

# Echo LEADER

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 hump 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. Candidates forums in January and February.

Organized by the Mountainside Association and moderated by John Kishorek, a past member of the Board of Education, the forums with representatives from the Mountainside Women's Union, the Mountainside Historical Society and the Mountainside Chamber of Commerce.

One of the first questions posed to the candidates was: "What do you see as the biggest challenge facing the community?"

While Mountainside Judy Millman and Scott Samanaky 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 solve this?'"

Some candidates, such as William A. Friedman, said that the lack of budgetary control would be a welcome addition, it is not a top priority.

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

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"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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Sandmeier PTA, she feels she has helped build a lasting legacy at the school.

Millman said her addition to the Board of Education, which she has been a part of since March 2004, has been a "natural progression."

Millman took the one-year seat vacated by the passing of board member Larry Love in January 2004.

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

Samanaky urged residents to come out and vote.

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

Samanaky noted in his closing statement that, although it was not mentioned during the candidates' forum, he has a vision of creating Friday night football at Mountain Avenue 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.

### 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

By Rich Kitchik  
Staff Writer

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 Winfield, 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 Union County Legislature for 16 years. She has been a member 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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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings.

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 Mountaineer Board of Education will meet in the media center at Beechwood School, 1487 Woodcreek Drive, at 8 p.m.

Wednesday: Children ages 4-5 when accompanied by an adult, can become a paleontologist and search for dinosaur bones to assemble a large dinosaur puzzle, with "Discover Dinosaurs," a program offered at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road from 6 to 7 p.m.

Thursday: The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library will conduct a lobby sale to benefit the library. The sale will include donations of jewelry, glassware and china, small appliances and kitchen items, linens, artificial flowers, tools, toys and clothing.

Friday: 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.

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

Sunday: 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.

POLICE BLOTTER

Among the items in the car were college text books, compact discs and clothing. On April 3 at 11 a.m., it was reported that 13 different vehicles, parked at a Route 22 west business, had their headlights removed and suffered damage to both front corner panels and the driver's side door lock.

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. On Saturday at 3:05 p.m., firefighters responded to a South Springfield Avenue apartment complex for a stove problem. On Friday at 11:26 p.m., firefighters responded to Route 78 east for a motor vehicle accident.

FIRE BLOTTER

Firefighters arriving at the scene found that an underground electrical cable shorted and created sparks in a small shrub in the backyard. Fire officers opened the circuit breaker at the main electrical panel and advised the homeowner to contact an electrician to correct and repair the problem electrical cable. On Friday at 6:19 p.m., firefighters responded to an activated carbon monoxide detector alarm at a residence on Central Avenue.

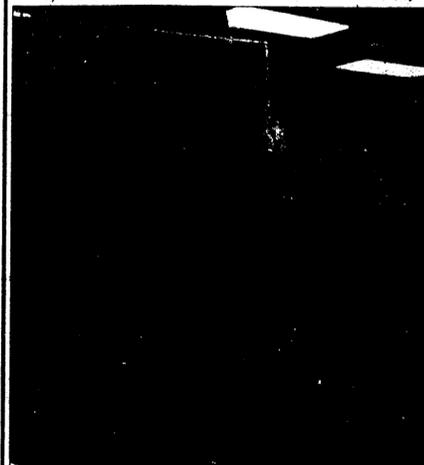
At night, the lights will go on at Roessner

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. The installation of lights at the basketball and tennis courts was cut back due to controversy when the lights were first proposed several months ago.

Group sends warm wishes

The Handcrafters Group of the Women's Association of the Community Presbyterian Church of Mountaineer expressed their appreciation to Terminal Mill Ends, which supplied the group with a generous amount of fleece material. The fleece will be used to make blankets for the patients at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountaineer.

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Authors trace town history

The Union Township Historical Society will meet on Sunday in the historic Caldwell Parsonage located at 909 Caldwell Ave., Union at 1 p.m. Authors Jean Rae Turner and Richard T. Koles will speak about their new book in the Images of America Series, "Springfield, New Jersey." "Springfield" traces the unique history of a community that began as an agrarian hamlet of three houses and became a modern suburb.

Women's program promotes sociability

Women who reside in Springfield are invited to join a program that promotes laughter, relaxation and friendship on Wednesday mornings in May. Childcare is also available in an environment that strives to be dedicated to nurturing each child.

Springfield awaits county land trade

More than three years after the initial proposal for a trade of parkland between Union County and the township of Springfield was made, two mandatory meetings are set to make the plans official. Tonight, the Township Committee will meet with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders at Town Hall, an open meeting that is mandatory when a trade of land takes place.

AT THE LIBRARY

Donations accepted for upcoming lobby sale: Beginning Monday, the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., are accepting donations for their lobby sale to benefit the library.

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. in the ongoing course, "Write Your Life Stories — Memoir Writing Made Easy."

