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Serving Springfield and Mountainside

Walton PTA plans for a proper place to play

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Kristen Schachter, president of the Edward V. Walton School PTA in Springfield, is not someone who gives up easily.

Which is why, when the Board of Education found they were unable to provide funding in their budget for a new playground at the school due to cutbacks in the Walton construction project, she decided to organize a series of fund-raisers to get the money.

"We need a playground that will handle at least 300 kids at a time," said Schachter.

"It will be open to everyone. That's part of the reason why we are trying to get community funds."

The school, which currently serves students in prekindergarten and kindergarten, had to demolish their old playground because it was not up to code. Now, just a giant lump of dirt sits where the playground area used to be in the rear of the school.

For recess, children play outside in a small, fenced-in area on pavement that used to serve as a parking lot. Fencing surrounds the area as construction crews and vehicles rumble about.

If the PTA reaches its goal of raising \$100,000, a new playground facility will be placed at the front of the school in a fenced-in area close to Mountain Avenue. Roughly 50 by 100

square feet, the new playground may offer the usual slides, swings and climbing equipment but, as Schachter pointed out, designs have not been finished, since the PTA is not clear what their budget will be.

She hopes to make the playground a boundless play facility, one with ramps and easier access for those who are handicapped.

So far, the PTA has only received a small amount of funding, although they have received promises of donations from several people.

With the new school year less than six months away, Schachter is aware of the time constraints. She hopes that, when the shift in grades comes in September, the prekindergarten through second-grade students arriving at the school will have a playground to welcome them.

"I think we could do it through community donations alone," said Schachter.

Additional fund-raisers are in the works and Schachter has the full backing and support of other members of the PTA, as well as the school's teachers and administration.

"With limited financial resources in the district, there will likely be insufficient funds to purchase and install a playground for next year's 600-plus students," said acting Principal Susie Hung.

She commended the PTA's efforts,

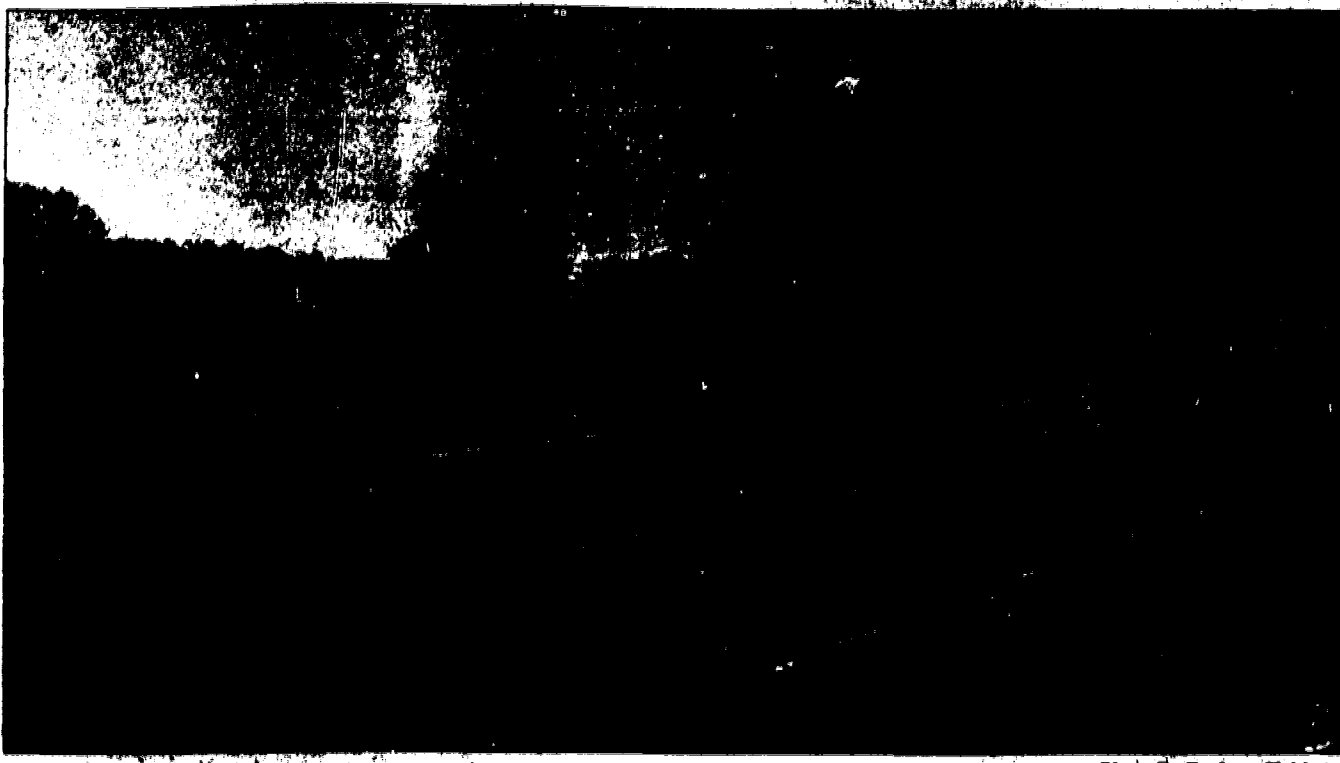


Photo by Barbara Kobbins

Currently, students at the Edward V. Walton School in Springfield are using a fenced-in pavement area as their 'playground.' The PTA is organizing several fund-raisers to purchase and install a new playground for the school.

emphasizing how hard they have worked under Schachter's leadership to raise funds.

Other Walton PTA members are involved in seeking grants and other sources of revenue. Many of the students' parents are involved in helping out as well, added Schachter.

Steve Walcott, chairman of the Springfield Education Foundation, a local fund-raising group, said WEF may partner in a fund-raiser for the playground "because the power of two organizations is better than one."

He emphasized that it was a worthy cause and suggested seeking funds from businesses outside of the community.

Those who would like to make a tax-deductible donation can send a check payable to: The Edward V. Walton School PTA, 601 Mountain Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081. Schachter can be reached for information at 908-608-1121 or through e-mail at Krisrusse11@comcast.net.

Anyone who would like to make a donation in memory of someone or to

purchase a piece of equipment is encouraged to do so, said Schachter. She also mentioned the possibility of naming the playground after an individual, corporation or group that gives a substantial donation. All donors also have the option of listing their name and donation amount in the *Echo Leader*.

"The Springfield community is very lucky to have such caring and generous residents and we hope everyone can help raise money for this great cause," said Hung.

Bud incr look

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Offering a first peek at some of the factors affecting the Mountainside municipal budget for 2005, the Borough Council adopted a resolution allowing for additional temporary appropriations.

Though a total budget figure has not been determined, Mayor Robert Vigilanti said the budget proposes an estimated 5.8 percent tax increase, which equals to about \$93 to \$100 per household.

The average home in Mountainside is assessed at \$156,000.

"Last year, in budget year 2004, we used \$1.8 million in surplus," said Vigilanti. "We can't keep cutting into our surplus."

He said the biggest changes in the budget are the increases mandated by costs for insurance premiums, workmen's compensation and the Rahway Valley Sewage Authority.

The budget requests that were made by individual council members have been added into the 2005 budget.

Some of these include legal fees, which are rising from \$42,000 to \$65,000; group insurance, from \$105,000 to \$135,000; snow removal, from \$45,000 to \$95,000, and heating oil/natural gas, from \$5,000 to \$9,500.

Laptops, budget constraints take center stage at Candidates Night

By Rich Kitchik
Staff Writer

As the Board of Education election draws near, Springfield residents had a chance last week to listen to all seven candidates running for three seats on the board at candidates forums in January.

Organized by the Mountainside Association and moderated by John Kishorek, a past member of the Board of Education, the forums with participating candidates were: William Wozniak, a former board member who established and ran the Mountainside Library to the district's benefit.

One of the first questions posed to the candidates was: "What do you see as the most important issues facing the district?"

While Mountainside Judy Millman and Scott Samansky agreed that tough choices had to be made and, ultimately, the best decision was to avoid cutting the academic end of the project,

some candidates questioned the board's planning.

"What, exactly, happened?" asked Lloyd Grossman, "and why did we suddenly run out of money?"

"I explained the referendum," said Daniel Bueck, "but any leader must be able to admit that he does not know everything about everything. The No. 1 question should always be: 'How do we get out of this?'"

Millman added that while a referendum would be a welcome addition, it is not a top priority.

"Classrooms and teachers are a top priority," he said, "not playgrounds."

Samansky agreed that, outside of writing to the legislature, little can be done by a single board member to solve the problem.

"A politician who doesn't want to cut taxes

does not get elected, unfortunately," said Benjamin Rulif.

Steven Friedman said it is a democratic responsibility to tackle the problem. A grassroots effort, he said, is imperative, so that years from now, the problem can be corrected.

Friedman said he is campaigning on the issues of safety, technology and testing.

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"Serving on the board is a civic duty which I do out of concern for the children," said Rulif, noting that, after serving six years on the Mountainside Board of Education, he is ready to aid Springfield, even without having any children in the township himself.

Grossman said he considers himself to be a

good listener who could be a spokesperson for all those involved in the education of Springfield's youth.

Samansky urged residents to come out and vote.

"This isn't just about the candidates," said Samansky, referring to the open forum. "It's about the budget, the community and our kids."

Samansky noted in his closing statement that, although it was not mentioned during the candidates' forums, he has a vision of creating Friday night football at Mountain View Park as a way of bringing the community together.

"We have different views," Bueck said in his closing statement, referring to the remarks made at the panel. "But we're all out here for the children and their education."

Friedman added that any board member must be a hard worker, and have commitment and time to be effective.

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Sure beats chips and candy

Ahmad El-Daly, 6, prepares a health grain snack at Healthy Kids Day at the Springfield YMCA. Fun activities emphasized the importance of exercise and proper nutrition.

Towns face demise of CDBG

President Bush plans to cut out federal plan

Mountainside receives such a small amount of money, Vigilanti said, that the program does not have an effect on the community.

In other municipalities, Vigilanti said, improvement projects such as \$15,000 for interior lighting in a library and \$40,000 for Plainfield's "Bilingual Day" make him wonder just how the money is spent.

This year, the borough has applied for three grants and expects to receive no more than \$15,000 from the state, based on results from last year, when the same grants were applied for.

Based on a survey from 2000, Mountainside receives about \$1.91 per person through the annual grants, the third lowest amount in the county, behind Berkeley Heights and Westfield. Plainfield and Rahway receive more than \$20 per citizen, while Winslow, due to its low population, receives more than \$40 per person.

With the consolidation of the grant into a larger program proposed by President George W. Bush, Vigilanti does not see the benefit for his community, in supporting the resolution showing opposition to the proposal.

The Springfield Township Committee, however, has already passed the resolution.

"It means we're going to lose money," said Committeewoman Clara Harelik, the Springfield representative of the Union County Revenue Sharing Committee, a group that closely looks at what projects could use funding.

"We're not going to be able to do projects that could've been funded and, if we do, it would increase the budget and increase taxes."

Springfield, which is seeking money for four grants this year, has received about \$100,000 annually and more than \$1 million since it began participating in the project in 1990.

"It's going to hurt Springfield," said Assistant Engineer Sam Mardini. It usually helps reduce the tax burden, Mardini said, and will certainly have an impact on the community if the grants are no longer provided.

The transferring of the block grant program to the Department of Commerce, as proposed in the federal budget, could exclude Union County from any appropriations.

Still, Vigilanti does not think that Mountainside shares in the benefits of other municipalities that are protesting the cut.

"The whole program is really minuscule for Mountainside," said Vigilanti.

Longtime local volunteer earns recognition for achievements

By Rich Kitchik
Staff Writer

Longtime Springfield resident Ethel Smith may not have heard for it, but the praise she received from the Township Committee appeared to come with good reason.

Smith, a United States Army nurse during World War II, has been an advocate for war veterans throughout her entire life.

"This is one of my favorite people of all time," said Mayor Sy Mullman,

who handed a plaque, titled "Women of Excellence," to Smith at Tuesday's Township Committee meeting at Town Hall. Smith previously was given the same recognition by the Union County Commission for Women of outstanding service to the community.

On the plaque was a proclamation that Mullman read aloud to those in attendance, including William, her husband.

Smith served as a registered nurse

at the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside for 13 years and has also been a member of the National Legion of Women for 16 years. She has been a volunteer of that post since 1999.

"I really do appreciate this award," Smith said, thanking Mullman and Committeewoman Clara Harelik, who

she called "town fathers," for all that they've been involved in with her. "I hope that, one day, you two can stand here and somebody can thank you for all the good things you've done in Springfield," said Smith to Mullman and Harelik.

"It's been an honor, a privilege and a pleasure to work with you on whatever project it may be," Harelik said. "You're truly a woman who motivates and commits herself to getting the job done."

Smith also established visiting programs at various veterans' nursing homes and has helped organize the annual Memorial Day parade.

"It's well-deserved," said Committeewoman Harold Poltrock, regarding the award. "We're very happy you live in Springfield."

Committeewoman Ken Faigenbaum also said her dedication to the township of Springfield deserves the recognition it's getting.

"The proclamation says it all," said

Faigenbaum. The list of accomplishments, Faigenbaum said, may never be matched.

"We are indebted to you," he added.

Mullman said, in the midst of the Memorial Day parade planning, Smith's commitment is magnified.

Smith, who acknowledged the parade's planning is, in fact, well under way, also announced that her husband will lead the parade as grand marshal.

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Sunday: The Union Township Historical Society will meet in the historic Caldwell Parsonage located at 909 Caldwell Ave., Union, at 1 p.m.

Monday: The Mountaineer Public Library Board of Trustees will meet in the library on Constitution Plaza at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday: The Springfield Board of Adjustment will meet in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 p.m.

Wednesday: Community Access Unlimited will host its 21st annual Awards Night Celebration to recognize and honor staff, members and community persons and organizations.

Thursday: The Springfield Board of Adjustment will meet in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 p.m.

Friday: Springfield resident Betty Eisenberg has been chosen as Woman of the Year by the Springfield chapter of Hadassah and will be honored at a luncheon scheduled at L'Affaire, 1099 Route 22 east in Mountaineer at 11:45 a.m.

Saturday: A fund-raiser basketball game kicks off between the Mountaineer Police Department and the Mountaineer Fire Department for Frankie Rubino of Mountaineer, a child who was diagnosed with an orbital rhabdomyosarcoma, a type of cancer.

Sunday: The event will be conducted at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave. The doors will open at 6 p.m. with the game to start at 7 p.m.

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

Tuesday: The Westfield Regional Health Department, in collaboration with King's Super Market in Garwood, Trader Joe's Company in Westfield and ShopRite Market in Springfield, will conduct their Spring Health Fair at 425 East Broad St., Westfield, at the Westfield Municipal Building Community Room from 9 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday: Services are exclusively for residents living in the towns of Fanwood, Garwood, Mountaineer, New Providence, Roselle Park, Westfield and Springfield.

Thursday: The fair offers free health screenings which include: bone density testing, blood pressure screening, hearing exam, chiropractic consultation which includes balance testing and posture analysis, colorectal cancer screening kits, dermatology consultation with skin screening, breast health awareness information and more.

Police make drug arrest

Springfield: On March 27 at 3:30 p.m., Robert Brennan, 47, of North Carolina, and Jennifer Diorio, 28, of Summit, were arrested by Springfield Police at a Route 22 east motel and charged with possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia, criminal mischief of less than \$500 and outstanding warrants.

Firefighters aid victims of accident

Springfield: On April 6 at 5:52 p.m., firefighters responded to Route 78 east for a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

At night, the lights will go on at Roessner

Though still awaiting the electrical work necessary to turn them on, lights at Springfield's Roessner Field were recently installed to provide safe play during nighttime recreational Little League games.

Group sends warm wishes

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AT THE LIBRARY

Donations accepted for upcoming lobby sale

The lobby sale will be conducted on April 29, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days. On May 1, the sale hours will be from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Group meets for memoir writing tips

Writer and teacher Zella R.P. Geltman continues to bring her counseling and training services to the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

Police blotter

Among the items in the car were college text books, compact discs and clothing.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

Millman, Sandler and Samansky

Serving on the Board of Education is no easy task and neither is campaigning for a seat. Many members often find, once they are elected, that that's when the real work begins. Those many late nights and endless meetings spent reviewing budgets and examining complex issues and policies are the test of a school board member's ability to serve the best interests of those in the educational environment, and in the community as a whole.

That's why this tough but essential job calls for people who are dedicated, committed and passionate about education. Residents of Springfield would be hard-pressed to find better candidates to elect to three-year terms than incumbents Judy Millman and Scott Samansky and newcomer Fran Sandler. For the one-year seat, the school board would be wise to appoint newcomer Daniel Burke, someone who has shown a strong ability to question the board's decisions and provide a necessary critical component to the group; someone who will actively seek out new ways of generating revenue.

