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Drawings have centered around concerns over pething and security, as well as the best use of space within the department itself. Currently, not all members are under one toof and Comparison department heads and the Townwould be the best way to center the police fonce.

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By Rick Kinden of Writer

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Principal Tim Kielty noted it is difficult le compare scores within the school to past years, due to the simple fast that each group of students is difant. Along with that, Kielty said, this is his first full year as principal of the school, and in that aspect, the scoses agree as a benchmark for himsolf and his students.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform resdents of various community activities and government meetings. To mail a schedule, send it to Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, 1000 07083

· The Good Books Discussion Group of the Springfield Free Public labrary will meet to discuss "The Three Junes" by Julia Glass in the library it 66 Mountain Ave. at 7 p.m.

Frida • Visions of God Family Worship is hosting a special night of fun for local youth and teens at Evangel Baptist Church, 242 Shunpike Road, Springfield, at 7:30 p.m.

The focus of the program will be to encourage young people to take an active interest in their future. There will be a speaker, singing, steppers, and efreshments will be served. There will also be admission information from various colleges, and financial consultants.

• All Springfield Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts are invited to a night of Bingo Madness at Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, in Springfield from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per child and includes snacks and prizes. RSVP to Andrea

Schaffer Rousso at 973-376-0260 or at Andrea.Schaffer(a.rvanbeck.com Saturday

· Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church will sponsor an indoor flea market at 40 Church Mall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The sale will feature collectibles, antiques and jewelry from area vendors plus other treasures and crafts from local residents. For information, call 908-964-7897.

• The fourth annual comedy show to benefit the Weldon F.O.P. Research fund will take place at the Mountainside Elks Lodge on Route 22 east at 7

The fund raises money for research on Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva, a rare and incurable disease afflicting 12-year-old Whitney Weldon from Westfield. Tickets are \$35 per person. For information, call Gary Whyte at 718-442-7525. Seating is limited Monday

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

• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a work session in the Annex Building, 10 N. Trivett Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday • The Mountainside Board of Education will meet in the media center at

at 8 p.m. . The Mountainside Borough Council will meet for a work session in

Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east at 8 p.m. • The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a regular session in ouncil Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave. at 8 p.m.

Upcoming March 10

• The Westfield Regional Health Department will present a lecture on Childhood Obesity and Good Eating Habits" at the Mountainside Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, Mountainside, at 11 a.m. To register for the program, call 908-233-0115. This is a free informa-

tional session provided for people living in the towns of Garwood, Fanwood, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle Park, Springfield and West-

field. For information prior to this event, call the Public Health Nurse at 908-789-4070 ext. 4073.

March 12

· Trailside Nature & Science Center will offer a naturalist-guided, early spring hike at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside from 10 to 11 a.m. Participants will explore the Watchung Reservation for young leaves, spring peeper frogs, groundhogs and other signs that spring is around the

Call 908-789-3670 for information. Admission is a suggested donation of \$1 per person. No pre-registration required. March 19

• A program on maple sugaring will be conducted at Trailside Nature & Science Center 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside from 10 a.m. 1 12:30 p.m. View a brief slide presentation exploring the history of maple sugaring from early Americans to present day collection methods. Participants can also enjoy breakfast by an open campfire to celebrate

and appreciate the sugaring season with pancakes and 100 percent real maple syrup.

The program is for adults, ages 18 and older. Admission is \$10 per person for Union County residents, \$15 for non-county residents. Pre-registration is required. Call 908-789-3670 for information. March 21

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

March 22

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



Vehicle rollover brings firefighters

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On Saturday at 9:33 p.m., Mountainside firefighters responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident on fighters remained on the scene until all Route 22 east in the vicinity of New Providence Road.

At the scene, fire officers found that the driver of a motor vehicle. traveling eastbound, lost control and ended upside down in a nearby ditch. The driver was taken by Emergency Medical Services to Overlook Hospital. Firefighters remained on the scene until the vehicle was towed.

 At 11:36 p.m. Saturday, firefighters responded to a report of smoke coming from a motor vehicle located at the corner of Summit Road and Sunny View Road. Upon arrival, firefighters found that the smoke was coming from a burst heater hose. Firefighters remained until the motor vehi-

cle was towed from the scene. • On Feb. 22 at 6:07 p.m., firefighters responded to a report of a multimotor vehicle accident located on Route 22 eastbound and Lawrence Avenue. Three drivers and one passenger were taken by Emergency Medical for an alarm problem. Services to Overlook Hospital. Fire-

• At 6:38 p.m. Feb. 20, firefighters responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident at the traffic circle located in the Watchung Reservation. On arrival, firefighters found the vehicle already being towed. • At 4:20 p.m. Feb. 19, firefighters

FIRE BLOTTER

the vehicles were towed.

responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident on Route 22 westbound in the vicinity of Summit Road.

At the scene, fire officers found a motor vehicle that had crashed into an electrical utility pole. The driver refused medical attention and firefighters remained on the scene until call the vehicle was towed.

Springfield

On Friday at 2:42 p.m., firefighters responded to Morris Avenue and Short Hills Avenue for a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

• At 6:49 p.m. Saturday, firefighters responded to a Route 22 west business • At 12:58 p.m. Friday, firefighters

POLICE BLOTTER

Damage was done to an Oak

Driver arrested for multiple offenses

Springfield

At 12:15 p.m. Feb. 23, Vincent Ortizio Jr., 29, of Cranford was arrested on Troy Drive for criminal mischief, harassment, driving while intoxicated, failure to inspect his vehicle and failure to change address.

RECREATION

Ridge Road property by a back hoe

that was rented by another Spring-

field resident at 1:13 p.m. Sunday.

Dicital camera class set

Learn to upload your digital photos, create and save them to folders. and attach them to emails in the new digital camera class offered by the Mountainside Recreation Department. Participants may choose from two

different time slots: April 4 from 10:30 a.m. to ncon, or April 11 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. The class will meet in the Computer Room at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east. The fee is \$15 per class. Pro-registration is required, and additional information is available at the Recreation Office at 908-232-0015.

Strength training clinic offered Str Minutemen

A free strength and conditioning clinic will be offered for the Springfield Recreation Department's 2005 Minutemen Football Program on Saturday in the boys gyin at Jonathan Dayton High Scheel, 138 Mountain Ave., from 9 to 11

from grades third through eight. Sneakers, shorts or sweats are required appare Learn the fundamentals of football

conditioning and increase speed, strength and agility. Participants must be signed in by a parent/guardian.

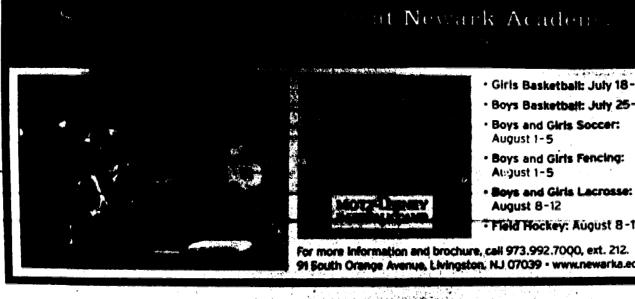
A special early sign-up coupon gives \$20 off the Minutemen registra- 912-2227. tion fee. For information, call 973-912-2227. Registration forms will be available at clinic.

Registration begins for Minutemen Football -

Registration begins for the Springfield Recreation 2005 Minutemen Football Program. Participants are invited to register at the Sarah Balley Civic Center, 30 Church Mall.

A one-time special discount of \$20 will be offered to those who sign up prior to Saturday. The program is for children enter-

ing grades three through eight in Sep- 973-467-0838, terriclinton@springtember. Third-graders have the option a alor tackle or flog





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esponded a pumper to Hillside Fire

Headquarters on a request from County Mutual Aid. • At 9:54 a.m. Friday, firefighters

responded to a Golf Oval residence for a medical service call. · Firefighters responded to a

Wabeno Avenue apartment complex for an odor of natural gas at 4:56 p.m. Feb. 24 • At 4:39 p.m. Feb. 24, firefighters

responded to a Battlehill Avenue residence for a medical service call. · All units responded to a Morris Avenue business for a boiler problem

Feb. 24 at 9:40 a.m. • At 9:06 a.m. Feb. 23, firefighters responded to a Hillside Avenue apart-

ment complex for a medical service • At 3:09 p.m. Feb. 21, firefighters

responded to a South Gate residence for a medical service call. · Firefighters responded to Route

22 west for a motor vehicle accident at 4:14 p.m. Feb. 20. · Firefighters responded to a

Springfield Avenue business for an activated fire alarm at 12:44 p.m. Feb. 19.

• On Saturday at 11:30 p.m., i was reported that a Morris Avenue apartment was burglarized, resulting in the loss of \$200 cash and a camera. • Alfredo Bedolla, 30, of Chatham was arrested Feb. 23 at 7:26 p.m. on Morris Avenue for an outstanding warrant of \$650 in Millburn.

Non-refundable enrollment will be offered in two separate checks, with a \$20 check payable to township o Springfield and an \$80 check payable to Springfield Minutemen Organization on or before Saturday. This fee will be \$100 starting Sunday, no exceptions. For information, call 973-

Child care registration opens at YMČA

Springfield YMCA child care registration for the 2005-06 school year has begun at the Springfield YMCA. 100 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield. This is an enrichment program for students in kindergarten through sixth

grade. Before school and after school rograms are offered with options for two days to five days a week care, and holidays and extended care. For information call Terri Cli

child care, youth and family director at fieldnjymca.org. or visit www.summitareavmca.org.

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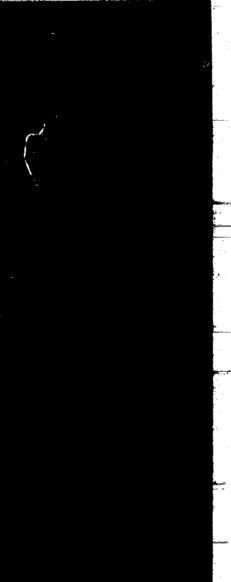
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ECHO LEADER

Company aids 'Gates' project By Rick Klittich Staff Writer

Located in the city that never sleeps, Central Park itself is open all day and all night.

So when 7,500 free-hanging, saffron-colored fabric panels were in the process of being suspended across the land for "The Gates" project, the park couldn't close for construction. Instead, the conceptual artists who saw their vision come to life hired Springfield-based Country Club Services, located on Morris Avenue, to deal with the constant flow of people walking around the ongoing installa-

Country Club Services, a company more than three decades old that normally is employed to take charge of parking services in events such as concerts, festivals and professional sport competitions, was called to help out during the construction of "The Gates." Recommended through one of his contacts. President Joe Hughes being rejected in 1981 under original was ready and willing to help in the drawings that differed from the curproduction of the artistic event.

park had to remain open," Hughes Claude's project was ultimately to help out.

said, "so our job was to make sure approved by Mayor Michael construction stopped as people came Bloomberg in January 2003.

Between 30 and 40 employees worked daily from Jan. 3 to Feb. 11 to 18 feet in width, lining 23 miles of assure that the public's appreciation of Central Park would not be diminished by the noise and annoyance of construction tools, which included forklifts and jacks. Usually, Hughes explained, the company's job was to direct visitors to an event. For the first time, Hughes and his crew worked in reverse, directing those involved in the actual event to accommodate for the park's visitors.

The concept for "The Gates" was first developed in 1979 by artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude, who emigrated from Europe in 1964. While cresting projects elsewhere but living and working in the city, the married couple remained committed to succeeding in the completion of an outdoor New York work of art. After rent plan, and were also titled "The

The thousands of gates stood 16 feet high and varied from 51/2 feet to footpaths in Central Park. Panels hung down from each gate to seven fee above the ground.

Stationed approximately 12 feet apart from one another, "The Gates" created a visual golden pathway that extended throughout the park, appearing and disappearing in the bare branches of trees.

Christo and Jeanne-Claude also felt that the "luminous moving fabric will underline the organic and serpentine design of the walkways, while the rectangular poles will be a reminder of the grid pattern of the city blocks around the park."

The project was financed entirely by the artists, who do not accept sponsorships, and it employed hundreds of New York City residents that had to install, assemble, maintain and remove the gates.

Hughes, of course, never expected "They were concerned because the Thousand Gates," Christo and Jeanne- that his company would be employed

Country Club Services, a company based in Springfield, helped out during the construction of 'The Gates' project in Central Park. The managers overseeing the project included, from left, Patrick Dillon, Marco Martons, Fabian Desouza, Frank Picnic and Will Escalante.

Grant helps local photographer exhibit work at Springfield Library

Nancy Ori of Berkeley Heights, a well- 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Ori. "Some are romantic in style and provide a received a 2003 HEART Grant - History, hours are from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Education and Arts, Reaching Thousands -from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders to help in part to create photography at

local public and private garden sites. Ori's project was to create a body of photographs made within a small part of "The Gar- designs and architecture. Some of the garden den State," namely Union County, which will

through April 7. The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located

Time for a tasty treat

known local photographer and educator, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday strong contrast to the local towns; some are this exhibit was determined by the best sum- best volunteer my skills to benefit my own For information, call 973-376-4930

The project provides a balance of images between the four seasons, as well as the basic elements of turf, wood and water, reflecting the variety of local public and private garden spaces shown can be found adjacent to historic be on exhibit at Donald B. Palmer Museum of sites and are open to the public, such as Liberthe Springfield Free Public Library now ty Hall in Union and the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit.

"There is certainly a lot of crossover in the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 between landscape and garden photography, Mountain Ave., Springfield. Hours of the but for me, garden photography is more about exhibit are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday smaller controlled spaces and close-ups," said

some provide a very formal element.'

and photographs at local sites. With the help of an article written in the

This will become an ongoing project as Ori continues to photograph these and other new sites to be added into the portfolio for future things to photograph and images to share." exhibits

She has spent the last year doing research

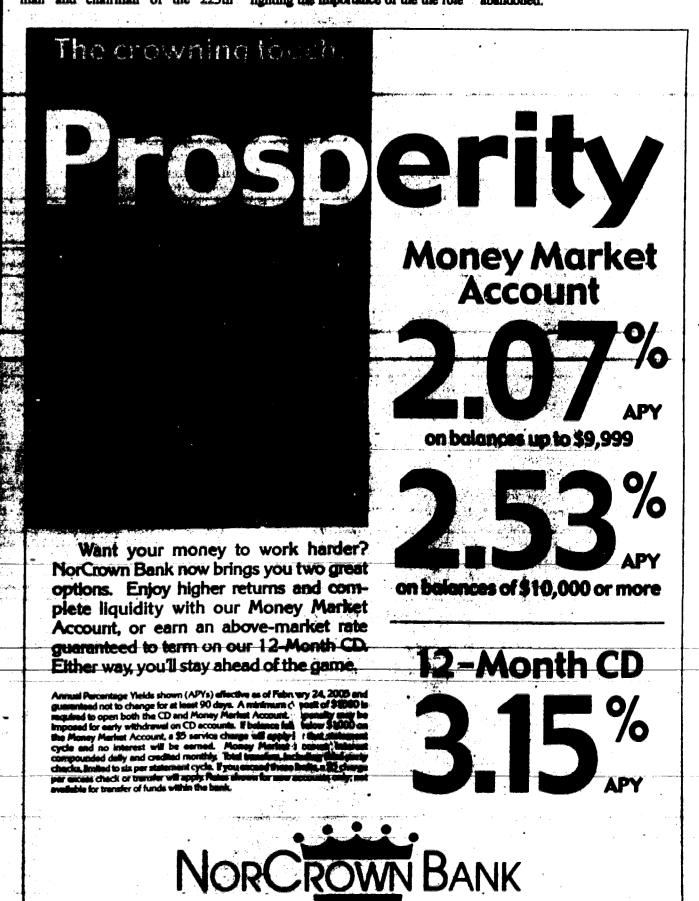
Independent Press when the grant was first approved about a year ago, Ori received several phone calls from local gardeners and garden clubs who proposed sites to be photographed.

"I proposed this and four other HEART Museum in Morristown and other venues. Town plans for re-enactment

The township of Springfield will Anniversary of the Battle of Spring- played by the soldiers' families. commemorate the 225th anniversary field Committee, the township is forof the Battle of Springfield on June 25 tunate in having secured The 3rd New marks a significant turn in the war by and June 26. Jersey Regiment. Regiment Recruit Commander

The two-daylong event combines both the battle reenactment by the well-respected 3rd New Jersey Regiment, also known as the "Jersey Blues," and the township's traditional July 4 fireworks.

According to Scott Seidel. Spring- the plight of the common soldier dur- tunity to re-live experiences of Ameriman and chairman of the 225th lighting the importance of the the role abandoned.



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Mountainside Newcomers Club member Kalilyn Bolkoom puts the finishing tought her cupcake at the annual Valentine's Day party. For information on joining the s comers Club, call Tricis Brancatella at 908-301-1496.

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ated for peace and quiet, places where the land." plantings help to reduce stress, where one can fragrance of the flowers.

"Since 1970, I have traveled throughout the video projects which has given me the oppor- ed States and Europe. tunity to explore many popular and cherished

Her artistic selection of subject matter for Grant projects over the last six years in order to bold forms or use an empty space as an aes- mary of images to depict the places where community and have since been inspired not thetic organizing element; most are planned or flowers bloom, shrubs and herbs are arranged only by the interesting subject matter and hiscontain artistically composed plantings while in artful patterns, where havens have been cre- tory of New Jersey, but also by the beauty of its

Ori is recognized internationally as an watch wildlife and relax, while inhaling the industrial photographer and video producer for New Jersey Media Center in Berkeley Heights. She also enjoys teaching photography classes world working on various photographic and and workshops each year throughout the Unit-

She is on the faculty of the New Jersey places," said Ori. "I have discovered that, right Center for Visual Arts in Summit, Peters Valley here in my own backyard, there are wonderful Craft Education Center in Layton, the Somerset Art Association in Bedminster, the Morris

> Mark Hurwitz, a Springfield resident, is working closely with the committee to support the project. Hurwitz stated that the purpose of will open on June 25 at 10 a.m.

Hurwitz added that this battle driving the British from New Jersey.

The regiment is one of the most respected living history organizations. The reenactment will take place on the high school grounds and the camp

A gast and engage in activities. And

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Studies show that more than 9 million American children and adolescents are overweight - triple the number identified in 1980 Approximately 25 percent to 30 percent of school-age children in the United States are overweight or obese, which puts them at a high risk for heart disease, diabetes, high cholesterol, sleep apnea, asthma, orthopedic problems, hypertension and other health problems.

Poor eating habits and inactivity are known to be the root causes of childhood obesity. The average American diet is high in calories and fat, and busy schedules prompt many families to eat out or eat on the run, often partaking of foods in larger portions with a higher caloric intake. To make matters worse, many of today's children lead largely sedentary lives, occupying the bulk of their spare time with home computers, video games and television.

Healthcare providers have convened numerous conferences about this growing epidemic in recent years, to try to counteract the related health and social consequences that often continue into adulthood.

In New Jersey, a new health initiative called the "Shape It Up" program has been designed to bring obesity intervention workshops to public elementary schools. With lessons designed by certified teachers and tailored to meet the requirements of the New Jersey Core Health Curriculum, "Shape It Up" seeks to increase awareness of healthy eating habits and exercise patterns in our communities.

Working in conjunction with the Ernest Mario Schoel of Pharmacy at Rutgers University, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey's World Class Clinical Quality healthcare initiative has developed the "Shape It Up" program to provide age-appropriate, educational lessons that focus on exercise, healthy eating and obesity, "Shape It Up" is being introduced in 150 schools across the state. It will include obesity intervention workshops and an interactive curriculum with handouts for children and parents.

While there's nothing wrong with learning how to prevent obesity in a classroom setting, the most effective tool in tackling the problem is taking immediate action by using lessons that involve actual exercise and reinforcing healthy eating habits at home and at school. Physical education needs to be an essential part of every student's school day. The recent Jump Rope for Heart event at Deerfield School in Mountainside was one example of a great way to raise awareness of the dangers of heart disease, while keeping children active.

Offering more nutritious lunches in cafeterias and replacing the junk food found in school vending machines with healthy snacks are two more ways to promote weight loss and overall good health. If junk food isn't easily available to students on a regular basis, they will be less likely to eat it.

Likewise, parents can fight the obesity epidomic at home by promoting healthier cating habits in their children and making sure more nutritious foods are available to them on a regular basis. Biking, taking walks, or playing active, outdoor games together is another way families can fight obesity and discover the benefits of a healthier lifestyle

It's important to note that obesity is preventable and combatting it is a battle that can be won. Best of all. it can become a challenge that brings the entire family closer together.

Continue the fight

After a long winter with large amounts of snow, many people are looking forward to the month of March as a time to celebrate the first day of spring.

There is, however, something else to honor and celebrate throughout the month. March is Women's History Month, a time to honor the achievements of women.

The tradition began in 1978 in Sonoma County, Ca., as "Women's History Week."

In 1981, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and Rep. Barbar I Mikulski, D-Md., co-sponsored a joint Congressional resolution proclaiming the week containing March 8. International Women's Day, to be "National Women's History Week."

In 1987, Congress expanded the celebration to include the entire month of March. With the theme "Women Change America," Women's

History Month "honors and recognizes American women in culture, history and politics as leaders, writers, scientists, educators, politicians, artists, historians and informed citizens," according to the National Women's History Project.

This month is a time when we as Americans should look back and honor the great strides women have made toward equality, such as the successful fight for women's suffrage and the creation of the Equal Rights Amendment, which was passed by Congress in March 1972.

While March should be a time to reflect on the successful strides women have made, it is also a time when women should look ahead to the work that needs to be done to ensure that all men and women are treated equally

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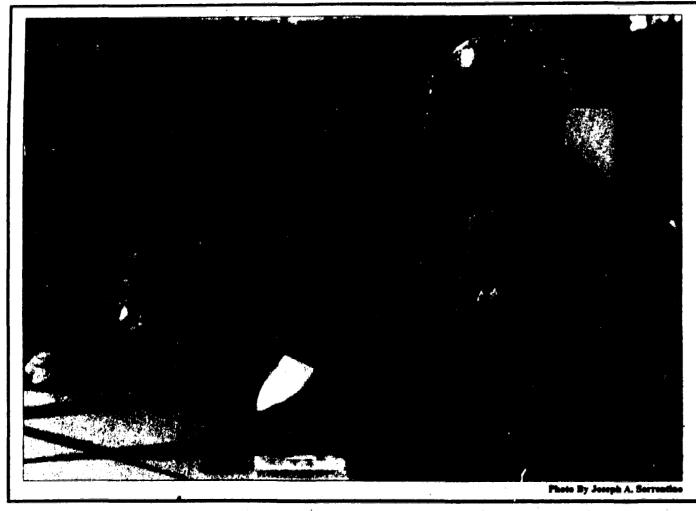
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Medical marijuana: Why There are other options wouldn't we do this?

Since the introduction of Senate Bill 2200, I have heard many stories from citizens who had experienced unbearable pain and wanted to thank me for introducing this legislation.

My bill would have New Jersey By Nicholas Scutari join with 12 other states to protect people with debilitating medical conditions from arrest and prosecution for the usage of medical marijuana.

I believe my bill is a common sense approach to ease pain and suffering. My question to those who would oppose this legislation is "why wouldn't we do this?"

As a prosecutor, I deal first hand with the detrimental effects of recreational marijuana. I reject any arguments to weaken the current criminal penalties for that conduct.

At the same time, as a lawmaker. want seriously ill people to be given every possible option for treatment and pain relief.

\$2200 establishes "New Jersey Compassionate use Medical Marijuana Act" and it makes a clear distinction between medical and non-medical use of marijuana.

In order to be lawfully entitled to the limited use of marijuana, patients severe than for those of marijuana. must first obtain written certification from a prescribing physician, with whom they have a bona fide relationship; other avenues of treatment must be tried first.

Then they must register with the state Department of Health and Senior tion, on school grounds, correctional Services. This registry will be kept confidential.

To successfully gain a registration card, the patient must demonstrate the presence of a chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition or its treatment that produces wasting syndrome, severe or chronic pain, severe nausea, seizures, or severe and persistent muscle spasms. This includes AIDS, cancer, multiple aclerosis, Chron's disease, and glaucoma. Mariiuana use has been shown to alleviate the pain and suffering caused by these horrible diseases.