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. For information, call 973-376-4930.

A resident of West Orange, Geltman has been facilitating memoir workshops for 20 years. Her published work includes "Tales of Our Lives," an anthology of and tips for writing memoirs.

The group will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10:15 a.m. to noon at the Springfield Public Library.

No writing experience is necessary, and no registration is required. Just come and enjoy the group. Newcomers welcome.

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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.

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## Time stood still on day I met Pope John Paul II

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 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, Pope John Paul II, do hereby declare you 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 the 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.

## Re-living the Memories

By Gary Whyte

Pope John Paul II. She told us that we should have a dark suit, passport ID and to be at the Bronze Doors at six o'clock in the morning. I immediately called Tomasi to inform him of the phone call and he was shocked as we were, as the phone call should have gone to him rather than to us at the hotel. He wanted so much to have told us but was very happy to relay to us this exceptional and rare audience we were to be part of.

Bruce called his wife and told her to call our hotel room for a wake-up call, as he didn't want to rely on the front desk. He then told his wife to call my wife and do the same. Needless to say, Bruce didn't get any sleep that night and I as well, for it was in Rome that Bruce was experiencing some sort of pain in his body which he could not fully understand or grasp at the time. In fact, he was seriously contemplating going back home until the call came from the Vatican.

At four o'clock in the morning, we were fully dressed with nowhere to go. Bruce had the front desk call us a taxi and he asked the driver to step on to us as we needed to be at the Vatican at 5 p.m. Due to the excitement of the moment, Bruce hadn't realized or taken into account the fact that our hotel was only 10 minutes from the Vatican.

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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 medallion 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. We 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 Rockledge, 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, Clatskill, 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 massage testing and posture analysis, cholesterol testing, vision tests, dermatology consultations with skin screening, breast health awareness information.

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

Free pneumococcal pneumonia vaccinations are offered, pre-registration is required. Call Fred Berow at 908-753-4726 between 7 and 8 p.m. for information.

### 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. 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.

### 'Discover Dinosaur'

Children ages 4-5 when accompanied by an adult, can become a paleontologist and search for dinosaur bones to assemble a large dinosaur puzzle with "Discover Dinosaur," a program offered at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road on April 27 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Measure the size of a Stegosaurus, T-rex and Ultrasaur. Use your information and become a dinosaur for the night. Pre-registration is required. This program will be conducted rain or shine. The fee is \$2 per person for Union County residents and \$4 per person for non-county residents.

### Columbians plan card party in Springfield

On May 20, the Springfield Mag. Francis X. Coyle Council, Columbians will host an "Old-Fashioned Card Party" and tricky try event at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Old Shupike Road in Springfield.

## 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."

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Schools are dangerous polling sites

To the Editor:

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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# 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.

## '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-

## 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.

## 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 Art Park. 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.

## '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.

## Lifeguard certification offered at Summit YMCA

Aspiring lifeguards can get certified at the Summit YMCA, 67 Maple St., beginning Monday. Registration is ongoing for the YMCA lifeguard course, which will grant certification to participants who successfully complete the training.

The Lifeguard Training class will run Monday to May 23 and meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 10 p.m., and Sundays, April 24 and May 1, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and May 15, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Summit YMCA.

Participants must be at least 16 years old and attend all classes to receive certification. They should also be able to swim 500 yards in the pool, retrieve a 10-pound brick from a depth of 9 feet and tread water for two minutes.

The courses include First Aid, CPR and Automatic External Defibrillator training.

This certification is open to members and non-members. The fee for the class is \$325.

For more information, call Christine Young, summer camp director at 908-273-3330 ext. 149, or email her at cyoung@summitymca.org.

## Artist creates with recycled materials

Award-winning artist Lydia Watson of Plainfield will be showing her 2005 En Rearte Arts 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 goes 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 arthusker@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.

### Ralph Martorelli

Ralph A. Martorelli, 85, of Summit died April 6 at home.

Born in New York City, Mr. Martorelli moved to Summit in 1966. He was a certified public accountant with a long career in auditing and white-collar crime investigation. Mr. Martorelli worked with the Federal Bureau of Investigations for nine years and then worked in corporate investigative activities with RCA and ITT for 25 years before retiring in 1986. After retiring, he was a consultant with Kroll Associates and Decision Strategies.

Mr. Martorelli received a bachelor's degree from Fordham University, New York City, in 1940 and a master's degree in business administration from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in 1947. He was a captain in the Army Air Force during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred; a son, John; a daughter, Gail Cannon, and five 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.

### Thomas Bartley

Thomas Joseph Bartley, 77, of Summit died April 9 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Bartley lived in Summit until 1969 before moving to Summit seven years ago. He was an iron worker affiliated with the Iron Workers Union Local 11 in Newark for 40 years before retiring 15 years ago. Mr. Bartley was a Navy veteran of World War II and later served in the Marine Corps during peacetime. He was a member of the Elks Lodge of Bloomfield-Newton.

