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Baltusrol development draws ire of residents

By Rick Klittich Staff Writer

For the past two decades, Springfield residents who live near the vacant area on Wilson Road, where the former Baltusrol swim club was once located, have protested the building of spartments and condominiums on the abandoned land.

After residents within 200 feet of the site recently received a notice regarding a Springfield Planning Board meeting about a proposal given by Baltusrol Estates, which seeks to build on the property, that group is in the process of forming once again.

"We all oppose the variances, because the approval of the application sets a negative precedent," said Bella Lipton, who does not live within 200 feet of the site but is close enough to have been involved in past protests.

Lipton said the building would change the character of the town. The residents who protest are concerned citizens who want to preserve the township's character, she said.

Among the variances being requested by Baltusrol Estates, whose name is subject to change, is an approval of a preliminary site plan to construct 93 multifamily pesidential units.

Currently, no more than 32 dwelling units are allowed in any one building. Also, no living quarters are allowed to be located above the second story. The apartments, however, are proposed for third-floor living.

Two-and-a-half stories are allowed for a building as well, but Baltusrol Estates proposed three stories.

One of the biggetst obstacles may come from the limitation and restrictions of disturbing the "critical slope area" of the land. Past presentations before the Planning Board have met resistance due, in large part, to this critical slope vatiance.

Pinnacle Communities was the last applicant to be denied permission to build on the sight. Planache's original proposal, which was appealed throughout a three-year process of lawsuits; was to build 96 houry condominiums in four buildings. The plans were set to encompass 75 percent of what is allowed under the existing zoning code.

Bruce Pitman, the attorney representing Baltusrol Estates, said there is a difference between this proposal and past ones.

"This proposal focuses the development into the central portions of the property," Pitman said, "and avoids, to the greatest extent possible, intrusion into the critical slope area."

Pitman said this is only one building, contrasting with past plans for at least two or three buildings.

Ed Bertalotti, a resident of Baltusrol Way since 1997, said his kitchen window is just a few foot away from where he foot senstruction will obout.

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Photo By Jr. from Scotch Plains, tries to plat up the energied from the water during the is at Echo Leve Park in Mountainside on Set

Springfield B budget voted

By Rick Klittich Staff Writer

Incumbent Judy Millman and challengers Lloyd Grossman and Fran Sandler gained the three open seats on the Springfield Board of Education Tuesday night, while the \$31 million budget was voted down by 1,053 to 704, based on unofficial election results received by press time.

Millman, who received a total of 1,017 votes, thanked everyone who supported and voted for her.

"I'm very happy," Millman said, "and I can't wait to continue to help the district in all areas."

Millman was very disappointed, however, that the budget was defeated. "I'm very sorry the budget was defeated," she said, adding that she thought it was sound.

Daniel Burke and Steven Friedman, who received a total of 675 and 655 votes, respectively, said they congratulate the winners and are hoping to work with the board in upcoming years to improve the district as a whole.

"I'm excited bout being elected to the board," said Sandler, who received 709 votes. "I appreciate the support given to me by the voters and I will do my best to make a difference in the Springfield school system."

Sandler said she is disappointed the budget did not pass, as it was welldeveloped. Any cuts that will be made by the Township Committee, she said, will be very difficult.

Grossman, who received a total of 749 votes, could not be reached for

comment by press time. Incumbent Scott 1

aid he is received a disappointed in the loss.

"I was looking forward to getting back on the board with commitment," Samansky said. "I guess they wanted change:

Will the two newcomers and Millman, Statisticy said the board has three gr ole.

three group books. While the budget defeat is disappolitical. Samansky was some-what understanding.

"It was a little controversial," he said.

Candidalle Benjamin Rulf received a total of 210 votes

This year's budget, set \$30.892,541, marked an approxim ly 2.4 percent increase from last year's budget. While the levy is the lowest increase seen in the township in the past seven years, the proposal called for an estimated \$110 annual school tax increase for a homeowner in Springfield with a home means \$100,000.

Controversy surrounded the budget increase due to a "one-te-one" laptop initiative that would provide students attending Florence M, Gaudineer school with their own laptops for use during class time.

In Mountainside, John Perrin received a total of 435 votes, keeping his seat on the board as the only resident who ran for the of the two avail-able seats this year. Current Board of Education President Peter Goggi did not run and had his last beard meeting cartier this month.

The budget in Mountainside, set at 9,279,940, passed by a count of

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Union County Prosecutor Third the past five ypers, massage periors that offered sex for money have been closed down by arrests and prosecution in Mountainside, Westfield and Hillside, along with a number of prostitution houses being shut down in Plainfield:

"No municipality is immune from these

the the second periors concentrated, in Springflaid

The advecticements, which the resident ted where for factorions in discrete settings, noted w gave phone munifiers, addresses and said to ask for a certain passes on arrival.

Since that time, no arrests have been reported, though Springfield Police Chief William Chiscim ins said the investigation is ongoing.

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"We are probably well insulated," said Viglianti of Route 22 and the neighborly downtown area of Mountainside, "but it can't hairt."

Taking pride in Project Graduation

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At Harbeley Heights' Governor Livingston High Schert Char of 239, including 59 students who

Schung and a subject of the statements, which also the goal is to sport the expenses of the seader

the to be about \$100 per student. New we work very hard," Miller said, "starting the ig early on and reaching out to the students, too." AB

At Governor Livingston, the extravaganza has been capturing the plaution of the senior class since it began in 1989.

"We firy to make them take some kind of ownership in it build link enthusiant," Miller said. "They're very to build heir entrusians," Miller aware of whist Project Graduation is."

Miller said about 94 percent of the senior class attends the event, which, in secont years and this year, has been conducted at the Sonny Worblin Recruition Centur at Rutgers University.

One of the biggest fund-misers each year is a pasts dis-nex, conducted at the high school, in which students act as waiters and waitrusses for community members, persona, faculty and staff.

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"The kids just have a second date the said, adding that the PTA receives the second districtions from parents and is even thenked by the second districtions from parents and "M's a chance further that the second districtions, which I think is a good date for them," Vecchione said.

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will an alsohol- different in entry for the and-of-the-year blast, Miller, information events is very effective. "I think it's attributed inspirement," sold Miller. "It sends the managings to the kide that you can have a great time without drigs or sloolol. You don't need those things for a good time

As a percent and citizen, Miller said, the event and mesens is more and more important, especially after gradua-

"It's just the most worthwhile thing," Vecchione said. On May 7 at Deserfield School, 302 Central Ave. in mutainside, a clothing drive will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to help raise funds for Project Graduation.



Catalo, Meaghan O'Brien and Devin O'Brien toes the besebell before the arr reading session and kick-off game of the Springfield Junior Besebell Later. 10-1 J.

Before casting their ballots, voters mare views on BOE budget

By Rick Klittich Shaff Webber

As residents of Springfield ventured out to cast their votes in Tuesday's Board of Education and budget polls, the focus of public opinion seemed to concentrate on one thing: taxes.

"Don't vote for taxes," said one pair of senfor citizens, who declined to give their names. "It's definitely a high tax increase," said one senior who has lived in Springfield her entire

life. "Everything else is up and we don't need more taxes here," she said

Her counterpart, who said she has lived in Springfield for 50 years, said if the budget could avoid an increase, she would be glad to take part in it.

A man who has lived in town for 43 years also agreed.

"I don't mind the budget," he said, also wishing to remain anonymous, "but there's a lot that should be looking and Anthony and Laise D thought that voting for **4** way to go.

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Anthony defended proposal by Superinte that would even 1 chool and high sc computers for use had He said, although t

director of technology at the high school did not see their own lantop initiative to be effective, the superintendent provided him with the "fail story."

"The proper plan," he said, was just not in piace.

Still, others were skeptical of the budget.

"I've lived here for 43 years," said one woman, who did not want to give her name." "They never ask your opinion about anything.

They just come up with ideas that don't sense." she said, noting her objection and laptop initiative.

Stanley, a resident of about 15 years case about who would be voted on to of Education. "The candidates aren't a big deal,"

"but taxes are."

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dents of various community activities and government meetings. To mail a schedule, send it to Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109. Union. NJ 07083

· Springfield resident Betty Eisenberg has been chosen as Woman of the Year by the Springfield chapter of Hadassah and will be honored at a lunchcon scheduled at L'Affaire, 1099 Route 22 east in Mountainside at 11:45 a.m. A life member of Hadassah, Eisenberg is currently the chapter's vice president for education.

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

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

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. Food is available for purchase. Tickets are \$5 per person.

For tickets and information, call 908-232-2400 ext. 725. Saturday

• "Earth Day, Every Day" will be conducted at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside from 10-11 a.m. Visitors of all ages are invited to tearn about recycling, reducing and reusing materials to see how you can make a difference for the environment. Enjoy the day and enhance the park by participating in a trash pick up to beautify e Watchung Reservation. Gloves will be provided.

Trailside is a facility of the Union County Department of Parks & Recreation. Call 908-789-3670 for information. 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 Mountainside Board of Education will meet in the media center Beechwood School. 1487 Woodacres Drive, at 8 p.m. • St. James the Apostle Parish will be sponsoring its annual Parish Festi-

val at 45 S. Springfield Ave. in Springfield. The festival will include rides and game booths for all ages, a tin can auc-

ion, a hospitality table, food court and daily raffle drawings. Hours are from 6 to 10 p.m.

For information, call 973-376-3044. Wednesday

. Children ages 4-5, when accompanied by an adult, can become a pale tologist and search for dinosaur bones to assemble a large dinosaur puzle, with "Discover Dinosaurs," a program offered at Trailside Nature & Science Center. 452 New Providence Road from 6 to 7 p.m. Preregistration is required. This program will be conducted rain or shine.

The fee is \$5 per person for Union County residents and \$6 per person for non-county residents. Call 908-789-3670 for information

• St. James the Apostle Parish will be sponsoring its annual Parish Festival at 45 S. Springfield Ave. in Springfield.

The festival will include rides and game booths for all ages, a tin can auction, a hospitality table, food court, and daily raffle drawings. Hours are from 6 to 10 p.m.

For information. call 973-376-3044

• The Mountainside Public Library will present David Smith's One Man Sideshow in the library on Constitution Plaza at 4 p.m. The show features juggling, spinning, unicycling and laughs and is a celebration for the Rally to Read fund-raiser. The program is open to everyone but Rally to Read participants are invited to come to the library at 3:30 p.m. to choose a book donation for the children's collection. For information, call 908-233-0115.