As background, a diversity of states including Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Vermont and Washington have authorized the use of marijuana for medical DUIDOSCS.



tion that is very similar to my bill. The controls and restrictions in the bill make this a fairly conservative measure. I have not seen any evidence that this type of legislation has increased illegal drug use in these states

Certain medications are currently available to treat the debilitating medical conditions that this legislation targets; however, they do not work for marijuana many people.

There are also medications that come in pill form that contain tertrahydrocannabinol, but research demonstrates that ingested forms of marijuana are not as effective for everyone as smoked marijuana.

We allow doctors to prescribe Oxy-Contin, Percacet and many other extremely addictive drugs without allowing them for public use. The side effects for these drugs are much more There are a number safeguards in

S-2200

ing a motor vehicle while under the nfluence of medical marijuana. It also bans use on any form of transportafacilities, parks and beaches or recreational centers.

I understand that my bill, if wrongly branded, is controversial. It isimportant to express that this legislation does not provide slack for recreational use of marijuana. This is not a stepping stone.

Medical marijuana is not the first option for treatment, but an appropriate additional option

Research fry better medication will not stop because of the second tion

It is my intention to have a dommittee hearing held on this bill to set out the restrictions, and handles, liston carefully to compare and emolicity ask again, why would a word that

Irposes. Most of these states have legisla-tive District in the state, Second

to ease pain, suffering The line dividing recreational Counter Point

drugs from legitimate medicinal drugs has grown increasingly blurry over the past few years. At the center of this translucent divide has been the debate over the legalization of medical marijuana. Nine states have removed criminal penalties for, use, possession and cultivation of marijuana for medical reasons: however it still remains a federal crime

While at the heart of this issue is federal authority versus states' rights, there is also the significant matter of weighing risks versus benefits. I believe that they don't and I do not support the medicinal use of medical

Contrary to some people's beliefs, marijuana is not safe. It is an addictive drug with significant health consequences. Short-term effects include memory loss, distorted perception, loss of motor skills, decrease in muscular strength, increased heart rate and anxiety.

There are also numerous long-term is already available by prescription effects. Marijuana contains more than and it is called Marinol. Marinol is 400 chemicals, including most of the synthetic THC, which has been found smoke. Harvard University researchers also report that the risk of a heart attack is five times higher than usual in the hour after smoking marijuana.

Proponents of legalized medical marijuana say that these effects don't have much of an impact on a terminally ill patient's decision to smoke marijuana. However, smoking marijuana also weakens the immune system and raises the risk of lung infection.

A Columbia University study found that a control group smoking a single marijuana cigarette every other day for a year had a white-blood-cell count that was 39 percent lower than normal, thus damaging the immune system. This finding is perticularly important because patients who are deemed to be efft the most from smoking marijuana, such as cancer and AIDS patients, already have a compromised immune system and

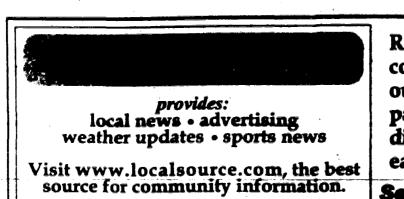
therefore could become sicker by moking marijuana. If medicinal marijuana did become

legal, additional societal problems could arise. Marijuana would become A Republican. Thomas Kean Jr. of more acceptable and be viewed by Westfield represents the 21st Logmany as a soothing medicine rather islative District in the state Senate.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Worrall Newspapers recently ran a story about former Union County Preeholder Lewis Ming 1 landing himself a county job. It seems that Mr. Mingo, of Plainfield, whose freeholder term expired in December of last year, has accepted a full-time position as confidential aide and director of senior services at a salary of \$65,000 a year. It has not been a secret that he "decided" not to run for another term on the freeholder board because of changes of power within the Plainfield Democratic Committee and, as luck would have it, a position with the county just happened to come available. Luckier still for Mingo is that the job happens to be working in an area he says he has an interest, children's and sen-

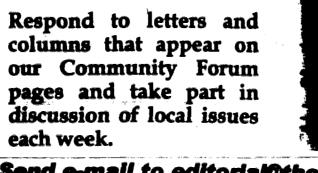
ior issues. What an amazing coincidence. Of further interest is that he will be concentrating on issues affecting the elderly in the western end of the county. Plainfield happens to be in the western end of the county where he resides and the job is anchored in a Plainfield office. November

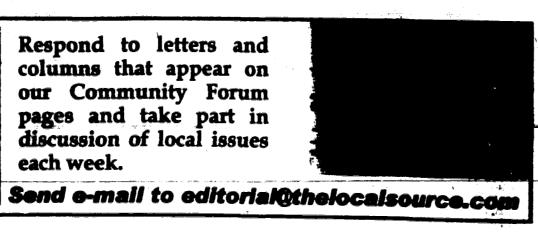


What wood fortune. The powers that be insist that this job was not created specifically for the former freeholder, yet according to the county government's press secretary and director of communications. Sebastian D'Elia, the job "was fine-tuned to meet the issues of the western end" of the county. And how fortuitous it is that by taking this position and more than doubling his county salary from part-time freeholder to full-time employee, he will greatly increase his ounty pension upon retirement. Lewis Mingo is quoted in the Worrall Newspapers as saying "it just hap-

bened and the timing was right." Oh, that all of us should just happen to be in he right place at the right time like Mr. Mingo. He certainly is a lucky, lucky

Editor's note: The writer was a Republican candidate for freeholder las





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To the Editor:

We all should be so lucky

My bill specifically forbids operat-

SPECIAL SPEAKER ---Emie Green talks to students at St. James the Apostle School ir Springfield last week Black History during Month. Back in the 1950s. nine African-American students at Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas faced an incident of racial segregation. Green was one of the nine students involved in that incident and came to talk to St. James School about his experiences dealing with racial prejudice.

By Thomas Kean Jr.

than as a dangerous drug. It would also become much more readily avail

Unlike other prescription medications that are used to treat pain, yet are considered dangerous, such as Oxycontin and hydocodone, these can't be grown in someone's backyard or basement. Also, while the initial intention may not be to decriminalize marijuana completely, that is certainly a legitimate path. This should be a cause for great concern with more than 200,000 Americans entering substance abuse clinics in 1999 primarily for marijuana

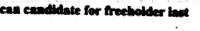
abuse and dependence. The active ingredient in marijuana according to advocates is THC, ctrahydrocannabinol. This ingredient to relieve the nausea associated with chemotherapy for cancer patients and to assist with loss of annetite in AIDS patients. It comes in the form of a pill and is also being studied by researchers for suitability via other delivery, such as an inhaler

It should be noted that there are no FDA-approved medications that -are smoked as it is difficult to administer safe, regulated dosages in smoked form. Furthermore, the harmful chemicals and carcinogens that are byproducts of smoking create entirely new health problems.

No compassionate human being wants to see another person suffer and this is not the intention of those who oppose the medicinal use of marijua-

Simply put, marijuana is a dangerously addictive drug that poses significant health risks. Studies have continuously shown that marijuana has no medical value that can't be met more effectively with legal treatmen obtions

> Patricia Quattrocchi Garwood



ECHO LEADER

Maple sugaring

program on tap Over a short six- to eight-week period in February and March, the sap of the sugar maple is collected and

turned into syrup. A program on maple sugaring will be conducted on March 19 at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. View a brief slide presentation exploring the history of maple sugaring from early Americans to present day collection methods.

Participate in a taste test to see if you can recognize the real thing, learn to identify sugar maple trees and see a tap in action. Enjoy breakfast by an open campfire to celebrate and appreciate the sugaring season with pancakes and 100 percent real maple

The program is for adults, ages 18 and older. Admission is \$10 per person for Union County residents, \$15 for non-county residents. Pre-registration is required.

Trailside is a facility of the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation. Call 908-789-3670 for nformation

St. James plans trip to PA shooping outlets

St. James Roman Catholic Church in Springfield offers a shopping spree at Vanity Fair Reading Outlets on March 28. The bus leaves Knights of Columbus parking at 8 a.m. and

returns approximately at 5 p.m. The cost is \$21 per person. The price includes deluxe bus transportation, bus driver tip, lunch voucher, shopping bag and discount coupons. For reservations, call Tony Graziano at 973-376-5612.

Comedy show raises

funds for rare disease The fourth annual comedy show to cnefit the Weldon F.O.P. Research Fund will take place on Saturday at the Mountainside Elks Lodge on

Route 22 cast at 7 p.m. The fund raises money for research on Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva, a rare and incurable disease afflicting 12-year-old Whitney Weldon from Westfield. Tickets are \$35 per person. For information, call Gary Whyte at 718-442-7525. Secting in

United Methodies Cherch, 40 Cherch For information on this program, Mail on Seturday: from 9 a.m. to 3 chill the temple office at 973-376riduals ready to get with their whiteclophant holiday gifts or special col- . loctibles will be on hand at the far back and of Church Mall for this "and of winter" indoor sale.

The United Methodist Women will also have a soup tauch for hungry thoppers along with an array of desserts. Choose from homemade ioups for set is or take out. All profit will help pay the church's winter heating bill.

Springfield Emanuel invites all ersons to join them for worship on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. or for a host of Lenten Bible studies, and outreach Call the physich office for informe-

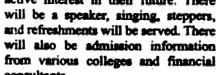
tion at 973-376-1695. Sale tables may still be available for rest of the first market. Back table

costs 210. Call the church office and leave this and sender for a roturn dat

Youth and teen night clamed & church

Visions of God Family Wombip is hosting a special night of fun for local youth and teens on Friday at Evangel Beptist Church, 242 Shunpike Road in pringfield at 7:30 p.m.

The focus of the program will be to ncourage young people to take an



Pasta dinner benefits Project Graduation

The Project Graduation Commit of Governor Livingston High School is sponsoring a pasta dinner in the high school cafeteria.

Governor Livingston High School is located at 175 Watchung Blvd., Berkeley Heights. The pasta dinner will be conducted on March 11 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Proceeds will help fund this June's all-night drug and alcohol free graduation celebration for the entire senior

The menu will include pasta with meatballs or marinara sauce or cavatelli and broccoli, tossed salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverage. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and children younger than age 12. Tickets may be purchased at the

door or reservations can be arranged by calling 908-771-0186.

The committee invites everyone to enjoy the pasta dinner and then attend the drama club's spring musical production of "Pippin."

Film festival explores

perceptions of Jews Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive in Springfield will host a film festival on March 20 and May 15. These complimentary events begin at

The first permanent Jewish settlement in North America was established in 1654.

Beginning this past September, Jews across America began a yearlong celebration of the 350th anniversary of Jewish settlement in North America.

As part of this celebration, the film festival will look at two films that depict perceptions of Jews in America through the eyes of Jewish people and those of their neighbors. Participents in the film festival will compare and contrast these perceptions as depicted in two films that debuted 45 years ment from one another

The 1947 Elia Kazan film, "Gentieman's Agreement," staring Gregory Peok, and the 1992 Robert Mandel The School Tes," starting Brandon anduce such film with discussion there is no charge for this

Springfield senior On April 14, the Senior Citizens of

Springfield will emback on a trip to Washington D.C. Included in the trip will be a visit to the White House, a visit to the World War II Memorial and the cherry blossoms. Also, a box lunch will be provided.

Anyone interested in attending can call 973-376-0947 after 5 p.m.

'Egg-stra' special

event planned at park The Soringfield Recreation Depart-ment presents the Springfield Egg Hunt, March 26 in Chisholm Park,

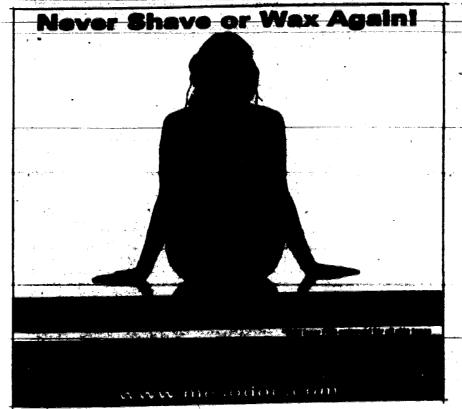
100 S. Springfield Avenue, 11 a.m. Participants are invited to the park

at least 10 minutes early. The Beg finat will begin at 11 a.m. and usually takes no more than 10 minutes before all the eggs are gathered up.

All are invited to join in the event, which features prizes and a special visitor. For information, call 973-912-221.

Scouts invited to Bingo Medness Friday

All Springfield Daisy and Brownie

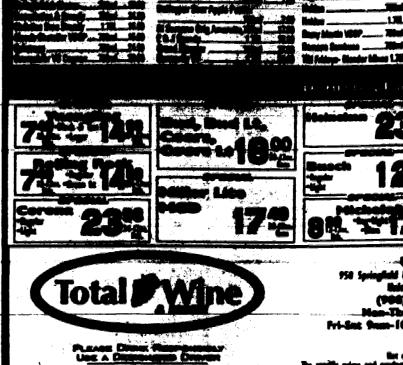


active interest in their future. There Girl Scouts are invited to a night o Bingo Madness on Friday at Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall.

Club will offer a Ladies Night Out at L'Affaire when they attend the annual Mountainside PTA dinner/auction/ fashion show today.

catella at 908-301-1498.







EVENTS

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Learning lessons on Valentine's Dav

For the students at Edward V. Wal- that their baked cakes could "magical-Valentine's activities reinforced and necklaces. various math skills.

using candy hearts. Then they explained their graph to a teacher to square helped a group of students see stories.

Moss named 'Teen

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Volunteer of the Year'

Adam Moss, a sophomore

Springfield, was honored Feb. 16 at a

dinner conducted at The Birchwood

Moss

Jonathan Dayton High School

basic skills of soccer to autistic, hand-

icapped and developmentally chal-

This organization is based in Live

ingston and works with children of all

ages throughout Northern and Central

The Soccer Circle for almost three

vears now. Mosa, a varsity soccer

player since he started high school,

has always loved accer and wanted to

teach other children the game he is so

and he was the assistant coach of the

U8 Sirens boys travel team for the

Soccer Club o:' Springfield this fall

Moss has been playing on a Pre-

miere travel team based in Madison for five seasons where he has been the

leading goal scorer in each season. For

the Dayton Bulldogs, he has been

playing defense where this past fall,

his team won the Conference and

Moss is an F-licensed soccer coach

Moss has been volunteering with

ton School in Springfield, the Valen- ly" transform into a heart-shaped cake. also allowed students to read the tine's Day celebrations consisted of Another math-centered project names of fellow students. more than just classroom parties. The provided children the opportunity to children completed an array of center practice their patterning skills as they activities to combine learning and fun strung colored beads to make bracelets

Students were actively engaged in reinforced lessons in reading words sorting, classifying and graphing around the room that began with the letters in Valentine. Children also read poems, wrote

reinforce their understanding. Cutting stories about a best friend in their writa circle in half and adding a turned ing journals and sequenced Valentine

Delivering their Valentine cards In the true spirit of love, friendship

and kindness, one group of children made tissue paper flowers to be used as the centerpieces for a senior dinner at a nursing home. Additionally, another group of students had the opportunity to tell a

classmate something that they liked or admired about him or her Valentine's Day at Edward V. Walton School was another fun-filled educational day



In the true spirit of love, friendship and kindness, one group of children at Edward V. Walton School in Springfield made tissue paper flowers for Valentine's Day to be used as the centerpieces for a senior dinner at a local nursing home.

STUDENT UPDATE

Moss was named to the All-Conference second team.

Youth Group serves up 'Souper Bowl Sunday'

The Mountainside Community Presbyterian Church Senior High Youth Group served up homemade soup for "Souper Bowl Sunday" as part of their ongoing fund-raising activities for Habitat for Humanity. This summer the Youth Group will spend a week helping to build houses with Habitat for Humanity.

Over the last few years, this Youth Fish achieves clean's has been focused on providing help to those in need all over the world through their participation in World Vision's 30-Hour Parnime.

This year they line decided to concentrate their efforts on a very worthy cause closer to home with Habitat for

If you are interested in working with the Senior High Youth, call Community Presbyterian Cnurch, at 908-232-9490

Honor for Koutroumbis

Leonidas Koutroumbis of Springfield was among the students at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Metropolitan Campus, Teaneck, who quali-fied for the 2004 fall semiciter honors list. To qualify for the dean's list, a student must have a 3.2 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0; for the honors list, a 3.5 or better.

Honors at FDU

Several Mountainside and Springfield residents were among the students at Fairleigh Dickinson University's College at Florham Campus, Madison, who achieved honors for the fall 2004 semester. Named to the honors list were Mountainside residents Salvatore Arpino and Jeffrey Jenkins and Springfield residents Brent Salerno and Matthew Spada.

Named to the dean's list were Mountainside residents Nicole Anne Baseil and Kimberley Geraghty and Springfield residents Jared Cohen and Matthew Paz.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must have a 3.2 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0

list at Syracuse

Marnie Fish of Springfield was named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester at Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications. To qualify for the dean's list, students must achieve at least a 3.4 grade point average on a 4.0 scale during the semester.

Fish is a sophomore majoring television, radio and film. In addition, she was also selected

serve as an honor guard at the installation of the university's 11th chancellor's inaugural ceremony.

Dayton High School in Springfield.

Jennifer Nemiroff of Springfield, a freshman majoring in elementary education-arts, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester at the colleges of business administration: continuing studies; and liberal arts; education and sciences at Rider University, Lawrenceville.



Jump Rope for Heart was a success at Deerfield School on Feb. 11. Students at Deerfield School jumped all over heart disease and stroke by participating in Jump Rope For Heart.

Initiative aims to increase exercise Heart disease is the No. 1 killer in America and stroke is

Jump Rope for Heart was a success at Deerfield School on Feb. 11. Students at Deerfield School jumped all over the No. 3 killer. heart disease and stroke by participating in Jump Rope For Heart. The students in grades three through five raised more than \$3,150 for the American Heart Association. Donations raised for Jump Rope For Heart help fund

research, fight heart disease and stroke and support the

mano, curriculum coordinator of the district.

Students find flamingo theme for fund-raiser

side, Westfield and Summit, you may Group focused on providing help to "flocks" of flamingos that will migrate notice an unusual sight -flocks of those in need all over the world to different houses every couple days. pink flamingos are showing up on through their participation in World If the flamingos land on your lawn, front lawns.

cation programs.

These colorful birds are part of a fund-raising effort by the Mountainside Community Presbyterian Church Humanity, a cause which is closer to moved to any house you choose. Senior High Youth Group on behalf of home. Habitat for Humanity.

with Habitat for Humanity.

As you drive through Mountain- Over the last few years, this Youth The Youth Group has three Vision's 30 Hour Famine.

If you are interested in working In addition to helping some fami- with or helping the Senior High Youth This summer, the Youth Group will lies in need, the participants will learn Group, call Mountainside Community spend a week helping to build houses specific skills required for construc- Presbyterian Church, 1459 Deer Path, at 908-232-9490.



As you drive through Mountainside, Westfield and Summit, you may notice an unusual sight — flocks of pink flamingos are showing up on front lawns. These colorful birds are part of a fund-raising effort by the Mountainside Community Presbyterian Church Senior High Youth Group on behalf of Habitat for Humanity.

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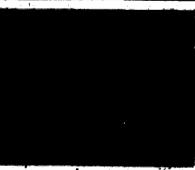


Language arts activities for the day

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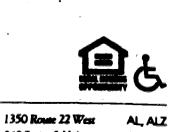
This year's event was a huge success," said Bob Stanton, Jump Rope For Heart coordinator. "We're very proud of all the jumpers and we all had a lot of fun." "I commend Mr. Stanton's efforts and acknowledge the contributions of the school community in their efforts to American Heart Association's public and professional edu- help so many people in our community," said Angela Cosi-

> you can call one of the Youth Group This year, they have decided to participants and, for a nominal donaconcentrate their efforts on Habitat for tion, you may ask for the flock to be

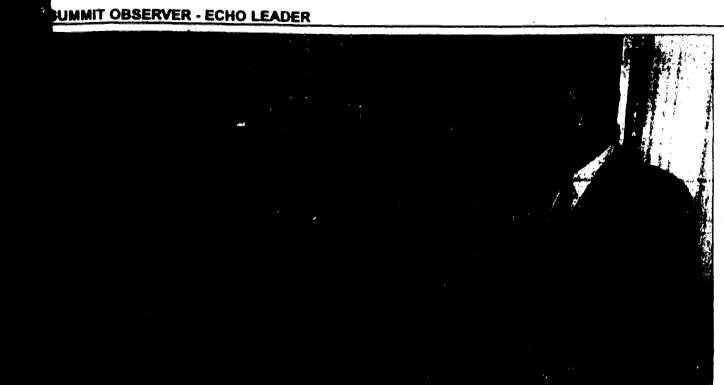


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Taking part in a kick-off meeting for the IMAGES 2005 gala are New Jersey Center for Visu-al Arts President Eric Pryor with, from left, Karen Cramer of Summit, Alice Dillon of Westfield and Sally and Tom Abbott of Chatham.

NCJVA plans 'IMAGES 2005'

The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts will host its 24th al IMAGES 2005 gala, the center's principal fundaising event, on April 2 at the Crystal Plaza on Northfield venue in Livingston.

James Cramer, founder of TheStreet.com and markets inctions. Proceeds of the evening will benefit the center's expansion program. Construction has begun and is expected to be completed by September.

Located on Elm Street in Summit, the non-profit New Jersey Center for Visual Arts includes a full-scale studio art school, interior galleries and an outdoor sculpture garden. mentator for CNBC, serves as IMAGES corporate Programs include Artists with Disabilities, Kaleidoscope chairman. IMAGES 2005 -- "Dreamscapes" is a special docented tours, Outreach Programming, Kid's Art Camp vening of cocktails, dinner and dancing to the music by The Party Dolls." The evening also features live and silent is unched "Access to Art", a \$5.1-million renovation and

For reservations and information, call NJCVA 908-27

Summit Symphony plans concert

The Summit Symphony Orchestra tutions in the northeast.

Under the direction of Conductor Orchestra will perform the "Overture to Prince Igor," as well as the soprano Jamie Baer Peterson and baritone Marc Embree as featured vocalists

as one of the foremost as

vill present a free concert on March The chorale has appeared in major singer with the New York City Opera 0 at Summit High School, 125 Kent concert venues across the region, for several seasons and has performed Place Blvd., at 1 p.m. There will be a including Carnegie Hall, Avery Fish- throughout the United States, in Mexpre-concert lecture given by Maestro er Hall, the New Jersey PAC and ico, Canada and Europe. He has sung ames Sadewhite, beginning at 2:15 Alice Tully Hall. In addition to its with many regional opera companies own subscription series in Bergen including New Orleans, St. Louis and County, the chorale performs regular-Sadewhite, the Summit Symphony ly with the New Jersey Symphony. Soprano Peterson, a native of Min-

nesota, was educated at the Eastman "Plevestian Dances," by Alexander School of Music and began her opera Borodin. The orchestra also will career as an apprentice with the Lyric combine with the Pro Arte Chorale of Opera of Chicago. Since then, she has Ridgewood to perform Ralph Vaughn been a soloist with the Dallas, Atlanta, Williams' "Done Nobis Pacem," with Hartford, Princeton and Omaha sym- made possible in part by the New Jerphonies. Opera highlights include sey State Council on the Arts. Departleading roles with L'Opera de Nice, ment of State, a partner agency of the Sante Fe Opera, Minnesota Opera and The Pro Arte Chorale, now in its the New York City Opera. Peterson through a grant administered by the

and Heritage Affairs.