Surviving are two daughters, Dolores Barbalaco and Dorcen Bartley; two sons, Thomas Joseph Jr. and Danny Michael; two sisters, Lillian Wright and Dolores Melody; five

### 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.

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### 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 Ingelmore 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 Mountainside 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 Bauer; a sister, Betsy Hill, and four grandchildren.

## 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 School for all ages. Nursery through Seniors: Spanish Sunday School 9:30 am and 5:30 pm. 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery care. 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program for 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. Call Liff provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4351. Members: 7:00 pm. ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE.

**JEWISH - REFORM**  
TEMPLE SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (973) 379-3387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniela, Cantor; Education Director; Nima Greenman, Pre-School Director; Mady Scheff, Family Life Director; Edward Fink 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 programs, classes are available for children ages 2-12 through 14. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Renaissance Group and Youth Group. 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-ORTHODOX**  
CONGREGATION ISRAEL OF SPRINGFIELD 339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 973-467-9666. 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 Johnson 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 Mall, near the intersection of Morris and Mountain Avenues, Springfield. Call 973-376-1695 for more information.

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

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**PRESBYTERIAN**  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 210 Morris Ave. at Church Mall, Springfield, 973-374-1200. 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. as well as Junior Congregation at 9:30 a.m. The Nursery School conducts classes for children aged 2 1/2 to 4 A

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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 available. 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.

Table with 3 columns: Kendal-Jackson, Mondavi, Santa Margherita. Lists wine types and prices.

Table with 3 columns: Beringer, Meridian, Yellow Tail. Lists wine types and prices.

Table with 3 columns: Korbel, White Zinfandel, Merlot. Lists wine types and prices.

Table with 3 columns: Jack Daniel's, Dewar's, J & B. Lists liquor types and prices.

Table with 3 columns: Yuengling, Rolling Rock, Corona Extra. Lists beer types and prices.

Table with 3 columns: Total Wine, Budweiser, Miller Genuine Draft. Lists beer types and prices.

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# SPORTS

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## 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

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## 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 May 7 Spring Relays at Plainfield May 10-11 MVC Champs at GL, 4 May 14 UCT meet at Plainfield

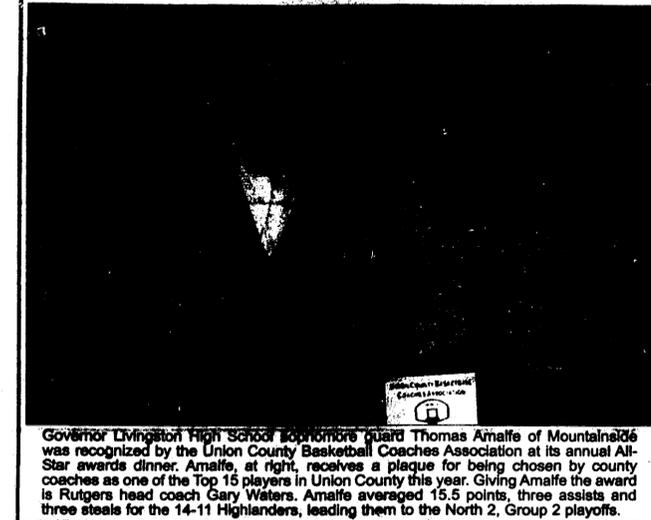
## Dayton Soccer

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

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 scored the rest of the frame on a groundout by Chris Bergeri, who scored from first base on a 7-3 lead.

Yano's second back in the bottom of the frame, scoring from first base on a groundout by Brian Alexander, gave the Highlanders a 7-4 lead.

GL's sophomore pitcher pulled another season-best performance in the third inning and pitched him with just one out. Yano, who was pitching in his first time this season.

Yano's rest of the way for the Highlanders, striking out four, walking two and allowing only three hits and two runs in five innings of work.

"It was obvious that Hollowell didn't have it today," Roof said. "Yano's just come in and pitched us up. He kept us in the game. If he keeps pitching like that, he's definitely going to get a lot more chances on the mound. He is only a junior and we are expecting big things from him."

As of Tuesday there had been blowout wins and close victories.

As of Tuesday the Dayton High School baseball team was only one of two undefeated teams remaining in Union County.

As of Tuesday the 4-0 Bulldogs were heavy favorites to defeat Hillside home on Tuesday and down Roselle on the road today.

That would put Dayton at a perfect 6-0 going into tomorrow's scheduled 4 p.m. showdowns at home against Governor Livingston.

A 6-0 start for Dayton? That doesn't happen often. However, head coach Chris Loeffler's team began the week in fine form. What he has to guard against is his Bulldogs not looking past Hillside and Roselle prior to tomorrow's GL contest.

GL took a 4-1 record into Tuesday afternoon's scheduled home game against Union Catholic. The Highlanders have a road game scheduled for today at 4.