A Jonathan Dayton High School graduate, Millman is in the unique position of having experienced the Springfield school system firsthand as a student and can bring this perspective in evaluating issues as a Board of Education member. In the short amount of time she has been a board member — having filled the vacancy left by the death of Larry Levee in 2004 — Millman has learned a great deal about the inner workings of the school system and has demonstrated an ability to articulate her ideas and provide clear, honest feedback to other board members and the public.

Her service on the buildings and grounds, sports, negotiations and TAB committees has given her a great deal of experience in delving into the many projects, issues and goals related to these committees and will serve her well as she enters her first three-year term.

While Samansky has not been successful in acquiring corporate sponsorships to fund necessary school items due to a lack of support — the main source of his campaign platform in 2002 — he has been successful at providing a fresh perspective to the board and serves as a member who provides sound thoughts and insights on school board decisions. Even before his 2002 campaign, Samansky demonstrated an intense interest in serving on the school board by attending numerous meetings, asking many questions and showing a genuine interest in the board's decision-making process.

Throughout his term, he has continued to be a team player, while striving to accomplish goals that he has initiated himself. It's this unique combination of individual activism and team-cohesiveness that will continue to help him reach new goals as a member of the board.

As current PTA president of Thelma L. Sandmeier School and a prior member of PTAs at several schools, Fran Sandler has provided a tireless dedication to the school community.

She had shown a sincere interest in the education of every student, demonstrated by her genuine commitment to students, teachers, parents and staff. She has chaired many fund-raisers, helped manage and develop budgets and is well-versed in current education issues.

She also has an ability to be a strong thinker who articulates her ideas well, someone who would be an asset to the school board.

An essential element of any would-be board member is showing an interest in what goes on at school board meetings, since this is where debates, decision-making and discussions take place. Having attended meetings on a regular basis over the past seven years and actively participating in nearly all of them, Sandler has shown she is well-equipped to join the board for a three-year term.

Choose carefully

Though Mountaineer has no Board of Education campaign this year, there's hope that a suitable candidate will either be written in by voters or appointed by the school board. While John Perrin will be re-elected to another three-year term, board President Peter Goggi has decided not to run again.

It's an unfortunate state of affairs that no one has filed for the one vacant three-year seat, since this leaves the board vulnerable to filling it with a candidate through the write-in process who is not well-equipped to serve.

However, if the school board is able to appoint someone, they should draw on their resources to choose a person from the community who can successfully take over where Goggi left off.

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PREPARING FOR BATTLE — Holding souvenir and commemorative items for the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Springfield in June are, from left, Planning Committee members Scott Seidel, chairman; Jim Sedlak, merchandise chairman; re-enactor Mark Hurwitz; Township Committee member Clara Harelik; Elliot Merkin of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce; parade Committeeman John Cottage and Committee member Barbara Goldstein.

Vote no on the school budget in Springfield

Springfield's \$31-million budget for next year requires raising \$26 million in local property taxes, which translates into an estimated school tax increase of \$168 on the average assessed home of \$157,800. It's approximately a 2.4-percent increase from last year's school budget, which is not a significant increase, even less than the cost of inflation. But the enormous cost of the \$18 million school expansion and referendum project, approved in 2003, of course still will be felt for many years.

But as the project gets slowly closer to completion with the pending end of the cumbersome Edward V. Walton School construction project, the community will see the immeasurable benefits of an improved districtwide school facility program that will accommodate the growing student population.

Suburban districts everywhere are struggling to make ends meet, as state aid is stagnant and property taxes spiral out of control while state legislators fiddle. Meanwhile, the vast majority of school budgets are gobbled up by salaries and benefits of school employees and state and federal mandates, leaving school boards with less control of their budget than one would think.

Superintendent of Schools Michael Davino has proposed an "innovative" plan to provide all middle school students with laptop computers. The \$345,000 cost is included in the technology budget, which this year is proposed at \$804,000. The impact of this particular program on the average taxpayer likely would be less than \$5. But that's not reason enough to approve the program.

The idea to equip all of Springfield's middle schoolers doesn't seem practical. Do you really trust a pre-teen with an \$800 laptop?

Add it to the pile of books in their backpack and you wonder where this piece of equipment might end up. Of course, insurance likely would cover anything that might happen to it.

More importantly, while technology is an integral part of today's curriculum, we simply don't see that having one's own laptop would be that much better than visiting the computer lab or renting or borrowing one from the district.

It's a safe bet that most Springfield students have access to a computer at home, and there's widespread access within the schools.

A decade ago, Summit schools tried to equip high school students with laptops, but at least they raised the half-million dollars for the initiative privately rather than hitting taxpayers. Even so, in the end, the cost just wasn't worth it. When there are more basic needs, such as acquiring a playground at Walton School, that the board is now unable to find funding for, it makes little sense to earmark this money.

The school board should increase its efforts to get more grants, seek appropriate school sponsorships and partner more with the Springfield Education Foundation to raise money and reduce budget costs.

Salaries and benefits are always touted as being "untouchable," but keeping salaries aligned with county averages and encouraging co-payments for employee health benefits should continue to be ongoing goals. This budget represents a strong effort on the school board's part but, as always, efforts at reducing costs should continue to be increased. But this year, vote no.

Thumbs up for Mountaineer BOE budget

Breaking up may be hard to do, but for the Mountaineer School District, the breakup of the Union County Regional High School District may be the best thing that ever happened for the budget, as dissolution funds being handed to both Mountaineer and Garwood from a state ruling are being applied to tax relief for the 2005-06 school year.

These dissolution funds are being distributed to Mountaineer and Garwood during a period of several years from the other districts that were once part of the regional district, which was dissolved in 1997. What's better is that these funds, since they are being dispersed periodically, can be applied to tax relief for several years.

The total applied to tax relief this year will be \$2,488,327, allowing for the district to have a school tax decrease of \$81. The school board also managed to apply a total of \$1,167,025 in surplus to 2005-06 tax relief.

One would think that with this tax relief, the budget would decrease. But leave it to government to find a way to increase the budget. With a budget set at \$13,279,940, this represents an increase of 11.9 percent from the 2004-05 budget, which was \$11,872,263.

This rise in the budget is primarily due to growing enrollment, expenditures, fixed costs and other expenses out of the school board's control. Enrollment has risen by 28 students this year, with the total enrollment figure for all students set at 1,023. One major problem for the Mountaineer school system is the out-of-district

tuition it is required to pay to send students to Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights. The total cost for GL tuition rose from \$2,960,845 in 2004-05 to \$3,138,180 in 2005-06, an increase of \$177,335.

Out-of-district tuition costs for special education needs are also fixed costs over which the school board has no control. Although special education is a vital, necessary resource mandated by the state, districts such as Mountaineer receive little if any funding for it.

For just six students in need of special education in the public school district for 2005-06, the cost is \$235,897. The cost of providing private special education for four students is \$193,016.

The other significant portion of the budget is salaries, which comprise 42 percent of the entire budget, and benefits at 10 percent.

To ensure that these figures stay manageable, the school board and teachers' union should continue to strive to keep teacher salaries close to county averages and demand employees take part in insurance co-payments to stem the rising costs of health insurance.

All in all, this budget represents good financial planning on the part of the school board and inherent benefits to the community with the application of a significant amount of funds toward tax relief.

This election day, there's really no reason not to support Mountaineer's school budget.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't cut off access to Caldwell Place

I would like some clarification on an article you ran in the April 7 edition titled "PD project eyes old Annex site." I am referring to the part that spoke about the wing crossing over Center Street and blocking its current exit onto Caldwell Place. It is really N. Trivett Avenue that exits on to Caldwell Place, so I am left wondering what is truly meant. I can't imagine for a second that anyone would try and go ahead and cut off access to Caldwell Place. That would create a traffic pattern so horrific that it would defy imagination.

Getting to James Caldwell School would be a total nightmare, not to mention we would lose parking spaces on N. Trivett that we can ill afford to lose. All of the roads are already choked with traffic. Closing one would make an already intolerable situation even more intolerable.

I would also be very concerned with the First Aid Squad losing access to Caldwell Place as well. Hopefully, I will wake up Thursday and read the *Echo Leader* and find out this was just a bad dream.

Mara Friedman
Springfield

Our great pope will be missed

Our great pope, John Paul II, was indeed a "Genuine Article." He will be missed and remembered.

Joseph Chiappa
Mountaineer

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Time stood still on day I met Pope John Paul II

Re-living the Memories

By Gary Whyte

The world was deeply moved on April 2, when the Vatican announced the passing of Pope John Paul II. As we have seen from media accounts, Pope John Paul II will be missed by not only Catholics from around the world, but from scores of others who were touched by his compassion, love and his unending quest for world peace.

Back on March 25, 1996, I had the most spiritual, magnificent unique and blessed experience of my lifetime. In as much as time passes all too quickly for all of us, time stood still that day. As a past member of the Board of Directors of Stella Maria Chapel in Port Newark, one of the greatest people I have known and have had the privilege of working with and assisting in their mission are Father Charles McTague and Father Mario Balbi. My friend, Bruce, and I were taking a five-day trip to Rome and Father Mario asked if we wanted to see the pope.

From my office he sent a "Letter of Introduction" to two of his friends at the Vatican. The first letter of introduction was sent to Monsignor Silvano Tomasi, who headed the Apostolic See at the Vatican, and the other letter was sent to Monsignore Guido Gusso, who was a high level dignitary with the Knights of Malta and an intricate part of scheduling people for audiences with the pope.

On arriving in Rome and checking into our hotel, we were welcomed by a letter from the Vatican with local telephone numbers to contact Tomasi and Gusso. As you can imagine, that was our first order of business and we wasted no time in making phone contact with both. They were very eager to meet us and it was decided that we would all dine together that evening at their favorite restaurant. Needless to say that the food and the wine flowed as they shared their life experiences with us and we were in awe hearing what was in store for us during our five-day stay. The Monsignore explained to us that the pope was ill and he was not sure of his schedule but would keep us apprised on a daily basis.

So here we are, standing at the bronze doors, passports in hand and the Swiss guard telling us to come back at half past five because we are way too early.

Not being a minute late, we found ourselves back at the Bronze doors with the Swiss guards checking our passports and comparing the names against the guest list.

We were then escorted into a side room and, shortly afterward, the room started to fill as 30 other people were in attendance. The Swiss guard then informed us that we were 32 people in total and that we would be escorted through the grounds and into the papal palace to take the private elevator to the pope's residence. From there, we would be escorted into the pope's private chapel for Mass and then into the Pope John Paul II Business with Pope John Paul II.

We were escorted through the study and down a short hallway and, when they opened the door to the chapel, Pope John Paul was already seated and in deep prayer. What seemed to be an eternity was only about 10 minutes as Pope John Paul II stood and then began saying Mass. The most moving, emotional and spiritual part of the Mass was when he said the words "I, Jesus Christ, have chosen you, my friend, to be my friend."

It's extremely difficult to put into words the feeling that moves over you as the pope stroked his hand to each of us and we best over to kiss his ring. On Sunday morning, the phone rang in his hotel room and the person on the other end of the line was a nun from the Vatican. She told me that she had the honor to tell us that we were being invited to the papal palace for a special Mass and audience with the pope.

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Time stood still for Gary Whyte of Mountaineer, who has fond memories of his once-in-a-lifetime experience of meeting Pope John Paul II in 1996.

Nothing in life can prepare you for a moment like that, and I mean nothing.

When Mass ended, we were escorted back to the study. The pope, however, remained and continued to pray. We were assembled into a shape formation in the study and we awaited the pope's entrance. We had pre-information that we could bring artifacts to be blessed by the pope so, as the pope continued to pray in the chapel, we spoke amongst ourselves as to the experience we all shared and we assembled our gifts that we wanted blessed.

What seemed to be an eternity ended when the huge wooden doors to the study finally opened and in stepped Pope John Paul II, whereby he was greeted by a thunderous applause by one and all. Pope John Paul was escorted by two attendants. One had an empty tray to hold our gifts and the other had a full tray of gifts the pope was bestowing on us. When His Holiness arrived at my station, I took his hand and kissed his ring. Before he asked my name and where I was from, he mentioned that he liked my tie. I was almost compelled to take it off and offer it to him, but I held back. With that, the empty tray was extended and I took my array of rosary beads and other religious items and placed them on the tray and Pope John Paul then bestowed a blessing on them. He then reached into the other tray and handed me a small package which he then placed into my hands. It was at that moment that I grasped both my hands around his and wouldn't let go until such time as the audience applauded. He wanted to know everything about me, my name, what country I came from, if I was married, had children, what their names were and if they were attending Catholic school.

We spoke about the Mass that he had just said and how spiritual it was to be there. I have to say, I didn't let go of his hand for a minute. When it was time for the pope to move on to the next person, he handed me an inscribed card, a medalion and rosary beads.

Something I will never forget and I don't even think Bruce will forget it, but I turned to the pope and asked him for another set of rosary beads for my wife.

With that he handed me another rosary and a whole handful of inscribed cards. When Pope John Paul had completed speaking with the last person, he bestowed a blessing on all of us, whereby the huge wooden doors reopened and he proceeded back to his personal quarters. Wow!

When we exited the papal elevator, we were greeted by Gusso, who then took Bruce and I on a private tour of the Vatican. We were completely in awe when he opened the doors to the balcony overlooking St. Peter's Square and allowed us to step out onto the balcony. He then took us to rooms with huge thrones, magnificent tapestries and high gilded parquet floors. These very different rooms were where the pope would meet with presidents, kings, queens, princes, princesses and various other dignitaries from around the world. He then had a private tour of the Sistine Chapel and many other areas of the Vatican and the grounds as well. The following day, we were on a plane back to New Jersey and, although it was sad to leave, we were leaving with memories of a lifetime.

Pope John Paul II was a powerful presence in every sense of the word, both in action and in deed and he will live in our hearts forever.

Gary Whyte is a resident of Mountaineer.

EVENTS

Eisenberg honored at Hadassah luncheon
Springfield resident Betty Eisenberg has been chosen as Woman of the Year by the Springfield chapter of Hadassah and will be honored at a luncheon scheduled for April 21 at 11:45 a.m. at L'Affaire, 1099 Route 22 east in Mountaineer.

A life member of Hadassah, Eisenberg is currently the chapter's vice president for education.

The widow of Samuel Eisenberg, she is the mother of Isaac Paul of Short Hills, also a life member of Hadassah and former Springfield resident, and Lewis Eisenberg of Brookline, Mass. Eisenberg is the grandmother of five and the great-grandmother of two.

Eisenberg was employed for many years as a legal secretary. Her last position of 20 years duration was with Union attorney David G. Corvino.

The luncheon program will also include a musical presentation featuring JULIAN, a man of a thousand voices. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Hadassah & Transcare Center at Hadassah Hospital.

Those interested in attending are urged to call luncheon Chairperson Renee Graham at 973-376-3826.

Health Department sponsors health fair
The Westfield Regional Health Department, in collaboration with King's Super Market in Garwood, Trader Joe's Company in Westfield and Shoppies Market in Springfield, will have their Spring Health Fair on April 30 at 426 East Broad St., Westfield, at the Westfield Municipal Building Community Room from 9 a.m. to noon.

Services are exclusively for residents living in the towns of Garwood, Garfield, Mountaineer, New Providence, Roselle Park, Westfield and Springfield.

The fair offers free health screenings which include: bone density testing, blood pressure screening, hearing exam, chiropractic consultation which includes balance testing and posture analysis, cholesterol, cancer, varicose veins, dermatology consultations, skin care screening, breast health awareness information.

Participants who also get blood pressure readings will receive a complimentary free mammogram for women.

Free pneumococcal pneumonia vaccinations are offered, pre-registration is required. Pre-registration will occur today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pneumococcal pneumonia vaccine is to be given to all adults 65 years of age and older and those with diabetes mellitus, chronic pulmonary or cardiac disease, sickle cell disease, "splenitis," asplenia, syndrome, immune problems, alcoholism or chronic liver disease. A few Union County Police Department Child Seat Safety Clinic will occur the day of the fair.

Bring your child safety seat for the experts to check proper installation and positioning of your car seat in your vehicle.

Kids' fishing derby casts off at Echo Lake
Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club, New Jersey's Grand Old Club, will host the 25th annual kids' fishing derby at Echo Lake Park in Mountaineer, N.J., from Saturday through Sunday, April 16 and 17 at 8 a.m. All contestants must register by 11 a.m. Saturday. Adults may enter for a \$7 entry fee. Admission is free for all children 16 years old and younger. Trout up to 5 pounds will be stocked. Prizes will also be awarded.

Call Fred Berow at 908-753-4726 between 7 and 8 p.m. for information.

Trailside presents Wildlife Sunday

This Sunday, Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road in Mountaineer, will conduct their 15th annual Wildlife Sunday with a wide range of activities from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 per person; children ages 6 and younger are admitted free.

Call 908-789-3670 for information on any of the following programs.

- From 1:30 and 3 p.m. John Burr, of Wild Birds Unlimited in Scotch Plains, will address bird-feeding basics and how to establish a successful feeding station in your backyard.