Baritone Embree was a principa Omaha. Embree received critical acclaim for his performance in Kurt Weill's "Street Scene." He has performed in several live television broadcasts and on several recordings. He often appears in recital with his wife, Jane Bunnell,

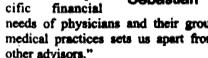
Funding for this concert has been National Endowment of the Arts, atta lines in New Providence, Union County Division of Cultural Sebastian ioins 'Who's

Who' list of CFPs Summit Financial Resources, Inc. announced that, David Sebastian,

CFP, the founder of the Physicians Wealth Management Group, has been named to the "Who's Who of New Jersey Certified Financial Planners TM." Sebastian is one of only 12 advi-

sors to be recently acknowledged from New Jersey and highlighted in Kiplinge's Personal Finance, The Journal

Accountancy and The ABA Journal. When asked about the honor Sobastian said, "L am very proud to be selected to this exclusive list. Our singular focus on the spe-



medical practices sets us apart from other advisors." Named by Medical Economics Magazine as a premier financial advisor to doctors, Sebastian has more than 25 years of Wall Street trading and investment management experi-

tian lives in Summit with his wife Carolyn and two sons Ryan and Dylan. When he is not in the office or mosting with clients, he commits his spare time to a variety of community service activities.

Summit Financial Resources, Inc., was founded in 1982 by a team of senior financial services professionals, and is recognized as one of the premier, independent, SEC registered financial planning firms in the coun-

Portino selected for civil lury committee Christopher Porrino of Summit. a member of the Roseland, N.J.-based law firm Lowenstein Sandler PC, was named recently to serve on the New 1, 2006.

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state of New Jersey. Those appointed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey to serve on the committee pool their extensive knowledge and experience College, which is now in its 72nd to draft new, and improved existing year, and is New Jersey's oldest commodel instructions for jurors in civil cases. These model jury instructions are used by lawyers and judges statewide and form the basis of jury instructions given in every civil case tried to a jury in the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Porrino is a member of Lowenstein Sandler's Litigation Department and White Collar Criminal Defense Practice Group. He concentrates his practice in complex commercial litigation and white coller criminal defense.

Porrino represents corporate and individual clients nationwide in business disputes, criminal matters and internal investigations involving insurance fraud, bank fraud, securities fraud, tax fraud, antitrust and political corruption. He also defends lawyers. accountants and physicians in professional disciplinary matters.

Summit residents join UCC Foundation board

The Union County College Foundation has recently announced that He is a graduate of the Rutgers two Summit residents, Marylyn Luster School of Management and the New Masia and Mary Zimmermann have Jersey Institute of Technology. Sebas- been elected to serve on its Board of Trustees.

> The Foundation was founded in 1977 to raise funds to support students sional who is trained to help clients and programs at Union County College. Last year, the Foundation raised more than \$600,000 through its annu- easier to accept help from a home aide al appeal, special events and donations for endowed scholarships.

> Masia serves as chairwoman of the Program Committee, whose function tion that a family member might not is to award grants to Union County notice. SAGE's HomeCare aides College faculty and staff who want to become an integral part of families offer special programs that are not functioning with the care of an elderly possible under the college's operating loved one. In addition to home health chairwoman of the Foundation's annu- range of homecare services including al golf and tennis Tournament. This Lake Country Club.

Zimmermann, who recently joined the Board of Trustees, serves as a closely with each client and their fam-Jersey Supreme Court's Committee on member of the Gala Committee. She is ily members to deliver individualized Model Civil Jury Charges. Porrino also actively involved in the corporate quality care. will serve the committee through Aug. and foundation phase of the Partnerfor nomination to the committee from much-needed funds for scholarships. Web site at anter segnel dercare org.

among all practicing lawyers in the and a soon-to-be-built new Elizabeth campus building.

In 2003, there were 393 Summit residents enrolled at Union County munity college.

Owusu named SAGE Health Aide of the Year

Kathyrn Aira, director of SAGE iomeCare, has named Constance Owusu, Certified Health Home Aide. 2004 SAGE Home Health Aide of the Year. Ownsu, resident of Newark, was a teacher in West Africa for 25 years before coming to the United States.



Owusu

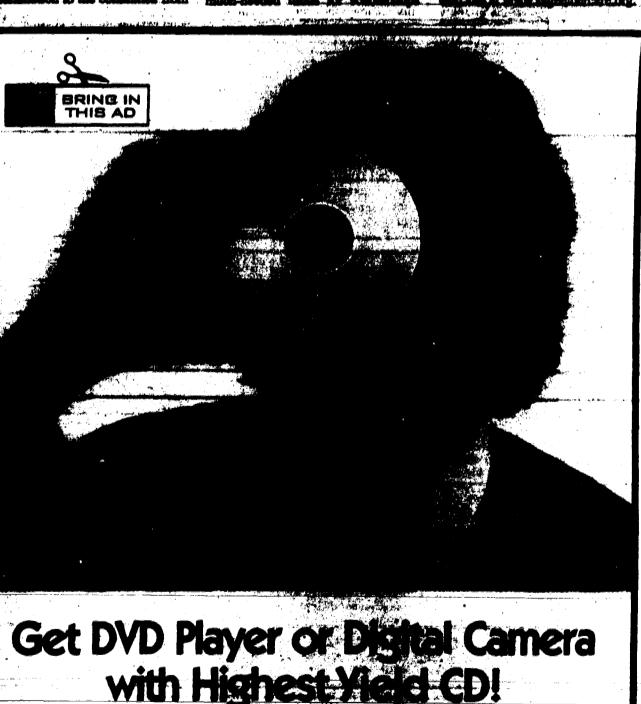
She has been with SAGE Eldercan for the past four years, having started as a home health aide back in 1997.

"I like working as a Home Health Aide because I am able to help others. This is what I enjoy," remarked Owusu after acceptance of this honor.

SAGE's HomeCare is designed to refleve some of the burdens faced by family caregivers who are on duty for long hours, usually tired and often trying to care for children at the same time. A home health aide is a profeswith personal needs like bathing and getting dressed. Often clients find it rather than a family member. Furthermore, an aide may observe a health problem or a change in cognitive funcbudget. She also serves as honorary aides, SAGE Eldercare offers a wide personal care, family respite, homeyear's event will be April 25 at Echo making, bathing assistance, hospice and more.

SAGE's professional staff works

For information regarding SAGE's ship for the Future Endowment and HomeCare, call Kethryn Aira directly Members of the Committee on Capital Campaign, the Foundation's at 908-598-5528. For general informa-Model Civil Jury Charges are selected joint effort with the college to raise tion about SAGE Eldercare, visit their



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Cood Books Group will meet tonight

The Good Books Discussion Group of the Springfield Free Public Library will meet tonight at 7 p.m. to discuss "The Three Junes" by Julia Glass

newspaper publisher and recent wid- at the Mountainside Free Public ower, travels to Greece, where he falls - Library, Constitution Plaza, Mounfor a young American artist and tainside, on March 24, at 11 am. reflects on the complicated truth about reunion.

Ear from his straitlaged expatriate life as a bookseller in Greenwich Milage, Fenno is stunned by a series of revelations that threaten his carefully teeth can be less of a nightmare and crafted defenses. Four years farther more of a bonding experience on, in yet another June, a chance meeting on the Long Island shore brings Fenno together with Fern Olitsky, the ter by calling 908-233-0115. artist who once captivated his father

Now pregnant, Fern must weigh her guilt about the past against her wishes for the future and decide what family means to her. In prose rich with compassion and wit, this novel paints a haunting portrait of love's redemptive powers. Winner of the US National Book Award in 2002.

The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Call the reference department at 973-376-4930 ext. 228 to reserve a copy of the book.

Preschool Story Time

Mountainside Public Library will conduct Preschool Story Time today, 4930. from 2 to 2:30 p.m.

Registration is required, along with proof of age at the time of registration. Proof of age is a first-time only registration requirement. For information, call 908-233-0115.

Lecture addresses childhood obesity

Is your child a picky eater? Does he or she run straight for the television after school? Are your kids overweight? Are you worried that your child will be an obese adult? Sixty percent of children in the United States are considered overweight or obese.

The Westfield Regional Health Department will present a lecture on "Childhood Obesity and Good Eating Habits" at the Mountainside Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, Mountainside, on March 10, at 11 a.m.

Learn how to set good examples of eating babits for your child. The earlier you start, the easier it is for them to change. Good habits will increase patterns of a healthy lifestyle as they grow older. Eating and exercise can be fun for the whole family.

If you are interested in this topic, register by calling 908-233-0115. This is a free informational session provided for the towns of Garwood, Fanwood, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle Park, Springfield and Westfield.

For information prior to this event,

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League, Men's Club, youth groups for sixth

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contact our office during office hours.

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789-4070 ext. 4073.

Program promotes proper dental hygiene

The Westfield Regional Health Department presents, "Hygiene Prac-In June of 1989 Paul McLeod, a tices and Dental Habits of your Child"

As a parent, talking to your child his marriage. Six years later, again in about their hygiene and dental habits June, Paul's death draws his three can be an embarrassing topic. Learn grown sons and their families back to how to open the lines of communicatheir ancestral home. Fenno, the eld- tion by making hygiene practices and est, a wry, introspective gay man, nar- dental care fun. Going to the doctor rates the events of this unforeseen, and dentist can be torturous for both parent and child. Learn how to make these trips fun and exciting.

Coung to the doctor going to the dentist, taking a bath and brushing

Those interested in attending this free informational session, can regis-

For information regarding this topic prior to the event, call the Public the Union County Division of Cultur-Health Nurse at 908-789-4070 ext. al and Heritage Affairs and the Friends

Donations sought

The Friends of the Springfield Pubhe Library would like donations of used paperback novels.

Also welcome would be magazines New titles released within a years date and costume iewelry. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondavs, Wednesdays and Thursdays and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Sunday hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call 973-376-

Friends of Sprinafield

Public Library meet The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library will be hosting their annual meeting on March 23 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be conducted at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave

Members of the public who would be interested in attending this meeting would be welcome. For information, call 973-376-4930.

Film festival continues with 'Everybody's Fine'

at noon and 7 p.m.

ries, and the inevitability of change. The late Marcello Mastroianni stars as a Sicilian widower who aches to see his five grown children, whose lives are not exactly as they have described. His surprise visits to the mainland force the family to confront a lifetime of lies and deception

been made possible in part by the New Zinn, and "Why Does He Do That?" Jersey State Council on the Arts, by Lundy Bancroft. Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the arts through a grant administered by Favre.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

summer camp is also available to children of this age. Adult elemen are hold three nights a week "SERVING CHRIST IN THE 21st CENTURY." with two weekly Teen classes. We have an active 242 Shunpike Rd., Springfield. Rev. Frederick Senior Set and very active Jr. NCSY and Sr. Mackey, Sr. Pastor. Sundays: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages - Nursery through Seniors: Adult Education and Youth groups provide a Spanish Sunday School 9:30 am and 5:30 pm, wide array of communal programming. For further information call the synagogue office 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program for 973-467-9666.

JEWISH - REFORM TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM 78 S.

Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (973) 379-5387. Joshus Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor/ Education Director; Nins Greenran, Pre-School welcomed to participate in worship with us. For Director; Mindy Schreff, Family Life Educator; of Morris and Movatain Avenues, Springfield. further information contact church office (973) Edward Fink and Hank Rottenberg, Co-Call 973-376-1695 for more information. 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 at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Wurship is at 10:30 Rabbi, Richard Nadel, Cantor, Marilyn Garlen, begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 Rabbi, Richard Nadel, Canjor, Marilyn Carlen, Guine a Frankrike State and St 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.

LUTHERAN

Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 973-379-4525, Fax 973-379-8887. Remo Madaen, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. For information about our midweel CONGREGATION ISRAEL OF children, teen, and adult programs, contact the SPRINGFIELD 339 Mountain Avenue, Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-Springfield. 973-467-9666. Chaim Marcus, 4:00 p.m.

Greenfield, President. Congregation Israel is a SCHOOL, 229 Cowporthwaite PL, Westfield, Sunday morning worship service 10:15 a.m. Modern Orthodox synagogue. There are two Rev. Paul E. Kritsch, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. Children's Church is held during the worship laily weekday morning Minyans at 6:15 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Daily weekday Mincha Maariv Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, Opportunities for personal growth through services are also held. Call the shul office for times. There are two Shabbat morning services at available. Wednesday Evening Worship Service, church activities, and Fellowship. Holy 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. as well as Junior 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at all Communion is held the 1st Standary of every conducts classes for children aged 2 1/2 to 4. A handicapped accessible.

METHODIST SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL METHODIST CHURCH (SEUMC) - is a faith community ignited by God's love for all people. Join us for Sunday worship which begins with the entire congregation at 10:30 AM before children exit for Sunday School. Express God's compassion through outreach activities. Beginning and experienced vocalists and musicians are invited to participate in the music ministry led by professional musciana Giner Johnston and Dan Crisci, Bible study, prayer, youth group and fellowship events enable all to grow in their faith. SEUMC is located at the far buck end of Church Mall, near the intersection

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Summit is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue, Church School and Bible Study is held a.m.; the emphasis of which is to always have a President. Both Ahm is an opalitarian, AM. Resignous actions control to the Romans of rule or are uplifting, Biblically sound and guaranteed to keep you awake. The music and weekly children's message are memorable. All an welcome to hear the Good News of Gud's love and solvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers sursery care, after worship refinalments and followship, 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 information at 908 277-1700.

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Programs center on ladies' interests

Ave., Springfield.

The spring meetings will be Wednesdays in March from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This will be an opportunity to build friendships with other women, relax and encourage one ed to nurturing a child.

Call for a brochure to Ladies Time at 973-379-4525. Classes to choose from include:

 "What's Up With Nutrition?" Using the basics of good nutrition and addressing the whole person, the group will develop personal wellness and nutrition goals. The course will include a lecture, smallgroup discussions and video.

Elks award students

DAYP. Springfield-Hillside Lodge 2004 recently awarded students of Florence M. Gaudineer. School in Springfield for their superior accomplishments for the marking period. From left are sixth-grader Brenda Warman, eighth-grader Michael Stigliano, Elks Exalted Ruler Walter Buerkle, seventh-grader Angela Reino and fifth-grader Alexa McCaffrey. Students

Group sponsors Music Cities Tour

son, Mo., at the Radisson Hotel; and 4, 1968. two nights Nashville, Tenn., at the \$1,819 per pe This trip is open to the general pub- of the day at leisure.

lic and is limited to 42 people. This Music Cities Tour of Memphis, Branson and Nashville is the eighth trip sponsored by Temple Sha'arey Shalom's Renaissance Group. The trip includes deluxe hotels throughout, round trip air and exten-

sive sightsceing. In Memphis, there will be visits to

An all-inclusive Music Cities Tour Graceland, the palatial home of Elvis The visit to Nashville, "Music Canof Memphis, Branson and Nashville Presley, and the Mason Temple and ital of the World" will be a treat beginwill be sponsored by the Renaissance Church of God in Christ, where Dr. ning with reserved seats at the "Grand Group of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Martin Luther King Jr. gave his Olde Opry." After, tour the historic Springfield, from May 16 to May 23. famous "I have been to the mountain- RCA Studio B, where Elvis Presley, The eight-day fully escorted deluxe top" speech. Also, there will be a visit Dolly Parton. Charlie Pride and many tour includes two nights in Memphis, to the National Civil Rights Museum more artists recorded their hit songs. Tenn., with guests staying at the at Lorraine Motel where Dr. King's Next, there will be a tour of the Coun-Radisson Hotel; three nights in Bran- room can be viewed as it was on April try Music Hall of Fame with an afternoon sightseeing tour of Nashville A performance by Andy Williams hosted by a local guide with visits to Gavlord Opryland Hotel. Departure is scheduled at Branson during the the Old Ryman Auditorium, the will be from Newark Airport to Mem- evening. The next day, there will be Parthenon, the state capitol and Music phis, Tenn.; returning from Nashville, entertainment from the Doug Gabriel Row.

Tenn. to Newark. Both flights are on Show and later, a performance by one Dinner this last evening will be at Continental Airlines. The cost is of Branson's most popular performers, the famous Wildhorse Saloon. m. round trip. double Shoii Tabuchi. This occupancy. There will be a miscella- classical, showcased in a theatre that is of Memphis, Branson and Nashville is neous expense charge of \$125 to cover a phenomenon in itself. Dinner will tips for the tour director, guides, bus aboard the 1890s paddlewheel riverdriver, etc. Included is two-way bus boat, the ShowboatBranson Belle. The transportation between Temple next day, there will be a performance - 8667 and refer to group membership Sha'arey Shalom and Newark Airport. by Yakov Smirnoff with the remainder

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received the awards at a dinner conducted at the lodge.

The class leader is a registered dietitian A Ladies Time program for the community is scheduled • "Parents: Are you Looking for Answers about your hrough March 23 at Holy Cross Church, 639 Mountain

Child's Behaviors and Needs?" Receive practical strategies for meeting the unique challenges of parenting. Discussions are led by Jo Ann Madsen, RN and MCS.

"Bottom Drawer." Gather your unfinished projects and another while enjoying a variety of classes that enrich one's relax together as you enjoy finishing your knitting, embroilife. Child care also is available in an environment dedicat- dery, sewing, quilting and other "bottom drawer" projects. · "Scrapbooking." Bring your albums and personal sup-

plies and join friends making memories last a lifetime. · "Book Club." Come together after reading to enjoy discussions of relevant topics and share wisdom found from a book selected by class participants.

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call the Public Health Nurse at 908- the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library. Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each

showing. Refreshments will be served.

Series continues with political conspiracy The Springfield Free Public

Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Lunchtime Video Series, "True Stories," on March 15 at noon.

Denzel Washington and Liev Schreiber play two U.S. soldiers who are brainwashed during the first Gulf War. They return home as heroes, though Ben Marco is troubled by dreams and vague memories of horrific events. The series will continue on Tuesdays, March 29, April 12, and April 26

Funding for the video series has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by of the Springfield Free Public Library.

Bring a brown bag lunch to the pro-gram. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For information, call 973-376-4930

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., has the following new releases available this week.

"At Risk," by Stella Rimington; "The Bay at Midnight," by Diane Chamberlain: "Blood Memory," by Greg Iles; "Empire Rising," by Thomas Kelly; "The Forgotten Man," by Robert Crais; "Honeymoon," by James Patterson; "Love Overboard," by Janet Evanovich; "Portuguese Irregular Verbs," by Alexander McCall; "Prince of Fire," by Daniel Silva; "The Seventh Beggar," by Pearl Abraham; "Survivor in Death," by J.D. Robb; "Suspicion of Rage," by Barbara Parker, and "Vanishing Acts," by Jodi Picoult.

Mysteries

"All the Flowers Are Dying," by Lawrence Block; "Before the Frost," by Henning Mankell; "The Devil's Right Hand," by J.D. Rhoades; "Green The Springfield Free Public Thumb," by Ralph McInerny; "Hid-Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues den River," by Adrian McKinty; The its spring International Film Festival Heartbreak Lounge," by Wallace Stro-March 17 with "Everybody's Fine" by; "Irish Cream," by Andrew Greeley; "Jass," by David Fulmar; "The In the tradition of Tornatore's earli- Killing Club," by Michael Malone: er Cinema Paradiso, this lyrical tale "The Rottweiler," by Ruth Rendell. explores the themes of aging, memo- and "Strange Affair," by Peter Robin-

Non-fiction

"Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking," by Malcom Gladwell: "The Case For the Living Wage," by Jerold Waltman; "How the Circulatory System Works," by Robert Mehler; "Voices of People's History Funding for the film festival has of the United States," by Howard

Biographies "Favre," by Brett and Bonita

> Kaffeekiatsch-1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 s.m.; Men's Sellowship-2nd Secondary of each month at 8:30 a.m.: Choir-every Thursday a 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 Alanos. For information about any of our programs or services, call Gesele at the Church Office: 973-379-4820, Mon. through Fri., 9:00 a.m.-12 noon; 1:00pm-4:00pm

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SAGE moves into new home

into its new facility at 290 Broad St. in is here." Summit

The Spend-A-Day Adult Day with a day of stimulating social, recre- home. The Spend-A-Day program is often accompany advancing illness. ational and physical activities in a offered Monday through Friday from medically supervised group setting, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Extended hours ment, massage, pet and music theragiving caregivers time for other activ-

Enthusiastic Spend-A-Day participant Margaret (Peg) Murray of Summit joined others on the first full day of programming in the new building.

It's lovely, spacious, airy and very of group activities. bright." Margaret (Margie) Cram of

Old Guard hears from

Brigadier General Paul Izzo, the

Arsenal, will speak to The Summi

Area Old Guard about the facility's

the nation's defense at the Tuesday

meeting in the New Providence Municipal Building, 360 Elkwood

The Picatinny Arsenal was estab-

lished in 1880 as a power storage

facility and later turned into an ammu-

nition producer. General Izzo will tell

how the base evolved into an arma-

ment research and development facili-

ty. He will also show how Picatinny is

currently supporting our troops in Iraq

General Izzo is a native of Sarato-

ga Springs, New York. He is a gradu-

ate of St. Bonaventure and has a mas-

Following the meeting there will

be a Timely Topics discussion among

members and guests on a widely dis-

cussed topic. Is enough being done

domentically and worldwide to protect

the environment? If not, what should

Rating men are invited to attend

meetings of the Summit Old Guard

Tuesday mornings. A coffee hour

starts 9:15 followed by a 10 a.m. busi-

ness meeting. Old Guard members

participate in sports, bridge, hikes and

trips plays, concerts and other events. The Summit Old Quard was founded

on Dec. 2, 1930 and is currently cele-

For information, call Earl Gilkey at

908-464-2480 or log on to the Web

site: www.summitoldguard.home-

SAGE Bideroare, a major commu-

nity resource for eldercare, offers a

monthly support group for caregivers the third Widnesday of each month at

SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad St. in

Elderly Persons provides caregivers with emotional support, community

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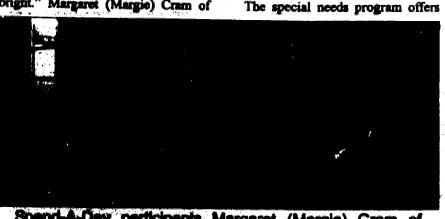
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The Spend-A-Day program of Rahway had a similar response, additional assistance to those who are SAGE Eldercare has officially moved remarking "I love the way everything beginning to experience early demen-

> available to accommodate working Caregivers.

The Spend-A-Day program offers two levels of programming. The initial program is for the older person "I like the new building very much. who can participate in a full schedule



Spend-A-Day perticipants Margaret (Margie) Cram of Rahway and Margaret (Peg) Murray of Summit enjoy the first day of programs at SAGE Eldercare's new facility on 290 Broad St. in Summit.

SENIOR NEWS

SAGE Eldercare serves as a major community resource in the establish- of palliative care will conduct an iniment and delivery of innovative serv- tial assessment of each senior citizen ices for older adults and their care- enrolled, make monthly home visits and choice. These services allow the ing in their own homes.

Present SAGE programs include HomeCare, Meals-on-Wheels, SHIP - State Health Insurance Assistance Program --- of Union County, Bill Service, InfoCare, a Resale Shop and Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Cen- care. ter, currently located in Berkeley Heights

SAGE serves 5,000 older people and their families' annually in Essex, Morris. Somerset and Union counties. For information, call 908-273-5550 or log onto www.sagenj.org.

Summit AARP meets

ters degree from Central Michigan University. He assumed command of The Summit AARP will conduct "its must monthly meeting at 10 a.m. on March 28 at St. John's Lutheran warning signs and help them; before their illnesses are exceptioned. He is a Gan with the state of the

Coffee and social starts at 9:45 a.m. The speaker will be Mary Vascininno. she will provide an update on Medicate benefits/prescription plans. For information, call 908-273-

Grant from Overlook alds needy seniors

The Overlook Paliletive Care Program has been swarded a three-year. \$291.000 grant for a project designed to assist vulnerable seniors. The projoct will be coordinated in collaboration with Atlantic Home Care and has been funded by the Grotta Fund for Senior Care of the Jewish Community Foundation of MetroWest New Jersey.

The project's goal is to coordinate services for medical care, symptom numgement and improved quality of life for 150 chronically ill seniors each year of the grant.

Senior citizens eligible for this program would be those who no longer meet insurance criteria for home care services and have limited caregiver TEROUTCES.

"It is natural for older people to want to be independent. This program is for those people who need some resistance managing their health but who do-not require more intensive

services," said Jeanne Kerwis, coordinetor of the Overlook Ethics and Pallistive Care Program. "Hopefully, this program will pro-

ride additional resources to these seniors to extend their shility to remain For information, call Ellen McNalindependent and to enhance their qually, SAGE InfoCare Director at 908ty of life."