Dayton and GL played once last season, with GL coming out on top by an 11-3 score in Bristley Heights. Again, they are only scheduled to play once in the regular season. Dayton's fourth win was a 2-1 triumph at New Providence last Saturday. It was the first time the Bulldogs defeated New Providence in eight tries dating back to April 28, 2000.

Five years ago it was Lorenzo Williams belting a two-run double and Brian Berger connecting on an RBI-single to spark a Dayton 8-5 win at New Providence.

## 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.

"DeMoro keeps getting better," Field said. "She has grown so much as a player over the last couple of years. She is wonderful in the field for us and just sets the ball up when we need it to be hit to her."

Parish Hills and Hackettstown.

Bennett tossed a one-hit shutout in beating Hackettstown 10-0 on the road. She struck out four and walked only one, while Dickey was 3-for-4 with a double, an RBI and four stolen bases.

Crenshaw was 2-for-3 with an RBI in a 10-0 home win over Weequahic in the first game of a doubleheader.

Scott had a double and triple in a 6-5 home win over Parsippany Hills. She belted her first home run, stole two bases and drove in four runs in an 8-3 win at Elizabeth.

Summit entered Monday's scheduled conference home game against Dover with a 10-0 record.

The Hilltoppers lost at home to West Essex 10-0 last Friday and were then swept in the Indian Branch at Rahway Park last Saturday, falling to Rahway and to Governor Livingston.

Summit was scheduled to host Parsippany Hills yesterday and is scheduled to play at Chatham tomorrow at 4 p.m.

The Hilltoppers are scheduled to return home to host conference rival Mendham Monday at 4. Summit is then set to get back on the road to play at conference foe Hanover Park Wednesday at 4.

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HEALTH
Free YMCA lectures
explore nutrition topics

The Summit Area YMCA will run a series of lectures throughout the month of April covering several nutrition topics and concerns. These lectures are free and open to the community.

Vitamins, Minerals and Supplements will be conducted on Wednesday at Berkeley Heights YMCA from 9 to 10 a.m.

Menopause and Nutrition will be conducted on April 27 at Berkeley Heights YMCA from 9 to 10 a.m.

Free programs eye health and fitness goals
Free Health Checkups in Springfield will continue to offer a free program designed to guide participants through the steps necessary to achieve their 2005 health and fitness goals.

Participants will receive a strong support group, encouragement, and a resilient spirit to keep their goals on track.

All workshops will take place on Monday nights from 7 to 8 p.m.

Young planters sought

Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit will conduct the second annual Sunflower Project.

A popular program launched last year, the Sunflower Project invites school-aged children to plant Russian Mammoth Sunflowers in the spring and watch and care for them throughout the summer.

This year, Whole Foods of Millburn will join the arboretum to kick-off the Sunflower Project by sponsoring a planting table at the Celebrate the Earth event on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Children are asked to photograph and measure their plant at the end of the season and submit their record-keeping to the arboretum.

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Austin Begg of Basking Ridge was the 2004 Sunflower Project winner. The event takes place again on Sunday at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit, allowing school-age children the chance to plant sunflowers in the spring and care for them throughout the summer.

include demonstrations and displays on recycling, composting, backyard habitats and bird watching, as well as serve projects in the woodlands.

Call Dianne Sheaffer at 908-273-8787 ext. 15 to reserve a space. The Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave. in Summit and is open down to dusk throughout the year.

Summer camps offer outdoor expeditions

The Summit Area YMCA's camp catalog offers many choices for outdoor activities this summer.

Teens enrolled in the day camp can enjoy adventures, challenges and lots of fun. Perhaps spending a week at UNITY's Basketball camp, taking the week-long expedition to climb, hike and hike in Blue Ridge, N.C., and learning new skills in Teen Camp's "Wilderness Survival" and "Water Wars" would suit them just fine.

For information, call 908-273-3330. This summer, teens in grades 8 to 11, will have an opportunity to mountain bike, rock climb, swim, team build, explore and enjoy themselves on a teen trek trip to Virginia and North Carolina, featuring a stay at the YMCA in Blue Ridge, N.C.

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Teen Expedition call Joe Marciszyn, Youth & Teen Director, 908-273-3330 ext 148 or send a message by e-mail to him at: jmarciszyn@summitymca.org

Other pre-teen and teen camps offered this summer at the Summit YMCA are Quest for grades five and six, Camp UNITY for grades seven to nine, Teen Camp for grades seven to nine and Counselor-in-Training for grades 10 and 11. Visit www.summitareaymca.org for more information and registration information.

RECREATION

Registration opens for Swim Team 2005

Springfield Recreation Department offers swim team 2005 registration. To register, call 973-912-2227 or mail to: Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield, NJ 07081.

A special meeting will be May 11 at 7 p.m. at the Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave.