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Springfield On April 12 at 3:52 p.m., Alfonso

Fonseca, 24, of Irvington, was arrested on Linden Avenue for theft by deception of more than \$500. forgery and possession of drug paraphernalia. · Jose Valentine, 32, of Newark. was arrested Friday at 11:11 a.m. on

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regard of a traffic signal, improper turn on red. driving uninsured and an outstanding warrant out of Springdriving with a revoked license. Mountainside Pablo Arias, 53, of Paterson, was

• A car parked at a Route 22 west business was reported burglarized Friday at 8:24 a.m. Missing items includ- 8:48 a.m. after being stopped for haved a pair of prescription sunglasses and motor oil.

Firefighters extinguish brush fire apartment complex for a medical serv.

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• On April 12 at 10:56 a.m., fire-

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FIRE BLÖTTER On April 13 at 3:30 p.m., firefight-

ers responded to a reported brush fire in the backyard of a residence located on Coles Avenue. At the scene. firefighters found that the brush fire consumed an area roughly 200 feet by 100 feet. It took firefighters about an hour to extinguish the brush fire.

• On Sunday at 7:57 p.m., firefighters responded to a report of a brush fire located in Echo Lake Park, in the vicinity of the maintenance area. The minor fire was quickly extinguished.

• On April 13 at 4:23 p.m., firefighters responded to an activated fire alarm at a residence located on Grouse Lane. An investigation by fire officers determined that an electrical wire extending from the garage wall had shorted and was arcing. The electrical circuit was switched off and the home- fighters responded to a Troy Drive

fighters responded to a two-vehicle motor accident on Route 22 east, in the vicinity of New Providence Road. There were no serious injuries and firefighters remained on the scene until the vehicles were towed. Springfield On Friday at 1:48 a.m., firefighters

responded to a Shunpike Road business for an activated fire alarm. • On April 14 at 12:20 p.m., fire-

fighters responded to Morris and Springfield avenues for a motor vehicle accident with injuries. • On April 14 at 4:54 p.m., fire-

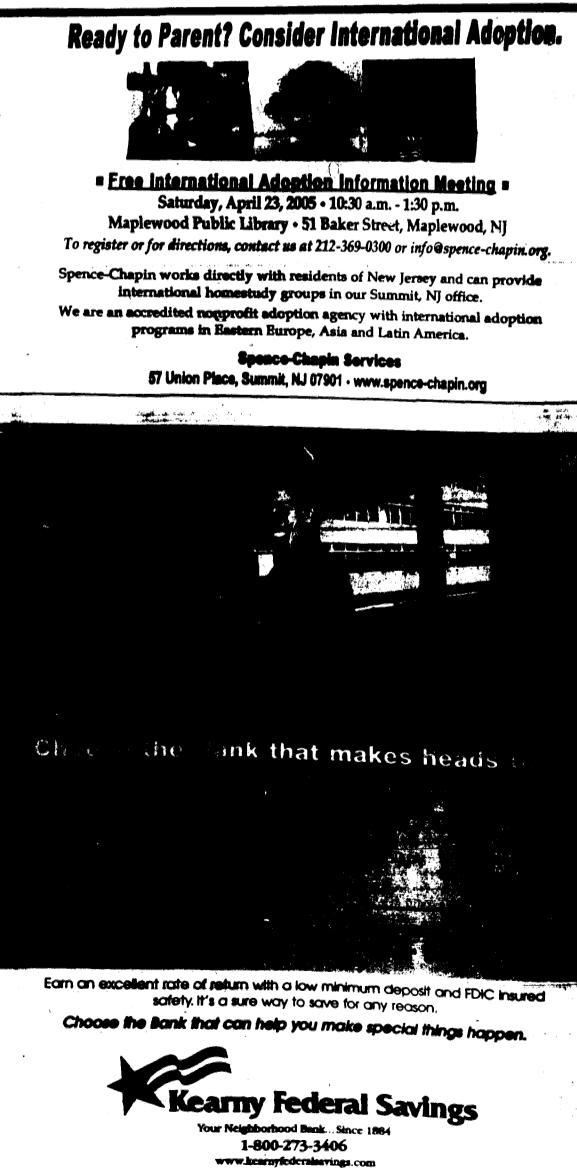
Seniors sought for Springfield club

looking for some new members.

They are located at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, play Bingo, etc. Springfield.

If any senior citizen is looking for meet twice a month at the center, either a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thurs something to do in their spare time. located near the Morris and Mountain day. The price to join their groups is the Springfield Senior Citizens Club is avenue intersection in Springfield. S6 per year to cover cost of coffee and The groups have speakers, parties, dessert. go on trips to various destinations. Everyone brings a sandwich and

If interested, call Theresa at 973-There are four senior groups, who 912-2227 or just stop in and visit on out the year.



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arrested for driving with a suspended license because of a Visa expiration. . Jamarr Faircloth, 27, of Paterson was arrested on Route 22 cast after - Justin Mojica. 29, of Scotch being stopped on April 10 at 2:07 p.m. Plains, was arrested April 13 at 12:41 for not wearing a seat belt. Faircloth p.m. for two outstanding warrants, diswas driving with a suspended license. · Roland James, 61, of Orange, was arrested on Route 22 west Anril 8 at

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> ice call. • On April 14 at 11:15 a.m., ali units responded to a Fadem Road business for a water flow alarm.

• On April 13 at 7:14 p.m., fire fighters responded to the Edward V Walton school for a Dumpster fire.

• On April 13 at 3:46 p.m., fire fighters responded a pumper to Mountainside to assist in a brush fire on Coles Avenue.

• On April 12 at 9:46 a.m., fire fighters responded to a Wabeno Avenue apartment complex for a medical service call.

• On April 11 at 11:10 a.m., fire fighters responded to a Morris Avenue business for a modical service call. - Firefighters responded to Keeler

Street for a possible brush fire on April 10 at 11:49 a.m.

they enjoy lunch together. There are many activities through

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Passover services begin

By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer

Passover - "Pesach" in Hebrew - will be celebrated by Jewish people all over the world come sundown Saturday night. A story with a happy ending, the journey from slavery to freedom, led by the prophet Moses, is relived and retold every year.

The story is recorded in the Book of Exodus in the Bible, where God chose a simple shepherd, Moses, to lead the Jews out of bondage in Egypt. Ten terrible plagues were invoked because the Pharaoh, Ramses II, would not listen to Moses. Finally, the last plague, the slaying of the first born male of every family, affected Pharsoh's own son.

To protect the Jews on that terrible night. God told Moses to have them put the blood of a lamb on their doorposts, so the Angel of Death would "pass over" them that night. Then, when Pharaoh finally freed them, the Jews fled rapidly with Moses leading them out of Egypt.

There was no time to bake bread for the journey; thus the unleavened bread called "matzoh" was used, and is still enten for the eight days of Passover in every Jewish home today, to commemorate what happened centuries ago.

Always a warm, family celebration, it is also the custom to invite strangers to share in the ceremonial meals. There are special services in the temples and synagogues, but the meals at home, called "seders," are equally important and young children share in all of the questions and answers at the family's table.

In Springfield, Passover celebrations are as follows: The Conservative synagogue.

Temple Beth Ahm at 60 Temple Drive, will offer the First Night of Passover service Saturday at 7:30 p.m., with a Minha and Ma'ariv service. This is the



Rabbi Mark Mallach of Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield shows preschoolers Rachel Beck-man and Joshua Powell the Afikoman ceremony, With Passover beginning Saturday, many local houses of worship will be offering special services.

Passover, there will be an 8 p.m. stincks in level," sold the rabbt Minha and Ma'ariv service, followed by The Temple Beth Ahm Community use them to help the victims rebuild Seder. Attendees are required to their lives. The pemphies connects to R.S.V.P. ahead of time. This is the sec- the Passover part of the Seder called ond Seder.

Passover, there will be a 9:30 a.m. son, a simple son and the son who Shaharit service, and at 7:45 p.m., a does not know how to ask - this is Minha and Ma'ariv service.

On May 1, the eighth day Passover, there will be a 9:30 a.m. Shaharit service, followed by Yizkor. Israel. and a 7:45 p.m. Minha and Ma'ariv

Rabbi Mark Mallach is the spirituleader of Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield and spoke about a special ift he will be giving each member of his congregation.

cial perpohlet from the One Family about 8:30 p.m. This is the First Seder Fund of Israel, with the motto, night, "Robuilding shattered lives." This

"What they do is solicit funds and the 'four sons' which is a metaphor of On April 30, the seventh day of four prototypes; a wise son, a wicked

> His hope is that in the future there at 7:25 p.m., with candle lighting after will be no more victime of terror in

> Rabbi Mallach noted, "At the end of the Seder, the last words we say are. evening services at 7:40 and 8:44 'next year in Jerusalem.' and I will add p.m..