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tia or physical limitations and pro-SAGE's skilled services provide a vides individual and group activities viable alternative to placement in an that reinforce basic skills while reduc-Health Center provides older adults assisted living facility or nursing ing the auxieties and frustrations that Breakfast, lunch, snacks, entertainbetween 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. are also pies are part of both levels of programming

"The Spend-A-Day staff is experienced and professionally trained. A registered nurse is on-site to monitor medications, blood pressure and weight management as well as coordinate health care plans with a primary care physician. SAGE maintains a high staff-to-client ratio and personalized care plans," said Jennifer Comfort, Spend-A-Day director.

SAGE Eldercare welcomes the public to visit the new location and learn more about the programs and services available to you and your family. An open house has been scheduled for April 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. For those who can't make it to the open house but would like more information about the Spend-A-Day program, call Comfort at 908-598-5519.

For information about other SAGE Eldercare services, call 908-273-5550 or visit their Web site at www.sageeldercare.org.

calls in between and then conduct The nurse and social worker not

only will assist seniors with managing their medications, they also will connect seniors to other services available in the community and encourage them their wishes and to plan for long-term

viding services to a very vulnerable group of elderly seniors," said Pat Moulton, manager for education and research, Atlantic Home Care & Hos-

gram provides comprehensive interdisciplinary support to seriously ill huspitalized patients while also providing advice and support to family members

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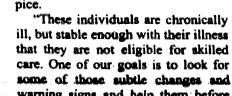
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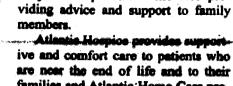
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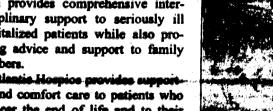
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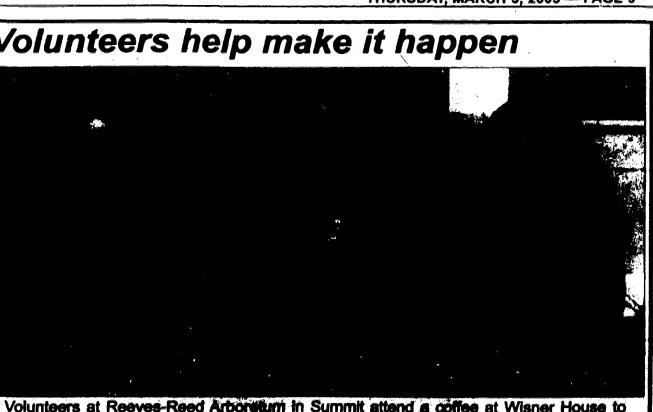


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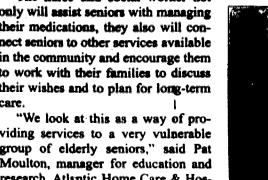


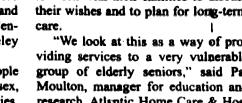


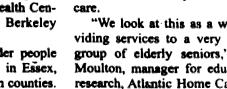
Verona artist Ann Taylor. This exhibit of 40 watercolor ment, call Linda Cole at 908-277-6054.

Taylor is an award-winning artist who finds challenge interpreting a wide variety of subjects, frequently utilizing water as a compositional element. Her love of color and light is evident in her paintings as is her passion for

social worker trained in the principles







School of Visual Arts, the New School for Social Research Overlook Hospital.

"Mostly Watercolors" is the name of an exhibit by and most recently, the Yard School of Art in Montclair. Taylor is a member of several professional organizaand pastel paintings is on view at the Bouras Galleries in tions; she is also an associate member of the New Jersey Summit on DeForest Avenue. The exhibit will be at Watercolor Society and the Garden State Watercolor Soci-Bouras Galleries through April 28. The galleries are open ety. Taylor just completed a three-year presidency of the to the public by appointment only. To make an appoint- Essex Watercolor Club - New Jersey's oldest watercolor society. Presently, she teaches watercolor painting and is a trustee of the Verona Park Conservancy, for whom she des-

ignated note cards as a successful fund-raiser. Bouras, owner of the Bouras Building, is very community-oriented and has supported many charitable and civic organizations in town and throughout the country. Bouras Taylor began studying watercolor when she was 15. A Properties has also been the location for various city-sponraduate of the High School of Industrial Arts in Manhat- scred events. Along with the idea of a venue for New Jertan, she has a bachelor of arts in fine and applied arts from sey artists goes the added bonus that part of the proceeds Brooklyn College. Further studies include courses at The from any sales at the Bouras Galleries goes to benefit



'Mostly Watercolors' is the name of an exhibit by Verona artist Ann Taylor. This exhibit of 40 watercolor and pastel paintings is on view at the Bouras Galleries in Summit on DeForest Avenue. The exhibit will be at Bouras Galleries through April 28.



Chance visit sprouts book idea

What started out as a chance visit to the home of renowned poet Emily Dickinson's family home in Amherst, Massachusetts, turned into a labor of love for horticulturalist Marta McDowell of Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit

Two years and much research later, McDowell unveiled "Emily Dickinson's Gardens," published by McGraw Hill.

"Excerpts from Dickinson's letters and verse...lend grace notes of profound beauty and surprise," according to Carol Stocker of the Boston Globe. The book has also been favorably reviewed by The Plain Dealer, The Sun and the Indianapolis Star.

The illustrated gift book explores the flowers and poems of the "Belle of Amherst." It contains memorable and rarely anthologized excerpts from Dickinson's poetry and letters and historical details emphasizing the poet's horticultural interests. It also includes instructions on planting an Emily Dickinson garden, including plans. design ideas, plant sources and growing tips. McDowell, a resident of Chatham, was inspired to write the book when she learned that the reclusive Dickinson sent homegrown bouquets to friends, studied botany at Amherst Academy and tended her own glassed conservatory.

McDowell teaches landscape history at RRA, the New York Botanical Garden and at Drew University. Madison. She has written for Woman's Day Gardening and Outdoor Living, Hortus, New Jersey Monthly and The New York Times The book was released in Decem-

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ber 2004 and is available locally at 1190. The Garden Shop is open Monselect bookshops and The Garden day through Saturday from 10 a.m. to Shop at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 4 p.m. In addition to books on the gar-Hobart Ave., Summit.

den, the shop sells hostess gifts and For information, call 908-277- home and garden accessories.

Art is in bloom, both indoors and out

While the world around lies mostly dormant during which was generously funded by the New Jersey Commitvinter, life at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit is in tee of the Garden Club of America features plants that stay ploom both indoors and out. The arboretum offers many attractive in the colder seasons. ways to spend an hour, whether one is retired, in preschool, or on lunch break. A visit to the warm green house their peak as well as other winter wonders.

installed her exhibition "In Full Bloom."

The show features floral images rich in detail and also uled for Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

stretch to the sky just waiting for the warmth of the sun to cation programs are offered year round. time of year is the Winter Interest Garden. The garden Hobart Ave., Summit, just off Route 24, call 908-273-8787.

A favorite among the horticulture staff at RRA is "Harry," Harry Lauder's Walking Stick, a crooked, low at the arboretum will reveal cacti, begonias and orchids at bent tree with corkscrew-like branches. Harry stands guard in the median of the parking lot. The garden is located More blooms can be found inside Wisner House, where around the parking lot. Plants are labeled and a brochure is professional photographer Lynn Wilkins has recently available to help identify plantings, including Christmas roses, witchhazels and winter jasmine. No trip to the arboretum would be complete without a n abstract forms. It runs through March 23. Wilkins' visit to The Garden Shop. Managers Marie Combias and unique and artistic effects result from soft and selective Lillian Cochrane have just stocked up for the spring with focusing techniques. Back lighting adds extra brilliance by many garden and home accessories. It's never too early to illuminating petals and sculpting shadows to reveal the start thinking about planters, arbors and statuary. Of delicate shape of flowers. An artist's reception is sched- course, there is a ready supply of hostess gifts and novelty

Be sure to bring a camera to capture some artwork and Reeves-Reed Arboretum is open to the public from walk the grounds to take in winter scenes of crystallized dawn until dusk daily. The Wisner House is open weektree limbs, frosted shrubs and towering branches that days from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Both adult and children's edureturn their green coats. Worthy of special attention this For information on Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165



At Reeves-Reed Arboretum, be sure to bring a camera to capture some artwork and walk the grounds to take in winter scenes of crystallized tree limbs, frosted shrubs and towering branches that stretch to the sky just waiting for the warmth of the sun to return their green coats. More blooms can be found inside Wisner House where professional photographer Lynn Wilkins has recently installed her exhibition 'In Full Bloom.'

Arboretum offers outdoor education

Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., offers a wide arboretum's roses. Bring pruners, loppers, a hand saw. 273-8787 ext. 16.

· With Wednesday Watercolors, accomplished watercolorist Jutta Hagen provides an opportunity for both begin- Philadelphia flower show on Wednesday. ning and more experienced artists to observe nature through still life and the arboretum's own vistas. Bring materials to the first class. The supply list will be

sent upon registration. Classes run eight consecutive rs: S143 for non-member

range of adult education courses, events and activities this gloves and a kneeling pad. This course will meet 10:30 a.m. spring. For information on any of the following, call 908- to noon. Admission is free to members; \$8 for non-mem-· Members and guests of the arboretum will attend the

> Hop aboard the arboretum's luxury motor-coach and enjoy a light lunch, friendly company and then, front door service to the Pennsylvania Convention Center. With ticket in hand, stroll right into the show --- no wait-

weeks, starting April 6, from 9 a.m'to noon. The fee is \$139 ing in line. Feel free to have dinner. Departure time is 11 a.m., returning at 8 p.m. The cost is \$65 for members; \$75 for non-members,

· Children from the Jewish Community Center in Sum-



Programs celebrate signs of spring

Often thought of as the quintessential sign of spring, the jaunty daffodil can be described as both humble and sophisticated. Each spring, Reeves-Reed Arboretum hosts a display of more than 35,000 daffodils in its glacial kettle, affectionately known as the "daffodil bowl."

Visitors can learn more about these versatile members of the Nar- Academy for Natural Arts in Warren cissus family — and their history and significance at RRA — through the variety of programs offered below.

 Wisner House Gallery celebrates daffodil season by hosting "Daffodils orative exhibit of works featuring

The exhibit opens April 5 through dimensional tonal drawings. May 13; Monday through Friday, from 9 a:m. to 3 p.m.

• With the program, "Botanical Illustration with Mindy Lighthipe: tration. The Art of the Daffodil," participants study the art of botanical illustration with Mindy Lighthipe, owner of the and coordinator of the Botanical Illustration Program at the New York Botanical Garden, and learn to render

the daffodil with accuracy and ease. This two-day program introduces for non-members. and Other Signs of Spring," a collab- the basic plant components: venation,

raphy and more, all by local artists. will work in graphite to create three-The second class will advance to colored pencil and/or watercolor. A

materials list will be sent upon regis-To learn more about Lighthipe visit her Web site www.studio16online.com. There is limited enrollment, so register early,

The program will take place in the Wisner House Sun Porch on April 9 and April 16; from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is \$98 for members; \$108

"Floral Design with Gloria Ein-



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District 12 Wrestling at South Plainfield

Governor Livingston finished tied for seventh and had third-place qualifiers in Mike Mattingly at 140 and Scott Mack at 152.

South Plainfield extended the state's longest current streak with its 21st straight title and had six champions along with Watchung Hills.

South Plainfield was also won of only three teams in the state - Kittatinny and Paulsboro the others - to advance 13 wrestlers to the regions.

Region 3 continues at Union tomorrow and concludes Saturday. TEAMS: 1-South Plainfield 270. 2-Watchung Hills 176. 3-New Providence 167.5. 4-North Plainfield 71:5-Joimson 54. 6-Middlesex 46. 7-Colonia and GL 44. 9-Plainfield 19. FINALS

103: Patrick Hunter, SP, dec. Anthony Priore, Johnson, 6-5.

112: Billy Ashnault, SP, pinned Adel Afan, New Providence, 3:41. 119: Jimmy Conroy, SP, pinned Dave Phimsipesom, North Pl., 2:19.

125: Ross Baldwin, New Providence, pinned Veit Vo, SP, 4:40. 130: Tyler Riccie, Westfield, dec

Nick Dorey, SP, 8-4. 135: Ed McCray, SP, pinned Larry Peotter, New Providence, 3:17.

149: Shane Riccio, Watchung Hills, dec. Peter DeAndres, SP, 2-0. 145: Paul Ritchey, SP, pinned Marc

Neuwirth, New Providence, 1:55. dec. Milte Jakabik, SP. 17-6.

160: Cary Aldrich, Watchung Hills,

dec. Sam Martin, SP, 3-2. 171: Martin Keersing, Watch. Hills, pinned Soptt Diaz, Johnson, 5:17. 189: Shene Mallory. New Prov

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dec. Preston Johnson, SP, 4-3.

THIRD-PLACE QUALIFIERS 103: Mike Sarfati, North Plainfield 112: Ryan Stuart, Watching Hills 119: Wade Baldwin, New Prov. 125: Nick Desiato, Middlesex 130: Mike Boccelleri, New Prov. 135: Robert Scriffleno, W. Hills

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Photo by Rooms Rose Shoyon Dayton standout junior defensemen Rob Carroll (No. 10 at left), was named MVP of the Central Conference-Blue Division. Carroll was honored at South Mountain Arena after Saturdays' Kelly Cup final vs. Watchung Hills. Carroll was also a First Team All-Conference selection for a third straight year. Teammate Steve Mandel was Second Team.

Dayton ice hockey team does well to reach final 152: Alex Caruso, Weschung Hills, Berger nets two in 6-2 loss to WH By JR Parachini

Sports Editor

WEST ORANGE - After two regular season losses by opsided scores, the last thing the Dayton High School ice hockey team wanted to do was fall behind early to Watchung Hills. Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, that's exactly what hap-

pened in last Saturday afternoon's annual Kelly Cup championship game at South Mountain Arena. Watchung Hills was able to come away with a convinc-

ing 6-2 victory, scoring the game's first three goals as well as the last three All in all, it was a much better effort - scoreboard wise

than what Dayton gave in regular season competition against the Warriors of Somerset County.

The regular season Central Conference-Blue Division champion as well, Watchung Hills improved to 18-3-2 with the win. The Warriors previously downed Dayton 10-0 st Union Sports Arena in Union on Jan. 12 and then defeated

the Buildon 10-5 at USA on Feb. 11. Weichung Hills extended a 2-0 lead after the first period will a goal leve than 30 seconds into the second for a 3-0 level. There a Story Barger second two goals within 30 sec-. onds some four missies later to pull to within 3-2. The Buildogs kept the pressure on and extended

asveral more quality scoring inverted by Warrior goaltender Bobby Rousch, processing the of 17 saves.

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the first lines is one of these players, the same the local sectors two parts and assisted on another to speck the Warriers. He and the yout early in the assess period off assists from jusor Blake Revels and follow freehman Mike Lundberg. Kong scored the game's first goal on the power play just

2:32 in, with assists going to Elie Klein and Eric Gunther. Not counting the pains's first 45 seconds when Watchung Hills was playing with a man advantage, the Warriors were a perfect 3-for-3 on the power play. Dayton, on the other and, was 0-for-2.

"Their power play hart i shind we tried to get one goal back at a time. We made a close game and the kids showed a lot of heart." A goal by David Mason made it a 2-0 game with 6:18

aft in the first period. Klein and Gunther assisted once After Kong's second goal early in the second, which came on the power play, three more penalties were called

before Berger got the Dayton crowd going by beating Rousch from close in on a rebound. Standout junior efenencies Rob Carroll assisted the goal.

lenger struck again Dayton's next time down the ice. vith Vinny Inneo carning an assist. Deyton's next three best chances were shots by

ving Paul Lookumovich Inneo and Carroll. All were saved w Rouach. With some 6:30 left in the period, Rousch made a Pa spanning glove save of a point blank shot by Inneo that Falls

would have knotted things up. "We had our chances, but they

invorite," Yack said. "We weren't expected to get here." Senior Chris Chesire extended the lead to 4-2 with 3:45 aft in the second when his wide-angle shot from the left circle found the not behind Dayton notminder Neil Hinkes.

who did well to finish with 22 seves. Senior captain Kyle Whalen, one of the comeritones of the three-year program, scored right after for a 5-2 advantage. He connected off a right-circle whistler into the top

The St. James of Springfield 3rd and 4th grad boys' Pee Wee team did well to best previously undefeated St. Agnes of Clark 13-11 at Dayton High School Sunday. Rob Pirorilli had six points, DeYoung Don five and Arrington Comifie a basket.

The 6th grade team improved to 17-3 by winning four of five games has week. Kareem Jackson had 12 points in a 45-20 win over Scotch Plains Red, while Alex Melleno had nine in a 27-28 triumph over St. Therees of Summit.

David Wightman had seven points and Patrick Wade six in Saturday night's 40-7 win over Scotch Plaine Black. Anthony Fischetti led all scorers with 20 points in Sunday's 42-29 victory over Academy of Linden.

corner of the cage. Assists went to Kong and left wing Mike Lundberg. Klein scored the game's final goal with less than three minutes remaining in the third period, defenseman Brandon

Lipke cerning an assist. 'We came out flying in the second period and once we 'got our first goal, the flood gates opened," Carroll said. "After we got the second goal, we just tried to shoot as

much as we could to tie the game." After coining close, but not getting the tying goal, Watchung Hills deflated Dayton by scoring for once again for a two-goal advantage. Before you knew it, Dayton was back down by three again.

"We tried to keep our heads up after giving up the fourth goal," Carroll said.

NOTES: Dayton, which fell to 14-8-2 with the setback, captured the Kelly Cup two years ago when it defeated Montclair-Kimberley Academy 2-1 in the final at South Mountain. It was a Mandel goal that snapped a 1-1 tie late. Carroll scored to give Dayton a 1-0 lead. The Bulldogs fin-ished 13-6-3 in 2002-2003.

In last year's 9-9-3 season. Dayton was defeated West Oranigh 6-2 in the samifinals. "This year was a lot like two years ago," said Carroll who is a Roselle Park resident who attends Brearley High

It was overtime goals by Kong for Watchung Hills and Lookumovich for Dayton in the Feb. 23 semifinals that proalled both terms into the finale. Watchung Hills, the top

seed, custed fourth-seeded Passaio Valley 4-3 at USA, while third-seeded Deyton iced second-seeded Millburn 4-3 at South Manual CARREL NAMED DIVISION MVCAND

ALCONTRACTOR ALCONG WITH MANDEL ADd last Second a game, the Central Conference-Blue Divide Still Conference and Carroll was a First Fran selection for the third straight year, while m choice.

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Alex Popolani and Dylan Pres seven, Dan DuBeau six,

Elliot Karp and Kevin Kirk four and Jason Condon and

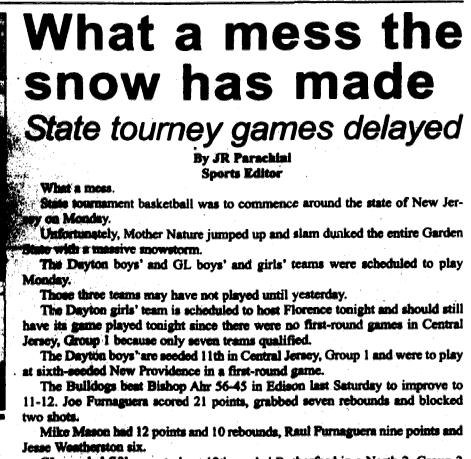
Tom Clark two.

they said for MVP." 2004-2005 FIRST TEAM Gealtender: Myles Weeks, Summit, No. 3 Defense: Eric Peron, Nutley, No. 17 Defines: Bratt Denieli, Varone, No. Forward: Dan Kargus, Johnson, No. 1 Forward: Marshall Handan Summit No. 24 Ferward: Brent Davis, Westfield. No. 15 olist of Cernoll's due SECOND TEAM Gealtender: Max Greenberg, West Orange, No. 31 Defense: Danny Harris, Verona, No. 3 Defense: Doug Clark, Beenards, No. 17 Forward: James Facey, Verona, No. 13 Forward: Ryan Madaras, Westfield, No. 39 Ferward: Casey Vece, West Orange, No. 6 week's snow might have extended today's dead HONORABLE MENTION Jack Pike, Bernards, No. 00 Phil Buonocore, Westfield, No. 27 Kelly Cup playetts Andrew Martenelli, West Orange, No. 5 Chris Marchio, Bernards, No. 12 Jim Leporte, Nutley, No. 10 Colin Campbell, Summit, No. 10 Quarterlinels: Feb. 19 Dan Kargur, Johnson, No. 14 5, Gov. Livingston 3: Union Sports Arena, **REGULAR SEASON CHAMP** Semifinals: Feb. 23 Verope **DAYTON ICE HOCKEY** IN KELLY CUP PLAYOFFS THE PAST THREE SEASONS 2004-2005 (M-0-2, helere states) Final: Fob. 26 Reached Guild Stating to Watchung Hills 6-2 at South Mountai Contro Baran Anthen twice. 2003-2004 (9-9-3) Residual southing to eventual champion West Orange 6-2 at SMA Steve Mandel and Paul Leokumovich scoring. 2002-2003 (13-6-3) Won Cap trophy, defeating Montclair-Kimberley Academy 2-1 at SMA Role Carroll and Steve Mandet scoring.

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GL, seeded fifth, was to host 12th-seeded Rutherford in a North 2, Group 2 first-round game The Highlenders began the week 13-10 after falling to Roselle Catholic and New Providence last week. Tom Amalfe had 13 points and Evan Kaplan four in Saturday's 66-51 loss to New Providence.

The GL girls' seeded 11th, were to play at sixth-seeded Rutherford in North 2. Group 2. GL best Somerville 52-50 last Thursday to improve to 10-11. The Dayton girls', seeking to get back to the Central Jersey, Group 1 final, played for the first time in 12 days last Saturday, falling at home to Colonia by a score of 53-43.

Cristin Zavocki scored a team-high 16, points for the Bulldogs, while teammates Dara Poltrock and Valerie Upton added 11 and 10 respectively

> CENTRAL CONFERENCE BLUE DIVISION ALL-STARS 2004-2005

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Rob Carroll, Dayton, No. 10

REGULAR SEASON CHAMP Watchung Hills

CENTRAL CONFERENCE WHITE DIVISION ALL-STARS

GL's Abitante wins MOC pole vault event 7th grade Minutester excel: The Springfield Minute-men 7th grade team defined host-New Providence 49-31 to Governor Livingston High School standout winter track and field stand Anthony Abitante was a winner in Sunday's annual Most of Champions at Jadwin Gym in Princeton. The senior captured the pole vault event with a jump of 14 feet, six inches. Union County also had the sixth-place finisher in Tom Han

nen of Cranford, who had a mark of 12-6.

Breast cancer group awarded

dation, located on Springfield Avenue United States. tral New Jersey.

in Summit, recently awarded grant Funds from the Komen North Jerfunds to the Sisters Network of Cen- sev Affiliate grant will enable the Sis- work, call 732-246-8300; for informa-

The Sisters Network is the first and provide support and bring breast can- iate, call 908-277-2904.

The North Jersey Affiliate of The - only national African-American breast - cer awareness to the African-Ameri-Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foun- cancer survivors organization in the can community in Union and Middlesex counties. For information on the Sisters Net-

ters Network to continue to educate, tion on the Komen North Jersey Affil-



Accepting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's North Jersey Affiliate grant check for the Sisters Network of Central New Jersey are Lane Howard, member and volunteer, and Dorothy Reed, president, second and third from right. Joining them are from left, affiliate representatives Mary Hess, grant coordinator; Deb Belfatto, executive director; and trustees Barbara Kennedy, Elizabeth Kennelly and Andrea Karsian.

Foundation awards local hospitals

The Susan G Komen Breast Can- Health Outreach Program focusing on ed approximately \$2,3 million as of cer Foundation, North Jersey Affiliate, taking breast health information into March 2003, to the Susan G. Komen based in Summit, recently awarded grant funds to two Union County hos- nity by educating minority women Research Grant Program. pitals to provide education, outreach and screening services to low-income, to other critical services related to North Jersey Affiliate, call 908-277uninsured women.