Fees are \$35 for the first child; \$30 for each additional child, payable to "Township of Springfield"; \$15 for each child, payable to "Swim Team Parent Association." Make two separate checks.

The swim team is for girls and boys from ages 5 to 17. The Swim Team will be divided into two groups, with a small percentage making up the Developmental Team.

The Developmental Team will be made up of children ages 8 and younger who need a little more instruction and guidance.

Registration is ongoing for the Spring Scuba Program at the Summit YMCA. Classes meet for four sessions, Wednesdays, from 6 to 10 p.m., through May 4, at the Summit YMCA, 67 Maple St., Summit. The fee for the program is \$230 and is open to community.

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The Corzine phenomenon

While pundits and talking heads incessantly report the alienation and distrust they claim characterizes the relationship between Americans and their public officials, a recent Sunday morning crowd of over 1,000 festive Latinos should give them pause.

The setting was a political rally for U.S. Sen. Jon Corzine and judging by the roaring and cheering that filled the room, it could have just as easily been a Bruce Springsteen concert. That it took place in New Jersey, the media-acclaimed cesspool of politics, makes the story even more striking.

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Eleven candidates file for freeholder

By Lauren DeFilippo
Staff Writer

Thirteen candidates filed to run in the June primary for three spots on the nine-person Board of Chosen Freeholders. Winners of the party primaries will face off in November's General Election with any Independents, who have until the June 7 primary to file.

Democratic incumbent Angel Estrada is a former member of the Elizabeth Board of Education and was first elected freeholder in 1999. Freeholder Chairman Rick Proctor of Rahway and Nancy Ward of Linden are also seeking re-election.

Proctor was appointed to the freeholder board in February 2002 to fill the vacancy left by Linda Stender after she was elected to the Assembly. He later was elected to a full three-year term in November of that year.

Ward, a practicing attorney with offices in Linden was appointed to the Board of Chosen Freeholders in Octo-

ber after John Wohlrab resigned his seat after allegations of assault were raised. She is seeking election to a full three-year term.

Other Democrats who have filed for the primary, but likely won't mount an active campaign, are George O'Grady of Elizabeth, Becky McHugh of Linden and Marlene Abitanto of Elizabeth. Both O'Grady and McHugh filed for the primary in 2000.

Also running for positions on the November ballot are independent candidates Robert L. Bender and Rebecca L. Williams of Plainfield. They filed to help improve the ballot position for two-term Plainfield Mayor Albert McWilliams. McWilliams last week lost the backing of Union County Democrats for his own re-election campaign.

The Republican Party, which has not won a countywide election since 1994 is backing candidates Patricia Quatrocci of Garwood, Stuart Kline

of Farwood and Albert Dill of Summit, all of whom have run for freeholder in the past.

Quatrocci represented the Republicans in last year's freeholder race and this will be Dill's third run at a post after running in 1999 and 2000. Kline was a candidate in 2003.

Other Republicans, Pete Peterson of Summit and Jeff Katz, a former mayor of Springfield, are running on the Bret 2005 line, to improve the ballot position for former Jersey City Mayor and GOP gubernatorial candidate Bret Schundler.

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi is also seeking re-election to a five-year term. Rajoppi was first elected to her current post in 1995 when the office was merged with the county Register of Deeds and Mortgages, a position she had held for 12 years. She is challenged by Sandra P. Spector, the Republican chairwoman in Plainfield.

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Sheriff requests nine more officers

By Mark Hrywa
Regional Editor

The Union County Sheriff's Office is asking to increase its force by nine officers in this year's county budget. Representatives made the request during budget hearings before the freeholder board's Fiscal Affairs Committee last month.

Eight of the requested officers would be focused on the courthouse area in Elizabeth and another at the county Board of Elections building several blocks away. The ninth officer would be within the elections board budget. The starting annual salary for a sheriff's officer is \$29,800.

Above, left, of the Sheriff's 182 officers and below, in the courthouse, Sheriff Ralph Froehlich.

Under Sheriff Froehlich, with an average of more than 100 cases per courtroom.

Cryan said there are more — and more violent offenders — and while the recent Fitzgerald brothers gang trial is still the exception, with eight officers in the courtroom daily, it is more common.

For starters, Corzine's agenda during his five years as a member of the U.S. Senate has been geared towards providing minority communities the tools and services that they need to realize the American dream. This for example the financial literacy amendment that Corzine recently sponsored as part of the No Child Left Behind legislation. The amendment will enable local school districts to use federal grant money to offer financial literacy educational programs.

Latinos, like many immigrant communities, have a great work ethic and the desire to improve their financial stability. Unfortunately, they do not always have the basic financial literacy necessary to manage their personal finances, and consequently get trapped in financial emergencies.

As an immigrant community, Latinos have an abiding belief in America as a land of opportunity and see in Jon Corzine the embodiment of the American dream. As they see it, the businessman Jon Corzine worked hard, took risks and ultimately made a personal fortune and the Senator Jon Corzine made it his mission to build the necessary infrastructure that would help all Americans realize their own successes.