 Congregation Israel, an Orthodox synagogue at 239 Mountain Ave., will

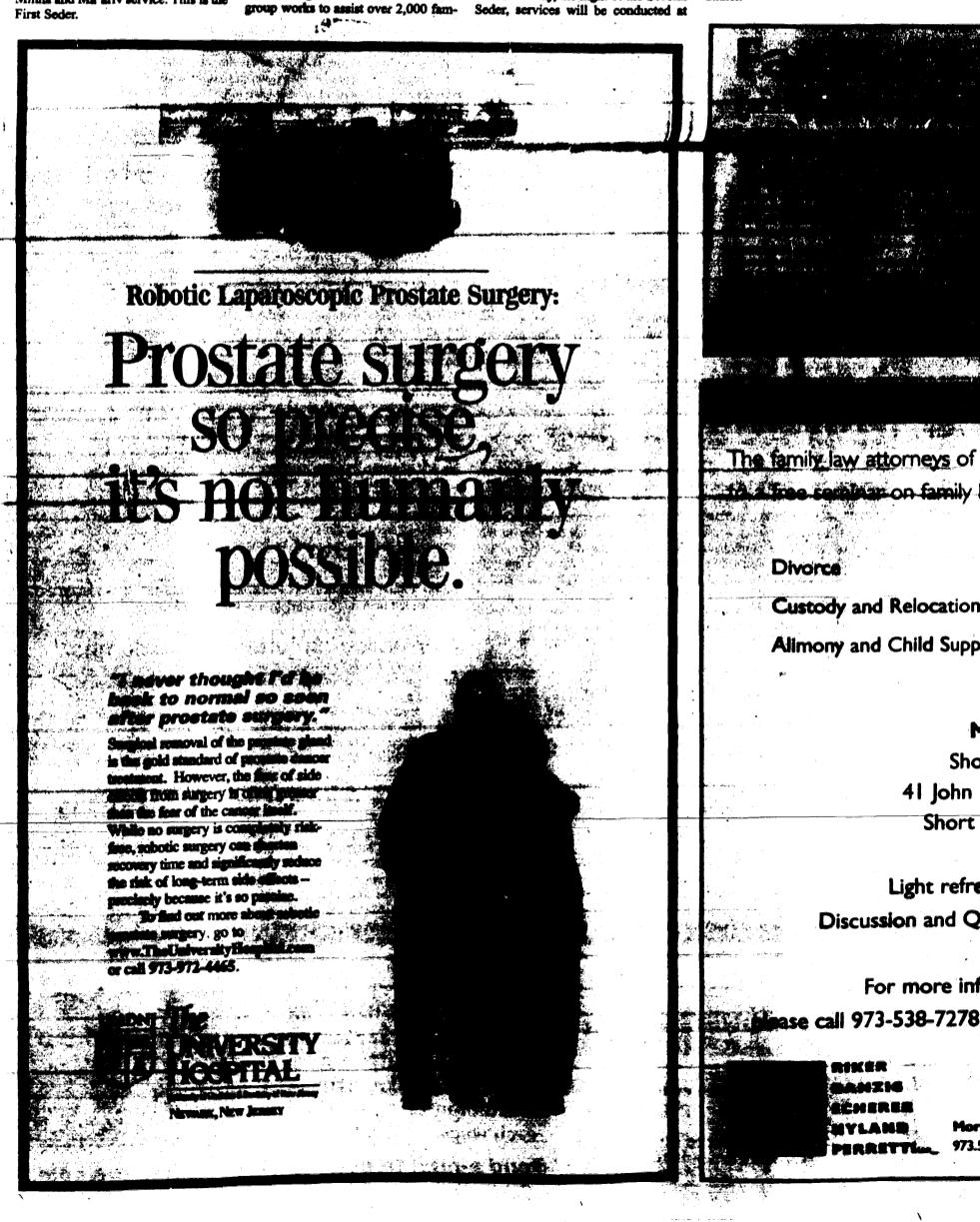
On Sunday, the night of the Second

On Sunday, the second night of ilies who were victims of terrorist 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. and at 7:35 p.m., with candle lighting about 8:36 p.m. This is the Second Seder night. On Monday, second day of Pesach,

services will be at 7:30 and 9 a.m., and 7:35 and 8:37 p.m. On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, there will be morning

services at 6 and 7 a.m., and evening services at 7:35 p.m.. On Saturday, services will be at 7:30 and 9 a.m.; and 8:43 p.m. On May 1, the eighth day of Passover, services will be at 7:30 and 9 a.m., with Yizkor at 10:30 a.m. and

 Reform Temple Sha'arev Shalom. at 78 South Springfield Ave., will offer services the first morning of Passover, Sunday at 10:30 a.m., Erev Shabbat will be conducted the seventh night of Passover, April 29, at 8 p.m., a Renaissance Shabbat, preceded by 6:30 p.m.



part of the Haggadah story."

to that, 'a Jerusalem of peace."

offer an Erev Pesach service at 7:15 "This year, I am giving them a spo- p.m. Saturday, with candle lighting

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Renna named new marketing director

By David Jablouski Associate Editor

Joe Renna became the new marketing director for Worrall Community he has also been Newspapers on March 21. Born and active on the task raised in the Poterstown section of force that formed Elizabeth. Renna has lived for the past the Rahway Spen four years in Cranford with his wife of cial Improvement. 15 years, Tina, and their two daugh- District and these tors, Angela, 13, and Mia, 12.

After graduating from New Jersey board. Although Joe Renna City University in 1982 with a degree he ran fir Freein commercial art. Renna started his holder in Union County in 2003 and own business in 1984 called Rentec 2004. Renna still found time to be a Design Studio. This full-service mar- youth minister at St. Anthony's keting, advertising and printing com- Church in Elizabeth, a mentor on projpany specialized in municipal market- ects at Roselle Catholic High School ing. Working with local governments and help St. Joseph's Social Service and their agencies, special improve- Center in Elizabeth. ment districts, urban enterprise zones He was also employed by the coun and chambers of commerce. Renns ty of Union as the public relations specialized in community developing, coordinator from 2001 to 2003. which included publications.

Renna has started a few publications out of his studio, including tion from Kean University, achieving Tiranga in New Jersey, serving more a perfect 4.0 grade point average in the than 100,000 natives of India living in process. New Jersey, and the newspaper, Around About Peterstown, Although ing his career at Worrall Community Renna sold his business in 2000, these newspapers are still being published.

In addition to these projects, Renna munity, serving on the Rahway Cham- communities we serve," said Renna. including four as president. A certified media is one of the most important public administrator and member of parts of our democracy."

the American Society of Public Administrators, served on its



In December 2004, Renna earned a

master's degree in public administra-

Now he has set his sights on finish-Newspapers, which he regards as "th best coverage of local news."

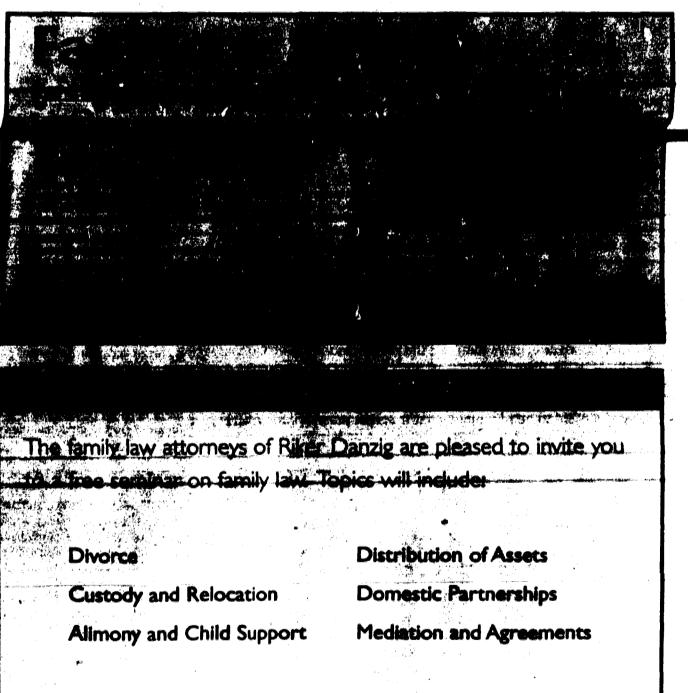
"I want to build the newspar has been politically active in his com- and increase their involvement in the ber of Commerce for eight years. "I love the newspaper. I think the

Eisenberg honored by Hadassah

by the Springfield chapter of Hadassah and will be honored at a luncheon scheduled for today at 11:45 a.m. at L'Affaire. 1099 Route 22 east in Mountainside. 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 Ilene Perl of Short Hills, also a life member of Hadassah and former Springfield res ident and Lewis Eisenberg of Brockline. Mass. Eisenberg is the grandmother of five and the great grandmother of two. Those interested in attending are urged to call huncheon Chairperson Rens Graham at 973-376-3826. Eisenberg was employed for many years as a legal secretary. Her last posi-

Springfield resident Betty Eisenberg has been chosen as Woman of the Year

tion of 20 years duration was with Union attorney Daniel G. Covine. The lunchcon program will also include a musical presentation featuring JULIAN, a man of a thousand voices.



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EDITORIALS

Provide equality

President George W. Bush's 2006 fiscal budget proposal to eliminate the Community Development Block Grant program within the Department of Housing and Urban Development and create a much smaller program within the Department of Commerce appears to be an unsound plan at first glance. But looking deeper, his proposal is a first step toward providing increased funding to the communities that need it most.

The CDBG program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities, counties and states. While Springfield has benefited from the program by receiving approximately \$100.000 annually, Mountainside receives very little, nearly \$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.

This year, Mountainside 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 borough applied for the same grants. What it comes down to is an inequality in the distribution of these grants among towns. Wealthier towns, such as Springfield and Mountainside, do get CDBG grants for everything from community programs to road improvements, but these needs are more prevalent in poorer, more urban communities. To fund these projects in the future. Springfield, in particular, will have to scale back, dig deeper into its pockets to fund these projects or look toward other sources of grants.

The second part of this proposal is that the president is establishing new eligibility criteria that could virtually eliminate 80 percent of the existing urban counties now qualified to receive the money, including Union County. If this happens, Union County may lose the annual entitlement grant of approximately \$6 million, which is divided among the towns

Rather than distributing the funds on a county basis, perhaps the administration can direct funding from this new, smaller program to the individual communities that actually need it, some of which are in Union County. Everyone knows there is a huge wealth gap between the western Union County towns and Elizabeth. It's time for a more sensible grant program that more accurately addresses this imbalance.

Happy Passover

Pesach, known as Passover in English, the most commonly observed Jewish holiday, begins Saturday night. Pesach begins on the 15th day of the Jewish month of Nissan and comes from the Hebrew root Peh-Samech-Chet. meaning to pass through, to pass over, to exempt or to spare. It refers to the fact that God "passed over" the houses of the Jews when he was slaying the firstborn of Egypt.

Passover lasts seven days, eight days outside of Israel. The first and last days of the holiday, or first two and last two outside of Israel, are days on which no work is permitted. Work is permitted on the intermediate days. The Fast of the Firstborn, commemorating the fact that the firstborn Jewish males in Egypt were not killed during the final plague, is normally observed the day before Passover. When Passover begins on a Saturday night, the Fast of the Firstborn is observed on Thursday instead.

But Passover is more than just the commemoration of the flight of Jews from Egypt; it is a celebration of freedom. Freedom might seem only a word, especially with the constraints of bills or a mortgage or work, but we need only look at a child to be reminded what freedom means. Look at your child, immersed in play, assured his or her mother or father will feed, protect and answer any concerns. This is why Passover, the festival of freedom, is so much the festival of the child. For it is the child who evokes in us the realization that we, too, are children of God, and are thus inherently and eternally free.

Celebrate Earth Day

Although Earth Day is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year, it can actually trace its roots back to 1962, when Sen. Gaylord Nelson first began to consider a way to make the state of our environment an issue in the politics of the country. In November 1962, the idea of a national conservation tour first occurred to him and by September 1963, President John F. Kennedy began the first such tour. Although the tour did not succeed, the seeds of Earth Day were planted and, in spring 1970, a grassroots protest on behalf of the environment proved very successful, evolving into what Earth Day has become today.