Learn about a variety of feeder designs, seed types, plantings to attract hummingbirds and how to outwit squirrels during this interactive program.

• At 2:30 p.m., join a member of the Greater Watchung Nature Club to search for migrant and resident birds of the Watchung Reservation during a "Bird Walk." Bring your binoculars if you have them.

• At 2 and 3:45 p.m., Sylvio Codella, of Kean University, will give an illustrated investigation into the life cycles and importance of ants, bees and wasps found in the Watchung Reservation area.

Discover the vital role these insects play in the food web and pollination of local trees and plants.

• At 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. participants can join a park naturalist for a spring stroll to take advantage of the beauty of the season by hiking one of the nature trails. Search for wildflowers, bird nests, baby animals and other telltale signs of spring.

• At 12:45, 2:30 and 3:45 p.m. Glen "Wreckin' Ball" Waldeck and his band will bring to the stage a musical journey covering an array of topics. His songs have been heard on NBC, PBS, CNN and the Discovery Channel. The audience can participate through singing, dancing and other antics.

• From 1 to 5 p.m., meet a different snake or turtle each hour and have all of your reptile questions answered by a park naturalist.

• At 12:30 and 3:30 p.m., Jennifer Pena will present the natural history of birds of prey in "Flight of the Raptor."

Learn about nesting habits, hunting adaptations and flight patterns of these birds. Get an up-close look at live raptors, which may include a peregrine falcon, kestrel, screech owl and gyrfalcon. The show will conclude with an outdoor flight demonstration.

• At 1 and 2:30 p.m. Winnie Roo, of Wolf Visions, and his wolf dogs will dispel the myths and legends of "The Big Bad Wolf" and explain their role in maintaining a balanced ecosystem in "Way of the Wolf."

Schools are dangerous polling sites

After being sworn into office, one of the first announcements by acting Gov. Richard Codey was a call for more school protection.

A group of us studied the New Jersey School Education statutes known as Title 18A and recommended 15 improvement suggestions for changes or additions in that category to state Sen. Thomas Kean Jr. in 2003 and 2004. Thus far, he has taken no action on any of our suggestions for amendments or the introduction of new school laws.

One of the suggestions was that any schools which are used in a community as polling places or on election day — primary, general, school board or referendum — should be closed for classes and school personnel on those days.

If one's polling place should be in a school — such as the Caldwell, Walton, Sandmeier or Gaudineer schools — one can easily observe that it is possible for all kinds of persons to walk into the building on election days, sometimes by more than one entrance. Some people are lost or have the wrong polling place, but anyone with evil intentions could easily confront the students and teachers or school personnel with a gun or a knife or hide in the building to do damage later.

After the Columbine, Col., and the Red Lake, Minn., shootings, there are strong feelings that our New Jersey public schools should be closed on election days as one way to avoid more tragedies.

Will the superintendent of schools or the members of the Springfield Board of Education move to take further measures to protect our students, teachers and school personnel by ordering that all schools will be closed — or at least, the ones which are used as polling places — on the next statewide election day, which is on Tuesday, for the election of school board candidates and to vote on the proposed school budget? Will they order all schools to be closed on other election days also?

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PLANS TO GET TO YOU

PHOTO BY GARY WHYTE

Game raises funds for cancer patient

On April 22, a fund-raiser basketball game kicks off between the Mountaintop Police Department and the Mountaintop Fire Department for Frankie Rubino, a child who was diagnosed with an orbital rhabdomyosarcoma.

Frankie Rubino is just a normal 12-year-old. He resides in Mountaintop with his father Frank, who is a local contractor and his mother Lori, who is a full time kindergarten assistant at Beechwood School. Frankie attends Deerfield School and is very active at school and in all sports.

On Dec. 27, 2004, Frankie was diagnosed with cancer. The family decided to take him to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for his treatment. He has been receiving chemotherapy once a week since January and has just completed a five-week radiation therapy.

Lori and Frank Sr. are extremely pleased with the hospital. "They have all been wonderful, very compassionate and professional with our son," said Lori. Frankie was extremely lucky as they have caught his cancer in it's embryonic stage. He has responded well to his treatments and his progress is great, said Lori.

The event will be conducted at Deerfield School.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALES
SHERIFF'S NUMBER 0275822
DIVISION CHANCERY
COUNTY UNION
DOCKET NO. 0601000 MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF KEY BANK, USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUC TO THE INTERESTS OF CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC.
DEFENDANT JOHNIE R BANKS, JR. ET AL.

WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE
JANUARY 28, 2005
SALE DATE
WEDNESDAY, THE 20TH DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2005

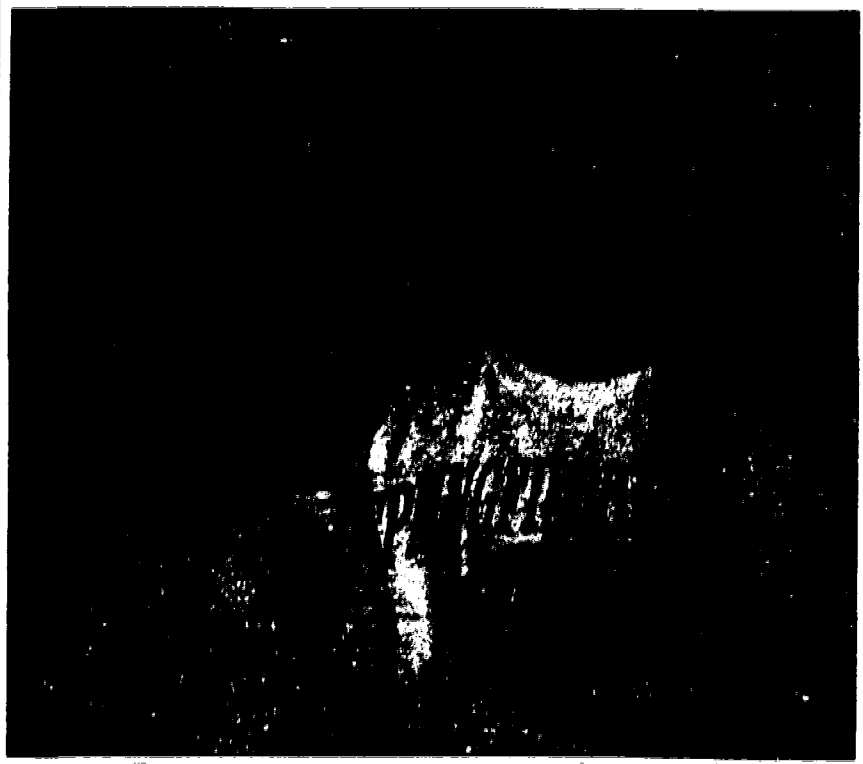
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ELIZABETH, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at 10:00 o'clock in the afternoon, at the County Administration Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey. All successful bidders must have 20% of the purchase price in cash or check at the conclusion of the sale.

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Healthy Kids Day



Bruce Foyas and Jack Quinn, both of Springfield, enjoy the many fun-filled activities during the Healthy Kids Day Celebration at the Springfield YMCA on April 2.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES
TO BE ANNOUNCED
JUDGMENT AMOUNT
SAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN & 1/10
TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT
\$142,867.14
March 24, 2005
ATTORNEY
FEIN SUHA KAHN & SHEPARD, P.C.
SUITE 200
1000 UNIVERSITY DRIVE
PARLISAPANY, NJ 07054
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Township of Springfield
Planning Board
County of Union, State of New Jersey
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that New Circular Wireless PCS, LLC filed an application seeking Conditional Use Approval, siting and rear yard setback variances, variance for increase of maximum lot coverage and Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval for the Township of Springfield Planning Board, seeking permission to place twelve (12) telecommunications antennas at 90 on an existing 100' monopole. The applicant also intends to place one (1) antenna at the base of the monopole. The location is located at 51 Brown Avenue, in the 120 Zone (General Industrial), and is designated on the maps as Block 3102, Lot 4 ("Property"). Applicant is seeking the following variances:

• Conditional Use Approval
• Side Yard Variance
• Rear Yard Variance
• Increase of Maximum Lot Coverage Variance
• Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Applicant also seeks such approvals, waivers and variances from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance as may be deemed necessary to carry out the purpose of the Springfield Planning Board at the hearing in this matter.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township of Springfield Planning Board will hold public hearings on the application for Conditional Use Approval, siting and rear yard setback variances, variance for increase of maximum lot coverage and Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval for the Township of Springfield Planning Board at the hearing in this matter.

STUDENT UPDATE

Steinman named to dean's list at Moravian

Sara Steinman, a freshman at Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pa., was named to the dean's list for academic achievement for the fall 2004 semester and also inducted to the freshman National Honor Society.

Steinman is a 2004 graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School who is majoring in elementary education.

Nicasro graduates Muhlenberg School

Joyce Marie Nicasro of Mountaintop is a January 2005 graduate of Muhlenberg School of Nursing. She

completed her requirements at Muhlenberg and successfully passed her state board examination, thus qualifying her as a registered nurse.

She is currently employed in the pediatric unit at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

Seton Hall Prep honors

Several Mountaintop and Springfield residents were among the students at Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange named to the second trimester honor roll.

EDUCATION

Committee seeks funds for Project Graduation

The Springfield Project Graduation Committee is in the process of planning the celebration for the Jonathan Dayton High School senior class of 2005.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Preschoolers sought for special ed services

Disabled preschoolers ages 3 to 5 who are in need of special education and related services are being sought by the Springfield school district. Preschool children with disabilities demonstrate delays in cognition, speech, language, vision, hearing, motor or social/emotional development. Springfield offers a program for preschool disabled youngsters called SPROUT, Springfield School Readiness Opportunities for Unique Tot.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALES
SHERIFF'S NUMBER 0275827
DIVISION CHANCERY
COUNTY UNION
DOCKET NO. F123204
PLAINTIFF ROBERT ACQUISITION, LLC
DEFENDANT BROWN AVENUE REALTY, LLC, ET AL.

WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE:
MARCH 23, 2005
SALE DATE:
MAY 4, 2005

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Anyone who knows a preschooler who may be eligible for this program, may call the Springfield school district, Department of Special Services at 973-376-0948 to request an evaluation of the youngster.

The JDHS Project Graduation thanks everyone for their support as the committee works toward providing a safe and enjoyable celebration for the Jonathan Dayton High School class of 2005.

For information, call one of the Project Graduation 2005 committee members.

Felice Schneider can be reached at 908-522-0537, or through e-mail at: Felice@ednet.com; Patti Potrock at 973-376-0201, or via e-mail at: Pup1125@aol.com, and Cathy Fosse-

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC AUCTION
May 13, 2005 at 12:30 pm Landlord Self Storage
1229 Route 22 East, Mountaintop, NJ 07054

The following merchandise will be sold at public auction. Listed below are the unit numbers along with the company name and a brief description of the contents.

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SAGE celebrates opening

In celebration of SAGE Eldercare's move to its new location at 290 Broad St. in Summit, Board of Trustee President Mary Anne McDonald, a resident of Summit, has announced an open house event on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. After 50 years of serving the community from its headquarters in a Victorian home at 50 DeForest Ave., the non-profit organization is excited to have moved to a new state-of-the-art facility.

As part of the open house event, local artist and Summit resident Katie Reinhardt will have her artwork on display throughout the building for viewing. Buyers interested in purchasing any of her pieces on display in the new building will be pleased to know that a considerable portion of the proceeds from the sale will be donated to SAGE Eldercare by the artist.

The community at large is invited to the open house event to learn more about the programs and services of SAGE Eldercare. Refreshments will be served.

For information, call Ellen McNeel, SAGE Infocare director, at 908-273-5550 or log on to www.sagenj.org.

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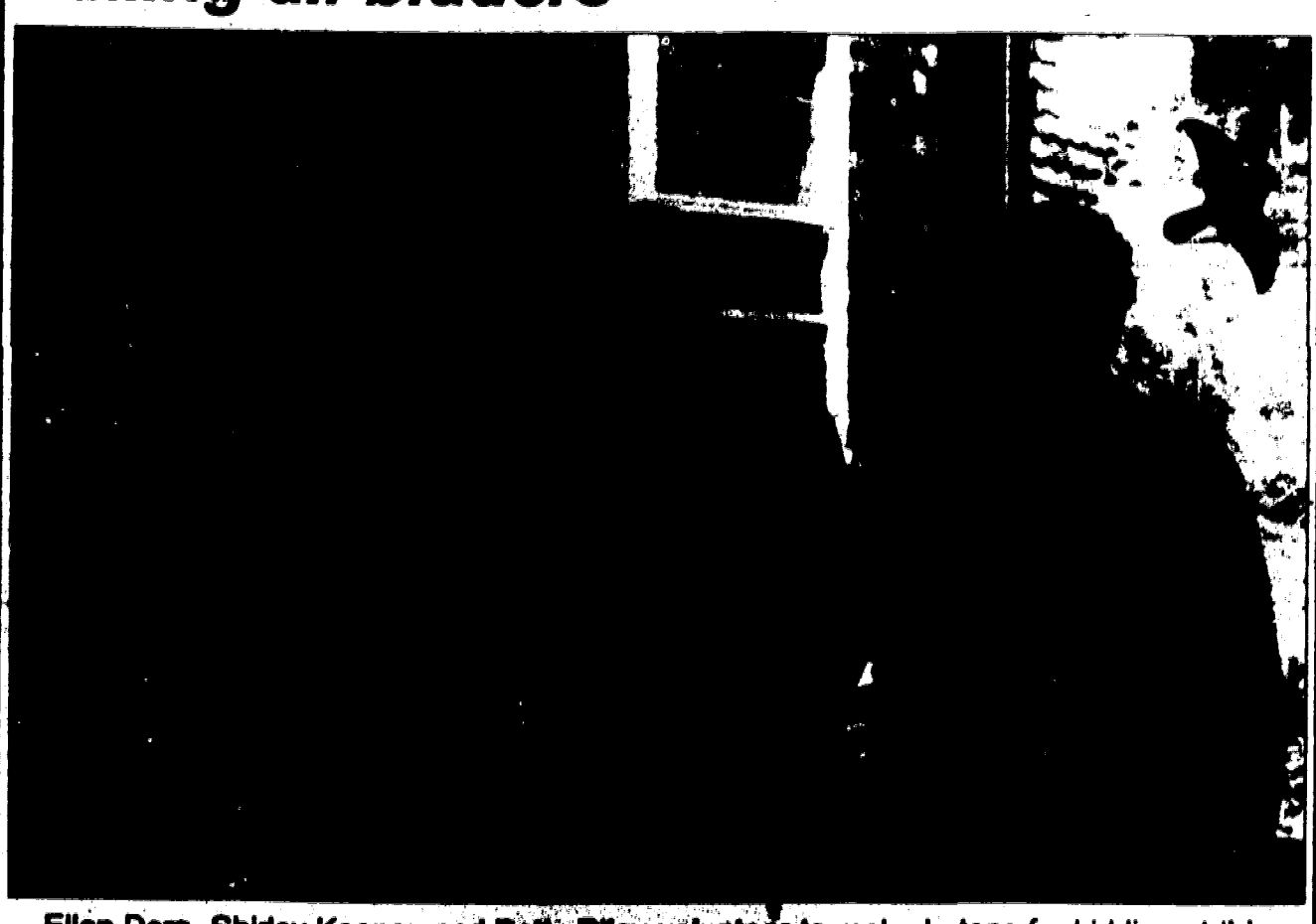
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Calling all bidders



Ellen Dorn, Shirley Keeney and Betty Riley volunteer to make batons for bidding at this year's 'Flowers, Ferns and Foliage Plant Sale' at Rutgers-Rosed Arboretum in Summit on May 8. Tickets are \$50 per person. For information, call 908-273-8787.

PREP group gathers

SAGE Eldercare, a major community resource for elders, offers a monthly support group for caregivers of the third Wednesday of each month at SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad St. in Summit.

PREP — People Responsible for Elderly Persons — provides caregivers with emotional support, community resources, effective problem-solving and coping strategies, and the chance to share common concerns with others who are caring for their aging loved ones.

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SAGE offers 'Living Well' lecture series

SAGE Eldercare, a major community resource for the elderly, will offer its fourth annual "Living Well" lecture series spring programs. All programs are free of charge and this year's programs focus on the wellness of the whole person. All "Living Well" lectures are from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at SAGE Eldercare's new location at 290 Broad St., Summit, and are free of charge.

Refreshments will be served. Pre-registration is suggested, though walk-ins are welcome, by calling 908-598-5520. The spring programs include: "Planning for a Financially Healthy Future" presented by Gary Mazzari, estate long term care planning attorney on April 27; "Stress Reduction Tips to Increase Productivity in your Professional & Personal Life" presented by Beth Pinkus of the Mind Body Wellness Center on May 10; and "Practical Strategies for Leading a Smoke-Free Life" presented by Lorraine Kowalski of Prevention Links of Union County on May 24.