Corzine does not have the movie-star caché of an Arnold Schwarzenegger, the overwhelming charisma of a Bill Clinton, or the familial ties of a George Bush, but for the rascous crowd of supporters it didn't matter. What did matter was that Corzine had demonstrated that their candidate represented the same hopes and dreams for their kids as they would. So even though it may be true that Americans are becoming increasingly alienated from their elected officials, in New Jersey, and for the Latino supporters who attended the event, Jon Corzine is the exception.

A Democrat, George A. Castro III of Elizabeth is chairman of the Hispanic American Political Action Committee.

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Settlement reached in development dispute

COUNTY NEWS

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

White flowering tree to beautify their grounds, add shade to their property, and to celebrate Arbor Day, April 29...

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...



Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, back left. Surrogate James LaCorte and Sheriff Ralph Froehlich congratulate the top winners of the 2005-06 'My County' poster contest...

'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...

Developer, county agree to settlement

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...

CAU to bestow annual awards

Community Access Unlimited will host its 21st annual awards night Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Mt. Airie, Route 22 east, Mount Airie.

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.

Senior outreach

The outreach services program offers senior citizens information and help with applications for a variety of important government assistance programs.

Household special waste recycling

Household special waste includes oil-based paint and varnish, antifreeze, aerosol cans, pool chemicals, corrosives, pesticides, herbicides, solvents, thinners, fire extinguishers, motor oil and oil filters, gasoline, batteries, thermostats, unbroken fluorescent bulbs and mercury switches.

Free dogwood trees

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has a gift for schools this spring: free flowering trees. While supplies last, each school in Union County may receive a 5- to 6-foot-tall dogwood tree.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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.

"Out of rehab and in denial," he admitted during the almost five-minute of coherent rambling that was performed — stunningly — with little breathing involved. Later, the wizard of words received another standing ovation when he then told the captivated audience of his current 110-day sobriety streak.

Carlin, known mostly for his stunts on television in general, stayed away from the area for the most part, possibly due to the recent death of Pope John Paul II. In any event, Carlin was true to his art and to himself, while remaining credible to his fans.

Actress looks at history in play

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor
Gwen Spencer leads the hectic life that many people in the Metropolitan area lead, but that doesn't begin to convey just how fascinating an individual she is.

Spencer is an executive at Prudential, but that doesn't mean that she is chained to the desk. She and her husband have five children. Between work and family, that leaves virtually no time for anything else.

Spencer illustrated her affinity for drama to friends and relatives in her native state of Ohio when she opted to attend graduate theater school at the University of Michigan, something that's vaguely akin to a Red Sox fan wearing a dress with Yankee's pinstripes to her wedding.

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THE UNION COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION COURT NIGHT An inside look at the Union County Courthouse THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2005 5:00PM - 7:00PM

Musical uplifts fans at NJPAC

Argyris and Hammerstein's 'Oklahoma!' is a musical that has captivated audiences for decades. It tells the story of a young farmer and a young girl who fall in love in a small town in Oklahoma.

Spencer's role in the production of 'Big River' is a challenging one. She has to bring to life a character who is both strong and vulnerable, and who is also a woman of color.

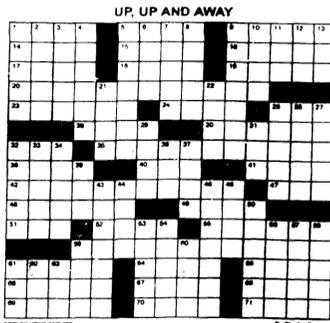
Spencer's performance in 'Big River' is a testament to her talent and her dedication to her craft. She has brought a new depth and nuance to the character of Molly, and she has done so in a way that is both respectful and inspiring.



Gwen Spencer of Morristown, who performs in the 4th Wall Theatre production of 'Big River'.

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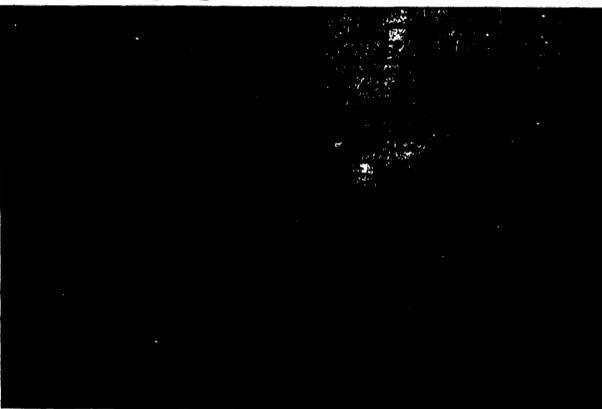
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Inspirational author in Cranford

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.'