On Earth Day, we need to remember that, as the dominant

species on this planet, we must take steps to preserve our

home for ourselves and for future generations.

It's our responsibility.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New fence poses problems for deer To the Editor

The new fence going up along Mountview Road will certainly add nothing to the scenery and could end up being a major problem for drivers, especially at

My assumption is that the fence is a security item for the upcoming PGA tournament at Baltusrol, but I wonder if anyone there considered what happens to deer that get stuck in what will essentially be a milelong "paddock?" A paddock with a road going down its middle and two small shoulders certainly is not enough room for a mixture of deer and wild turkeys and cars.

While I'm not a fan of the deer overpopulation in the area where it is almost impossible to maintain gardens and flowers that are not devoured in short shrift. removing them by "autocide" on a dark night would not be a favorite task. Perhaps a sign at deer eye-level stating "No deer allowed" at each end of the road would help out?

> Martin Gornstein Springfield

It's hard to get reliable info in township To the Editor:

It seems it is getting harder and harder to get reliable information in Springfield. When I moved here five years ago, the township mailed a yearly schedule of recycling times to each township home. Often, unfortunately, this schedule came out a week or two after the new year began, but at least it was available. Now the only schedule is published on the Internet. What if you don't have a Therefore, the general public will have to go to the Township Committee meetcomputer?

Also, those of us who choose not to buy the Scho Leader every week rely on it around election time to keep us informed about complete backgrounds of can-didates. Once again, with the school board election on Tuesday, the April 14 edition of *Echo Leader* contained a short story about the candidates' night but no real summary of the backgrounds of those running for the school board and their stands on the issues. Also, the headline spoke about the issue of laptops in the schools, but there was no mention of laptops in the story. Is there anyone out there who will keep we poor Springfielders informed about our community? Bob Faszczewski

Play is necessary for learning To the Editor:

Editor's note: This is in response to the comments of Lloyd Grossman in the last Echo Leader, who states "Classrooms and teachers are a top priority, not playgrounds."

Not playgrounds, Mr. Grossman? Are you painfully unaware of the mounds of research that show that children, especially those in the early grades like those at Walton School, learn by playing? Do you think that a playground is a luxury? Do you realize that you can walk into any day care conter or early-grade school, even those in poor districts, and there will always be a playground and equipment for kids? Do you think that the children of Walton School should be left to play on a blacktop instead?

And do you realize that Walton School and its playground needs should not be left as an afterthought? That people actually move to Springfield to go to Walton School?

Talk to the realtors in town and they will sell you, if you don't have personal knowledge of it yourself, what is the single largest draw for families in this town. Yet you choose to shortchange Walton kids and the prosperity and progress of our town and those who come into it, or don't, by disregarding the wealth of research that shows what all of us know already: playgrounds and play are necessary for learning in the early grades.

By the time this letter is printed we will know who was elected to the Board of Education, but I for one, am very glad that you won't get my vote. Lisa Ebert

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Town Hall plans sound problematic To the Editor:

I am rarely surprised by the actions of the Springfield Township Committee, but I was truly shocked to hear at their April 12 meeting about the new grandiose partially-developed plans which they are now considering for the expansion of the Springfield Town Hall.

Many Springfield residents went to the grand opening of the new Springfield Firehouse on Feb. 29, 2004 at a cost of \$3,500,000. It was then announced that the large interior space vacated by the fire engines at the rear end of the Town guest columns via e-mail. Hall would be converted into individual offices for the Police Department.

Apparently, the above idea was scrapped by the Springfield Township Committee -- exactly when I do not know -- and new plans were assigned to an architect for preliminary sketches. The new plans call for the total destruction of the Town Hall Annex - formerly the American Legion Hall Building - and the destruction of the two-story white Girl Scout House nearby which faces Caldwell Place. Trivett Avenue on the north side of the present Town Hall would be wiped out and a two-story wing would be added to one side of the Town Hall



where the street formerly was located. This large addition would house the Police Department offices and other offices. It was not stated what the vacated fire engine spaces would be used for or for which departments the new area would be needed. The entire Town Hall would be renovated extensively except for the Council Chamber Room. The population of Springfield is approximately 14,200. There is only one

Photo By Roome Root Silveys

piece of vacant private land, of which I know, where more than five homes could be built; and that is the Statile Farm on Mountain Avenue. Minimal population growth is anticipated. Aside from the Police Department, why is more office space needed? The Fire Department personnel moved out of the Annex, the Emergency Management Department moved from the Sarah Bailey Civic Center to the new fire house and the former Hershey Ice Cream Building was recently purchased for use of the Public Works Department, complete with offices and a very large storage space.

Some PTA members question how the children on the east side of Springfield would walk to Caldwell School if the street was closed and how the First Aid Squad and other cars would quickly go to the west side of Springfield without the delay of going on Morris Avenue. It was also said that the construction work would be funded with new bonds

for taxpayers to pay off. When I asked to see the sketches of the new job, there was a comment that "some people" had seen them about two weeks ago at a "Tuesday night workshop meeting" but not at the regular public Township Committee meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. A possible viewing might be accommodated on the third Tuesday. Unfortunately, none of the Township Committee meetings are televised

ings every Tuesday to learn of township business and any big spender project Hazel Hardgrove Springfield

Property tax relief may be on the way

After three straight years of dramatic property tax increases, New Jersey citizens have been waiting for real property tax relief. As a member of the Assembly Republican Callent, I am happy to announce that relief may be on the way. Recently, the members of the Assembly Republican caucus and I unveiled our Blueprint for Property Tax Reform. This reform plan will permanently cut property taxes for New Jersey homeowners by 30 percent, phased in over a

three-year period. Unlike other programs the state has tried, homeowners will not have to wait for a rebate check. They will automatically receive a reduction in their property tax bill. This will eliminate the paperwork and bureaucracy inherent in rebate

programs

This plan would constitutionally mandate the 30 percent reduction so it can't be taken away by future administrations or lawmakers. In order to ensure this property tax cut is not financed by raising taxes, this proposal includes a consti-tutional amendment to control state spanding and requires a super-majority vote of the Legislature in order to raise taxes.

The blueprint also contains a 26-bill package designed to control state spending, cut government waste, and help local governments reduce costs This is a realistic, comprehensive and well thought-out plan. All we need to enact it is the support of the Domocrat leadership in the Legisland,

If you want to learn more about the plan or register your support for this plan, please feel free to call my office at 908-232-3673. New Jersey housewaters are demanding property tax relief, and that is what this plan will provide. Assemblymm Joir Brannic

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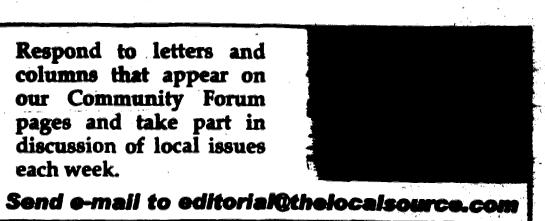
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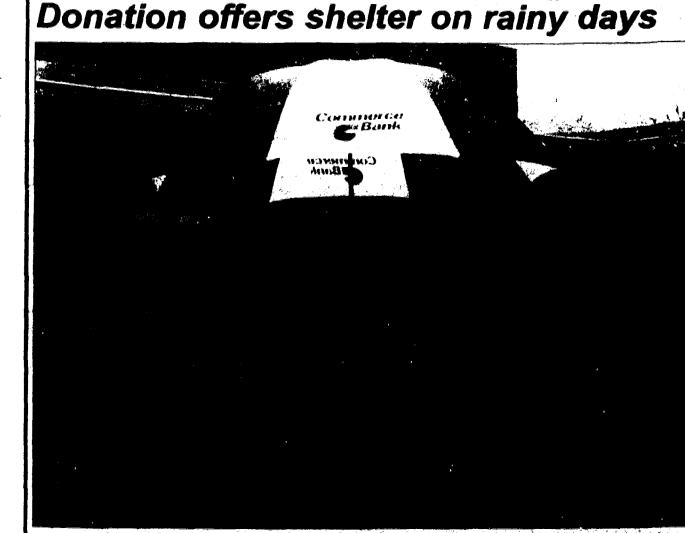
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ECHO LEADER

HARD AT WORK - PJ Martin, right, of the Springfield Recreation Department and Jason Muliman of the Department of Public Works unload clay for the softball field on the land beside Jonathan Dayton High School. The township is currently awaiting a trade of Union County-owned land that will enable the township to acquire ownership of seven acres of land near the high school.

Editor's note: Republican Assemblyman Jon Brannick serves the 21st Dis-





Commerce Bank recently donated 30 umbrelles to the Edward V. Walton School In Springfield. With the construction under way, faculty and staff had to implement new arrival and dismissal procedures. Since students are now dismissed outside, the large umbrellas come in handy when it rains. Showing one of the new umbrellas is kinder-garten teacher Elaine Cladek, with Commerce Bank Assistant Vice President Rosalinda

Group collects bikes for needy

Pedals for Progress, in its continuing effort to recycle bicycles properly, able transportation for commuting to They also accept working portable

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bicycle in repairable condition is adults is vital to the development and

They do not accept "bikes for parts" or disassembled bikes. Bikes cle. A donation toward shipping costs

p.m. on April 30, rain or shine at the gested minimum \$10 per bike. Deerfield Elementary School parking All cash and material donations are For information, call Paul at 908-lof, Central Avenue and School Drive fully tax-deductible and a receipt will 233-1680 or paul@printmecca.com. in Mountainside.

Podals for Progress collects more than 11,000 bicycles annually and transfers this material wealth to those more needy. To date, more then 86.000 have been shipped to developing

is having a used bike collection spon- work, transporting produce to market, sewing machines. sored by Mountainside Rotary Club. or accessing health care and other Anyone with an adult or child's services. Steady employment for these urged to donate his or her bike to this success for these economies It costs \$26 to collect, process,

ship, rebuild and distribute each bicycially wrenches. For information on can be dropped off from noon to 3 for donated items is necessary, sug- their bicycle collection, visit their Web

Trailside celebrates Earth Day

"Earth Day, Every Day" will be conducted on Saturday at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside, from 10 to 11 a.m. Visitors of all ages are invited to learn about recycling, reducing and reusing countries in Latin American Ballos stato ; manerally to see how you can make a difference for the environment.