Overlook Hospital in Summit received two grants.

The first grant will support the Patient Centered Teaching Team Project designed to recruit, train and enable women with breast cancer to function as patient educators for physicians, and peer educators for memory of her sister. Susan G. other women with breast cancer. Komen, who died of breast cancer at Funds from the second grant from the the age of 36. Komen North Jersey Affiliate will be Today, the Foundation is the largest used to support the hospital's breast private source of funding for breast health outreach to Latina and African- cancer research and community out-American Women in Summit. Union. Vauxhall, Springfield, Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Sterling, including education programs, intergenerational programs, community events and health fairs and breast cancer screening sessions.

For information on Overlook's Patient Centered Teaching Team, call Affiliate has granted more than \$6.1 908-522-5283; for information on the lospital's Breast Health Outreach providing breast health education and Program, call 908-522-2844.

Affiliate will be used by Trinitas Hos- underserved and uninsured. pital in Elizabeth to support its Breast

Free YMCA lectures

of March covering several areas of nutrition topics.

ed both for home prepared meals and restaurant dining.

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how to adjust and plan so you can eat healthy even on the go.

selor at 908-273-3330 ext. 167, or suefieseler@summitymca.org.

explore nutrition topics

The Summit Area YMCA will run a series of lectures throughout the month

These lectures are free and open to the community. Nutrition/Myths and

Magic will be the topic for Monday. There are a number of misconception

regarding nutrition and exactly what makes up a healthy diet. This session will

The March 16 lecture, Portion Distortion, will focus on how much we est

How to Eat Healthy on Your Schedule, scheduled for March 30, will cover

Berkeley Heights YMCA, 9 to 10 a.m., 550 Springfield Ave., Berkeley

For information call, Susan Fieseler, Summit Area YMCA Nutrition Coun-

Heights; Summit YMCA, from 1 to 2 p.m., 67 Maple St.; Springfield YMCA,

rather than what we eat. Correct portion size will be discussed and demonstrat-

dissect those myths while bringing a simple understanding to the table.

Lecture times are as follows for Monday, March 16 and March 30:

underserved segments of the commu- Breast Cancer Foundation Award and about breast health, navigating women their overall health and conducting free health screenings through the NJCEED program - New Jersey Cancer Education and Early Detec-

The Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation was established in 1982 by Nancy Brinker to honor the

reach programs

The Komen North Jersey Affiliate serves the nine-county northern New Jersey Region covering Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren coun-

Since its inception in 1997, the million to community-based agencies preast cancer screening and outreach Grant funding from the Komen programs focusing on the medically

In addition, the Affiliate has direct-

For information on the Komen

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Marilyn Mason

Marilvn Mason, 82, of Wayne, formerly of Summit, died Feb. 10 in the Lianfair House Nursing and Rehabili tation Center, Wayne.

Born in Ypsilanti Mich., Mrs. Mason maintained res inces in Summit and Denville for a ony years. She later moved to Vero Beach, Fla., where she lived for nine years before moving to Wayne five years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Roberta M. Lord, and two grandchildren.

Catherine Damiano

Catherine Lois Damiano, 83, of Monroe Township, formerly of Springfield, died Feb. 18 in St. Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick.

Born in Norwalk, Conn., Mrs. Damiano lived in Springfield before moving to Monroe Township 21 years ago. She was a switchboard operator with Bell Telephone Co., Newark, during World War II. Mrs. Damiano was a former member of the Altar Rosary Society of St. James Church. Springfield.

Surviving are a son, Richard J.; a daughter, Barbara Tomaszewicz; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

E.F. Buschmann

E. Frederick Buschmann, 79, of Mountainside died Feb. 18 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Teaneck, Mr. Buschmann lived in Newark before moving to Mountainside 40 years ago. He was a vice president- and engineer for 3M Corp., Newark, for many years before retiring. Surviving are his wife, Loretta; a son, John Carl; a brother, John, and three grandchildren.

Ruth Coleman

Ruth Coleman, 94, of West Orange, formerly of Springfield, died Feb. 25 in the Daughters of Israel Geriatrics Center, West Orange.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Coleman lived in West Orange, Hillside and Springfield before moving back to West Orange 10 years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Doreen Solomon; a son, Ira; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

Pauline Marko

Pauline E. Marko, 74, of Springfield, formerly of Hillside, died Feb. 27 in Union Hospital.

Born in Mahanoy City, Pa., Mrs. Marko lived in Hillside before moving to Springfield 45 years ago. She was a customer service representative at Johnson & Johnson, Hillside, for 30 years and then at D & F Marketing. Union, for three years before retiring 10 years ago.

Mrs. Marko was active with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Union. She was a past Sunday school teacher for the Summit Area Gerontological 20 years and a member of the Ladies Group. Altar Guild, Trinity Fellowship, choir, the committee for Worship & Music. Hurler and Carol Caffrey; a sister, Mutual Ministry Committee and the Ruth Birmell, and four grandchildren. ADORA Circle.

Surviving are three sisters, Mildred Tyburcyk, Ann Berger and Gail Chernansky.

Doris Roberts

Doris Roberts, 92, of Basking Ridge, retired Summit nurse, died on Feb. 19.

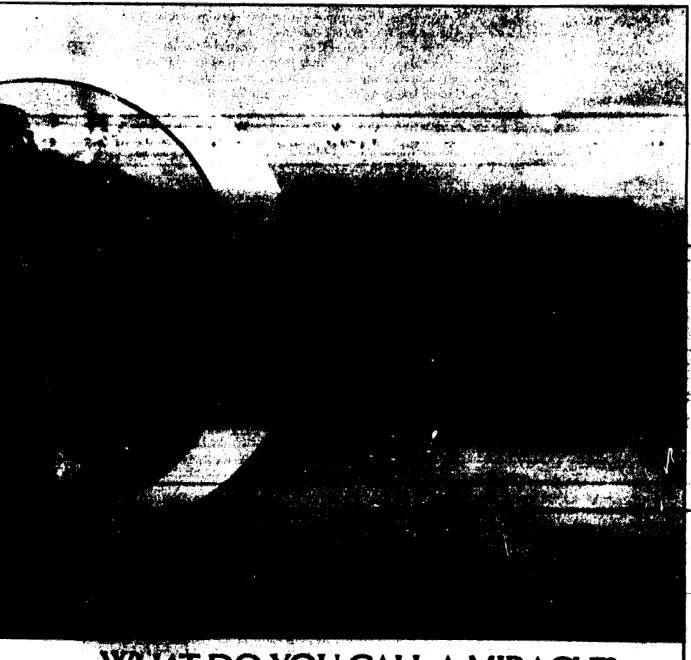
Mrs. Roberts was a licensed practical nurse at Overlook Hospital, Sum-mit, and JFK Hospital, Edison, for many years before retiring 28 years ago. She served as a Red Cross nurse's aide during World War II. Mrs. Roberts was the former president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the International Typographical Union No. 157. Dunellen.

Surviving are a daughter, Joy DeCheser; a son, Charles; 12 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Stephanie Chosney

Stephanie Chosney, 83, of Summit died Feb. 23 at home.

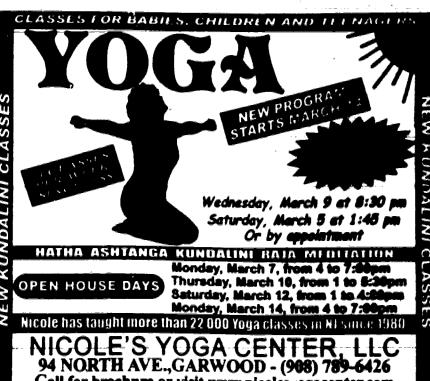
Born in Perth Amboy, Mrs. Chosney lived in Irvington for 14 yearsbefore moving to Summit 45 years the Bulge. Surviving are two daugh-ago. She worked at Ciba-Geigy Phar-ters, Valerie Ricciardi and Janice maceuticals, Summit, for 29 years Wargo, and five grandchildren.



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before retiring in 1986.

Surviving are her husband, Chester S.; two daughters, Christine Witte and Donna Hochle; a son, Mark; three sisters, Anna Harazda, Luba Trzciniecki and Nadia Recka; a brother. Raymond Dolozycki; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Caroline Lane

Caroline Lane, 87, of Chatham, formerly of Summit, died Feb. 23 in the King James Care Center, Chatham. Born in Jersey City, Mrs. Lane lived there for 60 years and in Summit

before moving to Chatham five years 820 She was a member of SAGE and

Surviving are two daughters, Alice

William Hess

William J. Hess, 75, of Summit died Feb. 23 in Overlook Hospital, Summit

Born in Newark, Mr. Hess moved to Summit 45 years ago. He was captain of security at Schering Plough, Madison, where he worked for 25 years. Surviving are two sons, William and Thomas, and two grandchildren

Anthony Marcantonio

Anthony Marcantonio, 80, of New Providence, formerly of Summit, died Feb. 23 in Overlook Hospital, Sum-

Born in Summit, Mr. Marcantoni moved to New Providence six years ago. He was a salesman with Brick Church Appliance, East Hanover, for five years before retiring 15 years ago. Earlier, Mr. Marcantonio was a school crossing guard in Summit and new Providence for 10 years.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and participated in the Battle of



Keeping an eye on Murphy

Sal Bonaccorso speaks about the two-and-half hours John Murphy, candidate for governor, spent when he came to visit the Clark mayor. It was more than just the time. Bonaccorso, who endorsed his fellow Republican, sees a "new face" - the regular guy who is a volunteer fireman, a husband and father of three with "substance and meusage

Come March 12, when Union County Republicans meet for their annual convention, it will be time to judge if Murphy, a Morris County Republican with his enthusiasm and grass roots plan, has made a hit.

Left Out By Frank Capece

There hasn't been a lack effort. Murphy picked up addorsements in Scotch Plains, Clark and on Monday, from some key Westfield Republicans. His targeted effort has included personal visits to delegates in New Providence, Scotch Plains, Berkeley Heights and Clark.

In fact, last weekend Murphy skipped the first state convention in Gloucester to attend a meeting with county supporters at the Gran Centurions in Clark on Saturday night. If Murphy can parlay a big showing in Union, along with the support from his own Morris County, it might become interesting on the Republican side.

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> The titra conservativ r can't win, then Murphy to jump from the secon

ing with Murphy Deputy Ign Manager Tim White trip. The Murphy people are tic and true believers in candidacy. They freely the time they have

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out Jos Corzine: "After buying a J.S. Senate seat for \$36 million ow he's bored and wants to buy

It's questionable if people care what Cossine does with his own stoney. They are fir more interest-ed in their own pocksthook issues. On homeland security, Murphy associa das Golas Cipel flasco. Still, as he approaches March 12, he meds be wery that for a county desply affected by the Port of Eliz-about and homeland security stincts on Cipel won't be good

Where Murphy gets his footing s citing his experience as a threeterm filiatether; and an mayor an valuate filiatether. The an-shothal player at Geographics College and financial planner understands propie and finance. He wants an elec ed auditor and will cut \$24 million in distanced cities aid. He talks about "200 million in pork barrel dvocale for Murphy deserves some watching.

We mourn the passing of former Clark Councilmen and Public Safety Director Pred Eckel. He was a kind man with a clover scase of humar. He not some nations notoriety as an unsuccessful candidate for finabalder during the anti-Plorio tax years who quipped, "the votors wanted to send Jim Florio a monoge and they named me the Pred Belasi will be missed

An atterney, Frank Capece i resident of Creatord.

One-way tolls begin Sunday

By A. E. Gualtieri Staff Writer

Southbound Parkway commuters will get a break starting Sunday, when the Union Toll Plaza becomes the third toll plaza in the state to offer one-way installed Express EZ-Pass, which will

will cost you twice as much to pass of slowing down to less than 15 miles through the Parkway's second-busiest per hour that regular EZ-Pass requires. toll plaza.

In a move expected to ease congestion, the 13 toll booths will soon hasppoar, leaving only the northbound side of the plaza. Currently, officials claim that traf-

fic congestion is caused by the toll booths, as six highway lanes expand to those trying to reach Route 78. there 13 toll lanes before merging back into are other exits that offer ways to avoid five highway lanes after the plaza. the toll plaza. Eliminating the booths will offer a smoother transition from six to five lancs, officials said.

"You're not going to have of the plaza," said Joe Orlando, a rep- " to be completely removed by July. esentative of the New Jersey Turnof the plaza." The southbound side of

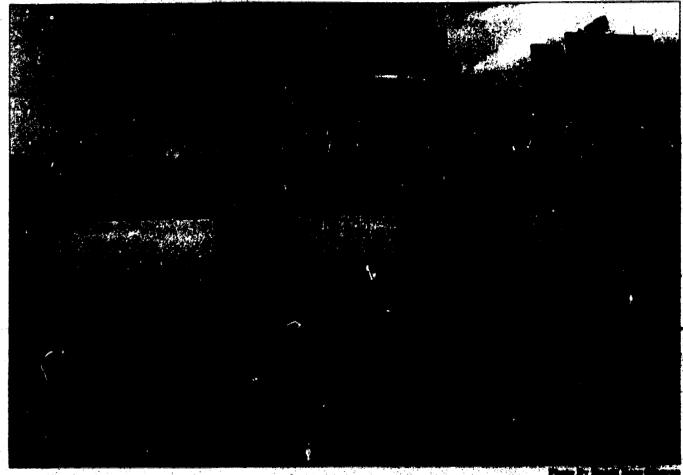
July, at a cost of \$5.3 million. by Tarheel Enterprises Inc. of Morgan At the Asbury Park and Raritan tolls, the Turnpike Authority has

allow drivers to maintain highway If you're headed north, however, it speed through the toll booth, instead At the Union tollbooth, however, there are no plans to install the express version, Orlando said, though he was

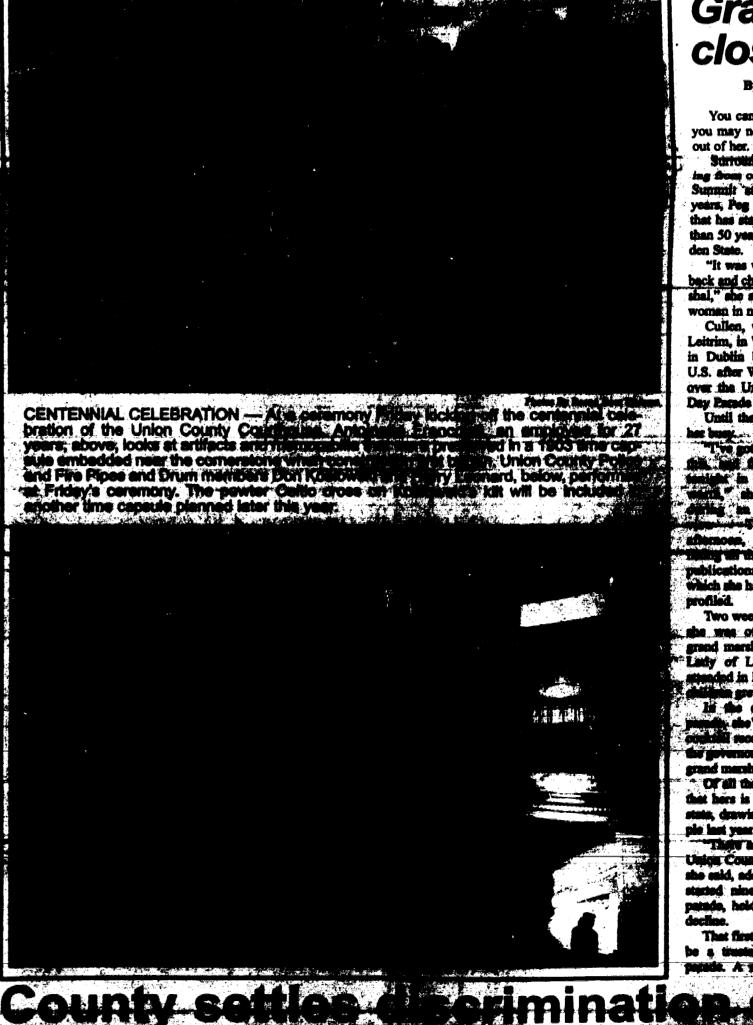
> unsure as to why. The biggest question is whether motorists will divert around the plaza to avoid paying the doubled toll. For

After the one-way tolls go into effect on Sunday, the southbound side of the plaza will be demolished startthat ing at the end of March. Orlando said merge problem anymore coming out that tentative plans call for the booths

The one-way tolls went into effect pike Authority, which oversees the in September for the Raritan and Parkway. "It's allowing cars not to Asbury Park toll plazas, and there has have to slow down at the pinch point been improvement in traffic flow and less congestion in those areas, Orlando



one tool of many others."



by A. E. Gualtier

Staff Writer sit over a personnel matter

county \$390,000 to settle, and may have cost the younty over helf as much in legal fles for outside Lanrie Weresow, a county employee since 1978, was fired in 2002 from her job as head rid-

ing instructor and administrative assistant at the Watchung Stables. In her complaint, Worenow alleged that

was fired after she was denied the position of stable manager, a position her complaint said had been denied her because of her gender.

itables in 1988 as a part-time mainuctor, was ployee by the county, considered a "seasonal" suployee by the county, and was fired and reliand livery six months, court documents indicateit.

After the was denied the position of man of the stables, she was fight by the new manager, a former speletest manager, who had left the sta-bles prior to the former manager's estimatest. In 2003, Werenow, a Plainfield meldent, filed the lawsuit alloging gender discrimination in the

County officials replied in depositions that Adrian Mapp and Daniel Sullivan were not presshe was not hired because she was not a perma- ent for the vote.

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it was also alleged in day

- Arts
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Northbound motorists at the Garden State Parkway's Union Toll Plaza will have to pay 70 cents starting Sunday, while southbound tolls no longer will be collected. The southbound toll plaza will be removed by this summer at a cost of more than \$5 million.

overall plan to reduce congestion on projected to see large increases in way data, the study found an increase the state's highways, he said. "It's just truck traffic and congestion, in a study of 76 percent in freight traffic on the released in January by the Tri-State Parkway in Union County. The Parkway was recently cited as Transportation Campaign, a non-prof-

The one-way tolls are part of an one of the Union County roads that is it solvocacy group. Using federal high-



By A. E. Gualtier Staff Writer

you may not be able to take the Irish forward to being a part of it again. out of her

Summit story she's owned for 26 Family, Heritage," Cullen said the years, Peg Callen speaks with the lift people have been stopping by to tel than 50 years as a resident of the Garden State.

"It was very nice of them to come back and choose me as the grand marhe said. "I'm only the second woman in nine years."

Cullen, who was born Cullen, who was born in County Leitrim, in Western Ireland, and lived in Dublin before emigrating to the U.S. after World War II, will preside a over the Union, County St. Patricity. Day Pacade on March 12. Until then, her duties

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afternoon, after land, it was a solemn, her store a us other restrations

publications in stores weren't open." which she has been profiled. Two weeks ago

she was officially invested as the grand marshal during a mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, the church the

provide the 'll' to attending analogs, signality succeptions, and even showing the sevence at his reception for all the grand marshels in the state. Of all the parades, Collon is provid

that hers is one of the biggest in the state, drawing more than 50.000 neaple last year.

There are a lot of inhis people in Julice County, and even in the step?" simes a year on buying trips. On he she said, adding that when the par started nine years ago, the biggint natada, held in Newark, was on the

sow had a "special solutionship" with the prior stable manager, and quastions about her son's childre in filles of a motion by the defense for her con't modical records.

The Board of Chosen Fracholders voted 7-0 ast week to accept the settlement. Freeholders

Fish-American organizations, she has n't been actively involved with the You can put the girl in Jersey, but parade recently, though she is looking

Proudly showing the perade's offi-cist pin, with its main and American ing from calife jewelry to flags in the flags and bearing the legend, "Faith

> "It's nice to hear people come i the store and say they're going to the perade." she said.

Her deughter, Barbara, is also looking forward to the parade. She'll be her time. - **24** mother's chief of

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Growing up in Ire-

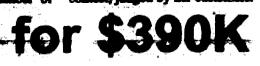
- Peg Cullen ha w

The perade is a family affai Calles's other three children and nin erandchildren will be coming from as far away as Virginia to join in the fun Pen, however, is not how Culles

her childlined "Growing up in Ireland, it was solema, religious boliday, stores weren't open." she said. "All that has channed now Many groups from this country so ever there to celebrate.

While she heen't been in Ireland or St. Patrick's Day since her childhood Callier data to back three or for most recent one in January, she returned with the cape, called a runn she'll be wearing for the parade.

Until she has a chance to wear she'll be celebrating in Summit with



lowmit, declined comment on the st "We are not allowed to speak about the law

suit as a condition of the settlement." she said. Union County Council Robert Barry also declined comment, through the Office of Public information, citing continuing negotiations over

the confidentiality agreement. The county had also retained outside counse to represent several county employees seemed in

the mit Edward Kologi of Linden had been retained See DISCRIMINATION, Page B2



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'Green Dance' March 13

The Union County Board of Cho sen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Recreation will host the ninth annual St. Patrick's Day "Green Dance" for people we disabilities Room from 3 to 5 p.m. Snacks. refreshments and DJ entertainment by Golden Note Entertainment Inc. will be provided.

Pre-registration is required in advance. The "Green Dance" theme is a St.

Patrick's Day celebration, so participants are urged to wear green. Other programs and recreational

events for individuals with disabilities are organized by the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation throughout the year.

Some of the upcoming spring and summer programs are: March 19 and June 4: "Culinary

Delights" at the Classic Thyme Cooking School in Westfield • March 26: "Discover Trailside,

strolling to look for seasonal changes. at Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside.

 May 7: "Spring Fishing Derby" at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. • April 19 & 26, plus June 21 & 28:

"Ceramics for People with Disabilities" at the Gregorio Center in Linden. Another program every Tuesday and Thursday from April 5 to Nov. 17 at Runnells Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights is "Post Stroke

Exercise," non-stressful exercise for people who have had a stroke or have a physical disability. Pre-registration is required for all

and to receive information about these and other programs for people with disabilities call Ellen Chase, Program Coordinator for the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4096 or 908-527-4900.

'House of Silver' at Runnells March 17

The Volunteer Guild of Runnell Specialized Hospital of Union County will feature the merchandise of "House of Silver" March 17 in the multi-purpose room of the facility at 40 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A percentage of each purchase made at these sales is given to the Volunteer Guild to obtain items for the residents and patients that may include televisions, VCRs and prizes for their bingo games. The efforts of the Guild which make vendor sales possible. also sponsor a holiday party/gift distribution and a summer picnic or ice cream social, in cooperation with the Berkeley Heights Lions Club.

The Volunteer Guild and the Office of Volunteer Services of Runnells Specialized Hospital are always interested in recruiting volunteers. Flexible hours and a variety of opportunities exist with resident contact as well as performing other tasks.

Anyone who would like further information should call the Office of Volunteer Services at 908-771-5847.

'Finnegan's Wake' to raise funds for parade

The Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee will hold its annual "Finnegan's Wake" and Guinness Fun Run on Sunday at Knights of Columbus Council 253 on Union Avenue in Elizabeth from 2 to 6 p.m.

Admission cost \$20 per person, which includes food, beer, wine and soda. There will be continuous live Irish-American entertainment featuring The Mike Byrne Band.

For information, call Lynn Raymond at 908-965-4969, the Knights of Columbus at 908- 355-2253 Kathy Rotando at at 908-352-1477, Ray Lvnch at 908-272-4940, Liz Welsh at

Discrimination lawsuit settled

(Continued from Page B1) to represent Charles Sigmund, director of parks and recreation, who had been named in the suit. After Sigmund was dropped from the suit, Kologi remained on contract, his office confirmed.

County resolutions show that Kologi's contract amount was raised several times. As of the Jan. 26 freeholder board meeting, Kologi's contract was not to exceed \$72.500.

The county also retained the firm of Ruderman and Glickman, o Springfield, in the suit. Their contract amount was not to exceed \$152,000. and had also been amended several times.