From long ago



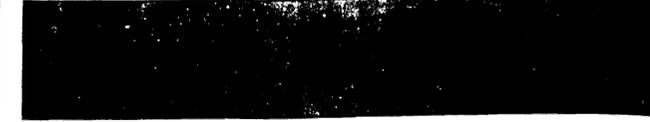
Ella Ackerman, artistic director of ARTISTS, admires the artwork of her father, John Ackerman, from a sketchbook he kept during his service as a U.S. Marine Corps sergeant during the Korean Conflict.

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.

Advertisement for Eastern Refinishing Co. offering bathtub refinishing services. Includes a photo of a bathtub and contact information: 800-463-1879.

Advertisement for njArtsTix.org, stating 'THE PRICES DO' and providing website information for purchasing tickets.



Local classifieds including Flea Market, Auction, Other, Garage/Yard Sales, and Rummage Sale. Also includes an advertisement for Jeff Cummins, Editor of Worrall Community Newspapers.

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.

'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 Sondheim. Directed by Gordon Greenberg and choreographed by Christopher Gattelli.

Advertisement for Bacchus School of Wine of Central Jersey. Features 'Open House Barrel Wine Tasting' and 'Newcomers eligible for terrific door prizes'. Includes contact information for Livingston, NJ.

Large advertisement for 'The Wedding Cake Tradition' at the Newark Museum. Features photos of various wedding cakes and text describing the tradition and the museum's salute to wedding cakes.

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. The 12 Miles West Theatre Company is performing at a fund-raiser benefit for AIDS Resource Foundation for Children and the ALS Association.

Advertisement for rnet Direc, listing various local businesses and their websites. Includes Agape Family Worship Center, American Savings Bank, and many others.

Advertisement for El Bodegon restaurant. Features photos of the restaurant interior and text describing the menu, including authentic Italian cuisine, specialty pasta dishes, and seafood. Includes contact information for Linden, NJ.

Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area. The calendar is open to all groups and organizations in the Union County area. To place your free listing, send information to: Worrall Community Newspapers, 463 Valley St., P.O. Box 158, Maplewood, 07040. Faxes may be sent to 973-761-2557.

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 Pyunne 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.

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.

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BROADWAY BABES AND BABIES blend their talents in "Leading Ladies & Friends," a tribute to musical theater's greatest women in song. Meet students Jennifer Vaughn and Katelyn Bussiere appear in three performances, April 22 and 23 at 7:30 p.m., and April 24 at 3 p.m., at Wilkins Theatre at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. Tickets are \$20 for the general public; \$17 for seniors and \$14 for children. For more information, call the box office at 908-737-7469, or visit the Web site, www.wilkinstheatre.org.

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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 908-737-7469.

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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 908-737-7469, or visit the Web site, www.wilkinstheatre.com.

PLAY CRANIUM CADDO at Barnes & Noble's monthly game night Sunday at 7 p.m. Named "Game of the Year" by the Toy Industry Association, Cranium Cadoo is suitable for children and adults. Prizes will be awarded.

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.

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"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 "Myte," 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 Madison. 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 premiere of "Eden," and new works, including "Eden" 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.

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

The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-6544.

CROSBROADS, 78 North Ave., Germantown, presents live music, blues and comedy concerts, as well as football-themed nights.

Every Sunday: Live comedy, funk and poetry; Live at Instant Coffee, 8 p.m. Happy Monday: Open Mic Night. Happy Tuesday: Jazz Jam; all pints, \$2.

Every Wednesday: Karaoke Night; Miller Lite and MGSD, \$2 all night. Every Thursday: Fiesta Night; Corona, Cuervo and margaritas, \$2 all night. For information, call 908-233-6686 or visit www.crosroads.com.

MOLLY MAGUIRE'S IRISH PUB in Clark will present entertainment in the coming weeks. Molly Maguire's is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call 732-588-6611.

SECOND SATURDAYS COFFEE-HOUSE will take place the second Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. Featured will be an "open mic" forum of music, poetry, comedy and performance art. Refreshments are served. Admission is \$4. Talent is sought for future dates.

For information, call 908-828-0127 or send an e-mail to info@secondaturdays.org.

VAN GOGH'S EAR, 1017 Shuyesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events: Tuesdays, the "Jazz Tuesday," some of which feature open mic from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer. Open mic participants sign up at 7:30 p.m. and get 10 minutes of free rehearsal. Blues and jazz are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. The cover charge is \$3 for Sunday concerts, unless otherwise noted.

For information, call 908-828-0127 or send an e-mail to info@secondaturdays.org.

THE CONCORD SINGERS, unique, non-singing women's community chorus, seeks new members as its Spring 2005 season of rehearsals and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit. The Spring Concert will be presented in May at Calvary Church.

For more information, call Debra Bogard at 908-777-8888 or visit the Web site, www.concordingers.org.