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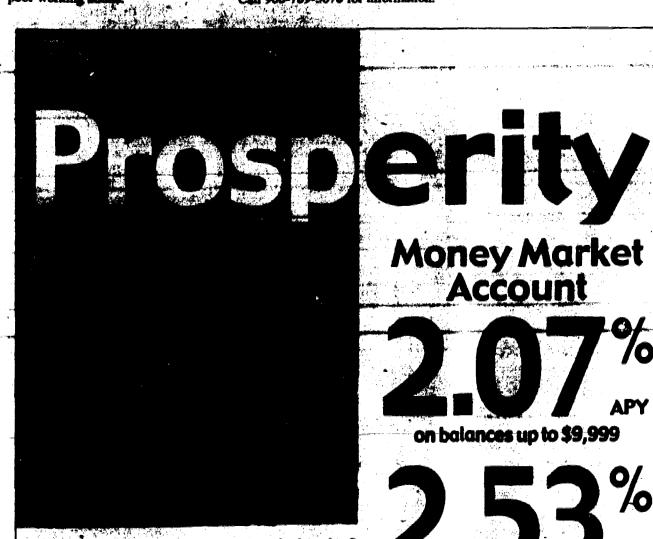
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EDUCATION

Speaker explores legal issues of special needs

Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside will be hosting a lecture by Joseph Romano, a nationally recognized attorney who represents children and adults throughout the United States

The secture will be conducted on May 3 at Children's Specialized Hospital's Mountainside facility, 150 New Providence Road at 7 p.m. Romino will be lecturing on legal

assues that may affect children with special needs such as funding, nursing and special education.

In the past Romano has written extensively and lectured to healthcare providers, school mirses, educators, parents and advocates on creative funding approaches for children with complex medical needs

- Each attendee will receive a complementary copy of his latest book. The Feral Kinhts of the Calastrophi cally III and Injured. A Family Guide, and a copy of his article, "Special Education. Funding Altern Myths and Realities '

Registration is necessary to attend. For information or to register, call Susan Driscoll at 908-233-3720 ext 5478

Committee seeks funds for Project Graduation

The Springfield Project Graduation Committee is in the process of planning the celebration for the Jonathan Dayton High School senior class of 2005. Committee members are in desperate need of funds in addition to those that have already been raised.

The celebration is a supervised, drug- and alcohol-free. fun-filled evening at the Madison YMCA. Activities will include swimming. sporting events, DJ and an all-night foodfest. Transportation will be proided. This event will take place following the JDHS graduation ceremony on June 23.

The estimated cost of this celebration is approximately \$20,000. All business and or organization will be identified as a sponsor in the journal listributed to graduates and their famhes Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to Jonathan Dayton High School PTSO, Project Graduation 2005, 139 Mountain Ave., Springfield, N1 07081

The JDHS Project Graduation thanks every ne for their support as the committee works toward providing a safe and emovable celebration ir the Jonathan Dayton High School class of 2005 For information, call one of the Project Graduation 2005 committee **members**

Felice Schneier can be reached at 908-522-0537, or through e-mail at: elicee a aol.com; Patti Poltrock at 973-376-0201,or via c-mail at: Pup1125/a aol.com, and Cathy Fonseca. at 973-379-5512. e-mail: Cathy@ BollingerInsurance.com.

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demonstrate delays in cognition. speech, language, vision, hearing motor or social/emotional development. Springfield offers a program for preschool disabled youngsters called SPROUT, Springfield School Readiness Opportunities for Unique Tots.

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

Film festival explores perceptions of Jews

Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive. Springfield, will continue its ilm festival May 15 at 7 p.m. The first permanent Jewish settle-

ment in North America was established in 1654. Beginning this past Septembor, Jews across America began a yearlong celebration of the 50th anniversary of Jewish settlement in North America.

As part of this celebration, the film will look at two depict perceptions of Jews in America through the eyes of Jewish people and those of their neighbors.

Participants in the film testival will compare and contrast these perceptions as depicted in two films that debuted 45 years apart from one mother

They include the 1947 Elia Kazan film, "Gentleman's Agreement," staring Gregory Peck. and the 1992 Robert Mandel Film, "School Ties," starring Brandon Fraeser. Rabbi Mark Mallach will introduce each film with discussion following the viewing.

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The Mountainside Public Library will present David Smith's "One-Man Sideshow in the library on Constitution Plaza on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

The show features juggling, spinning, unicycling and laughs and is a celebration for the Rally to Read fundraiser. The program is open to everyone but Rally to Read participants are invited to come to the library at 3:30 p.m. to choose a book donation for the children's collection. For information, call 908-233-

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The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., are accepting donations for their lobby sale to benefit the library. Donations of jewelry, glassware and china, small appliances and kitchen items, linens. artificial flowers, tools and toys are welcome. No books or clothing will be accepted. Items should be clean and in generally good condition.

Donations may be dropped off a the library, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8:45 p.m., and Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

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.

Group meets for memoir writing tipe

Writer and teacher Zella R.P. Geltman continues to bring her counseling and training services to the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. n the ongoing course, "Write Your Life Stories --- Memoir Writing Made

Geltman teaches methods by which memoir writing can be simple and rewarding: how to get started, having a purpose, how to tell stories, making a list of ideas from your life experiences, tins on editing, suggested reading and how working with a group provides feedback for each other and nhances people's stories.

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

The group will meet on the first nd 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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WORSHIP CALENDAR

PRESBYTERIAN

information at 908 277-1700

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a.m.; the emphasis of which is to always have a "nood week" because of Paul's reminder to us in is letter to the Romans "that ALL things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose". The sermons are uplifting, Biblically sound and guaranteed to you awake. The music and weekt children's message are memorable. All are velcome to hear the Good News of God's tor. and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers nursery care, after worship refreshments and fellowship, and many lively programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you too can have a "good week". Call the church office or Pastors Gina .--Rich Hendrickson, Senior Co-Pastors for mut-

Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 1 a m For information about our midwee children, teen, and adult programs, contact the FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND

SCHOOL, 229 Cowperthwaite Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Kritsch, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available. Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible

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SERVING CHRIST IN THE 21st CENTURY 242 Shunpike Rd., Springfield, Rev. Frederick Mackey, 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 Praver. Praise and Bible Study Junior Senior High Ministry Active Youth Ministry, Wide-Range Music Program Ample Parking Chair Lift provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us for further information contact church office (973) 379-4351 Mondays - 7.00 pm - ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield 973-376-0539. Mark Mallach, Rabbi. Richard Nadel, Cantor. Marilyn Garlen. President. Beth Ahm is an egalitarian Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekday services Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM Sun hurs. 7:45 PM Shabbet (Friday) 6:00 PM J 8:30 PM Shabbat day 9:30 AM & sunset; Sundays, 8:30 AM. Festival & Holiday mornings 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (thirdseventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's League .- Men's Club, youth groups for sixtl through twelfth graders, and a busy Adul Education program. For more information, please contact our office during office hours

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CONGREGATION ISRAEL OF SPRINGFIELD 339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 973-467-9666. Chaim Marcus, Rabbi; Alan J. Yuter, Rabbi Emeritus. Solomon Greenfield, President, Congregation Israel is a Modern Orthonian mineration. There are two daily weakday maning Minyana at 6215 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Daily weakday Minyan Minghi Maseriv services are also hold. Call the shot effice for mes. There are two Stablest manufag mitvices at 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. as well as Justor Congregation at 9:30 a.m. the Justory School conducts classes for children with 2 1/2 to 4. A

Call 973-376-1695 for more information AM Religious school classes meet on Saturday

corper of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue. Church School and Bible Study is heid at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship is at 10 30

· Preschool Story Time will be offered on Thursdays for children ages 3 and 4 from today to May 12, from 2 to 2:30 p.m. · Toddler Time will be offered for

two-year-olds on Wednesdays, ending May 11, from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

The program includes stories, nursery rhymes and finger plays for twoyear-olds with an adult caregiver. · Story time Theatre presents sto-

ries and folk tales acted out each Book reviews from standard sources week. The program is offered each Wednesday from May 4 to May 25 from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Registration is required for each

program. Proof of age is required for each child in the Toddler Time and Preschool Story time programs. All programs are open to Moun-

tainside cardholders only. For information, call 908-233-

Group discusses

Chekhov romance Once a month, the Great Books Discussion Group meets to examine the great books of civilization. The

spring selections range from essays to The group meets the third Thursday of each month at the Springfield

Free Public Library at 10 a.m. Chekhov's "Uncle Vanya" will be liscussed today. A retired professor has returned to his estate to live with his beautiful young wife, Yelena.

The estate originally belonged to his first wife, now deceased; her mother and brother still live there and manage the farm. For many years the brother Uncle Vanya has sent the farm's proceeds to the professor, while receiving only a small salary himself. Sonya, the professor's daughter, who is about the same age as his new wife, also lives on the estate. The professor

is pompous, vain, and irritable. He calls the doctor to treat his gout, only to send him away without seeing



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Spring courses offered at NJCVA

project nearing completion, now is the and collage. time to register for a unique visual arts experience.

Classes and workshops for children, teens and adults, are offered in a and summer sessions for those who. variety of media and at all experience levels in nine state-of-the-art, new and renovated studios. The spring/summer consists of two six-week semesters and weekend workshop intensives. Spring semester has begun and summer semester begins June 6.

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

Understanding Contemporary Art with Cristina Nalty 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 College Artist with Nancy Egol Nikkal leads students through the process of two and threedimensional collage --- assemblage ---via demonstration and hands-on learn-

In addition to these new offerings, each semester offers a full array of options for adults, toons and children to engage in the medium of their

Select adult class offerings this somester include Digital Media, Landscape Painting - The Great Indoors, and Pottery - From Tumbler to

Tespot. Teen Classos, appropriate for teens 13 and older, with exceptions, feature Comic Book Art, Portfolio Develop-ment, and Working on the Potter's Wheel, smong others. Age-specific Session 2: July 25 through July 29, For general information, call 908-children's classes, created specifically Session 3: Aug. 1 through Aug. 5, See- 273-9121 or visit the Web site at

Literary Luncheon planned

The Junior League of Elizabeth- Big Time and the Big Stone Gap annual Literary Luncheon. The event Holler and Milk Glass Moon." will take place on Friday at The Grand Summit Hotel. 570 Springfield Ave. in Summit, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 house," "Cold Hit," "Final Jeopardy" p.m. To purchase tickets, call the and "Likely to Die." Her newest Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield novel. "Entombed." came out in Januat 908-709-1177.