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Oak Knoll mourns loss of pope

At Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit, individual theology classes have been praying for Pope John Paul II since April 4 and schoolwide prayers were scheduled last week. Students were shown a videotape of the official mass ceremony from Rome on Friday. An acrylic painting created by Will Cardell, chairman of the Creative Arts Department at Oak Knoll, is offered at the entrances to both the Upper and Lower School of Oak Knoll.

According to Kathleen Lynch, chairwoman of the Upper School Campus Ministry Team, students unfortunately don't have the full understanding of the Pope's 26 years. "What they have seen is his poor health," said Lynch. "The positive of his death is that they get to learn about this great person, discussing the impact of his papacy on the church."

Through online research at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Web site, various books and video presentations, Oak Knoll students are uncovering the man behind the title of pontiff.

"He's been the face of the Catholic church for so long, so from our standpoint, we're popeless," said sophomore

Colleen Carfield during Lynch's Church Study class. "People are already talking about him as Pope John Paul the Great."

Classmate Virginia Crotty launched her hand in the air during a discussion, revealing what she had discovered. "I never knew he was a great poet, a great athlete and an aspiring actor!" said Crotty. Classmate Cristina Luzarraga was surprised to discover that the pope was a youth minister, previously serving as a marriage counselor while he was a priest.

"And he had a love for young people," said Luzarraga. "He was protective of his Jewish friends, even when it was dangerous for him to do so growing up in Poland at the time."

Theology teacher Nonie Murphy showed sections of the PBS Frontline special "John Paul II: The Millennium Pope" to 11th- and 12th-grade classes. In one of Murphy's 10th-grade classes, a student brought in a photo of herself with John Paul II taken when her family had a private audience with him five years ago.

Exploring outdoor wonders



Summer wouldn't be complete without some time spent exploring nature and its many wonders. Elephant Tree Camp at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit is geared for curious children interested in exploring the outdoors. Here Ben Sheaffer gets a tickle from getting close to a monarch butterfly. For camp openings, call 908-273-8787 ext. 15.

'Mostly Watercolor' exhibit on display

"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. The galleries are open to the public by appointment only.

To make an appointment, call Linda Cole at 908-277-6054.

Taylor is an award-winning artist who finds challenge in 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 travel.

Taylor began studying watercolor when she was 15. A graduate of the High School of Industrial Arts in Manhattan, she has a bachelor of arts in fine and applied arts from Brooklyn College. Further studies include courses at The School of Visual Arts, the New School for Social Research and most recently, the Yard School of Art in Montclair. Taylor is a member of several professional organizations.

She is also an associate member of the New Jersey Watercolor Society and the Garden State Watercolor Society.

Taylor just completed a three-year presidency of the Essex Water-

'KidzArt' offers guided creativity curriculum

Youngsters in the Summit area now have a new way to learn about drawing — and themselves.

KidzArt, a unique arts enrichment program for children, is now being offered at the Summit Recreation Center located at 100 Morris Ave. Classes are forming now for preschool, kindergarten and grades one to five.

KidzArt offers a unique "guided creativity" curriculum for children. Classes are kept small, usually around eight to 12 enrollees, to maximize the amount of attention paid to each student. The program teaches them how to express themselves — and gain greater self-confidence — through drawing.

New products and mediums are introduced on a regular basis. Absolutely no prior arts training experience is necessary for children to participate and parents often notice results right away.

Not only do children bring home "refrigerator-ready" art, but a whole secondary set of skills as well. "KidzArt really helps strengthen a child's sense of artistic excellence and mastery which starts to spill over into other areas of their lives," said Lisa Woolcock, owner and certified instructor. "Kids learn to think creatively — outside the box and they gain a lifetime love of art."

Founded in 1993 and franchising since July 2002, KidzArt is designed to let kids of all ages explore their inner artistic potential in a safe, structured, non-competitive environment. With 40 franchises nationwide and growing, KidzArt is bringing its innovative activities to after-school programs, summer camps, birthday parties and other venues.

To enroll, call the Summit Board of Recreation at 908-277-2932. To find out more about KidzArt, call Woolcock at 973-762-6622 or via e-mail at kidzart@comcast.net or visit KidzArt on the Web at www.kidzart.com.

NEWS CLIPS

Morris Avenue Corridor Project under way

The long-awaited Union County Morris Avenue Corridor project is expected to begin this year.

The project consists of the replacement of traffic signals at eight intersections from River Road to Orchard Street and new signal installations at three locations — Morris/Mountain avenues, Morris/Glenside avenues and Glenside/Balducci avenues.

The project includes the milling and resurfacing of the entire length of Morris Avenue in Summit.

Once completed, the new coordinated system will be capable of moving traffic along the corridor in a smooth, efficient manner and provided needed traffic safety measures at key intersections along Morris Avenue.

It is anticipated that county officials will receive bids in May and award a contract in June.

Construction will begin soon after that and will take about a year to complete.

League of Women Voters meets regularly

Men and women interested in public policy issues are invited to consider joining the League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit.

The league was originally founded in 1920 as a non-partisan, political organization, operating at local, state

and national levels. Its aim is to influence public policy through education and advocacy.

Presently, one of the league's activities is co-sponsorship with the Summit Adult School of the "Great Decisions" discussion series, which is a nationwide project of the Foreign Policy Association. Topics coming up include Sudan/Darfur, Outsourcing Jobs, Global Water Issues, U.S. Intelligence and the Global Poverty Gap.

"Great Decisions" participants meet weekly on Wednesday evenings at Summit High School from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Background essays are supplied for each topic.

For information about the "Great Decisions" meetings or about other league activities, call Pam Kuhn at 908-273-7472 or Barbara Packer at 908-277-6773.

Summit Toastmasters meet Wednesdays

Summit Toastmasters, one of Toastmasters International's most successful and enduring clubs has reached a noteworthy milestone — its 50th year of operation.

Summit Toastmasters is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping area residents learn to communicate and lead in a non-threatening, supportive, and fun environment.

The club's motto is "Speak Up to Get Ahead."

The group meets Wednesdays from 8 to 10 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran

Church, 587 Springfield Ave., Summit. Guests are always welcome.

For information, call Vice President of Membership Lisa O'Donnell Fahoury at 973-324-2100, or visit Summit Toastmasters at www.summittoastmasters.com

Friends of NJCVA host Philly bus trip

The Friends of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts will host a bus trip to Philadelphia on April 26.

The destination will be the Philadelphia Museum of Art for a docent tour of the major retrospective exhibition devoted to Salvador Dali. The trip is open to the public.

There will be a \$10 discount with the purchase of tickets.

The bus for Philadelphia will leave at 7:30 a.m. from the rear parking lot of the New Providence AARP.

For reservations and information, call NJCVA at 908-273-9132.

Red Cross seeks donations for troops

The Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross is in need of "Touch of Home" items for distribution to U.S. troops. Donations will be given to military members who are deploying to or returning from overseas assignments or have been activated for assignments at a New Jersey military installation. This is a good project for Scouts, church groups and other community groups wanting to

do something for the Armed Forces. To help the volunteers at Fort Dix in assembling these items into "Touch of Home" kits, the list below must be followed closely. Items must be the correct size and type to be provided to the troops. Do not mix donated items, i.e., soap, razors, toothpaste, etc. They should be in separate large plastic bags or cardboard boxes clearly labeled with the contents:

- Individually wrapped soft toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, travel size shaving cream, double edge individually wrapped disposable razors, Chap Stick/lip balm, travel size mouthwash, small bottles of unscented baby or foot powder, eye drops, ladies hygiene items, big guard — with DEET, sun block — SPF 45 or higher, travel size bottles of shampoo — name brands preferred — travel size hand lotion, unscented bath soap, small packages of wet wipes, small bottles of hand sanitizer and one gallon zip lock bags.

The following items will be distributed to military members at a comfort station: Writing tablets and envelopes, black ink pens, individually wrapped snacks, crackers, cookies, granola bars and powdered drinks.

Although individual notes are welcome, they should not be religious or political in nature and should not include last names or addresses. Call 908-273-2076 to make arrangements for dropping off donations at the Summit Area Chapter, 695 Springfield Ave., Summit.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST
EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH — "SERVING CHRIST IN THE 21st CENTURY" — 242 Shungpe Rd., Springfield, Rev. Frederick Mackay, Sr. Pastor, Sundays 9:30 AM Bible Study for all ages — Nursery through Seniors; Spanish Sunday School 9:30 am and 5:30 pm; 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery care — 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11; 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care; Wednesdays: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study; Junior/Senior High Ministry; Active Youth Ministry; Wide Range Music Program; Ample Parking; Car Lift provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4351. Meetings: 7:00 pm — ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE.

JEWISH-REFORM
TEMPLE SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (973) 379-3587. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniela, Cantor; Education Director; Nima Greenman, Pre-School Director; Mady Scheff, Family Life Director; Edward Fuhr and Hans Rotenberg, Co-Presidents. Temple Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:00 PM, with monthly Family and Alternative Worship. Sunday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-7, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7, and Tuesday evenings for 8-12. A wide range of active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Renaissance Group and Youth Group activities. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (973) 379-5387.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE
TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 973-376-0539. Mark Malach, Rabbi; Richard Nadel, Cantor; Marilyn Garten, President. Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekly services Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM Sun.-Thu. 7:45 PM Shabbat (Friday) 9:00 PM & 8:30 PM Shabbat day 9:30 AM & sunset; Sunday 9:30 AM Festival & Holiday morning 9:00 AM Family and children services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third-seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's League; Men's Club; youth groups for sixth through twelfth graders; and a busy Adult Education program. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

JEWISH-ORTHODOX
CONGREGATION ISRAEL OF SPRINGFIELD 339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 973-467-9669. Chaim Marcus, Rabbi; Alan J. Yaver, Rabbi Emeritus; Solomon Greenfield, President. Congregation Israel is a Modern Orthodox synagogue. There are two daily weekday morning Minyanim at 8:15 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Daily weekday Mincha/Ma'ariv services are also held. Call the shul office for times. There are two Shabbat morning services at 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. as well as Junior Congregation at 9:30 a.m. The Nursery School conducts classes for children aged 2 1/2 to 4 A

METHODIST
SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (SUMCUM) 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 musicians and musicians are invited to participate in the music ministry led by professional musicians Olney Johnston and Dan Crain. Bible study, prayer, youth group and fellowship events enable us to grow in our faith. SUMCUM is located at the back end of Church Hill, near the intersection of Morris and Mountain Avenues, Springfield. Call 973-376-1695 for more information.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Summit is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue. Church School and Bible Study is held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m.; the emphasis of which is to always have a "good word" because of Paul's mandate to us in his letter to the Romans: "ALL things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose." The numerous activities include: Fellowship, Bible Study, and keep you awake! The music and weekly children's message are memorable. All are welcome to hear the Good News of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers nursery care, after worship refreshments and fellowship, and many lively programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you can have a "good word." Call the church office or Parents Office at 908-273-1700.

UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST
UNITARIAN CHURCH IN SUMMIT, 4 Waldron Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901. 908-273-3245. www.summituc.org. Rev. Susan Scott, Minister; Minnie Vans, Music and Choir Director; Sunday Services and religious education classes at 9:30 and 11:00 AM. Adult Education and other programs.

PRESBYTERIAN
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 210 Morris Ave. at Church Hill, Springfield, 973-379-4120. Sunday School Classes for ages 1yr- Senior High 9:00 a.m. in our Parish House. Sunday morning worship service 10:15 a.m. Children's Church is held during the worship service. Nursery care and facilities are provided. Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available. Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion is held for all worship services. The church and its rooms are handicapped accessible.

NOMAN CATHOLIC
THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, 380 Summit Avenue, Montclair, 908-332-3588. Celebrate the Lenten Day: Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi, Holy Communion, Sat. 1:00-2:00 pm. Weekly Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081. 973-376-3044. SUNDAY WORSHIP: Sat. 5:20 a.m. Sun. 7:30, 9:08, 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Roman Catholic. Sat. 1:00-2:00 pm. Weekly Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

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Artist creates with recycled materials

Award-winning artist Lydia Watson of Plainfield will be showing her 2005 En Rearte Arte exhibit at Bouras Galleries in Summit from May 2 through June. The Galleries are open to the public by appointment only. To make an appointment, call Linda Cole at 908-277-6054.

Watson works mostly with acrylics when painting but enjoys experimenting with diverse mediums. She has a new and interesting body of artwork made of recycled materials and a limited palette that will be included in this exhibit.

Watson has received many awards for her artistic endeavors. She began exhibiting in 1990 and has had shows in numerous venues, including Johnson & Johnson, NJIT

and Barron Art Center and as far away as Beijing, China.

Bouras Galleries is located in Bouras Properties at 25 DeForest Ave.

Mr. Bouras, owner of the building, is very community-oriented and has supported many charitable and civic organizations in town and throughout the country. Bouras Properties has also been the location for various city-sponsored events. Along with the idea of a venue for New Jersey artists goes the added bonus that part of the proceeds from any sales at the Bouras Galleries go to benefit Overlook Hospital.

Call Linda Cole for appointments at 908-277-6054.

Church extends garage sale on Web site

In a repeat action in the realm of church-sponsored garage and rummage sales, the Unitarian Church at 4 Waldron Ave. in Summit extended through the month of May, and perhaps longer, the Web site portion of the garage sale which was conducted

over three days last week. Citing lack of floor space for large items such as furniture and unusual items, the church created a catalogue of these items on its Web site.

Access to the Web site catalogue is reached by going to the church's Web site at www.summit.org and then clicking on Internet Sale.

As items are sold, they will be deleted from the site. For information, call Art Husker at 908-277-3598, or send an e-mail to arthausker@att.net.

OBITUARIES

Irving Simkowitz

Irving Simkowitz, 93, of Parkersburg, W. Va.; formerly of Springfield, died April 2 in St. Joseph's Hospital, Parkersburg.

Born in Newark, Mr. Simkowitz lived in Maplewood and Springfield before moving to Parkersburg. He was a typographer for Typographic Communications, N.Y., before retiring 18 years ago. Mr. Simkowitz previously worked in the same capacity at *The Daily News* in New York, *The Star-Ledger* and the *Newark Evening News*, both in Newark.

Surviving are two sons, Alan and David Simms, and four grandchildren.

Selma Feldman

Selma Feldman, 78, of Springfield, formerly of Union, died April 3 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Feldman lived in Union before moving to Springfield two years ago. She was a file clerk in the x-ray and radiology departments at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center for 26 years before retiring in 1996. Mrs. Feldman was a trustee at Temple Israel of Union and a member of the Israeli Federation of Union.

Surviving are her husband of 57 years, Max; a daughter, Michele Tiger; two sons, Howard and Ted; two brothers, Julie and William Eagle; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mary Kelsay

Mary Bernadette Kelsay of Tinton Falls, formerly of Springfield, died April 5 in the Renaissance Gardens, Tinton Falls.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Kelsay lived in East Orange and Springfield for 50 years before moving to Tinton Falls more than three years ago. She was a member of the Ahar and Rosany Society of the House of Lima Church, Short Hills.

Surviving are two sons, Joseph and Tom Demetrio; a daughter, Shavon Perry; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mark Cammarota

Mark Edward Cammarota, 38, of Mountaintop, formerly of Kenilworth, died April 3 at Hackensack University Medical Center.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Cammarota lived in Kenilworth before moving to Mountaintop 16 years ago. He was the owner and operator and founding director for: *Photomedia Imaging*, Millburn, for 10 years; Mr.

Cammarota also was a real estate agent for R.O. Cammarota Realtors, Kenilworth, a family business, for many years. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Monmouth University, Long Branch.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy; a daughter, Nina; his parents, Nancy and Rudolph Cammarota, and a brother, Michael.

Helen Kopper

Helen Ann Kopper, 87, of Springfield, formerly of Union, died April 6 at home.

Born in Summit, Mrs. Kopper lived in Union for 50 years before moving to Springfield four years ago. She was a member of the Life Lighter Society at St. Rose of Lima Church, Short Hills.

Surviving are three daughters, Judith Paolella, Barbara Heine and Kathleen; seven brothers, Robert, Vincent, Edward, Richard, Raymond, Arthur and William Colandrea; a sister, Florence Williams; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Lillian Harmelin

Lillian Harmelin of Livingston, formerly of Hillside and Springfield, died April 7 in the Inglenour Care Center, Livingston.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Harmelin lived in Orange, Hillside and Springfield before moving to Livingston in 2003.

Surviving are two daughters, Gayle Moskowitz and Ronnie Rosen; a sister, Gertrude Katchen; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Margaret Wilson

Margaret E. Wilson, 85, of Springfield died April 9 at home.

Born in Maplewood, Mrs. Wilson moved to Springfield 20 years ago. She was a dental hygienist for Dr. Roger Zicht in Mountaintop for 23 years. Mrs. Wilson was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Dental Hygiene School.

Surviving are two daughters, Andrea Woolcock and Janet Tunney; a brother, Herbert Bower; a sister, Betsy Hill, and four grandchildren.

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Spring courses offered

With the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts expansion and renovation project nearing completion, now is the time to register for a unique visual arts experience.