Robert Varady, of LaCorte, Bundy Varady & Kinsella in Union, was also retained by the county as special counsel, in a contract amount not to exceed \$25.000

The County Counsel's Office has not yet released the final cost of outside counsel in the case, but did confirm that as of the end of January, out side counsel costs were \$233,000 of the \$249,000 allotted under the current contracts.

1.504.1763 Registration for the Guinness Funup is \$25 which includes admission awards include those from the Constinto Einnegan's wake. T-shirt and 11:30 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Council 253

The race will commence at 1:30 p.m. and end at the start of the Emnegan's Wake.

WPC to honor Cox and Raioppi

The Union County Women's Political Caucus will host a reception honoring Elizabeth Cox of Summit and Joanne Ratoppi of Union on March 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. at L'Affaire, 1099 Route 22 East, Mountainside.

Mistress of Ceremonies will b Assemblywoman Linda Stender.

Cox has been actively involved with women's concerns and issues since the end of 1971, when she helped form both the UC Women's Political Caucus and the Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey,

As a former assemblywoman in the early 1970s, Cox was responsible for the concept of county commissions on women in New Jersey, Currently, along with Rajoppi, she represents the Union County Caucus on the Board of the State Caucus, and she serves the state organization as parliamentarian and by-laws chairwoman. On the national level, she is vice chairwoman of the Republican Task Force of the National Women's Political Caucus. Her previous awards include those from the City of Summit, the Union County Commission on Women. NJ programs. To be put on the mailing list Advisory Commission on Women, NJ Department of Community Affairs, and the Communications Workers of

America 1039. Rajoppi currently serves as Union County clerk. Her many accomplishments include many firsts: first female mayor of Springfield; first female freeholder director; first female Register of Deeds & Mortgages; first woman to hold the position of county clerk. She is the author of "Women in Office: Getting There

Rajoppi is a Democratic State Committeev/oman for Union County. and she is a founding member and on

New Jersey women. Her previous tutional Officers Association of New mohimentary beverages, will start at Jersey, the Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey; NOW, New Jersey Foundation Award; New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners: Union County Commission on Status of Women; New Jersey Business & Professional Woman: American-Italian Cultural Association, and many from the National Association of Counties.

Additional information on the Union County Women's Political Caucus, and details on how to place a con- Clark. gratulatory message in the reception's program may be obtained by contacting Brenda King at bking@patmedia.net.

Blood drives planned

The Blood Center of New Jersey is urging people to donate blood this month to maintain the area's blood supply inventory and give second chances to patients who will need lifesaving blood transfusions to survive.

"It is necessary to collect blood maintain a fluid and adequate inventory." said Judy Daniels. spokeswoman grams. for the Blood Center of New Jersey. "Many people don't realize blood is perishable and must be continually replenished."

Blood Center officials are also concerned about the threat of snowstorms and inclement weather this month. "In January, one storm created a loss of over 200 units of blood over several days and it has a direct impact on the amount of blood available for petients," said Daniels, "Too many days of frigid cold or snow and ice can

devastate an already fragile supply." All community blood drives are listed on the blood center's Web site at www.bloodnj.org or call 800-BLOOD-NJ to ask a representative to help identify a convenient blood drive. The Blood Center of New Jersey is a community, non-profit organization supplying blood and blood compo-

nents to over 35 hospitals in northern and central New Jersey.

the Democratic legislative PAC for ning a blood drive is urged to call 800- electric support, pharmaceutical assis-256-6365, ext. 104.

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

For more information or to sign up for a blood drive, call the blood center at 1-800 652-5663, ext. 140. • Monday, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., St.

Helen's Church, 1600 Rahway Ave., Westfield

• March 12, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Deutscher Club, 787 Featherbed Lane,

• March 14, 4 to 8 p.m., Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Park Avenue and Randolph Road, Plainfield.

Senior outreach

The Union County Division on Aging in the Department of Human Services will bring its outreach services program for senior citizens to 10 locations during March.

The outreach services program offers senior citizens information and every day throughout the year to help with applications for a variety of important government assistance pro-

> Bilingual staff members will be available to assist the senior citizens at all locations

The program will visit the follow ing locations in March:

 Elizabeth, Friday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the PROCEED office, 1126 Dickinson St., Elizabeth

· Elizabeth, Monday, 9 to 11 a.m. at the Supremo Supermarket, 25 S. Broad St., Elizabeth.

• Elizabeth, March 11, 9 to 11 a.m. at the Twin City Supermarket, 1016 Sherman Ave., Elizabeth; 1 to 3 p.m. at the PROCEED office, 1126 Dickinson St., Elizabeth

• Elizabeth, March 18, noon to 1:30 p.m. at Elizabeth Towers, 315 W. Grand St., Elizabeth

Elizabeth, March 22, 3 to 4 p.m. at Liberty Square Senior Center, 240 Elizabeth Ave., Elizabeth.

Union County representatives will be available to help residents complete

the necessary applications for a num-

908-486-7118 or Kevin Dowling at the board of directors for PAM's List, ness who would like learn about run- ber of programs, including gas and tance, and home energy assistance.

There will also be screening for Supplemental Security Income eligibility, and information about the Senior Health Insurance Program.

For more information on the outreach services program and other programs offered by the Union County Division on Aging, call the division's toll-free number: 1-888-280-8226.

'Freeholders Forum'

The latest "Freeholders Forum' program outlines the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders' theme of "Safety, Services and Results" for

The program includes excerpt from the county's annual reorganization ceremony on Jan. 2, as well as new p.m. Freeholder Chairman Rick Proctor and County Manager George Devanney discussing the major initiatives for 2005. These include:

 Boundless playgrounds and expansion of the Kids Recreation Trust Initiative to improve recreational facilities and opportunities for all children, especially those with disabilities. A Kids in Motion initiative will provide vehicles to municipalities to transport kids to recreation venues.

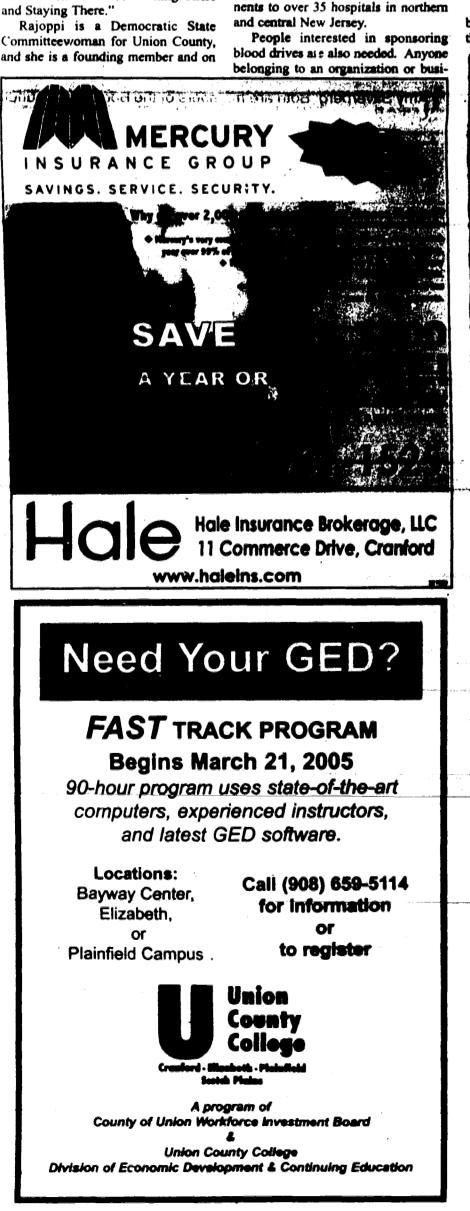
· Reserve Medical Corps/CERT, to develop a corps of medical volunteers to help respond to an emergency or natural disaster.

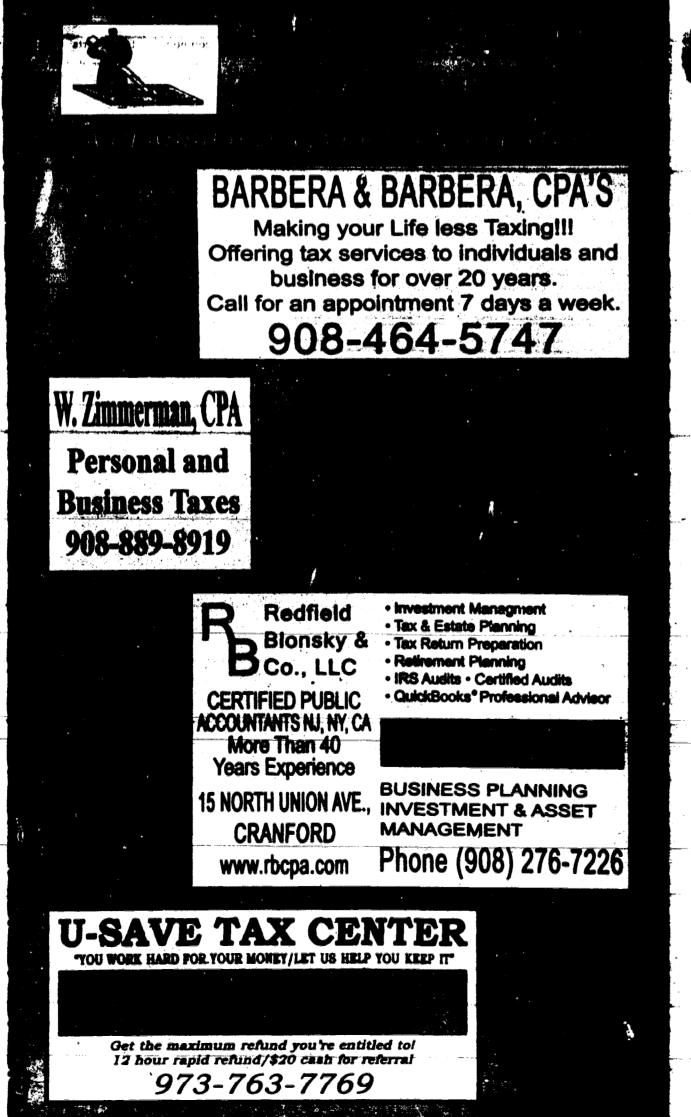
· Mobile Eco Labs, to bring the displays, exhibits and natural history knowledge of Trailside Nature and Science Center to schools and community centers throughout the county. Senior Citizen Home Improve-

ment, to provide home-improvement grants for income-eligible seniors. Further details on the 2005 agenda

and more information on Union County government's programs and services can be found online at www.ucni.org

Each half-hour "Freeholders Forum" program can be seen on a continuing program loop as part of UCC 1, an Internet video service from Union County College. Viewing details can be found at www.ucc.edu, which has a link to the broadcast.





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by the Board of Chosen Freeholders and is made possible through the facilities and technical direction of Union County College.

Entitled "The 2005 Reorganization Ceremony: Safety, Services and Results," the show will be aired through Saturday according to the following schedule:

 Union County, except Elizabeth and Plainfield: Channel 26, Mondays. 6:30 p.m. · Elizabeth: Channel 70, Thurs-

days. 6 p.m. · Hillside: Channel 35, call 973-

926-1054 for more information. . Linden, Roselle, Roselle Park and Winfield: Channel 36, daily, 10 p.m.

· Plainfield: Channel 74, Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. • Rahway: Channel 34, daily. 6:30

· Scotch Plains: Channel 34, call 908-232-2400, ext. 243, for more information.

 Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Mountainside: Channel 36, Fridays, 2 and 7 p.m.

Anyone wanting more information or to comment about "Freeholders Forum" can call the Office of Public Information at 908-436-2072 or email forum@ucnj.org.

Billingual child care quide available

Community Coordinated Child Care of Union County has just published the 2005 Early Care and Education Guide.

The publication, in English and Spanish, contains a complete listing of all licensed child care centers and registered family child care providers in the county, in addition to informative articles on parenting, child development and health and safety. The Couny of Union and the United Way o Greater Union County helped sponsor the publication.

The full-color, magazine style ruide is available in many public ibraries and county offices. Individuals can also pick up a free copy of the guide at A&P. Foodtown and Pathmark supermarkets throughout the county and at Comcast Payment Centers in Union and Plainfield. For more information, call 973-

"Freeholders Forum" is produced 923-1423, ext. 129..

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House painter set to play concert at church in Berkeley Heights

By Jeff Cummins Associate Editor

For all the people who've reported discovers his alter ego at night as a

When you talk with Wallace, he seems reliable and sincere, qualities you'd certainly look for in a painter. But, to a degree, Wallace can be kind of quiet. You wouldn't consider him greserious, but in his case, that just means

By his own admission, Wallace is a onstage, something that will be on dis- he uses his own fingers. play when he performs in Berkeley ary Concerts, appearing on the same away from it for a few years in high lifestyle offers the case of adapting his

By Halen Argers

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dancing close.

Silipigni, not only the artistic direc-

cess. That inspired Gloscchino

rich and the lords with his ingenuity

and mate paid for it. Indeed, Figaro.

the man of all talents, claimed, "It's

on the young heroine, Rosina, by her granding, Dan Bartolo, who wants his money for himself.

The plot was controversial at its

beginning, since the lower class

servant - the barber - outwitted.

outplayed and voted off the richer

villain. Even the young lord, Count

Almaviva, has to disguise himself

as a commoner to win an ordinary

young lady's love. However, Rosi-

crations audiences have loved the

"love conquers position" conclu-

sion, and that myth is still believed

Mario Bertolino, who plays the

self-seeking guardian, Don Bartolo.

--- He adds so many little humorous

touches, some just plain sight gags.

that even the ushers who were not

dy of Errors?

Wallace has released two albums. "My Lucky Day," in 1998, and "She ting paid gigs for roughly 12 years And that's perfect for Wallace, because seeing a man strumming an imaginary Used to Call Me Honey" in 2002. He now, he said. Many of his performanc- he's not the sort of musician who's. guitar while painting a house, you can called his style country blues, compar- es have been in Connecticut, with some playing to find that big hit, something relax. The fact is that's not a figment of ing himself to performers like Furry in Massachusetts and New Jersey as that will enable him to finance his famyour imagination. Montclair resident Lewis and John Hurt. He even took les-Jeremy Wallace, house painter by day, sons from Dave Van Ronk, part of an Northampton, Mass., the Rodeo Bar at marily because he enjoys singing. Part anecdote that illustrates how devoted 29th St, and Third Ave. in New York, forming and being in front of an and he is to his craft

"I got into all this because I read on the back of Bob Dylan's first record smokey haze as patrons in their 30s and who he listened to, and I found this 40s quietly appreciate Wallace's music, guy Dave Van Ronk," said Wallace. "When Dylan first came to New York, he crashed on Van Ronk's couch. So I that his personality comes to life on found Van Ronk, and got guitar lessons fact that the weekend gigs fit into his my own material mostly. I think I have from him. That's why I got into this schedule. "People come out and have something to say. Nothing earth-shatwhole finger-style guitar." Wallace fun. Some times I've got the band, tering, though." shy person. Yet his shy demeanor is explained that he doesn't use a pick to some times I don't. We rock in a quiet overshadowed by his drive to perform strum the chords when he plays guitar,

Heights on March 12 as part of Sanctu- he was only 9 years old, but he got called it. That low-maintenance p.m. For ticket information, visit

school, During college, though, he said schedule to deal with the occasionally he resumed playing, and he's been get- erratic responsibilities of a musician well, in clubs like the Iron Horse in ily's life. Wallace plays for himself, priand McGurk's in West Orange. If you ence. close your eyes, you can almost see the maybe over a drink or two.

"I usually go on the weekends." said Wallace, who also appreciated the communicating. I'm a songwriter, I do

Wallace began to play guitar when "low-maintenance lifestyle," as he Berkeley Heights on March 12 at 8

thing," said Wallace. "I don't work too hard. Maybe playing is my way of

To hear what Wallace has to say, head to the Union Village Methodist Wallace is single with no children, a Church at 1130 Mountain Ave. in http://www.sanctuaryconcerts.org/.

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Exhibit explores world of book art

By Francine Cohen Correspondent

Set foot in "Booked 2." the newest hook are exhibition to open at the Pierro Gallery, and your first thought will be, "Honey, this doesn't look like we're in the library anymore!"

Handmade books, artists' books. journals, fine bindings, and handmade paper constructions created by 46 bookmakers fill Sor th Orange's own fine arts gallery.

Although the common theme through the show is "paper," each and every one of these exquisite and interesting pieces interprets the theme in its own unique way.

Accordion books, traditional books, paper cuts, as well as paperbased sculptures are all on view Sunday to March 13.

plenty of time for visitors to wander through the gallery at their leisure, allowing them to examine the artistic interpretations of paper and books and really study the art. But the true beauty of this exhibit is the interactive component. Basil Wirts Roundable members are offering hands-on work-shops throughout V/2 week, offering visitors the chance to learn everything from book binding to using paper as their muse for art with lavered imagery

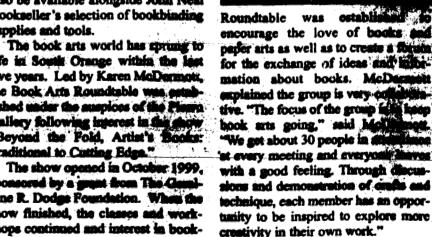
these workshops. Additionally,

also be available alongside John Neal Bookseller's selection of bookbinding

the Book Arts Roundtable was established under the suspices of the Plann tive. "The focus of the group the keep Gallery following interest in the show "Beyond the Fold, Artist's Books:

sponsored by a grant from The Gauldine R. Dodge Foundation. When the show finished, the classes and workshops continued and interest in bookbinding and artist's books coulound

has blossomed to a group of more as, mounting shows such as the than 200 members. The Book Arts uncoming one for the general public.



The group works on collaborative projects for its own cojoyment as well



Limited enrollment is available for

throughout the day on March 11 there will be demonstrations of book making, box making and printing. March 12 is the day for families to come together and create family heirlooms as parents and children work side by side, making collages from specialty

part of their own artist's book. For those not artistically incline but still fascinated by the boauty of book art, the Paper Boutique is open March 11 through 13 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The boutique is filled with beautiful handmade books, journals, and unique paper, tiny hooks with calligraphy verse inside, some bookbinding kits and bindings.

Traditional to Cutting Edge."

What started out as a small group

There is only one sad note about

were laughing. Here are some of his in toto, was a winner!

Operatic 'Barber of Seville' was excellent many bits: reacting to the bad

breath of his fellow conspirator, Ever seen old Charlie Chaplin Don Basilio, by recoiling at his movies? Marx Brothers? Lucille closeness; having Figaro rearrange Ball doing her grape stomping? the stunned-into-a-statue Don Bar-Jim Carrey doing his body lan- tolo into a weird position with one guage humor? Ever heard of com- hand on his hip and the other up in media del'arte? Read a Shake- the air with a limp wrist, then putspeare comedy such as The Come- ting one hand down and having the other spring up --- back and forth; Answer "yes" to any of those, having Figaro put a towel on Don and you would have loved "The Bartolo to shave him and the towel Barber of Seville." done to perfec- turns out to be long enough to tion by the talented cast of the New become a train and get stuck Jersey State Opera production, between Bartolo's legs as he under the let-it-all-hang-out style of attempts to walk away; and finally the irrepressible stage director, having Figaro fill Don Bartolo's Mario Bertolino. But this is opera, mouth with shaving cream and then

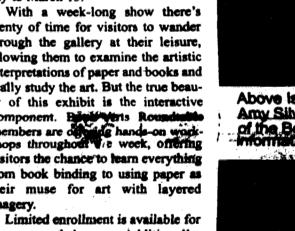
and so we demand more than when he shouts at Figaro the shavhumorous shtick that had the audi- ing cream retaliates and goes all ence at the Victoria Theater at New over Figaro's face. The three acts Jersey Performing Arts Center were filled with more of this physiroaring and clapping for every bit. cal humor or slapstick comedy that We demand talented voices and worked because it was done with music that swells from the pit such fun and delight by the cast and and a set this this make collain th tra played. And we got g. Tribba Chesi A Alfredo

Compady Dever legged. Knillet to every one in tor of the New Jersey State Opera, Starting with Figuro, performed by but its conductor, for the way the a tail and gleefully proud of himsel music flowed so seemlessly, adding Sean Anderson. He well used his to the humor of the evening with its powerful voice for his "largo al facown sprightliness. Credit him also totum," commonly known as the FOR THE THEOREM VOCAL CHOCKON THEN THE THEOREMON ATTE THEIR WHEN I had the cast getting every mance moid delight to the singer and the and every tone just right. Also, the sudience. Throughout, Anderson evening began on the perfect note slinks and winks around and with the overture's subtle opening becomes the charming fulcrum of that gloriously led to its full-bodied, the comedy. Anna Tonna plays Rosina, the minx-type heroine with The plot of "The Barber of the proper posing and pouting, and Seville" has been sending centuries her singing voice is clear as a bell. of audience into paroxysms of Other cast members with com laughter since Beaumarchais first mandingly strong voices included presented his play, "The Barber of Ryan Allen, who added humor to Seville," in 1775 by the Comedie the ironic aris about the benefits of Francaise where it was a huge suc- using slander to get rid of your opponent, as well as Sung Bae Ju Remini-with a libratio by Cesare as Fiorello, and lastly, Mariana Sterbini -- to turn it into an opera. Karpatova who made the most of Since then it has been one of the her role as Bata the maid mine a most popular of all operas, a family feather duster to attack invaders friendly opera, and the New Jersey The romantic lead, Count Almavi State Opera completed this tradition va, was sung by Sean Fallen whose of success and originality and gloricharacters go back to the Italian canto fashion by trilling perfectly, Regularance tradition of commedie and his sweet renditions of the love dell'arts with stock types, such as songs were effective. Then, he surthe wily servant who controls the prised all by his comic nasal voice when protonding to be a price blessing Don Bartolo.

Bel canto operas in the 19th cen amazing how money makes me tury did not have to compete with a thick." The story is filled with the full orchestra, and so the voices usual comedy devices of drunken- were softer. Instead, they were used ness and disguises to help two to display virtuosity by trilling lovers unite despite the evil designs through scales as vocal ornaments tion. That is the delight of Rossini' music and why Macotro Shipten trained the singers to capture just the correct graduation of tone. changing articulation from legato to staccato, and thus made "The Barber of Seville," not only a joy to see but to hear.

The story ends happily, o course. Even the guardian accepts all, but not before Bertolino, who na gracionaly forgives him at the end for not only being handsome but also a rich nobleman. In all genmake you an offer you can't refuse."