Tickets are \$75. The Literary Luncheon has sold out for thousant first of biographies and history. His word stand of the sold out for thousand of biographies and history. His word word will factored a stand of the sold affle, book sales and author sugarks. Books will be available for murchase and signing by the authors. The 2005 panel of authors includes: • Adrians Trigiani as returning

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No Time For a Six-Week Class? have a limited amount of time. Offerings include, among others,

Contemporary Tapestry Weaving; I What?, and Paint a Watercolor in Five Steps. Special one-day workshops for children include, among others, Mother's Day Jewels, Cartooning Animals; and New Natural Wonder Workshops with popular instructor Becky Santo-F8.

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 21/2 hours and is \$10 for members and \$15 for mon-

members. A discounted ticket book is available to members of the NJCVA in the Registrar's office. Kills and Toon Art Camp

NJCVA will be offering six oneweek 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, to support children's artistic develop- sion 4: Aug. 8 through Aug. 12, Ses- www.njcva.org.

sion 5: Aug. 15 through Aug. 19, Ses-

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, the NJCVA Kids' Art Special one- and two-day work- Camp provides children with an shops are offered during the spring opportunity to explore painting, drawing, watercolor, pottery, printmaking would like to try a new medium or and various other media with expert instructors in a fun-filled environment. Children spend their day outdoors creating art projects in authentic Just Bought A Digital Camera, Now art studios. At the week's end, parents are invited to a special art party to view their children's creations.

A new addition to the NJCVA curriculum this year is Teen Art Camp, for ages 13 to 15.

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 nicva.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 Included 1 school taught by an award winning faculty, an exhibitions galliny and two strolling galleries once renovation. i complete in September.

Current programs include: Kaleidoscope docent-led tours. Outreach Programming, Kid's and Toon Art Camp, and teacher symposiums, among others.

The NJCVA, located at 68 Elm is whoolchair accessible,

Recently, members of the planning committee for the year's Fleware, Ferne & Fellege: Plant Sale and Auction on May 6 at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit got together. Getting ready for the big day are, from left, Melissa Pfleiger, Leslie Rodgers, Ellen Hochberger, Maria Zazzera, Joan Ryder and Mary Keselica.

Free YMCA lectures explore nutrition topics

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

· Vitamins, Minerals and Supple ments, will be conducted today at Summit YMCA, from 1 to 2 p.m.

conducted on Wednesday, at Berkeley Heights YMCA, from 9 to 10 a.m., Springfield YMCA, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., and on April 28, at Summit YMCA, 1

MCA is located at 67 Maple St.,

New Work of Dogs: Tending to Life, "The Dogs of Bediam Farm."

committed to promoting volunteerism. To learn more about the Junior

jlepnj.org Proceeds from this from will support JPEP efforts that benefit families

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 Menopause and Nutrition, will be to 2 p.m.

The Berkeley Heights YMCA is located at 550 Springfield Ave., Berkeley Heights. The Summit Summit. The Springfield YMCA is Related WTCA's

Plainfield has announced the sixth Series: Big Stone Gap, Big Cherry Love, Family," "A Dog Year: Twelve · Linda Fairstein, author of "The Kills." "The Bone Vault." "The Dead-

• Frank Delanoy is a prolific author of biographics and listory. His Works "Iroland: A Novel." • Margie Palatini 1 field and is the author of children's books installing "Meo Who?," "Sweet Tooth," "Moodkitoe" and SUSAN STEVENS TANNE, M.D. Ling and . Jon Katz is the author of "The Love your body ... every disappearing incl YOU DESERVE personal, caring and superfilinced tree F. SERVICE CO A MEDICAL DOCTOR At Mesotherapy, MD, year will always be treated by a manual disport, never by an assistant. Meeotherapy is the non-surgical elementary to the succion ommercial • Residential A Renair: Driveway Seal application; and facial rejumnation. Susan Stevens Three M.D., the Abroit? , Office Buildings, Decks, Trucks The lease Collinson

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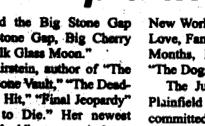
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SAGE offers Living Well lectures at new site

SAGE Eldercare, a major community resource for the elderly, will offer its fourth annual "Living Well" lecture series spring programs.

All programs are free of charge and this year's programs focus on the wellness of the whole person. All "Living Well" lectures are from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at SAGE Elderoare's new location at 290 Broad St., Summit, and are free of

Refreshments will be served. Preregistration is suggested, though walkins are welcome, by calling 908-598-

The spring programs include "Planning for a Financially Healthy ounselor. at 908-273-3330 ext. 167 or Future" presented by Gary Mazart, estate long term care planning attorney on Wednesday; "Stress Reduction Tips to Increase Productivity in your Professional & Personal Life" presented by Beth Pinkus of the Mind Body Wellness Center on May 10 and more For information, call 908-273-5550 or log onto www.sageelder-

Children's Hospital thanks volunteers

care.org.

Through Saturday, Children's Spe cialized Hospital in Mountainside will be celebrating National Volunteer Recognition to thank one of America's most valuable assets --- the hospital

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Callista V. Conley

Callista Veronica "Chrissy" Conley, 97, of Springfield died April 10 in the Cranford Health and Extended Care, Cranford.

Born in Orange, Mrs. Conley moved to Springfield in 1925. She was a secretary for Smith and Smith Funeral Home, Springfield, during the 1970s. Mrs. Conley was a member of the Rosarv Society at St. James worked for Sterling Plastics Co. Church, Springfield.

Robert Zieser

Robert C. Zieser, 85, of Barnegat, formerly of Springfield, died April 10 in the Southern Ocean County Hospital, Manahawkin.

Born in Newark, Mr. Zieser lived in Springfield for 30 years before moving to Barnegat 18 years ago. He was a plant manager for J. Wiss & Sons, Newark, where he worked for 40 years before retiring in 1979. Mr. Zieser was an Army veteran of World War II. He fought in the Normandy invasion at Omaha Beach and was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Mr. Zieser was a member of the American Legion. He was a grand knight with the Knights of Columbus of the Old Guard of Barnegat.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathleen ship. Howland; a son, Robert F.; a sister Lucille Degleman; a brother, Arthur, Nancy Smith and two grandchildren.

Richard Casillas

Richard J. Casillas, 86, of Neptune, formerly of Springfield, died April 11 at home.

Born in El Paso, Texas, Mr. Casillas lived in Springfield before moving to Neptune 18 years ago. He worked for Shell Oil Co., West Orange, for 37 years before retiring. Mr. Casillas was a 1942 graduate of the University of Texas in Austin, where he received a bachelor of science degree in petroleum engineering. He served as a lieutenant in the Army Air Force during World War II.

Surviving are his wif; Marie; two sons, David and Don; two stepsons, Robert and Tomas Noonan; three sis**OBITUARIES**

Wanda Acikbaht Wanda Acikbaht, 88, Marco Island, Fla., formerly of Springfield, died

March 23 at home. Born in Parma, Italy, Mrs. Acikbaht lived in Switzerland, Turkey, Newark, Springfield for 15 years and Barnegat Township before moving to Marco Island four years ago. She Mountainside, for more than 30 years. Surviving are two daughters. Zuhre Borluca and Selma Del Sordi; a son, Nadir; two brothers, Amos and Syl-

vano; a sister, Rosetta; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Martha Reininger

Martha Reininger, 93, of Springfield died April 15 in Runnells Specialized Hospital, Berkeley Heights.

Born in Germany, Mrs. Reininger came to the United States in 1924 and lived in Newark before moving to Springfield in 1927. She was machinist at Elastic Stop Nut Corp., Union, for 20 years before retiring in 1972. Mrs. Reininger was a member of the Springfield Senior Citizens Group 1. Veterans of Foreign Wars and the the Rosary Society at St. James crossing guard for Springfield Town- the Summit Trust Co., Summit, for

Nancy Smith, 83, of Fanwood, retired Rahway and Springfield teacher, died April 16 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield. Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Smith

lived in North Plainfield before moving to Fanwood in 1954. She was a French teacher in Rahway High Summit School before retiring in 1983. Mrs. Smith previously taught Spanish at la lived in Summit since 1943. Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield from 1946 to 1947 and Poremba; a son, John III; a brother, French at Boonton High school from Guy Ruggiero, and three grandchil-1942 to 1945.

She received a degree in French from Wilson College in Pennsylvania in 1942 and a masters degree in French from Middlebury College in Vermont in 1951. Mrs. Smith was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of ters, Georgina Hernandez, Otilia Fier- Paris in France from 1952 to 1953. ro and Magdalene Bustamante; six She was a member of the Monday grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Afternoon Club in Plainfield and also belonged to the American Association of University Women, the American Association of Teachers of French and the English Speaking Union, Mrs. Smith served on the Joint Committee of Classical and Modern ! anguages and was a former secretary of the New Jersey State Modern Language Asso-

Surviving are her husband, Harlan M.; three sons, Harlan M. II, Gregory and Donald; two sisters, Barbara Berkovitz and Amy Vannelli, and three grandchildren.

Estelle Berman

Estelle Berman of Springfield died April 17 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Born in Jersey City, Mrs. Berman

lived in Springfield for 39 years. Surviving are two daughters, Marlene Moss and Diane Mischel; eight grandchildren and nine great-grand-

Agnes Martin

Agnes Martin, 101, of Maplewood, formerly of Summit, died April 11 in Winchester Gardens Assisted Living, Maplewood.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Martin lived Church and the American Legion in Summit for many years before Ladies Auxiliary Unit 228, all in moving to Maplewood six years ago. Council in Springfield and a member Springfield. She also served as a She worked in the trust department of many years before retiring in 1970 Mrs. Martin celebrated her 101st birthday on Feb. 18. She was a long time member of the Cance Brook Country Club in Summit. Mrs. Martin was its oldest member.

Marie Formichella

Marie Formichella, 85, of Summit died April 12 in Overlook Hospital

Born in Millburn, Mrs. Formichel-

Surviving are a daughter, Lynn

Obituary policy

Obituary notices submitted by local funeral homes or families must be in writing. This newspaper cannot accept obituaries by telephone. Obituary notices must be typed and include

Spring Meadows offers free hearing seminar

Spring Meadows Summit Assisted Living Residence invites the public to a free hearing seminar and screening presented by VP Audiology and Hearing Center located in Millburn.

The event takes place today a Spring Meadows Summit, 41 Springfield Ave Summit, at 2:30 p.m. For information, call 908-522-

SHS weicomes seniors for annual dance

Summit High School will open its doors to the city's senior citizens on May 19 at noon for the 19th annual

The event will begin in the school auditorium with hors d'oevres and entertainment provided by the Summit High School Choir, and will be folStage Band will provide music for dancing and enjoyment.