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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,

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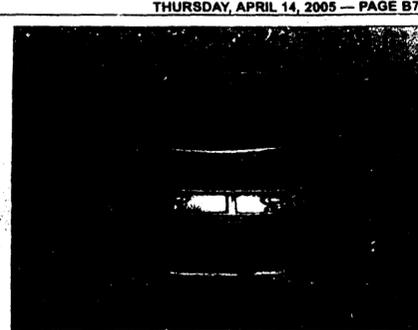
Back in the Colonial days, there was very little silver in the United States, but by the Civil War, that changed dramatically, and almost everyone had silver. Diets noted that after American independence, Americans got more money and modeled themselves after affluent Europeans. Call it early American 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.



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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



# Spring Home & Garden

## 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."

We don't want to move away to a retirement community. We just wanted a home that was ours. For the way we live now.

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."

To locate the Maid Brigade nearest you, call 866-843-1841 or log on to [www.maidbrigade.com](http://www.maidbrigade.com).



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# HEALTHY LIVING

## 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

Rahway Regional Cancer Center has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in radiation oncology as the result of a recent survey by the American College of Radiology.

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.

Karp founded the cancer center in 1993, which quickly gained recognition for delivering the highest quality radiation therapy. A pioneer in brachytherapy, Karp established central Jersey's first prostate seed implant program and now Rahway offers the most advanced form of radiation therapy Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy, IMRT.

IMRT is the most sophisticated form of radiation therapy which reduces the side effects of radiation to the patient. IMRT wraps beams of radiation precisely around tumors to destroy cancer cells while sparing the patient's surrounding healthy tissue and adjacent critical organs.

For more information about the services provided at Rahway Regional Cancer Center call 800-410-3611.

## HEALTH

**'Made for Me' boutique**

Thanks to a grant from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, North Jersey Affiliate, women with breast cancer who live in Union County can receive wigs, breast forms and accessories from the "Made for Me" boutique at Trinitas Hospital.

The program is offered to all women, regardless of ability to pay, and is available at Trinitas on the third Wednesday of each month, starting at 1:30 p.m. Reservations for the boutique can be made by calling 908-994-8244.

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."

The program will help people understand why portion sizes, "food choices, and fitness activities are important on a daily basis. Food comparison quizzes with exercise examples will help the learner to understand the reality of our daily choices.

Here are some of the risks facing overweight and obese adults:

- More than 300,000 deaths per year may be attributed to the obesity epidemic.
- People who are overweight have a higher incidence of high blood pressure.
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- A move generally takes eight to 10 weeks in all, and with so many details to keep in mind — packing, cleaning, setting up utilities — it can be an overwhelming experience. But thorough planning is the key to an easy move.
- Week eight**
  - Call for estimates from three professional movers.
  - Draw a floor plan of your new home.
  - Call the Chamber of Commerce in your new town for its residential information packet.
  - Week six**
    - Inventory all possessions now. Decide what to move, sell, replace or donate to charity.
    - Complete U.S. Postal change of address forms and mail to media, stores and organizations.
    - Obtain copies of all of your medical, dental, legal, accounting and veterinary records.
    - Make arrangements for record transfers between schools on both ends of the move.
    - 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' experiences into lasting memories. Our 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. The curriculum has 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."

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**Dr. & Mrs. Goldsreen**

ELIZABETH - We should love to thank Marie Higgins and Patricia Cabezas for the wonderful, quick service in helping selling our home. But we really want to thank Jill Guzman Realty, Inc. for the hospitable and friendly customer service given from start to finish.

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ELIZABETH  
Dear Jill:  
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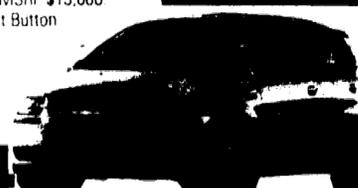
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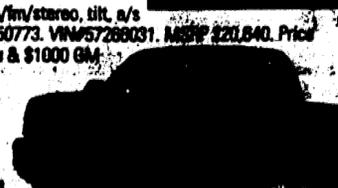
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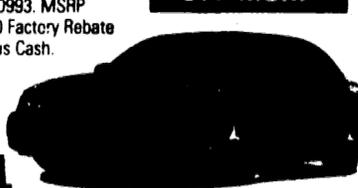
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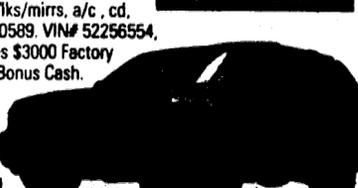
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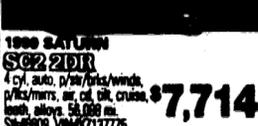
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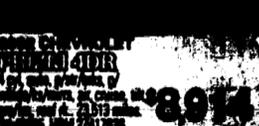
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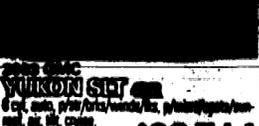
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