Classes and workshops for children, teens and adults, are offered in a variety of media and at all experience levels in nine state-of-the-art, new and renovated studios. The NJCVA provides increasingly vital community art education programs to encourage the appreciation, enjoyment and practice of art.

The spring/summer consists of two six-week semesters and weekend workshop intensives. Spring semester begins Monday and summer semester begins June 6.

Walk-in registration is today and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those who register before the start of classes are entitled to a \$5 per class discount.

Two new offerings for spring/summer 2005 include Outdoor Landscape Painting with Gerry Wood and Japanese Water-based Woodblock Printing with Takuya Hamanaka.

Understanding Contemporary Art with Cristina Nally is a special slide lecture course designed to explore the varied art movements of contemporary art, dating from the 1960s to the present day. The Collage Artist with Nancy Egoi Nikkal leads students through the process of two and three-dimensional collage — assemblage — via demonstration and hands-on learning.

In addition to these new offerings, classes for adults offer a full array of options for seniors, teens and children to engage in the medium of their choice.

Select adult class offerings this semester include Digital Media, Landscape Painting — The Great Indoors, and Pottery — From Tumbler to Teapot.

Ten Classes, appropriate for teens 13 and older, with exceptions, feature Comic Book Art, Portfolio Develop-



Courses in jewelry making are just some of the spring/summer offerings at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, which offers everything from children's classes in group settings to open studios for artists who work independently.

ment, and Working on the Potter's Wheel, among others. Age-specific children's classes, created specifically to support children's artistic developments, cover a variety of mediums including ceramics, painting, drawing and collage.

No Time For a Six-Week Class? Special one- and two-day workshops are offered during the spring and summer sessions for those who would like to try a new medium or have a limited amount of time.

Offerings include, among others, Contemporary Tapestry Weaving; I Just Bought a Digital Camera, Now What?; and Paint a Watercolor in Five Steps. Special one-day workshops for children include, among others, Mother's Day Jewels, Cartooning Animahops, and New Natural Wonder Workshops with popular instructor Becky Santora.

No Time for a Workshop? Set your own schedule.

Open studios are available to any artist seeking to work independently in a professional environment without an instructor. Open studios are scheduled throughout the week for pottery, jewelry and photography. Beginning with the spring/summer 2005 semester Open studio will now be available

for sculpture, printmaking and life. Each Open Studio session is 2½ hours and is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. A discounted ticket book is available to members of the NJCVA in the Registrar's office.

Kids and Teen Art Camp NJCVA will be offering six one-week sessions of Kids' Art Camp this summer. Teen Art Camp, new for 2005 for teens ages 13 to 15, will be offered July 18 through July 22 and July 25 through July 29.

Session 1: July 18 through July 22, Session 2: July 25 through July 29, Session 3: Aug. 1 through Aug. 5, Session 4: Aug. 8 through Aug. 12, Session 5: Aug. 15 through Aug. 19, Session 6: Aug. 22 through Aug. 26.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, the NJCVA Kids' Art Camp provides children with an opportunity to explore painting, drawing, watercolor, pottery, printmaking and various other media with expert instructors in a fun-filled environment. Children spend their day outdoors creating art projects in authentic art studios. At the week's end, parents are invited to a special art party to view their children's creations.

This program has been developed to foster knowledge and appreciation of the visual arts while offering a challenging environment for participants looking to expand their visual creative horizons. Each day offers a wide variety of art mediums and provides the perfect transition for teens who have attended Kid's Art Camp in past years.

For information and to view a complete class, workshop and open studio schedule log on to njcva.org or call 908-273-9121.

Founded in 1933 by a dedicated group of local artists, the not-for-profit NJCVA is located in Summit. The center includes a nine-studio art school taught by an award winning faculty, an exhibitions gallery and two strolling galleries once renovation is complete in September. Current programs include: Kaleidoscope docent-tours, Outreach Programming, Kid's and Teen Art Camp, and teacher symposiums, among others. The NJCVA is wheelchair accessible and funded, in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment of the Arts.

For general information, call 908-273-9121 or visit the Web site at www.njcva.org.

Local DAR chapters entertain at luncheon

The Summit-based Beacon Fire, Springfield-based Church and Cannon, Madison-based Lantaka-Parispanong and Morristown chapters of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution entertained the newly elected Board of Directors of the New Jersey State Society DAR at a luncheon at the Springfield Free Public Library on March 19.

Following the luncheon, the members enjoyed a presentation of "The Life of a Continental Soldier," delivered by Park Ranger Tom Winslow of the Morristown National Historical Park. NJDAR state board members in attendance were state regent Rita Kline, state chaplain Diane Clark Argraves, state historian Kitty Bowers and state librarian Diana Ricigliano.

Known as the largest women's patriotic organization in the world, DAR has more than 170,000 members with chapters in all 50 states and 11 foreign countries.

The DAR has long promoted patriotism, genealogical research, and historic preservation. New Jersey DAR members will be promoting patriotism and remembering Revolutionary War veterans by taking part in the 225th Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Springfield in June.

For information on DAR programs, the work of the society or how to become a member, visit the society's Web site at www.dar.org.

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SPORTS

Dayton Baseball

April 14 at Roselle, 4 p.m.
April 15 Gov. Livingston, 4
April 19 at Newark Central, 4
April 21 at Newark Central, 4
April 22 at Union, 4
April 26 at Technology, 4
April 28 at Oratory Prep, 4
April 29 at Roselle Park, 7:30 p.m.
May 2 at South Amboy, 4
May 3 St. Mary's, 4
May 9 New Providence, 4
May 10 at Manville, 4
May 12 at Hillside, 4
May 16 at Millburn, 4
May 17 Roselle, 4
May 19 Newark Central, 4
May 24 at Bound Brook, 4
May 26 Technology, 4
May 27 Oratory Prep, 4

Dayton Softball

April 14 Roselle, 4 p.m.
April 15 at Gov. Livingston, 4
April 19 at Newark Central, 4
April 21 at Newark Central, 4
April 26 Technology, 4
April 28 Mt. St. Mary's, 4
May 2 Dunellen, 4
May 3 at St. Mary's, 4
May 9 at Roselle, 4
May 9 at Oak Knoll, 4
May 10 Manville, 4
May 12 Hillside, 4
May 17 at Roselle, 4
May 19 at Newark Central, 4
May 24 at Bound Brook, 4
May 26 at Technology, 4
May 27 at Mt. St. Mary's, 4

Dayton Boys' Tennis

April 14 at Johnson, 4 p.m.
April 15 Madison, 4
April 19 at Plainfield, 4
April 20 at Morrisison, 3:45 p.m.
April 21 Roselle Park, 4
April 26 Roselle Catholic, 4
April 27 at Rahway, 4
April 28-29 UCT at Plainfield
May 3 at Gov. Livingston, 4
May 5 New Providence, 4
May 6 at Madison, 4
May 9 at Oratory Prep, 4
May 10 at Technology, 4
May 12 Johnson, 4
May 16 Scotch Plains, 4
May 17 at Union, 4
May 24 Gov. Livingston, 4
May 26 at New Providence, 4

Dayton Co-ed Track

April 19 at Madison, 4 p.m.
April 23 Millington, 4 p.m.
April 28 at Bound Brook, 4
May 4 MVC, 4 p.m.
May 7 Spring Relays at Plainfield
May 10-11 MVC, 4 p.m.
May 14 UCT meet at Plainfield

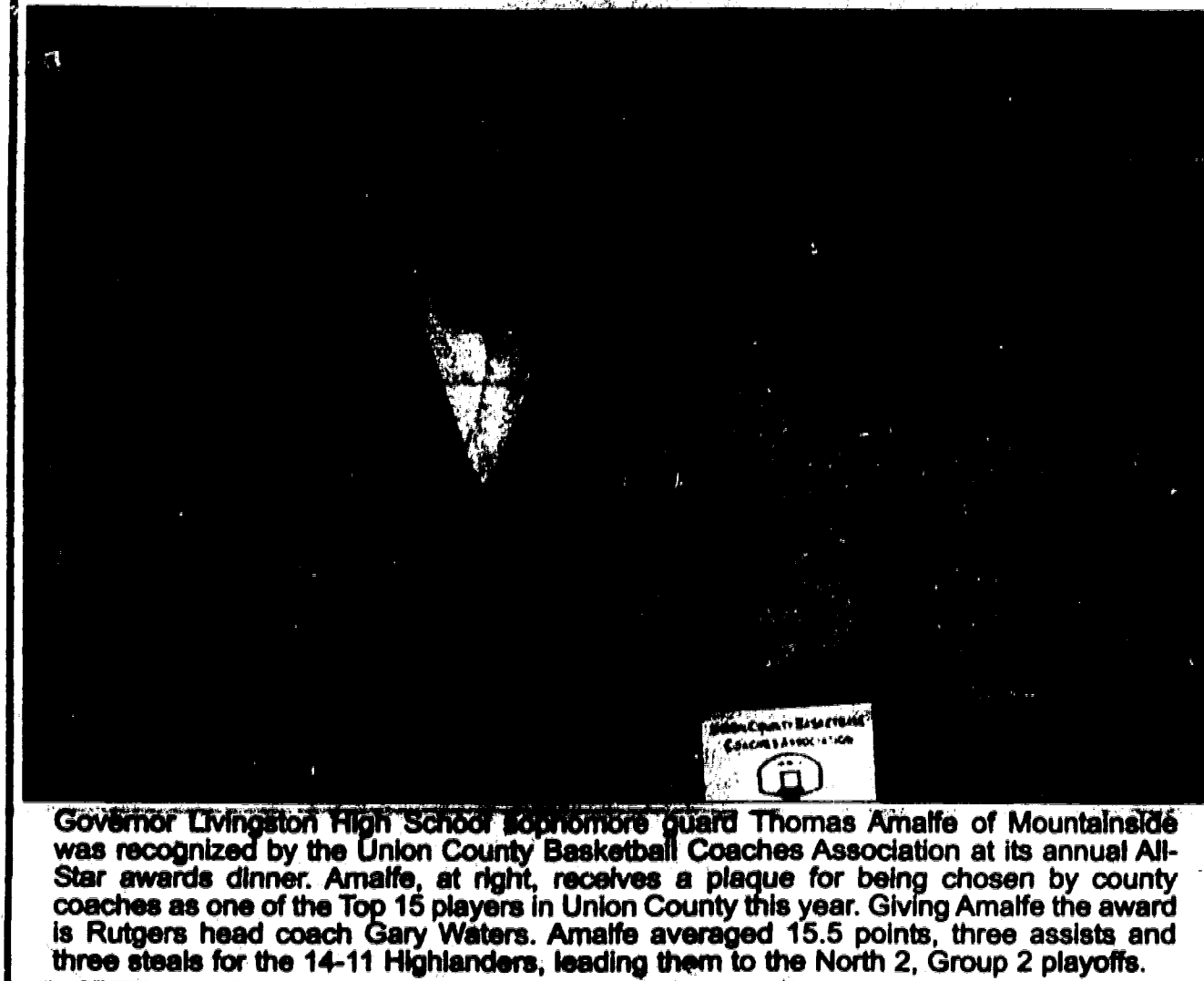
Dayton Soccer

April 14 at Cranford, Wilson School Field, 3:15 p.m.
April 18 Roselle Catholic, Galloping Hill, 3:20 p.m.
April 19 at Bloomfield, Forest Hill Golf Club, 3:30 p.m.
April 21 Roselle Park, Galloping Hill, 3:20 p.m.
April 26 at Newark Central, TRA
April 26 at North Plainfield, WBA
Brook Golf Course, 3:30 p.m.
April 27 New Providence, Oak Ridge, 3:20 p.m.
April 29 Roselle, Oak Ridge, 3:20 p.m.
May 3 at Brierley, Galloping Hill, 3:20 p.m.
May 5 Technology, Kent Place School, 3:50 p.m.
May 10 at Union, Suburban Golf Club, 3:30 p.m.
May 11 at Union Catholic, Kent Place School, 3:20 p.m.
May 12 UCT

Summit teams score

The Summit boys' track team placed first at last Saturday's Dodgeville Relays in Madison. Summit won the 4x100 in 45.3 and the 4x200 in 1:34.3 behind Justin Stalick, Pedro Fries, Troy Cresswell and Daryl Toney. The girls' were second to Madison by a 79-76 count.

One of county's best



Governor Livingston High School sophomore guard Thomas Amalfi of Mountalide was recognized by the Union County Basketball Coaches Association at its annual All-Star awards dinner. Amalfi, at right, receives a plaque for being chosen by county coaches as one of the Top 15 players in Union County this year. Giving Amalfi the award is Rutgers head coach Gary Waters. Amalfi averaged 15.5 points, three assists and three steals for the 14-11 Highlanders, leading them to the North 2, Group 2 playoffs.

GL baseball is off to a fine start as it begins week with 4-1 mark Outslugs Roselle Park 14-8 in road victory

By Timothy Deaman
Staff Writer

ROSELLE PARK — Seeking to better last season's 13-13 finish, the Governor Livingston High School baseball team is on its way, beginning the week with a 4-1 record.

After placing second in last weekend's Phil Krug Tournament at Millburn, the Highlanders began the week with a home game against Union Catholic Tuesday afternoon.

GL's third victory of the season was by a 14-8 count against Roselle Park last Thursday.

Prior to that, the Highlanders had home wins over Rahway 7-0 on April 1 and over Brierley 15-3 on April 5.

Against Roselle Park, GL got down to business in the top of the first inning, plating three runs. The Highlanders were able to capitalize on fielding miscues by the Panthers for their first score, while sophomore Brooks Miller took one of the rest with a two-run single for a 3-0 lead.

RP answered right back in the bottom of the frame as the first three batters reached base and were driven home by a bases-clearing triple by Jimmy Sinaur.

In the top of the fifth, GL scored four more runs, again capitalizing on RP fielding errors to regain the lead. GL loaded the bases with its first three batters before Miller drove in another run with a single.

New to the team, Mike Yano, who played two on a single, GL answered right back in the bottom of the frame as Chris Bergerelli scored on a sacrifice fly to tie the game at 4-4.

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GL's next series of batters pulled another runner home. Hollowell scored in the third inning and reached base with a sacrifice fly. Yano, who was playing in his first game since his return from a two-week injury, was playing in his first game since his return from a two-week injury.

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Summit softball wins home-opener Hilltoppers top Weequahic behind Clark, Wagner hitting

By Timothy Deaman
Staff Writer

Coming off a 7-17 season, the Summit High School softball team was anxious to get back into the win column after opening with a 10-0 Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division setback to perennial power Morris Hills April 4 in Rockaway.

The Hilltoppers did just that in beating conference rival Weequahic 16-2 in their home-opener April 6.

Liz Clark was 2-for-2 with two runs in the victory, while teammate Jillian Wagner belted a triple and scored a run.

The seven wins by Summit last year were its most in five years. The Hilltoppers are looking to build on that success this season.

While Summit lost 10 quality players to graduation last season, including pitching standout Maria Bennett, the Hilltoppers still have a good mix of young players that should help keep them competitive in the always tough IHC.

Batting leadoff for the Hilltoppers is Clark, the third baseman. The junior captain played center field for Summit the past two seasons but was moved to the infield this year.

Clark went 4-for-5 with two runs and an RBI in a 10-6 loss at Hackettstown last season.

"I needed an athlete in the infield," Summit head coach Dave Field said. "I knew Clark would be able to make the adjustment very quickly and she's been doing a fine job there so far."

Clark is a threat to steal when she gets on base and should be an offensive catalyst this season.

Wagner will also see some time at the hot corner. The sophomore has been improving every day and has been excellent with the bat.

When Wagner is at third, Clark returns to her previous position, center field. Batting behind Clark is junior shortstop Nicole Nelson.

A first-year starter with a very good glove, Nelson is the Hilltoppers' most sure-handed infielder.

Summit's No. 1 pitcher is sophomore Danielle Scott.

One of coach Field's most athletic players, Scott bats third or fourth in the lineup.

When she is not pitching, Scott takes over at first base for junior Jen Garrison.

Junior Renee Freeden bats third in the lineup. She is a power hitter and should drive in her fair share of runs this season.

Freeden has an above-average arm from her left field position and should keep baserunners honest.

Batting anywhere in the middle of the lineup is catcher Sarah Butters. The junior is a first-year varsity starter, who has come into her own behind the plate this season.

"She has really improved herself from last season," Field said. "She is a hard worker and is willing to do whatever it takes to get better. She has been real hot with the bat so far and should be a run-producer for us."

Batting behind Butters is another Summit captain, Dara Stone. The senior plays right field, but might move around some.

Second baseman Lauren DeMoro bats in the seven spot in the order. The junior is swinging a hot bat in the early going and is always a threat on the base paths.

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"Savor the Flavor" What's Cooking in Union County? will be Monday at The Westwood in Garwood...

Mothers & More

Mothers & More is a national, non-profit organization serving mothers who are by choice or circumstance altering their participation in the paid workplace over the course of their active parenting years...