SENIOR NEWS

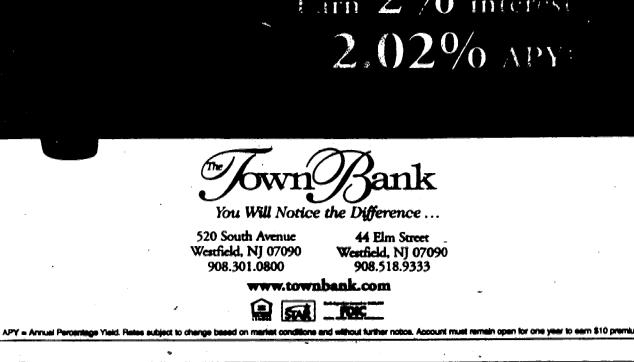
Senior citizens who have not made reservations through Golden Age. Stop-ins or Busy Bees should call Carolyn Procaccini at the high school for reservations and information at 908 273-1494

Seniors requiring transportation to the event should call Union County Para Transport at 908-241-8300.

Old Guard hoars

'Songs of Yesteryear' On Tuesday, The Old Guard of Summit will hear "Songs of Yesteryear" by the Larks, Bill Haupt, direc-







SUMMIT OBSERVER - ECHO LEADER

lowed by lunch and dancing in the area to attend its weekly meetings at cafeteria. The Summit High School the New Providence Borough Hall at 360 Elkwood Ave. Meetings begin at 10 a.m.

-For information, call Earl Gilkey at 908-464-2480, or log onto www.summitoldguard.homestead.com.

PREP group gathers

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

PREP - People Responsible for Elderly Persons - provides caregivers with emotional support, community resources, effective problemsolving and coping strategies, and the chance to share common concerns.

with others who are caring for their aging loved ones. For information. all 908-273-5550.

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GL tops unbeaten Johnson Catalano fans

16 to pass 100 By Timothy Denman Staff Writer

BERKELEY HEIGHTS - Capri Catalano has two favorite letters. They are K and W.

K for Ks as in strikeouts and W for wins as in the more victories the bet-The Governor Livingston pitcher

has been collecting them both and in bunches She just notched her 100th "K" and

tallied her seventh "W" on the young season last Thursday, guiding the Highlanders to a 1-0 eight-inning win over a 4-0 Johnson team.

GL improved to 7-1 with the win and then won spain hist Pricey, downing Dayton 14-3 at home to begin the week at 8-1.

GL improved to 9-1 after besting North Plainfield 4-0 on the road Mon-

day. Catalano (\$-0) struck out 18, walked some and hit a two-run triple. GL is to play at New Providence today at 4 p.m., bost Soplet Pising tomorrow at 4 and bost Witching

Hills Monday at 4. Catalano improved to 7-0 by stopping Johnson on a one-hitter. She had a perfect game until a single by Dayna McManus to center with two out in the top of the eighth.

McManus was the only batter to reach base.

Catalano, a transfer student from North Brunswick, finished with 16 strikeouts to give her 106 on the young season and an average of 15 per

The sophomore is hearing impaired and transferred to GL for the hearing impaired program the school's special education department offers.

McManus advanced to second on a wild pitch, but was stranded there

better Christine Bennett seathed en a single and then advanced to accord

She moved to third on a wild plack. "Bennett was struggling all day with the bet," GL head coach Rick lacono sal." She came through at the chd, though, 1 hat was a big hit. It set up the whole inning for us."

Two betters later, Catalano came to the plate with one out and runners on the corners, needing only to put the ball in p'ny to solve her seventh win. She hit a sharp grounder to Johnson

second basequen Joanna Poyssick, who rifled the ball home. Bennett broke for home on contact

and reached the plate just as the throw from Poyssick was arriving. Beanott was able to slide under Brittany Murray's tag at the plate for the game's lone run and a Highlandar victory.

"This is the way that most of our games go," Iacono said. "Catalano is

have just not been giving her a lot of offensive support." Against Johnson, the High

had seven his over eight innings and got two hits in an inning only twice. Second and That is day only

thing that is proping by in games. Byory game is going to be a struggle for the mail we mant to ble."

Sichtliche GL, beoke out annine Dayton, with Kerry Howse binsting a two-run homer and Catalano getting two hill, one of them a three-run triple and the other a double.

Southington first becomen Mitchel port Poros, who evened her record at I-I. Will Calabat serving as the designated hitter.

Force was defined by Westfield by a 5-1 score in the Indian Smash at Rahmer Park on April 9.

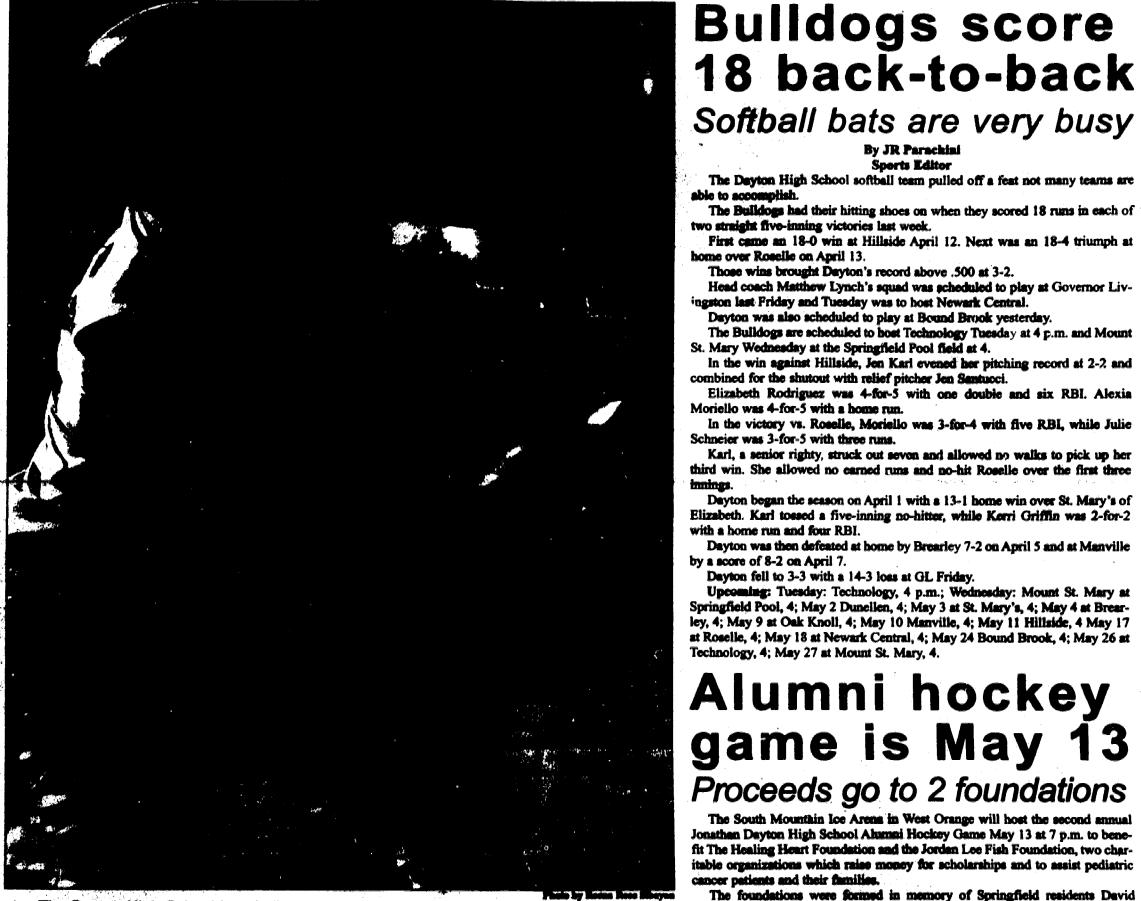
GL boys' tennis Degian week at 6-2 The Governor Livingston

Heb School how' tenals team beau work at 6-2 after falling to West in the Westfield Invitational Tamagnes Park.

GL datant Somerville Priday of White Oak Park.

Night cames start at Roesener on April 29

The Surfacefield Junior Beachall Longue's first night game under newly installed lights at Rossener Field is scheduled for April 29 at 6:30 p.m. Gemes will continued played under the lights every Friday and Saturday night in May.



SPORTS

The Dayton High School baseball team, sparked by the play of Dave Tarulio (No. 12), entered Turadav's scheduled game at Newark Central with a 5-1 record. The Buildons

Dayton perfect start stopped DV MVC rival Gov. Livingston Bulldogs edged 3-1 after opening at 6-0

By Mike Toksolra Čerrespendent

SPRINGFIELD - When you're talking about the final two hanns in Union County that have yet to lose, you're usually not mentioning Devton as one of them. However, that was the case last week as Dayton and Union were the only teams left in the county without a sut-

Both improved their records to 6-0 with wine

the week as the took the field egain on Friday. While Union was humbled by Watchung Conference-American Division rival Elizabeth 10-0 at Williams Field in Blimbeth, Dayton was more competitive in a 3-1 sotback to Mountain Valley Conference rival Governor Livingston

CONTRACTOR OF THE OWNER. Union lost again at J.P. Stevens of Edison 11-3 Saturday o fall to 6-2 prior to Monday afternoon's home game exinet Elizabeth. Union was also to play at Reselle Catholic yesterday afternoon.

Deston took a 6-1 second into Tuesd and a Newest Central.

The Dalidour are attended to host Bolast Brock today at 4 p.m. and they play in Union tomocrast at A Device's perfect seeken was put to the just when a very trong Governor Livingston term came into town. If GL, to mount any type of comeback as the game ended with a which sported a 5-2 manual wanted to the the flatt taxes to mellecost. hand Dayton a loss, the Highlanders interit it wasn't going Despit

to be every. It was a f A plither's deal between Dayton's York Cash and GU.s. any's Thivella lad to a low-scoring goald this scoring ally

"It's our first loss," Dayton head couch Chris Losfit and, "The first loss is always fits tonghait."

Digital was already down 1-0 when it want up to bet against Trivelle. Dayton's Josh Goldman started the bottom of the first juning off right with a deviate so right Sold.

Joe Parageners followed with a damp pat to left field that allowed Goldman to advance to think lass and give Dayton

a vary good chance at evening up for anno. Undertained of the Daytes, The Barmanishia to pitch his way out of the imping without giving the high that. Daytes more date to secure it secure approximaty in the third justice. Goldman hit quitting double day into

Jas Paragents there popped out, while Real Par hit a shark and showed strong basy furning offer bring called talk in your close call at fast base, sustain Caldmen to third dutte again. Trèvelle thes welled blast Passan o load up the bases and other Dayton a prime opportunity a take advantage of the game.