"The Barber of Seville" - the fact that there were only two performances and both sold out. An opera so successful should have had a few took on the role of stage director as more added just to equal all the families and youngsters who should have been brought to this opera to let them learn from childhood the fun and joy of opera. New Jersey reading the English super titles State Opera-style. The production,

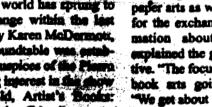


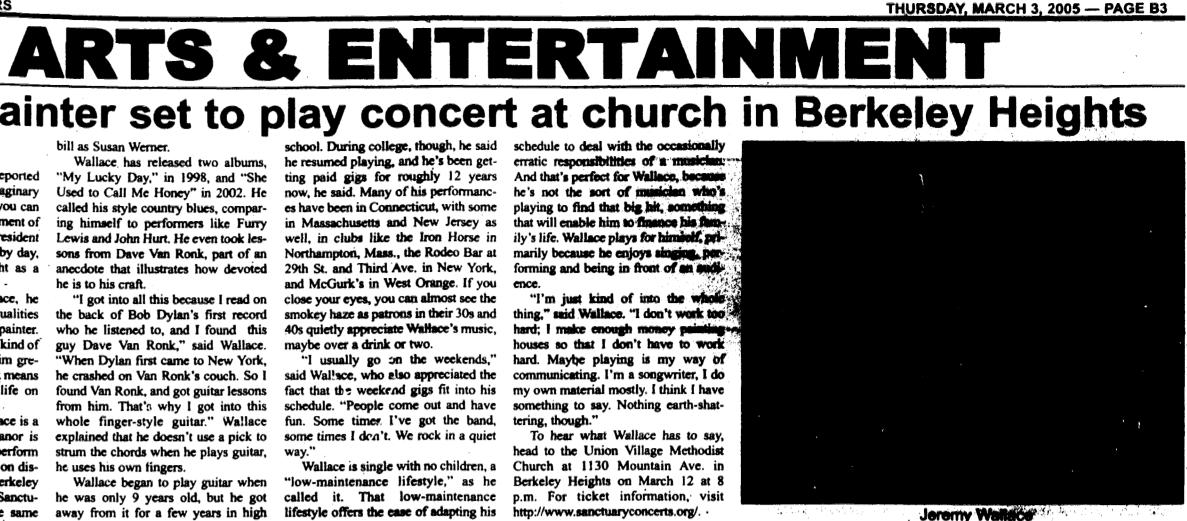


papers and stamps which then become

Paper products made by artisans of Panel Oaxaca in Oaxaca. Mexico, will

supplies and tools. The book arts world has sprung to life in South Orange within the last for the exchange of ideas and interfive years. Led by Karen McDermoti, mation about books. McDermotit





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Above is an example of book art by Belatics Color, and below is an example from Robbin Amy Silverberg, Both are members of the Book and Below is and their work will be part

> established as Additionally, astisms from the Book Arts Roundtable go into local schools to enrich the lives of students through an introduction to book arts. Judy Wakitsch, director of the Pier-

so Gallery, acknowledged that she's proved to oversee the growth of Bool Arts Roundable in the community. "Book Arts Roundable is becom

ing a major and desirable group in the region," Wukitsch said. "It drames from all over and their strength compar from organization and creative inspiration. Book art is such a singular concept and within the group crafts, people with art backgrounds work anonation and create both contemporary and traditional art forms."

who can't resist the feel of public the wonder of books and the contract of the theativity can join the Book Ant Roundtable at their month and nobody should mis

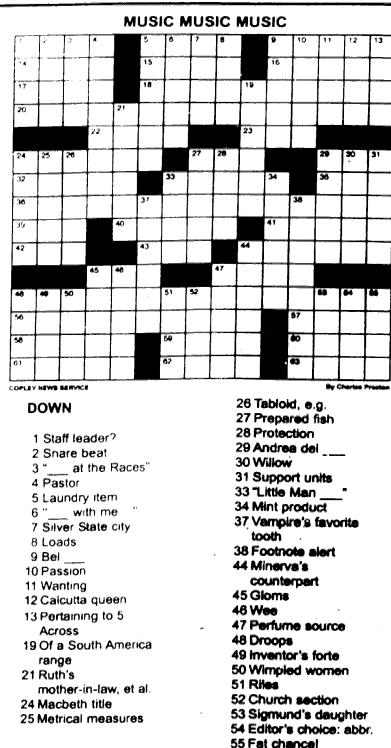
"Booked 2" opens Sunday at Pier-Gallery in the Baird Center at Meed St. in South Orange, which is open Monday through Thursday, from noon to 4 p.m., and Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The opening reception is Sunday, 4 to 6 p.m. For more information, call 973-378-7754 or visit www.pierro gallery.org.

Francine Cohen contributes froquently to Worrall Newspapers.

DOWN THE SHORE - Pictured is an oil painting by Plainfield artist Gerry Heydt titled 'Cape Point Dunes.'

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Kean will present a new professional equity theatre program

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Kean University announces Premier Stages, a new professional Actor's Equity Association theater program. Actively engaging and enhancing the professional theater academic programs at Kean, Premiere Stages will also serve a culturally diverse audience, children-at-risk, and a broad pool of artists.

uniquely conceived projects that will nurture and encourage the work of students, introduce children to the arts, attract high-profile artists to the institution and provide a forum for the development of new plays. The Premiere Stages Play Festival will present the work of emerging dramatists living in the greater metropolitan area through readings, workshops, and is the March'show. fully-produced world-premiere pro-

o get on the mailing list, call 908-737- ning play. 6397, ext. 4410, or send an e-mail to jwooten@kean.edu.

Season is under way for Westfield Players

The Westfield Community Players membership drive for its 2004-2005 sensors in now under way. The Box Office is open at 908-232-1221 President Naomi Yablonsky, who

has directed and performed at WCP, souls. The play will be presented April ness may have you on the edge of your Premiere Stages features four has announced the season of drama, 30 through May 21, with all tickets seat this week. Remain optimistic and comedy, murder and song. Two per- priced at \$20. formances remain in the season.

All shows open on a Saturday night and run Friday and Saturday evenings continuously operating community for three or four weekends, making it easy to have a local night out to experience live theater. Agatha Christie's courtroom

drama, "Witness for the Prosecution"

True to form, confusion, doubt and ductions. For more information on double-cross are skillfully presented

Premiere Stages at Kean University, or by the author in this Tony Award Win-

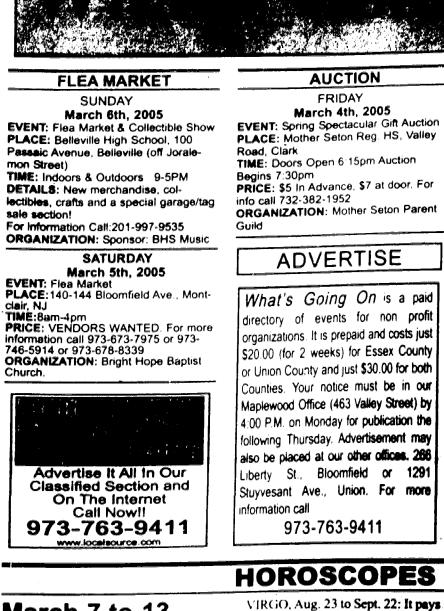
priced at \$15. WCP ends the season in May with

the James Valco and Fred Alley musical "The Spitfire Grill." With a score inspired by American folks music, this story of redemption, and happ takes travel or higher education. place at a restaurant fir a small town that serves up more than food to weary ed fluctuations in investments or busi-

Westfield Community Players, founded in 1934, is one of the oldest theaters in the state of New Jersey and has brought to life more than 190 comedies, dramas and musicals in their 150-seat theater in "Westfield. With four productions for this season. it continues to be a vibrant part of the cultural scene in Union County.

Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment of the Arts, through grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Musicians meet at workshop to hone their craft



March 7 to 13

ARIES, March 21 to April 19: Spending time alone gives you an excellent opportunity to go within and do some much-needed soul-searching. Block out distractions and focus. TAURUS, April 20 to May 20:

You should feel quite outgoing and extroverted this week. Look forward to meeting people from different backgrounds and environments.

GEMINI, May 21 to June 21: Some very wonderful professional opportuni-The play will be presented Satur- ties are presented to you. Avoid becomday through March 19 with tickets ing overwhelmed with so many choic-

> CANCER, June 22 to July 22: You are in position to expand your horizons. Enjoy a variety of social interactions with foreigners and learn through

LFO, July 23 to Aug. 22: Unexpectgo with the flow.

Westfield's New Jersey Workshop for the Arts Music Studio.

The Music Studio's String Ensemble, a highly successful program this summer, will return for the fall and winter. Intended for violin, viola, cello and string bass players, the Ensemble will meet on Saturdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at 150-152 East Broad Street. The hourly sessions, under the direction of Janet Lyman, will run through March at a fee of \$100 for Music Studio students and \$175 for non-students. Participants must have one year playing experi-

Another course, for brass, percussion, strings and woodwinds, is the Symphony Orchestra, also directed by Lyman. Intended for musicians of all

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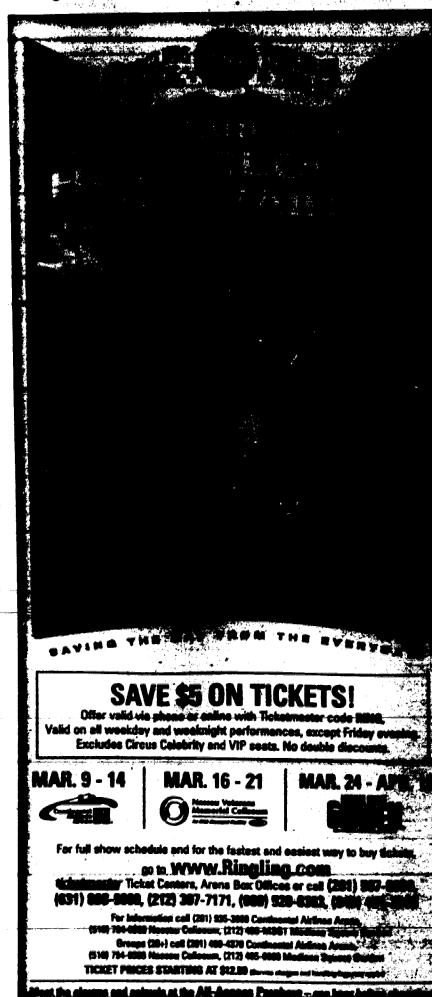
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Accept change and modification as a natural order of events. SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 21: The

best medicine for a boring or dull social an effort during the coming year to life is doing something new and exciting. Break out of the doldrums and have

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 22 to Dec. 21: Tempers could flare and explode at expect great rewards. A new beginning the most inopportune time this week. is also charted during this forecast peri-Make extra offort to stay caim and con- od. A CARD A A CARD AND A CARD AND A CARD AND A CARD CAPPING BURGERED DO JOST 10

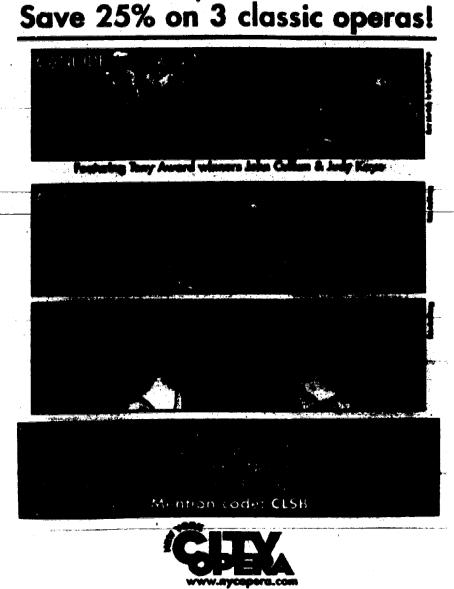
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Area musicians who are looking ages, this group will meet on Saturfor an opportunity to fine tune their days from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Zion skills and share their talents have sev- Lutheran Church on Raritan Road in eral options available provided by Clark, also through March.



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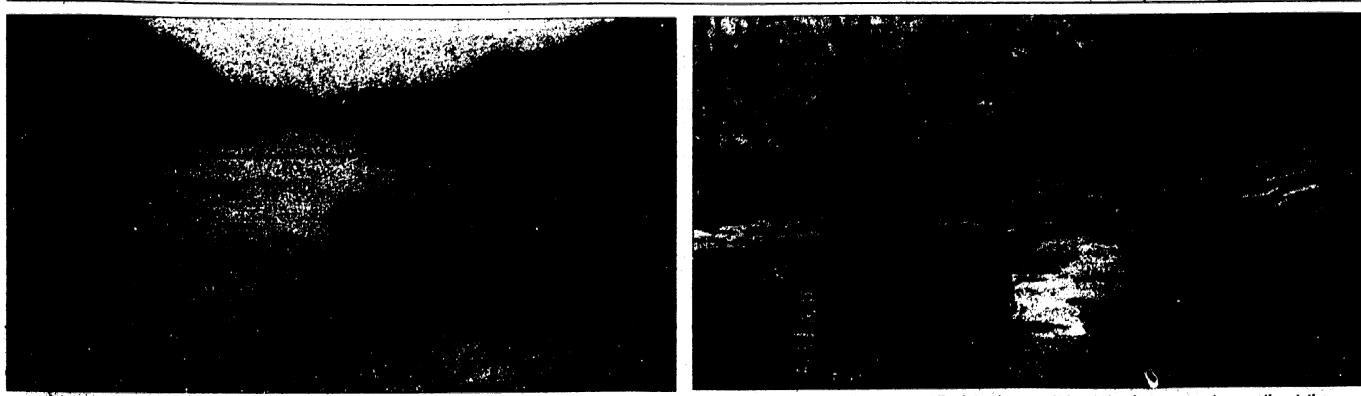
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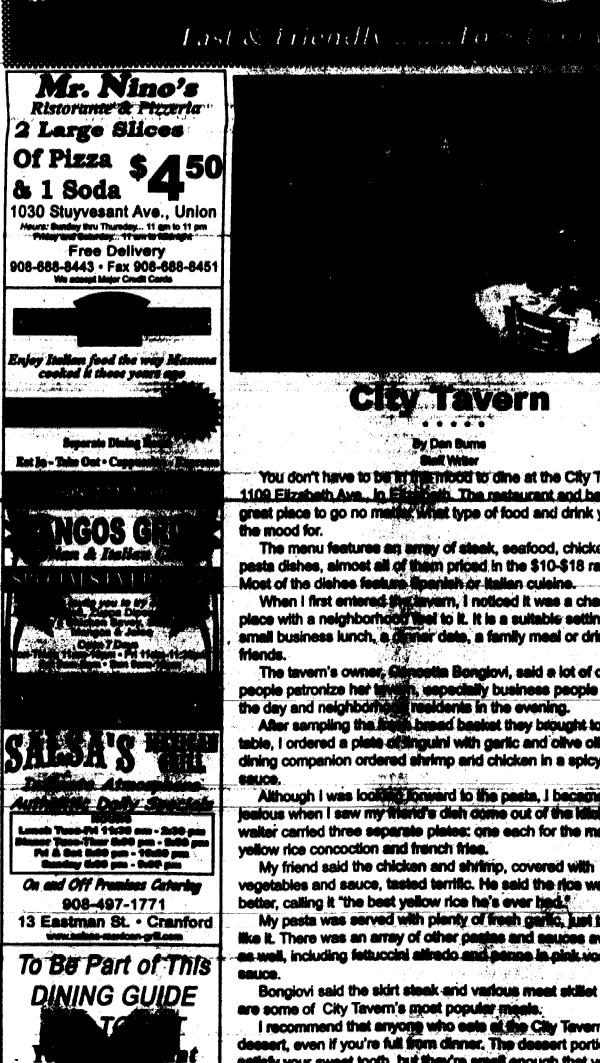
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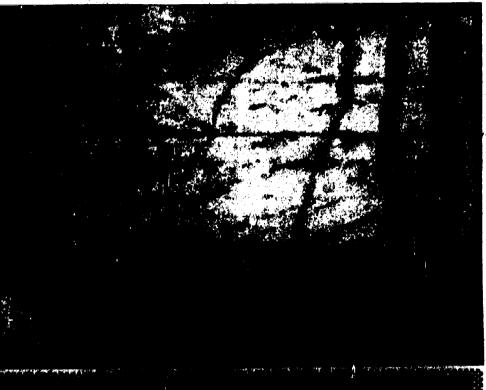
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I recommend that anyone who cale at the City Tevern order dessert, even if you're full from dinner. The dessert portions will settery your sweet tooth, but they're email enough that you won't feel as if you're overstulling yourself. I had the flan and my friend ordered tiramasu. Both desserts were very good. My friend and I left the tawer: salislied. We both agree that

the City Tavem is a great place to eat, whether you feel like a culck, low-key meet or a three-course feest.

displays her work in area shows, most recently at the Swain Galleries in Plainfield.



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City Tavern

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You don't have to be in the mooth to dine at the City Tavem a 1109 Elizabeth Ave. In Elizabeth. The restaurant and ber is a great place to go no matter, what type of food and drink you're in

The menu features an array of steak, seafood, chicken and pests dishes, almost all of them priced in the \$10-\$18 range. Most of the dishes feature lipenish or Italian culsine. When I first entered the taven, I noticed it was a charming place with a neighborhood well to it. It is a suitable setting for a small business lunch, a gamer date, a family meet or drinks with

The tavern's owner, **Gimpette Bonglovi**, said a lot of different people patronize her tavern, sepacially business people during the day and neighborhood residents in the evening. After sampling the logis bread basket they brought to my

table, I ordered a plate disinguini with gartic and olive oil. My dining companion ordered shrimp and chicken in a spicy red

Although I was looking forward to the pasts, I became a life waiter carried three separate plates: one each for the main dish

vegetables and sauce, tasted terrific. He said the rice was even better, calling it "the best yellow rice he's ever had." My pasta was served with plenty of freeh garlic, just the way

like it. There was an array of other pacing and equose available es well, including fattuccini alfredo and penne in pink vodice

Bongiovi said the skirt steak and various meat skillet dishes



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ART SHOWS

WATERWORLD, photography on the subject of water by John Daquino Robert Parker and Bryan Zanisnik, will Arts Center in Rahway. be presented at The Arts Guild of Rahway through March 11 Gallery hours are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, from 1 to 4 p.m., and Thursday from 1 to 3 pm and 5 to 7 pm

For more information, call 732-381-7511 send an e-mail to artsguild1670@earthlink net, or visit the Web site, www.rahwayartsguild.org.

BOOKS

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

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

THE "LORD OF THE RINGS" READ-ING GROUP meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble. 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, For information, call 732-574-1818.

KEAN UNIVERSITY'S OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS and The Star-Ledger have partnered to publish a new book titled "World of Wonder Exploring the Realms of History, Science, Nature and Technology." The book brings together 90 of the most fascinating subjects surveyed by the World of Wonder series. The book is now available for purchase in the Kean University book store and on the Web site of The Star-Ledger at http://www.nj.com/worldofwonder.

TONY FANELLI will sign copies of his book, "The Thought of It all," on March 12 at The Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St. in Westfield, Fanelli co-wrote the book with his brother-in-law, Frank Wagenblast, a Metuchen teacher. For more information, call 908-233-3535.

CLASS

THE DUCRET SCHOOL OF ART is 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 v/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.

COMEDY

COLIN QUINN will appear at the Union County Arts Center on Saturday at 8

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-

STANDUP COMIC TOMMY DAVID-SON will appear at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway on March 18 at 8 p.m.

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CONCERTS

the coming weeks.

the Web site, www.sanctuaryconcerts.org.

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pers, 463 Valley St., P.O. Box 158, cooperation with the New Jersey Sym- Church Mall, Springfield, Doors open Level. Maplewood, 07040, Faxes may be phony Orchestra, will host the Meet the at 7:30 p.m., shows start at 8 p.m. Orchest a series for children ages 3 to Admission is \$14. For information and

> For more information, call 908-790p.m. on April 23 at the Union County

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reservations, call 908-522-1501 or send an e-mail concerts4causes@aol.com. Also, visit DIANNE REEVES will perform at 8 the Web site, http://www.coffeewith-

> conscience com The next show is May 14, Basya Schecter & Friends. THE SECOND SATURDAY COFFEE-HOUSE SERIES will be at Summit 732-381-2535 or 908-241-9492. Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.,

Admission is \$14. For information

March 10, Color & Talea, Ground Karaoke Night on Sundays at 7 p.m March 11, Victory Gin.

DANCE

Y-SQUARES, a local square dance Frank K. Hehnly School, Raritan Road, Clark. The fee for each lesson is \$4. For information, call 908-298-1851,

THE SUMMIT INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS has begun a new season with sessions on Fridays at 8



Ron Naspo and Bob de Benedette of the Vickie Smith Trio, will perform at Fore Seasons Restaurant, 440 Parsonage Hill Road in Short Hills, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. on March 24. For information, call 973-467-8882.

Arts Center on April 9 at 8 p.m. 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-

SOUTHSIDE JOHNNY AND THE shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$4. ASBURY JUKES will perform at the THE COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE Union County Arts Center on April 16 at CONCERT SERIES OF WESTFIELD 8 p.m.

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DESOL will perform at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway on May 7 at 8 p.m. 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 send e-mail 80

Visit

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

Saturday, Kim and Reggie Harris. April 2, Bob Malone.

May 7, John Flynn.

June 4, Dave's True Story. AMY SINGER-SONGWRITER SPEACE will perform at 40 Church Mall, Springfield, as part of the Coffee SANCTUARY CONCERTS in Berke- with a Conscience Concert Series, on ley Heights will present musical acts in March 12 at 8 p.m. Speace, a native of Nashville, Tenn., once shared screen Concerts are presented at Union time with Abe Vigoda and a very young Village Methodist Church, 1130 Moun- Angelina Jolie, and her unique blend of tain Ave., Berkeley Heights. For more folk and country music has an urban information, call 973-376-4946, or visit edge to it that charms audiences. Reservations can be made by calling 908-522-1501 or by sending an e-mail

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and reservations, call 908-928-0127 or send an e-mail to info@secondsaturdays.org. The next show is April 9, Amy Carol

Webb Sign-up is at 7:30 p.m. and the will take place at First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 East Broad St.,

For information and reservations 908-522-1501 or send an ecall

mail to concerts4causes@aol.com. Also, visit the Web site,

http://www.coffeewithconscience.com. Upcoming shows are:

April 16, Lowen & Navarro

May 21, the Kennedys.

ANTHONY SCELBA, chairman of the department of music at Kean University, will perform the Schubert Quintet in a concert titled "The Schubertiana," which will be given with Kean's affiliate reservations, call 908-753-0190 or artist faculty, tonight at 8 p.m. in the Wilkins Theatre on the main campus at 1000 Morrie Ave. in Union. Tickets are \$10 for the general public, with discounts available for students, alumni, and seniors. Information about all affiliate artist concerts is available from the Millions Thestre Box Office at 908-737-7489

> eweet honey in the rook comprised of six African-American female singers who join their powerful voices in the sacred music of the black church. They will bring their unique renditions of spirituals, hymns and gospel, as well as jazz and blues, to Wilkins Theetre at Keen University on March 12 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets or

information, call 908-737-7489. CROSSROADS IN GARFIELD WII feature the following acts in March: Every Monday, Open Mic Night.

Every Tuesday, Jazz Jam. Every Wednesday, karaoke night

Tonight, Hello Eden. Friday, Bargain will perform a trib-

ute to The Who. Seturday, the Broadcasters.

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PARSONS DANCE COMPANY will bring a sampling of its repertory of exuberant, athletic, exciting and provocative choreographic masterpieces to the Wilkins Theatre at Kean University on Friday at 7:30 p.m. For more inf tion or to reserve tickets, call 908-737-7469

DISCUSSION

THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS invites local nonprofit organizations, individual artists and scholars to apply for funding from the 2004 Union County HEART - History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands - Grant program. To request HEART Grant Information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202; call 908-558-2550, Relay users dial 711: or send inquiries via e-mail to culturalinfo@ucni.org.

HOBBIES

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC. meets at 295 Jefferson Ave., Union, behind Home Depoten Route 22 East. The club is open to the public Seturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

or information, call 908-964-9724 908-964-8608, pand inquiries via e-mail to Thirty characteriation or visit the Web alle at www.tmrcl.com.

THE HARVEST QUILTERS OF CEN-TRAL NEW JERDEY will meet the first Monday of each month at Cozy Corner Creations guilt shop, Park Avenue, Sootch Plaint.

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THE INTERNET LOUNGE, 256 South Ave., Fanwood, hosts ar Open Mic/

reading, a stand-up comedy routine or a musical number. There's no cover charge, and patrons cart come in, make new friends, surf the Web, or www.theinternetlounge.com. JAZZ LANA'S RESTAURANT will offer dinner and live jazz with Warren Vache every Thursday, beginning at 7 p.m. For information, call 732-669-9024.

Join the group for a cup of gourmet cof-

and participate in an original poetry

KIDS

TALES FOR TOTS PRESCHOOL STORYTIME will be offered at Barnes and Noble, Route 22 West, Springfield, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. and the Kids' Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m. For information, call 973-376-8544.

Poetry

POETRY OUT LOUD! will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT takes place the second Sunday of every month at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For informa- \$2 tion, call 732-574-1818.

KADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old information, call 908-241-5758.

SINGLES

p.m. at the Connection, Morris Ave. at DINNERMATES and Entrepreneurs Maple St. in Summit. Beginners are Group invites business and professionwelcome, no partners are needed. All al singles to dinner at a local restau-

> For information on dates and locations, call 732-822-9796 or visit www.dinnermates.com. Ly a st

INTERFATTI ANGLES, for sin adults older then 45 years old, w most every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 VAN GOGH'S EAR, 1017 Stuyvesan a.m. for discussion and continential Ave., Union, will present a series of breakfast at First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Donation is \$2. For information, call 908-889-5265 or

908-889-4751.