CAU to bestow annual awards

Community Access Unlimited will host its 21st annual awards night Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the 22nd. CAU, a nonprofit social services agency that provides assistance to people with disabilities and at-risk youth...

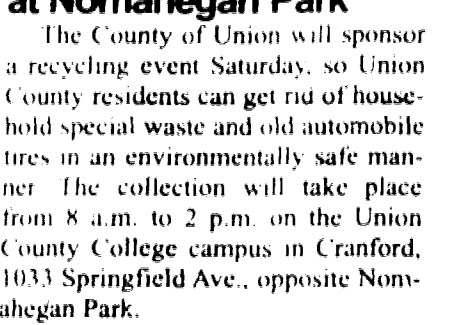
Special waste recycling at Nomahegan Park

The County of Union will sponsor a recycling event Saturday, so Union County residents can get rid of household special waste and old automobile tires in an environmentally safe manner...

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...

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'My County' poster winners named

Union County's elected constitutional officers honored 12 Union County fourth-graders as winners of the 2005-06 'My County' poster contest in a ceremony held last week at the Union County Courthouse...

Budget hearing yields more requests

SLAP offenders worked a total of 3,586 labor days last year, saving approximately \$1.2 million. SLAP is a voluntary alternative to incarceration for nonviolent offenders...

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Lawuits filed by both the Donatos and Hovanian against the township and the planning board alleged that the township violated the Donatos' rights to develop the property...

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Carlin delights crowd at UCAC with his brand of irreverent humor

By Steve Carlgaga Staff Writer

Approaching the age of 70 with a lengthy, successful career that dates back to the early 1960s, famed stand-up comedian George Carlin keeps his material fresh while remaining as funny as ever...

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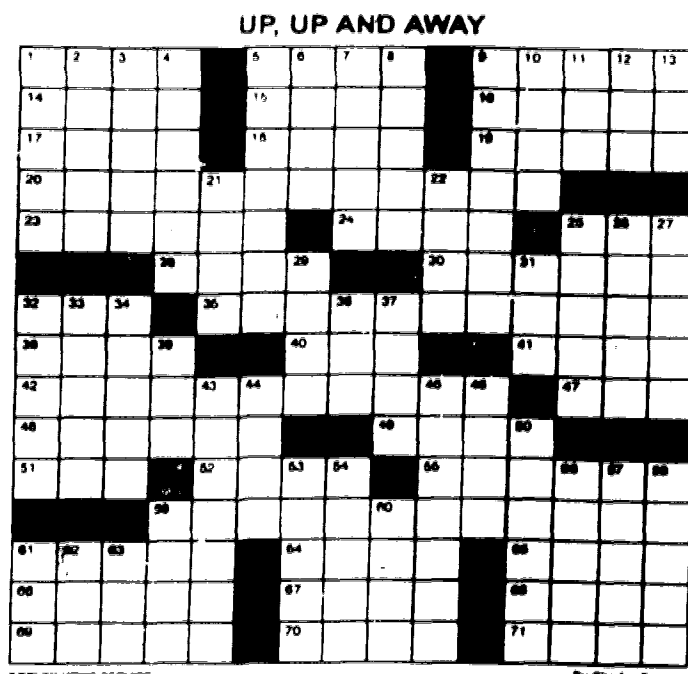
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Inspirational author in Cranford

Tom Canavan, editor in chief of *Worrall Community Newspapers*, will appear at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., which is right next door to the library, tonight at 7 p.m. to talk about his recently published book, "I Don't Have Time for This: My Battle with Cancer."

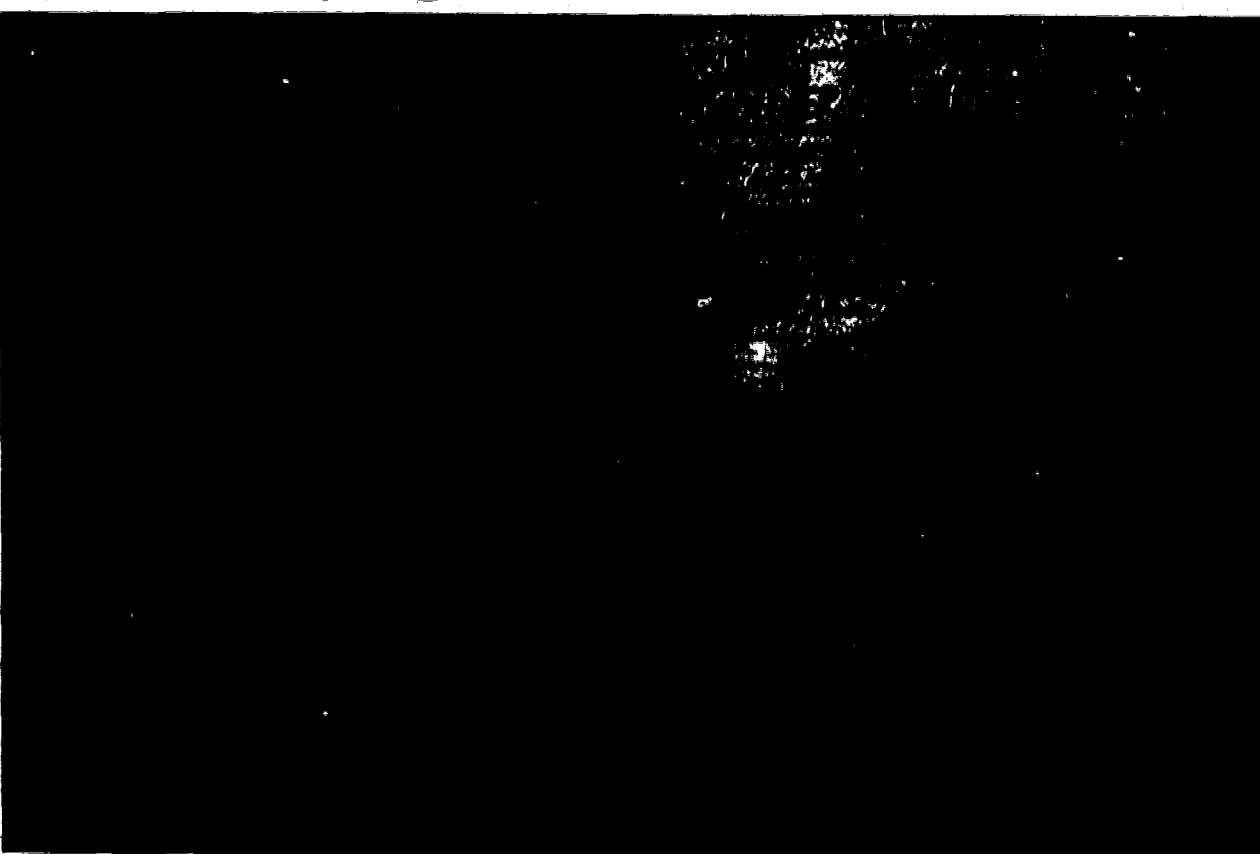
The program is sponsored by the Friends of Cranford Public Library.

Admission is free and all are welcome.

Canavan will have copies of the book available for purchase and signing. "I Don't Have Time for This" is about the author's battle with lung cancer, two brain tumors, a tumor on the adrenal gland, and numerous chemotherapies and radiation treatments.

Canavan is the recipient of many New Jersey Press Association awards for his writing. He has also been featured in *Time* magazine, *USA Today*, and *Newsweek*.

From long ago



Ella Ackerman, artistic director of ARTISTS, admires the artwork of her father, John Ackerman, from a sketchbook he kept during his service as a U.S. Marine Corps sergeant during the Korean Conflict. The poster details information of a May 1 staged reading of Tom O'Neill's award-winning one-act play 'A Soldier's Death' at Chatham United Methodist Church.

Pianos to be played at Kean

The Andrew De Grado Biennial Piano Debut Competition semi-finals and finals will be held at Kean University this June.

Entry deadline is May 9.

Don't miss a tremendous opportunity to enter and participate in this prestigious competition.

Information and forms are available on the Andrew De Grado Foundation's Web site: andrewdegrado.org.

The competition is open to United States born or naturalized citizens residing in one of the 15 states along the Eastern seaboard.

The two winners, one piano soloist and one piano accompanist, will perform this fall in a New York City debut concert in the prestigious Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall.

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SATURDAY April 16th, 2005
EVENT: Flea Market and Collectible Show
PLACE: Arthur L. Johnson High School, 365 Westfield Avenue, (off Raritan Road), Clark
TIME: 9am-5pm
DETAILS: New merchandise, crafts, collectibles, and garage/tag sale items. For information call 201-997-9535
ORGANIZATION: Sponsor By: Clark UNICO

AUCTION
SATURDAY April 16th, 2005
EVENT: Auction of Fine Art
PLACE: Mother Seton R.H.S., Valley Road, Clark
TIME: Preview: 7pm, Auction 8pm
PRICE: \$10/person, \$15/couple
Includes Hor D'Oeuvres, Wine & Cheese, Coffee & Cake. For tickets and information call 908-789-3029
ORGANIZATION: Mother Seton Regional H.S. Parent Guild

OTHER
FRIDAY & SATURDAY April 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd, 2005
EVENT: Mystic Vision Players presents NUNSENSE
PLACE: St. George Byzantine Church, 417 McCandless Street, Linden (corner of Huesa)
TIME: 8PM
PRICE: Tickets \$15. Call 908-625-8000
DETAILS: Directed by Joe Schredl, Choreographed by Patrick Stangas, Vocally directed by Howard Whitson. Starting: Maria Fiorello, Alison Capompoli, Laura Dowling, Kimberly Dagnall, and Beth Getlik
ORGANIZATION: Mystic Vision Players

FRIDAY SATURDAY
April 22nd, 23rd, 2005
EVENT: GARAGE and RUMMAGE SALE
PLACE: Community United Methodist Church, 301 Chestnut Street, Roselle Park
TIME: Friday 9AM-5PM, Saturday 9AM-2PM
PRICE: Free
Baked Goods and Coffee for sale on Friday. Info call office 908-245-2237
ORGANIZATION: Community United Methodist Church

RUMMAGE SALE
FRIDAY & SATURDAY April 15th, 16th, 2005
EVENT: HUGE RUMMAGE SALE- Short Hill
PLACE: Short Hill Community Congregational Church, 200 Hartsdon Drive
TIME: Friday 9am-3pm, Saturday 9am-1pm
DETAILS: Clothes, Furniture, Household Items. For information call 973-379-5600
ORGANIZATION: Community Congregational Church

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HOROSCOPES

April 18 to 25
ARIES, March 21 to April 19: Cash flows to you from an unexpected source. Play it smart and keep all possible avenues for receiving good into your life open and clear.
TAURUS, April 20 to May 20: This would be the ideal time to eradicate problems and move on to new opportunities. Re-evaluate a frustrating situation that is not working out.
GEMINI, May 21 to June 21: Periods of quiet meditation will put you in the right mood this week. Place your focus or emphasis on addressing your own needs.
CANCER, June 22 to July 22: Incorporate positive people skills that you can use to help further your career. Think of boons, fairness and an open mind as absolute attributes.
LEO, July 23 to Aug. 22: Your hard work and persistence really pays off in career pursuits. Put your nose to the grindstone and do not give up before reaching your desired goal.

VIRGO, Aug. 23 to Sept. 22: The biggest challenge you will face this week is an exchange of thoughts, opinions or ideas with others. Get your point across with conviction.
LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: It is time to update your financial portfolio and figure out a way to pay off a huge debt. Keep plugging along until you are in the black.
SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 21: You have what it takes to be fair and just in your assessment of a situation. Rise above judgment and give a loved one your honest opinion.
SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 22 to Dec. 21: Expect to be compensated well for your drive and determination. Be willing to go the extra mile in order to see a goal through to completion.
CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 19: Laughter is the best medicine for curing your mental or emotional ills this week. Lighten up and smile your way through trouble and despair.
AQUARIUS, Jan. 20 to Feb. 18: Do not make the mistake of taking a relationship with a parent or elder for granted. Tell or show him or her the many ways that you care.
PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20: Offer your full support to a community project that will enhance or improve your neighborhood. Work with others and really make a difference.
If your birthday is this week, with a dedicated purpose and a strong work ethic, you will be able to surpass your goals and expectations with relative ease during the coming year. Stay humble and focused in order to accomplish your wonderful and exciting feats. Keep in mind, something that is hidden comes to light and provides the beacon that will point the way toward fulfilling your true destiny.

Also born this week: William Shakespeare, Vladimir Lenin, Clarence Darrow, Adolf Hitler, Ella Fitzgerald, Shirley MacLaine, Andie MacDowell and Ashley Judd.

'The Baker's Wife' at Paper Mill

Paper Mill Playhouse presents the musical *The Baker's Wife* with book by Joseph Stein and music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz based on the film *La Femme du Boulanger*. Directed by Gordon Greenberg and choreographed by Christopher Gattelli, *The Baker's Wife* features Alice Ripley as Genevieve the baker's wife, Max Von Essen as Dominic and Lenny Wolfe as Amiable the baker with Gay Marshall as Denise and Richard Frucht as Claude. The remaining cast includes Jacque Carnahan, Rosalaine Collins, Cynthia Darlow, Kevin Del Aquila, Barry Finkle, Joy Franz, Mitchell Greenberg, Jamie La Verdere, Michael Medeiros, Mary Mossberg, John O'Creagh, Julia Osborne Saunders and Clinton Zugie.

"The Baker's Wife" is a wry musical comedy about jealousy, lust, revenge and forgiveness. A new baker arrives in a rural French village just in time to ease the pains of the contentious villagers, who have been without bread for weeks.

All is well and everyone's spirits are rising until the baker is driven to distraction and the villagers suffer the fate of breadlessness once again. To avoid yet more chaos, the villagers quickly join forces in order to bring harmony to their quaint town.

"The Baker's Wife" runs through May 15.

The performance schedule is Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Thursdays at 2 and 8 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2:30 and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$31 to \$68 and are on sale now. Student rush tickets are \$16 and available day of performance with current ID. For tickets call 973-376-4343 or buy online at www.papermill.org.

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YES, THEY ARE EDIBLE — From left, a Hungarian cake, the tiers of tuffets cake, and the foundation cake. All are part of 'The Wedding Cake Tradition,' the Newark Museum's salute to wedding cakes, which will be on display through May. For information, call 973-596-6650.

Improv group raises money for charity

In times when charities are struggling to make ends meet, a group of actors is pitching in to help two worthy causes.

On April 21, Nutty by Nature, a professional improv comedy group based in northern New Jersey, will perform at a fund-raiser benefit for AIDS Resource Foundation for Children and the ALS Association, Greater New York Chapter.

AIRC provides housing, educational and other means of assistance to children and teens infected with or afflicted by HIV/AIDS.

The ALS Association funds research and provides support and patient services for people afflicted with ALS, a progressive neuromuscular disease, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Nutty by Nature is an eight-member improv comedy group that has performed throughout northern New Jersey. Their charity fund-raiser, "Laughter is the Best Medicine," will be held on April 21 at the 12 Miles West Theatre, 562 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m. with refreshments to follow.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and can be ordered by calling 973-566-9700 or by visiting www.aidsresource.org/laughter.

For more information on 12 Miles West, visit the theater's Web site, www.12mileswest.org, or call 973-259-9187.

The 12 Miles West Theatre Company was born in the summer of 1992 when a group of local theater artists gathered informally to share ideas and collaborate on projects.

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ART SHOWS

"EIGHT PHOTOGRAPHERS YOUNG AND UNDERKNOWN" will be featured at The Arts Guild of Rahway through Friday. Admission is free and appointments are available for school visits and large groups. Gallery hours are today, 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. and Friday, 1 to 4 p.m. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St. Rahway. For appointments or information, call 732-381-7511 or send an e-mail to artsguild1670@earthlink.net or visit the Web site www.rahwayarts.org.

THE ELIZABETH COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS will host an art show and auction benefit at Holy Spirit Hall, located at Suburban Road and Morris Avenue in Union, on May 13. A preview will begin at 6:30 p.m. the art auction will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person, which includes refreshments, wine, and a door prize. For advance tickets call Ins Raspoli at 908-964-4123 or Mary Clara Kubick at 908-204-9772.

THE ASSEMBLY OF GODS is exhibiting recent digital collage work by Leslie Nobler-Farber, Elizabeth Jacobs, Kristen Faughnan, Joohyun Pyune and Jay Seldin will be on view at the Arts Guild of Rahway from Wednesday through May 13. There will be a reception with the artists on April 22, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is free. Gallery hours are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m., and Thursday from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. Appointments available for school visits and large groups. For information, call 732-381-7511, or send an e-mail to artsguild1670@earthlink.net.

LESTER PILKINGTON will present an exhibit of his photographs titled "What a Wonderful World" on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Les Malamut Gallery at the Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave., Union. For more information, call 908-851-5450. EIGHT GRADUATE STUDENTS showcase their art at Kean University exhibit. The exhibit is in the James Howe Gallery in the Vaughn-Eames Hall lobby on the main campus at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. The exhibit will run through May 10, admission is free. For more information, call the department of fine arts at 908-737-4400.