SOCIAL SINGLES DANGING for 46 day at 7 p.m. at the Yankee Bullet Grand Ballroom, 2860 Morris Ave., Union, Admission is \$7. For information, call 908-688-8816.

THEATER

THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOL OF nership with 12 Miles Mant Theater Company at 562 Bloomfall Ave., Bloomfald. For more information, call 973-566-9700 or vieit the Web site, www.niactors.org.

THE NEW JERGEY THEATRE ALLIANCE welcomes teenegers 13 to 18 to submit their ong an poems for a Performance Poetry Jam contest as part of the eighth annual Family Week at the Theatre. Five young poets will be selected to take their place alongside

spoken-word performance artists Gha'll Rhodes Benjamin, Lamont Dbion and The Mayhem Poets on

aly Roig at 973-540-0515, ext. 15. The





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The following artists will perform as part of the Watchung Art Center Acoustic-Folk Series:

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ences in "Alexander Who's Not. Not. Not ... Going to Move." On March 13, see Gregory Popovich's Comedy Pet Theatre at 3 p.m. For tickets or information, call 908-737-7469.

AUDITIONS

NJPAC AND THE WESTFIELD fee and a wide variety of organic foods YOUNG ARTISTS COOPERATIVE THEATRE will join forces to present the classic Broadway musical comedy, "Guys and Dolls." Auditions for the cast will be held on April 3 and 9, with final callbacks on April 10. The show preclub, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at play a game of Diablo2, NeverWin- miers on July 15 and continues terNights, WarCraft or Counter-Strike. through July 24. For more information, To ask about a schedule of events, call call WYACY at 908-233-3200. Tickets 908-490-1234 or visit its Web site: go on sale March 18, and may be purchased by calling 800-466-5722.

VARIETY

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

Main St., Rahway. For Information, call 732-381-8544.

CROSSROADS, 78 North Ann. Gan wood, presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts, se well an football-themed nights. Every Sunday: Live comedy, funk

and poetry; "Live at Instant Coffee." 8 Every Monday: Open Mic Night

Happy Hour all night Every Tuesday: Jazz Jam; all pints.

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MOLLY MAGUIRE'S IRISH PUB in Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. For Clark will present entertainment in the coming weeks. Molly Maguire's is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark, For information, cell 732-389-6611. SECOND SATURDAYS COFFEE-HOUSE will take place the second Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hell of the Summit Uniterisessions begin at 8 p.m.; newcomers rant; wine and mingling is at 8 p.m., an Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. may arrive at 7:30 for extra help. dinner is at 9 p.m. Two age groups are Festured will be an "open mic" forum of music, poetry, somedy and performance art. Refreshments are served. Admission is \$4. Talent is sought for

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munical events. Tuesdays "Acoustic Tuesday," some of which feature open mic from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer. Open mic persopenie sign up at 7:30 year-olds and older, meets every Tues- p.m. and get 10 minutes at the microphone, Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. The cover charge is \$3 for all Sunday concerts, unless oth-

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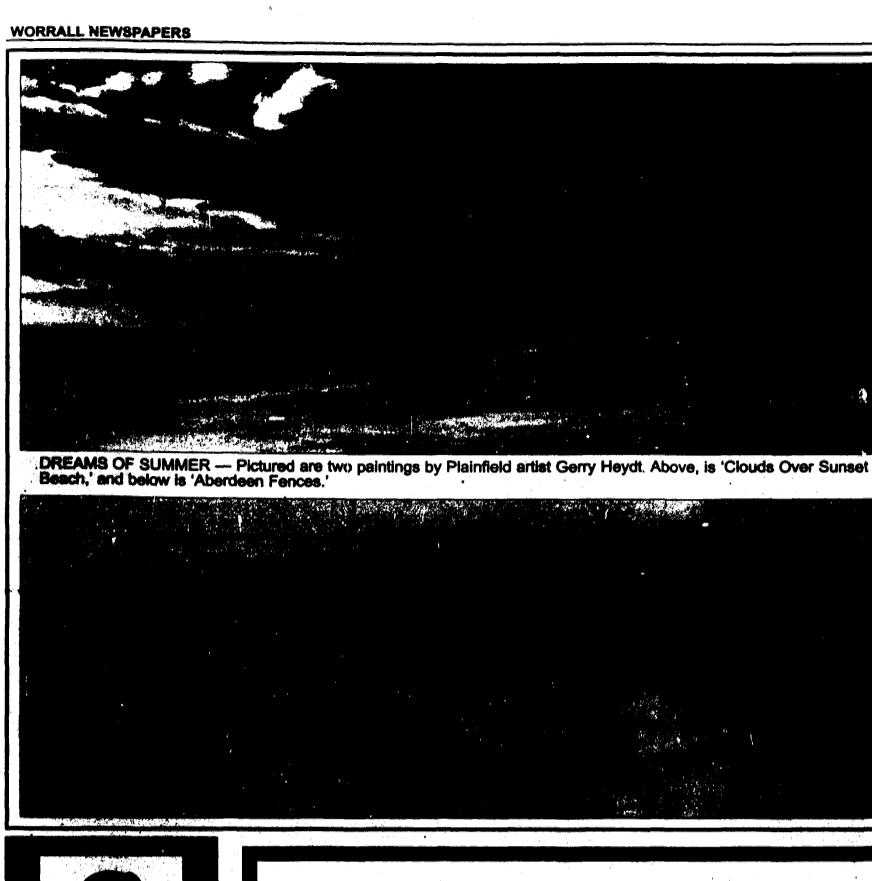
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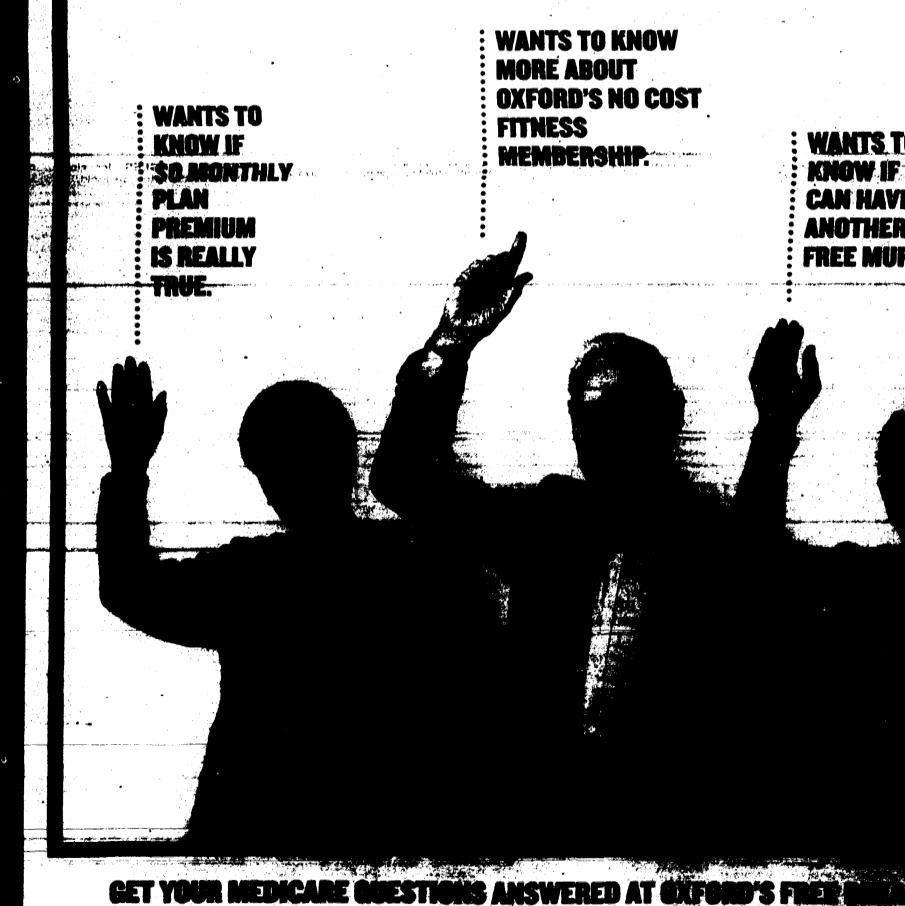
March 13, the Dave Hessel Quartet from 8 to 11 p.m. March 20, X Marks the Spot from 8

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For information, call 908-810-1844. THE CONCORD SINGERS, unique, non-auditioning women's community chorus, seeks new members as its spring 2005 eesson begins. Rehearests are Mondays from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church in

Summit The Spring Concert will be presented in May at Calvary Church. For more information, call Debra Boyman at 908-771-0975 or visit the Web site, www.concordsingers.org.

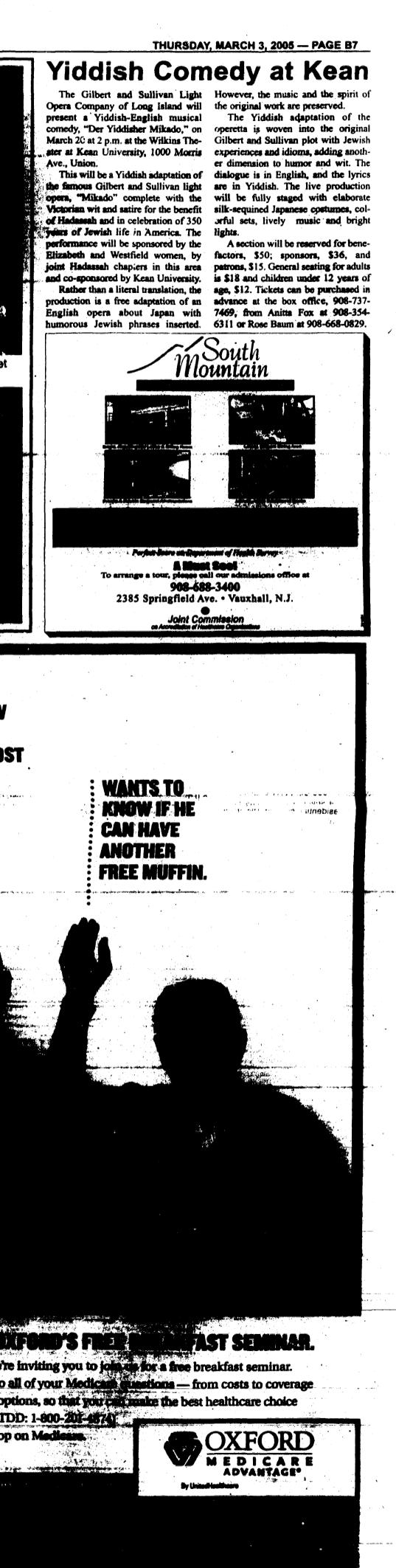


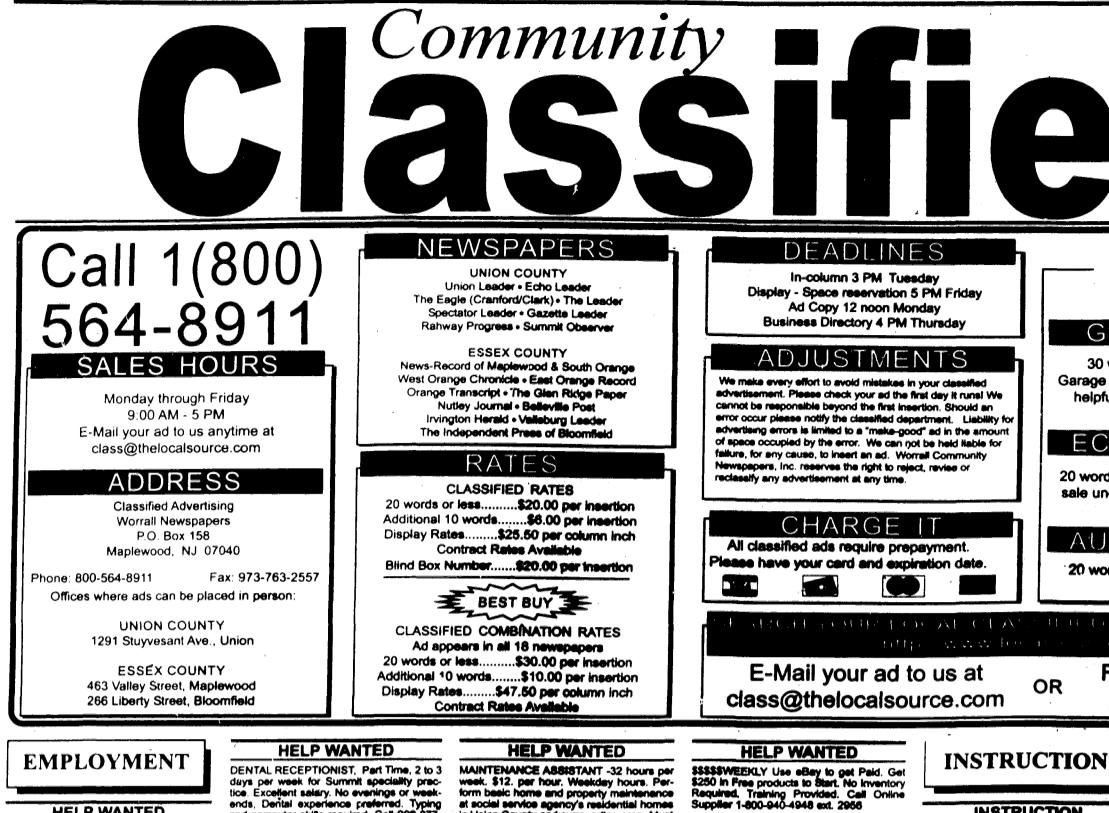


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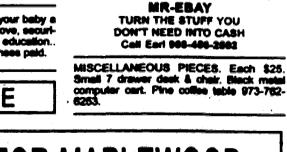
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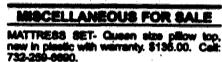
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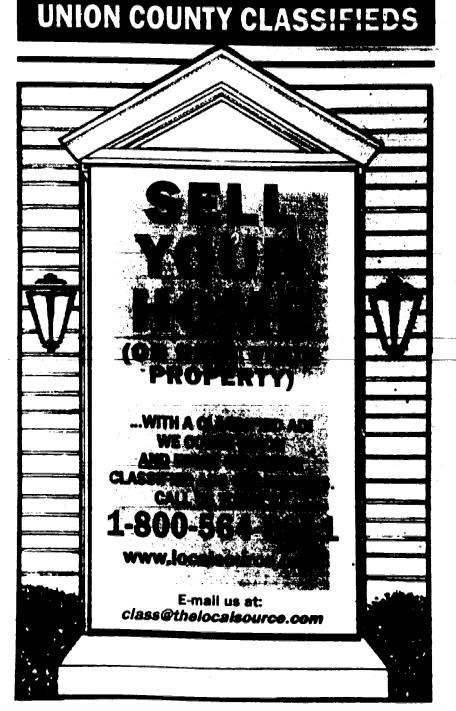
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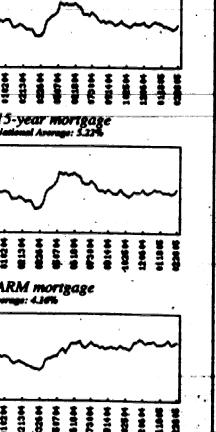
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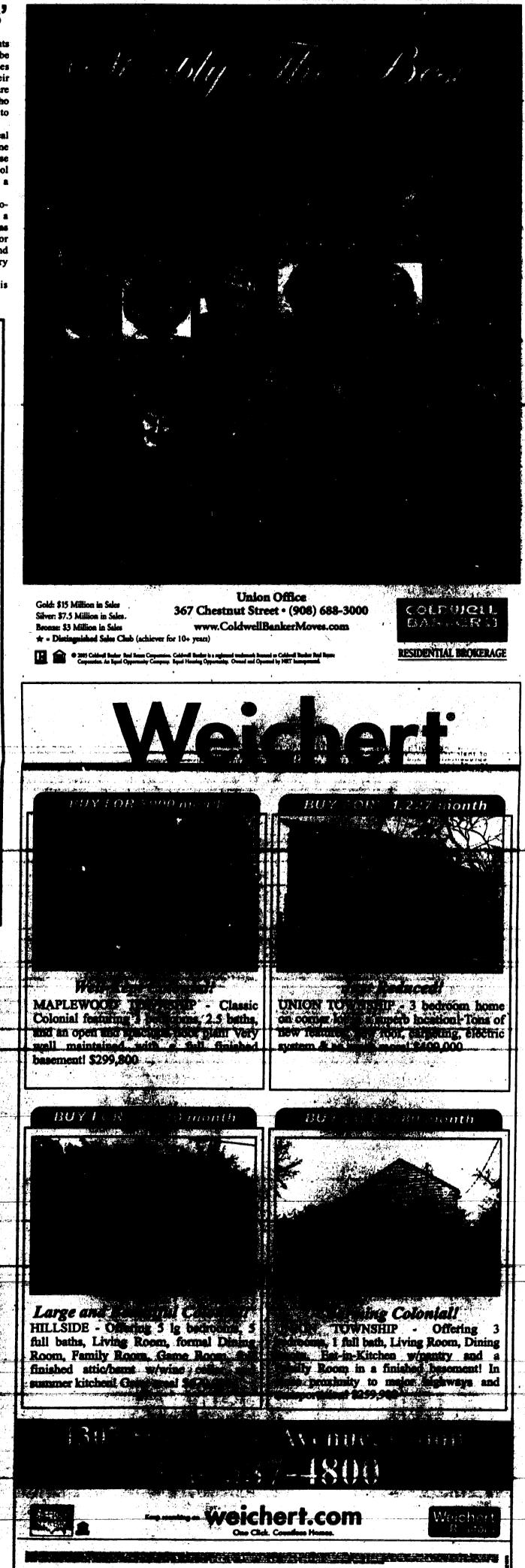
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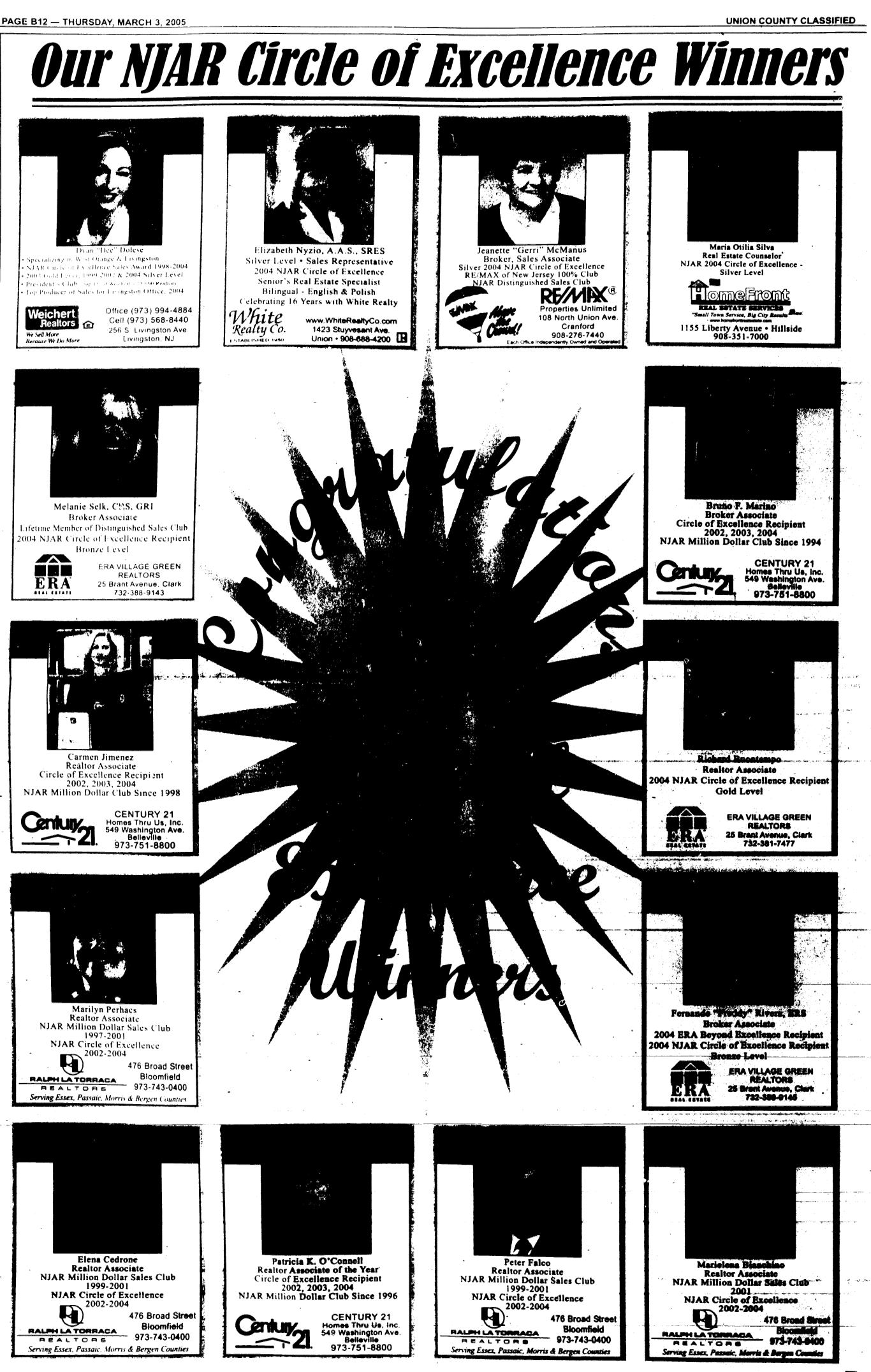
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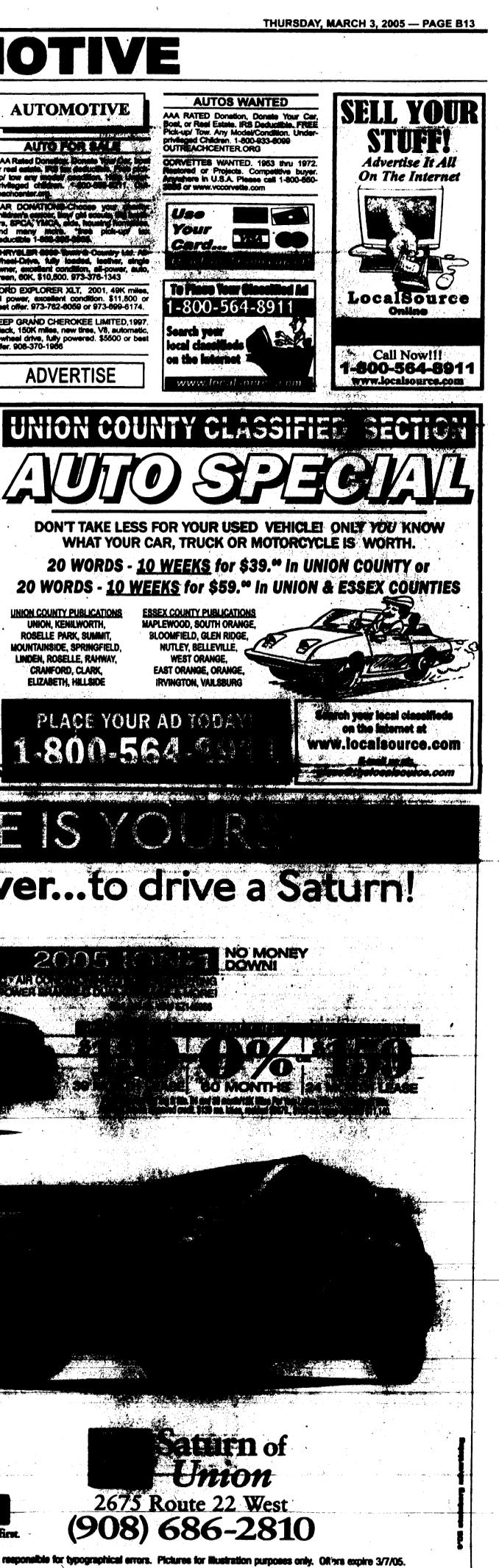
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