AUDITIONS

NUPAC AND THE WESTFIELD 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 9, with first rehearsal on April 16. The show premieres on July 15 and continues through July 24. For more information, call WYACY at 908-233-3200. Tickets go on sale Friday, and may be purchased by calling 800-468-5722.

MYSTIC VISION PLAYERS will hold auditions for their summer show, "Olivier" Children 13 and younger will audition on April 27 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Teens and young adults will audition from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on April 28 and 29. Bring sheet music and be prepared to sing 16 bars. A dance combination will be taught, so wear comfortable shoes and clothing. Auditions will be held at the JTG Recreation Center, located directly behind City Hall in Linden. Call 908-925-9068 for directions and any information. Show dates are July 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 and a matinee on July 24.

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" READING 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 Realm of History, Science, Nature and Technology." The book brings together 99 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/.

JEAN HANF KORELITZ will sign copies of her book, "The White Rose: A Novel," at the Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St. in Westfield, on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 908-233-3200.

Stepping Out

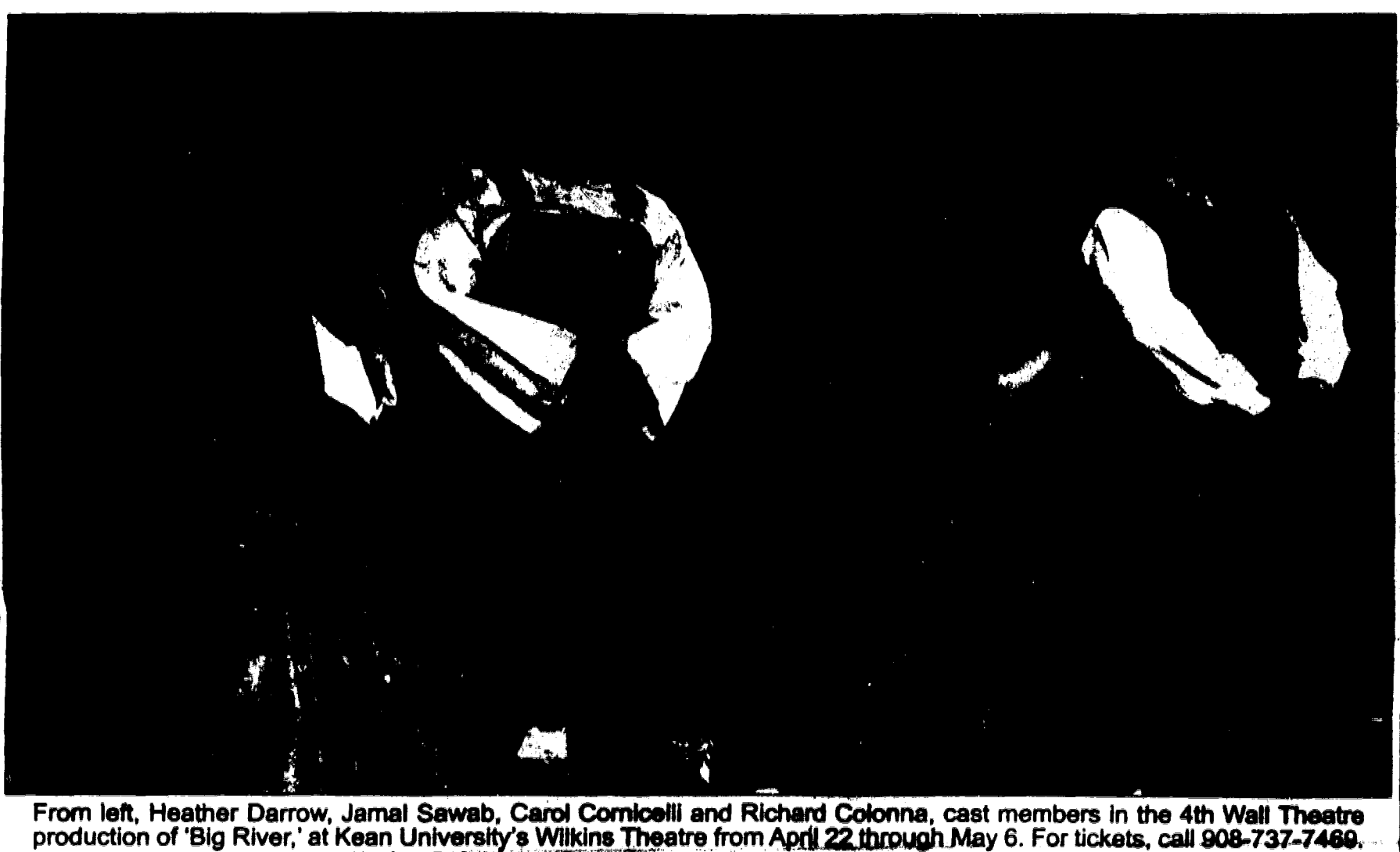
This My Battle with Cancer... The program is sponsored by the Friends of Cranford Public Library. Admission is free and all are welcome.

NOTED TEEN HISTORICAL FICTION AUTHOR Ann Rinaldi will appear at Barnes & Noble in Springfield on Saturday at 2 p.m. to sign her latest book "Nine Days a Queen," based upon Lady Jane Grey's short reign. A reading and discussion of all Rinaldi's works will also take place.

"CHICK LIT" BOOK GROUP meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Kris Radish's latest novel "Dancing Naked at the Edge of Dawn" is a poignant, outrageous, liberating story about one woman whose life takes an unexpected turn in this month's featured title. For more information or a list of future titles call 973-376-8544.

THE RED HAT SOCIETY'S LAUGH LINES: "Stones in Inspiration and Hat-titude" by Sue Ellen Cooper will be featured at a special tea party at the Springfield Barnes & Noble on April 24 at 2 p.m. Two signed copies of the book and other prizes will be awarded. This event is presented in collaboration with the Westfield Red Hat Society. Women aged 50 and over should dress in red hats and purple clothing for this event. For more details or to register, call 973-376-6581.

Huck Finn in Union



From left, Heather Darrow, Jamal Sawab, Carol Cornicelli and Richard Colonna, cast members in the 4th Wall Theatre production of 'Big River,' at Kean University's Wilkins Theatre from April 22 through May 6. For tickets, call 908-737-7489.

CLASS THE DUCRET SCHOOL OF ART is located at 1030 Central Ave. and is situated on a seven-acre campus in a historic residential area of Plainfield. The school offers full-time and part-time day and evening classes in fine art, graphic design/computer graphics and illustration. For information about the spring term call 908-757-1711, fax: 908-757-2826, or visit the Web site at www.ducret.edu for details.

CONCERTS SANCTUARY CONCERTS in Berkeley Heights will present musical acts in the coming weeks. Concerts are presented at Union Village Methodist Church, 1130 Mountain Ave., Berkeley Heights. For more information, call 973-376-4946, or visit the Web site, www.sanctuaryconcerts.org.

MEET THE ORCHESTRA concert series continues at the Suburban Community Music Center, 570 Central Ave., Murray Hill. For the 19th year, the Suburban Community Music Center, in cooperation with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, will host the Meet the Orchestra series for children ages 3 to 8. For more information, call 908-790-0700.

DIANNE REEVES will perform at 8 p.m. on April 23 at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway. For information, call the box office at 732-499-8226 or visit the Web site, www.uccac.org. Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway.

SOUTHSIDE JOHNNY and the ASBURY JUKES will perform at the Union County Arts Center on Saturday at 8 p.m. For information, call the box office at 732-499-8226 or visit the Web site, www.uccac.org. Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway.

DEBOL 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.uccac.org. Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway.

THE WATCHUNG ART CENTER ACOUSTIC-FOLK SERIES has begun at Watchung Art Center, 18 Sterling Road, Watchung. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$15. For information and reservations, call 908-753-0190 or send an e-mail to WACenter@aol.com. Visit the Web site, http://www.watchungarts.org/afolk.html. The following artists will perform as part of the Watchung Art Center Acoustic-Folk Series: May 7, John Flynn; June 4, Dave's True Story.

THE COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE CONCERT SERIES OF SPRINGFIELD will take place at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, Springfield. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$14. For information and reservations, call 908-522-1721 or send an e-mail to concerts@causes@aol.com. Also, visit the Web site, http://www.coffewithconscience.com.

The next show is May 14, featuring Basya Schecter & Friends. THE SECOND SATURDAY COFFEE-HOUSE SERIES will be at Summit Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., Clark. The fee for each lesson is \$4. For information, call 908-298-1851 or 732-381-2535 or 908-241-9492.

THE SUMMIT INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS has begun a new season with sessions on Fridays at 8 p.m. at the Connection, Morris Ave. at Maple St. in Summit. Beginners are welcome, no partners are needed. All sessions begin at 8 p.m., newcomers may arrive at 7:30 for extra help. Admission is \$2 for the evening. Call 973-467-8278 for information and a flyer listing the season schedule.

THE ALBORADA SPANISH DANCE THEATRE COMPANY and special guests bring the hot passion of Iberian dance to life in "Fuego!" on April 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Wilkins Theatre at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For more information, call the box office at 908-737-7489, or visit the Web site, www.wilkinstheatre.com.

MESTIZO FOLKLORE BALLET OF NEW YORK, a troupe of dancers and musicians who celebrate the spirit of Colombia, will appear for the first time in New Jersey at Kean University's Wilkins Theatre on Saturday 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for the general public and seniors, and \$15 for children. Call 908-737-7489 for more information, or to make reservations.

SNOOZE-A-PALOOZA slumber party adventure will be held for girls 6 years and older Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. at the Springfield Barnes & Noble. Based upon the latest Snooze-A-Palooza American Girl publication, girls will create an "arty anker" for their American Girl dolls. Call 973-376-6581 to register.

EVERY MONDAY AND THURSDAY at 11:30 a.m. Storytime themes include National Poetry Month, Corduroy, and Hans Christian Andersen's Birthday celebration. Full details available at Customer Service or Children's Department or by calling 973-376-6581.

POETRY POETRY OUT LOUGH will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-6544.

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 information, call 908-628-0127 or send an e-mail to info@second-sundays.org.

RADIO 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 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-241-5758.

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THE WILKINS THEATRE will present "Big River," a musical based on Mark Twain's story of Huck Finn in the deep south of pre-Civil War America. Performances are on April 22, 23 and 29, and May 6 and 7, at 8 p.m. For further information, call 866-484-8587.

"NUNBENSE," directed by Joe Schreck, choreographed by Patrick Starega, and vocally directed by Howard Whitmore, will be presented on Friday and Saturday and April 22 and 23 at 8 p.m. at St. George Byzantine Church, 417 McCandless St., Linden. Tickets are \$15.

THE SHAKESPEARE THEATRE OF NEW JERSEY will release the much-anticipated cast recording of "Wytse," an exuberant new musical by Peter Mills and Cara Felice adapted from Howard Whitmore, will be presented on Friday, the cost is \$19.99 and the CD can be purchased at The Shakespeare Theatre's gift shop, located in the lobby of the Madison-based theater, or by calling 973-408-3694, or by visiting www.shakespeare.org.

"HENRY V" will be presented on April 23 at 2 p.m. at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre, 36 Madison Ave. at Lancaster Road in Medford. Tickets are \$10, educators with a valid identification are offered two complimentary tickets. Call 908-408-5600 or visit www.shakespeare.org.

CAROLYN DORFMAN DANCE COMPANY VOICES will be presented on April 29 at 8 p.m. and April 30 at 7:30 p.m. Return to The Shakespeare Theatre, the acclaimed Carolyn Dorfman Dance Company presents a diverse repertory concert, featuring a reprise of Dorfman's "Living Room Music," the New Jersey premier of "Eden's Night," and new voices, including "Eden's Night" by guest choreographer Alden Theys and company member Noel MacDuffie's "Soul Descending." Regular tickets are \$20, students and seniors with valid identification pay \$15. Call 973-408-5600 for tickets. For additional information on the Carolyn Dorfman Dance Company, visit www.oddc.info.

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A silver tankard, above left, a silver cruet and bottles, and an oval box, are all part of 'Style, Status, Sterling: The Triumph of Silver in America,' which will be on display at The Newark Museum through March 2005.

Americans' desire to flaunt affluence is depicted in silver exhibit

By Jeff Cummins, Associate Editor. The old adage is that greed, or money, is the root of all evil. The truth, however, is that for many of us, whether you consider it greed or merely a fascination with the trappings of wealth, money represents one of life's guilty pleasures. Oh, it's not supposed to be that way. We're taught to be considerate, to be altruistic, and to give to charities and think of others. And there's plenty of merit in that sort of unselfish consideration of others. But, in a private moment, it's OK to admit to yourself something that's become politically incorrect, that you've always dreamed of owning that swimming pool, or a big mansion in a gated community, possessing a membership to an elite private club, wearing a big diamond ring, or possessing some sort of trump card that says to the world: "Don't mess with me, I'm rich!"

"Style, Status, Sterling: The Triumph of Silver in America," is a display at The Newark Museum that illustrates the truth about Americans' fascination with money and prestige. Silver has long been a symbol of affluence and power, and the museum's show details the history of silver as an example of wealth, examining everything from the Colonial era, when silver was rare in the United States, to the mass production of the early 20th century. And throughout this nation's history, the symbol of silver conveyed an unmistakable image of affluence.

Ulysses Grant Dietz, the museum's curator of the silver exhibit, and the great-great grandson of the former president, was quick to point out the unmistakable connection between silver and affluence, noting that ownership of a tankard meant money: "When you passed around your silver tankard, you said 'Take a look at my money,'" said Dietz. True, indeed. While society encourages unselfish giving, the accumulation of wealth has long been

encouraged by society, offering a fascinating contradiction in philosophies: It was important to donate money, but still, it was just as important to make money and accumulate affluence. Back in the Colonial days, there was very little silver in the United States, but by the Civil War, that changed dramatically, and almost everyone had silver. Dietz noted that after American independence, Americans got more money and modeled themselves after affluent Europeans. Call it early American bling-bling, if you will. "The story of silver has nothing to do with practicality, it's all about showing off," said Dietz, who illustrated his point by noting that silver conducts heat, and that if you tried to grab a silver gravy boat, you'd burn your hand. "In America, we decided not to be an aristocracy, and we defined ourselves through our possessions."

In short, as Dietz put it, "your friends knew you had money because you served food on silver." As time passed, silver grew in popularity and production, leading to the form of elitism among silver collectors. "In Colonial America, a silver teapot would impress your friends, but by the early 1890s, you bought bigger and they had to match."

Better still, here's one that fashion aficionados would love: If your silver went out of fashion, you simply held on to it and acquired more silver. After all, the fact that you had old silver really meant that you had old money. In 1842, the Tariff Act was passed, beginning a surge in the American silver industry. "Style, Status, Sterling: The Triumph of Silver in America," will be on display at The Newark Museum through March 2005. The museum is located at 49 Washington St. and is open Wednesdays through Fridays, from noon to 5 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 973-596-6550 or visit the museum's Web site, www.newarkmuseum.org.

Southside set to rock Union County

On Saturday at 8 p.m., local legend, "Southside" Johnny Lyon and his band, the Ashbury Jukes, will take the stage at the Union County Arts Center with special guest Ricky Byrd. This collaboration marks the first time since the mid-'90s that the Jukes have had two guitarists on stage for a show. In a business where success is defined as getting a second single and longevity is measured in nano-seconds, just surviving for 25-plus years is a rare accomplishment. Johnny and the Jukes have not just survived — they have flourished. Spinning hits like "Going to Jukeville," "The Jukes" and "The Blackbeards" — they have accomplished: 17 albums; dozens of live performances around the globe; a legion of dedicated and enthusiastic fans; dozens of classic songs. Their record — "Hearts of Stone," has been recognized by Billboard as being one of the top 100 albums of the '70s and '80s. Their new record, "Going to Jukeville," is billed as being "even better" and "the best yet."

To Southside, a nickname picked up because of his bent toward the blues sounds of the Southside of Chicago, singing is just what he does. Born and raised at the Jersey Shore, Southside Johnny's fascination for the club scene started early. "There's one thing I've always wanted to do," Johnny confessed, "and that is to sing." He has been doing just that for more than 25 years. "I've always wanted to be a performer, and I've always wanted to be a guitarist for Jon Jett and the Blackhearts for 12 years, lends a hand to the Jukes at the UCCAC. In 1993, after having performed the stadium rocker, "I Love Rock 'N' Roll," countless times, Byrd parted ways with the Blackbeards and found himself collaborating with the likes of Roger Daltrey, Ian Hunter and John Waite. Now having gone solo and producing his own album, "Tough Room This World," Byrd joins the Jukes as a special guest and additional guitarist at the UCCAC. Tickets are \$45 and \$35 and may be purchased by calling 732-499-8226 or online by visiting the Web site at www.UCCAC.org. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the Ticket Central Box Office located at the corner of 1601 Irving St. and Main Street, Rahway. Handicapped accessible seating is available. Inform the box office when purchasing tickets. The



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Log homes offer something for many different needs and lifestyles

The concept of "home" changes as we pass through different stages of life. For the young, it's the starter home that may be updated and improved upon. As careers and families progress, so do the homes we occupy. Homes at this stage of life may contain more space to accommodate children and some amenities to reflect the owner's lifestyle, but they are still defined by resources that must be divided between the need to have a suitable place to live and the need to save for the future.

In the past, many of these homes were meant to be terminal homes. But now a new type of home and homeowner are emerging. These "newers" are very different from the generations that preceded them. People are living longer and healthier lives and when they've outgrown the "family" home, they are building their "next-stage" homes to meet their needs and wants.

Ira and Ida Mann are such a couple. After their kids moved out, they wanted a home just for the two of them. Ida says, "We realized that the home we lived in for many years was really not where we wanted to be when we decide to retire."

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The Manns set out to define what they wanted: the type and location of the lot, the style of the home, the number of rooms and their uses based on their needs and interests, and the amenities they had previously done without. They both like the idea of getting back

to nature and prefer outdoor activities, but didn't want to care for a lawn. Since they both had always wanted a log home, they agreed that now was their chance.

Ira and Ida found the perfect property just outside the town where they had raised their family. It had the trees they both wanted and it was within a reasonable drive to the services of the city. They had their dream lot, now they needed their dream home.

Log homes to them were an extension of living close to the outdoors, which said "relaxation" to them in a way conventional homes did not. When the Manns completed their research on line, they decided to visit Wisconsin Log Homes in Green Bay, Wis.

They found a friendly team of people to guide them through the custom home process. "They made it very enjoyable," says Ira.

One selling point was the fact that Wisconsin Log Homes originated the energy-efficient half-log building system, in which the exterior log of their choice would be applied over a 2-inch by 6-inch wall filled with 6 inches of fiberglass insulation.

This innovative concept would both conserve energy costs and help preserve the surroundings they had chosen for their new home. "I can't emphasize how important an authentic handcrafted finish is to us," says Ira. "We saw their craftsmen how the entire surface of the logs at the mill; they're beautiful."

Also helpful was the 144-page planning guide put together by the company. The combination of home plans, build-

ing information and photos of existing Wisconsin Log Homes was just what they needed to get started.

With the lot and home style defined, they were now ready to design their dream home. "Having an experienced team walk us through the planning stage resulted in a home which functions just the way we want it to," says Ida.

The people at Wisconsin Log Homes suggested that the Manns look at how they spend their time now that they are empty nesters. They found they both enjoy time together over morning coffee, and so a sunny breakfast spot was designed.

They love to cook and entertain friends, so an open concept kitchen dining room was designed to allow interaction between them and their guests. They also knew that they both needed their own space, and so a media room for Ty and a craft room for Ida came about.

Occasionally, they have overnight visitors, resulting in a loft area with separate bedroom and bath. They both wanted a larger master bedroom, so a master bedroom suite with a large master bath and plenty of closet space was added. "Then came the fun part," says Ida. "We added the extra special touches we simply couldn't afford when we were raising our family."

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A clean home makes for a quicker closing

If you're planning to sell your house this spring, you're going to have a lot of competition for potential buyers. According to the National Association of Realtors, more homes are listed and sold between February and June than any other time of the year, and 2005 will be the second best year on record for home sales. An estimated 6.54 million existing homes will be sold this year.

With so much competition, what can you do to make someone want to buy your house instead of the one down the street? "It's simple really," says Jerry Ritten, a real estate agent with Counselor Realty in Marlton, N.J. "Make sure it's clean. When I bring prospective buyers into a clean home, it's easy for them to envision themselves living there. If the house is dirty, the first thing they think about is how much work would be involved in bringing it up to their standards."

Ritten says one of the biggest mistakes home sellers make is failing to keep their property in "showing" condition. "When they get a call from their agent, sellers often think they can just make the beds, clear the counters in the kitchen and bath, vacuum a little and clean the windows, but a serious buyer is going to do more than just walk through the home," he says. "They'll want to closely examine all the appliances to make sure they are clean and in working order; to open the closet doors to see how spacious they are, and to look inside the kitchen cabinets to see how deep they are. If they are confronted by dirt and grime everywhere they look, potential buyers often leave without giving the property a second thought."

Rather than risk a potential sale, these days, many people are hiring professional cleaning services to get their homes in tip-top shape before they even hit the market. "People who clean for a living definitely have the edge when it comes to making a property shine," says Howard Purdy, vice president of operations for Maid Brigade, a housecleaning service with more than 365 locations in the United States, Canada and Ireland. He says the company's "Deep Clean" service is extremely popular this time of year.

"When we send a team into a home to do a Deep Clean, they start out with the basics. They vacuum with commercial grade vacuums that pull the air and dust through HEPA filters. They also sweep, scrub the floors and toilets and do things most people don't have the time or inclination to do themselves. They will clean and dust the insides of the kitchen and bathroom cabinets, scrub the oven and refrigerator shelves, clean the drip pans under the refrigerator, wipe the dust off the ceiling fans, furniture and television sets, whatever the seller wants and needs to get their

home in top showing condition," says Purdy.

Once the Deep Clean is done, Purdy says it's a good idea to bring the team back either weekly or bi-weekly — for as long as the house is on the market — to keep things clean. "Home owners don't need to go out and buy supplies," says Purdy. "Our teams bring everything they need with them and they're licensed, bonded and insured, which gives people peace of mind."

In addition to making sure the home is clean, other ways to improve its "show ability" include putting new paint on the walls, having the carpet cleaned and redoing the landscaping. "I also urge my clients to do all they can to get rid of clutter," says Ritten. "Instead of filling the drawers with junk mail and stuffing things into closets, I urge them to pack up things they don't need right away and either move them into the garage, give them away or throw them away. Houses that are neat and orderly show better and sell faster than those that are cluttered and messy."

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Congenital heart defects can vary in their severity and their symptoms

Each year, approximately 40,000 babies in the United States are born with congenital heart defects, or abnormal heart conditions that develop sometime during early pregnancy. Congenital heart defects are the most common birth defect. Many are detected at birth, but some are not found until early childhood or even adolescence.

"Many congenital heart defects are minor, requiring no intervention or treatment. Some, in time, will heal on their own. Other more serious defects, once detected, are almost always treatable," said Dr. Joseph Gaffney, chief of the Division of Pediatric Cardiology at The Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. "Medication, surgery and

less invasive catheter-based interventions are common treatment options. Sometimes, regular visits to a pediatric cardiologist are all that is needed to make sure the CHD is not causing any health problems."

Congenital heart defects can occur when the heart, heart valves or blood vessels do not grow correctly. Reduced, blocked or misdirected blood flow can affect the cardiovascular system and thus the child's health. There are many different types of congenital heart defects, including a valve obstruction, a hole between the left and right sides of the heart, or an underdeveloped left side of the heart.

Signs and symptoms vary with age and the type of defect. In infants, the most common

symptoms are feeding difficulties and respiratory distress, although the majority of babies with these symptoms will not have cardiac problems. Blueness of the skin, or cyanosis, is a less common symptom, but one that requires quick attention and intervention. Signs such as murmurs will not be noticeable to parents or caregivers, but will be picked up by a pediatrician. Growth failure is possible, but generally not a symptom in infancy. An additional sign of congenital heart defects in infants is excessive sweating, predominantly during feedings.

In older children, more common signs and symptoms include: murmurs, fatigue, respiratory difficulties and palpitations. It is important to remember that many murmurs are not harmful and that these symptoms may not be cardiac related.

Many symptoms are non-specific and can be manifestations of a number of different problems, both cardiac and non-cardiac. Furthermore, any single symptom is not usually a cause for alarm. It is best to consult your pediatrician or family practitioner as there may be many possible causes. If a cardiac problem is suspected, a visit to a pediatric cardiologist may be necessary.

Pediatric cardiologists will obtain a medical history, perform an examination and generally perform an electrocardiogram. Additionally, an echocardiogram or sonogram of the heart may be taken. Other tests may be done as needed.

The Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, in conjunction with the Children's Hospital of New York-Presbyterian, offers a full range of pediatric cardiology diagnostic and interventional services. Interventional cardiac catheterization and cardiac surgery will be added to the pediatric cardiology program at the hospital this spring.

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Center earns radiation oncology accreditation

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The ACR, headquartered in Reston, Va., awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high practice standards after a peer review evaluation of its practice. Evaluations are conducted by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. They assess the qualifications of the personnel and the adequacy of facility equipment.

The surveyors report their findings to the ACR's Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report.

The ACR is a national organization serving more than 32,000 diagnostic/interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists and medical physicists with programs for focusing on comprehensive health-care services.

Rahway Regional Cancer Center is a state-of-the-art cancer treatment center offering the finest radiation oncology services available. The center is under the direction of Eric A. Karp, M.D., a board-certified radiation oncologist who received his training at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in radiation oncology.

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According to Amparo Aguirre, breast health outreach coordinator at Trinitas Hospital, "When women feel pretty, they feel better. Thanks to the generosity of the Komen Foundation and the 'Just for You' Boutique of East Hanover, women who cannot afford such items as wigs and mastectomy apparel may now find them at Trinitas Hospital."

Program focuses on obesity in society

Each year in the United States, more than \$33 billion is spent on weight-loss products and services.

Despite this huge investment of money, overweight and obese adults have been rising at an epidemic rate during the past 20 years.

To address the obesity issue, Karen Ensis, department head of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County, has developed a program called "Supersize America: Beating the Obesity Epidemic."

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 - Ask a tax advisor to review your potential moving-related tax deductions and potential tax liability.
 - Itemize moving-related costs with your mover, including packing, loading, special charges and insurance.
 - Week four**
 - Repair, send out for re-uphol-
- Schedule an appliance service firm for moving day to prepare major appliances for the move.
- Week one**
 - Gather important papers, records and valuables for protected shipment to your new home or safe deposit.
 - Notify friends and neighbors of new address - and phone number if possible.
 - Make plans for young children to be cared for on moving day.
 - Fill any necessary prescriptions and medications needed for the next two weeks.
 - Defrost refrigerator and freezer. Give away all food in both units.
 - Plan simple meals for moving day - or take out food - to avoid using the refrigerator.
 - Pick up cash for your trip and a certified check for mover's invoice.
 - Pack items you need to take with you, including valuables, financial records and personal papers.
 - Pack signed bill of lading and inventory where they can easily be located at your destination.
 - Carefully mark "Last box packed, first box unpacked" containing items you'll need right away, like tools and window shades.
 - Give the mover a telephone number and address where you can be reached in your new town.

Buying a home: an introduction

Buying or selling a home can be a challenging experience for both new and experienced homebuyers and sellers.

As a result, approximately 90 percent of American homeowners work with a real estate professional who has access to valuable information, and the background and skills to make the process faster and easier.

Even if you have bought or sold a home before, you may still be unclear about the value and timing of several components of the real estate process, namely, the market analysis, the inspection and the appraisal.

A market analysis is conducted shortly after you decide to put your home up for sale, when you need to establish the right asking price. ERA's Comparative Market Analysis supplies sellers with information on comparable homes that have sold or gone under contract in the area and provides a realistic estimate of a home's fair market value based on the most important features of the real estate market.

"The CMA educates our customers about the local market," according to John C. Nuss, broker/owner, ERA Best Choice Realtors. "We look at a range of homes in the same town which fall into an equivalent category. In addition to features such as bedrooms, bathrooms and total square footage, we also factor in the condition and location of the home in determining a price range. As part of our service, we also suggest to the homeowner what improvements they can make to their home in order to increase the value."

After a buyer makes an offer on a home, he or she generally calls an inspector to examine the house. A professional home inspector will check things such as the plumbing, heating, cooling and electrical systems, and look for structural problems.

The inspection report will describe repairs that are recommended or needed. With full information, a buyer can then decide whether to negotiate with the seller to make the needed repairs or change the price. Real estate agents can refer buyers to qualified inspectors in their area.

A real estate appraisal comes later in the process, when you apply for a mortgage. Lenders hire professional real estate appraisers to evaluate properties under consideration for a mortgage.

The appraisal is an unbiased opinion of the property's value based on its style and appearance, construction quality, usefulness and the value of comparable homes in the area. "Appraisers generally belong to the local Multiple Listing Service in order to assess a home for sale with similar ones that have

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Raving Fans will improve Weichert

Weichert Relocation Resources Inc. has announced the formal launching of its Raving Fans program, a progressive customer service program which is expected to establish a new benchmark for service excellence in the relocation industry.

"Our Raving Fans program is both a service philosophy and a service process that motivates our colleagues to become better relocation professionals, and to want to be recognized for delivering exemplary service," said Aram Minnetian, president of Weichert Relocation Resources Inc.

"The goal is to turn the clients and relocatees who are satisfied into Raving Fans. Raving Fans are customers who pay WRRR the ultimate compliment by referring new customers and giving us repeat business."

The company recently implemented a proprietary Raving Fans core curriculum, an intensive, two-day workshop designed through an industry-leading partnership with The Ken Blanchard Companies. This curriculum, which is being rolled out at all Weichert Relocation Resources Inc. offices, identifies innovative, reliable processes that empower colleagues to consistently exceed customer expectations. All colleagues have made a personal commitment to the Raving Fans program by developing their own individual action plans that represent their personal signatures on service. All colleagues are now motivated against specific performance metrics to ensure that they are delivering superior service experiences to all of their customers, all of the time.

"In our industry, having satisfied customers simply isn't good enough," noted Jim Schneider, senior vice president of Weichert Relocation Resources Inc. "The Raving Fans program truly gives WRRR a competitive edge in today's marketplace. It's a brighter service solution that guarantees our clients happier, more productive employees, improved recruitment and retention, quantifiable performance metrics and lower overall program costs."

Chris Brunone, executive director with The Ken Blanchard Companies for more than seven years and a leadership consultant for more than 23 years, concurs.

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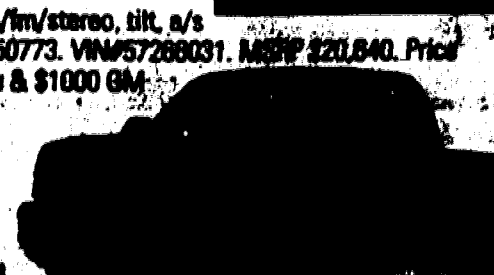
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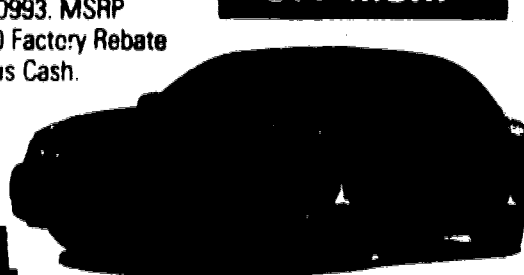
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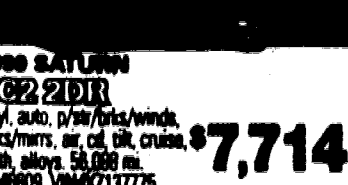
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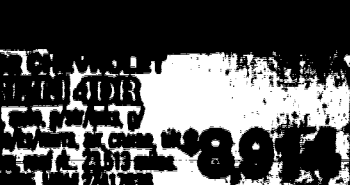
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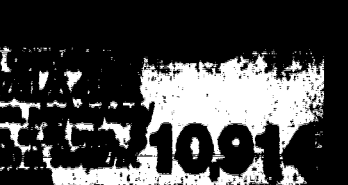
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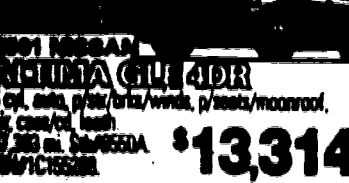
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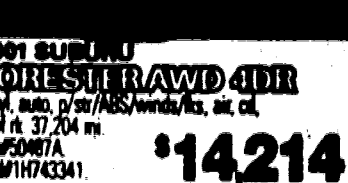
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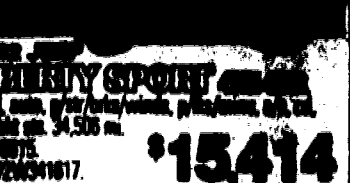
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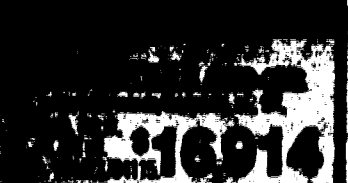
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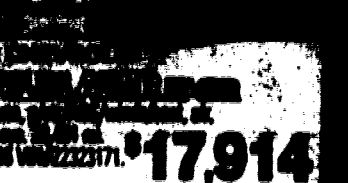
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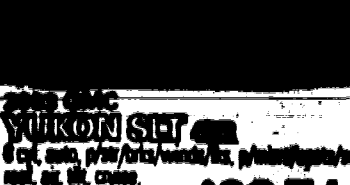
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