Unfortunity for Deyton, Dave Tarallo conned and end the inning.

Dayton finally managed to get on the board in the hottom of the fifth. Down 3-0, Goldman bit a single to laft to start the inning. With two runners on, Pattern atme to with an RBI base hit as Goldman crossed the plant, heaping alive the possibility of a Dayton conseined; to selvin its undefeated start.

that went straight to Trivella who had the easy throw to first base to get the out and end the inning. Knowing it couldn't rive up anymore runs if it wanted to get back into the game, Devton's defense came up big in the next inning with a quick three and out, fueled by the pitching of Cook. Raul Furnequera came up with the first out after catching a deep pop out to left field, followed by a deep out to

center and a pop fly that was easily bailined by York.

Deyton's hopes for a comeback went meldenly wrong in the hottom of the sixth. Cary Barger started the inning off on a high note with a strong base hit that went straight past

Loeffier started to employ some strategy in hopes of history a cometance by theme our hence sucher and bringine on Jake Floyd to bet. Floyd was walked, but ended up being called out as he was caught anosking off first base. "We made a couple of monthl mistakes," Loeffler said.

Especially with our besermining.

Deyton had one final st-hat to mount a comeback, but was unlucky. Goldman and Jos Perpagners made their first outs, though Raul Puriagners was able to keep the slight chance of a comoback alive with a single. With two outs and their backs against the wall, the Buildoes were unable

Despite the tough loss, Losffler was very with his team's overall defense and the pitching of Cook. Cook did his best to keep Dayton in the game against such a strong liftting GL side.

"It's a tough loss," Cook said after the grueling gan We should have won, but they are a good team."

Losffler know very well that Dayton was capable visions the game. "We were three mental mistakes away from beating

them." Loeffler said. "If you would've told me we would hold them to only three runs, I would've taken it." NOTES: 'i tvella, a junior righthander, allowed seven hits, struck out bur and walked five in 5 and 1/3 innings for

Andrew Yasinski, a junior lefthander, allowed one hit, struck out two and walked none in 1 and 1/3 innings for the

Mike Manganiello, Phil Vitale and Jason Hollowell each drove in runs for CI.

GL improved to 7-2 with a 1-0 non-conference win a Madison Saturday. Vitale tossed a four-hitter, striking out night and walking one. Hollowell doubled in Matt Balboni in the top of the sixth.

Some 20 years and in 1985. Balhoni's father, Steve, hit the third most home runs in the American League with a career-best 36 and informitized the Kanses City Royals to their only World Series championship when they best the St. Louis Cardinals in seven games after trailing 3-1. Dayton outscored two confirmance fors 31-3 in wins at

last Saturday by besting the Rocksway Crush 5-1. Springfield controlled the game from the start as Coulin Grane, Austi-Knapp, Charles Bachman, Danny Stein and Kristian Alpinar applied constant pressure in the first half. Goalie Johan Yesowitz made some fintestic envel. home against Hillelde 15-0 Auril 12 and at Roselle 16-3 Paul Asimenics scored twice and Max Cohen, TJ Kanashir and Bauden Thursday. Burke once in the second half. Playing well on defense were John Anicella and Joe Furnegance and Tamilo drove in three runs each in Zachary Wolcott. The Sirens (1-0) host Chatham Sunday.

the victory over the Rame.

Sports Numbers Phone: 973-763-0700 Fax: 973-763-2557



The Dayton High School softball team pulled off a feat not many teams are

First came an 18-0 win at Hillside April 12. Next was an 18-4 triumph at

Head coach Matthew Lynch's squad was scheduled to play at Governor Liv-

In the win against Hillside, Jen Karl evened her pitching record at 2-2 and

Karl, a senior righty, struck out seven and allowed no walks to pick up her

Dayton began the season on April 1 with a 13-1 home win over St. Mary's of

Jonathan Davton High School Ahumni Hockey Game May 13 at 7 p.m. to beneitable organizations which raise money for acholarships and to assist pediatric

Nehmer, age 12, and Jordan fish, age 14, who lost their battles with leukemia. The Healing Heart Foundation has raised thousands of dollars to provide method the state of the

University Medical Center has led the fight to generate research data in hospi tals throughout the country to ensure that pain management will become stan dand practice. The Jordan Lee Foundation has provided college scholarships to Jonathan

Dayton high school students and assists pediatric cancer patients. It honors children who exemplify and incredible spirit.

Springfield, Brearley in Kenilworth and Johnson in Clark. Ken Daneyko, Bruce Driver and Tommy Albelin, all former New Jersey Devils, are scheduled to appear to referee and provide autographs. Other celebrities and local sports figures have been invited as well.

Prizes, bake sales and other activities will be provided, with all proceed oing to benefit the foundations Admission for all is \$5.

More information may be obtained by sailing 973-564-8827

GL lacfosse teams triumph

Both Governor Livingston High School varsity lacrosse phant last week. The boys' defeated Millburn 9-7 on the road April 12 and then knocked off Wayne Valley 10-2 at home Saturday to improve to 3-0.

Andrew Rest noticed these goals and Sem Goodepood and Jerry I Wayne Valley.

In the spacen opening 16-6 win at Jeffirmen April 7, ligan actual coven goals one shy of his career high. He scored eight and assisted on another in last year's 5-0 home win over Oratory Prep of Summit on May 7. Goodspeed netted three goals against Jefferson.

The girls' improved to 1-3 with an 18-5 home win over Mount St . Mary or

April 11. Amanda Egan and Carly Witzburg noted five goals each for the Highlanders, while teammates Allinen York and Jaime Lameits added three and two Goaltenders Jamie Wagner and Erin Bradley combined for five saves

Scorpions shut out Sparta United

The Springfield Scorplane 11-and-under equal captured its second win of the season by defeating the Sparta United 5-0 Sunday. Nico Izzi scored three goals and Ryan Schweikert one in the second half after

Andrew Homlish notied one in the first helf off an assist from John Balboni. Poter Yabionaki, Nick Poarl and Matt Lyna assisted Izzi, while Joe Balbon unisted Schweikert.

Also playing well for Springfield were goalkeepers Brandon Moss and Yablonsky, combining for the shutout, Christian Schmidt, Max Kotler, Zeck Haliczer, Mike Disko, Matt Disko, Brian DeFiore, Ryan Catino and Sergi Springfield is scheduled to play at the Florham Park Rockets Sunday at 2:30

Roadrunners take sting out of Scorpions The Springfield Roadramers 9-and-under boys' team scored a decisive 8-2

victory over the Long Valley Scorpions. Baily Rudolph netted his first hat-trick, scoring all three of his goals in the first half. Defonsmen Vinnie Nagy serned an assist on the third goal. Drew Farbetein and Manny Barnes also essend in the first half, while Wi

Francis and Chris Vega aetted their first goals of the year in the second. Also playing well for Springfield, which fired 20 shots on goal, were Tenney Walsh, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Phil Moore, Resse Peterson, DeYoung Don, Beomer

Seck, Joey Juliano and Tyler Citrin.

Sirens open with win over Rockaway Crush The Springfield Simes & and under youth socoer team enand that anno

Get in the swim

Summer will soon be here, and pool memberships are still available for the award-winning Mountainside Community Pool. The barrier-free facility features a 50-meter pool, a separate diving tank, the zero-depth wading pool, a snack bar and picnic prove

The pool is scheduled to open on June 11, and registration for the first session of swim lessons will begin on the June 11. Daily operations begin on June 24. The season runs through Labor Day.

Residents have three membership categories to choose from: family, single, ages 16 to 61, or senior citizens, ages 62-plus. Resident family and single members who joined before April 15 received two free guest passes. Non-resident memberships also are available. Call the Recreation Office at 908-232-0015 for details

Little League/Softball Parade set for Saturday

The Mountainside Youth Baseball League and the Mountainside Youth Softball league begin the season on Saturday. The annual parade steps off at 9 a.m. from the corner of Wood Valley Road and Stony Brook Lane. The Baseball League is entering its 53rd season of play.

Following the parade, opening day ceremonies will be conducted at Deerfield School. A full slate of baseball games will then be played at the Deerfield and Our Lady of Lourdes ball

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION

RENT LEVELING BOARD

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, THAT THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND THE REGULAR MECTING OF THE RENT LEVELING BOARD WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMIT-TEE ROOM AT THE BUILDING ON THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2005 AT 8:PM. MURRAY FROMER, SECRETARY U108851 ECL April 21, 2005 (\$6.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that Board of Health Ordinance #2-2005 entitled "General Provisions of the Board of Health of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey" of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey", was adopted by the Springfield Board of Health at a regular meeting held on April 13, 2005. This Ordinance shall take effect immedi-ately after publication according to law. ately after publication according to law. Marylou Fashano Soltis Board Secretary U108859 ECL April 21, 2005 (\$6.00)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW CAMP AND CHAPTER XXVII-PARKS OOL, AND RECREATION AREAS. TO EVISE FEES AND RULES FOR THE PRINGFIELD MUNICIPAL FOOL, POOL AY CAMP AND CHISHOLM DAY CAMP. Y THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE OWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY F UNION, STATE OF NEW JERBEY

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Ordi-nance was passed and approved at a reg-ular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, held on April 12, 2005, KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC Township Clerk U108862 ECL April 21, 2005 (\$9.00)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearings will be held by the Construction Board of Appeals of the Borough of Moun-tainside in the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ April 27, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. on the fol-lowing appeal NJ April 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. on the rol-lowing appeal. American Custom Remodeling vs. the Borough of Mountainside's Construction pertaining to 491 Bayberry Lane, Block 04.C Lot 13 pursuant to N.J.A.C 5:23-2.14(a) -Failure to obtain building permits for interior alterations. Other sections may be cited, if required.

AAA-Able Plumbing vs. the Borough of Mountainside's Construction Department pertaining to 1126 Ridge Drive. Block 05.8, Lot 06.4 pursuent to N.J.A.C 5:23-2.14 - Installation of a water heater with-out permits. Other sections may be cited; if required. Other issues may be discussed and action may be taken action may be taken. U109322 ECL April 21, 2005 (\$9.38)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that deci-sions were made at a public meeting by the Mountainside Planning Board on March 10, 2005 at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Moun-tainside, NJ. Custom Fitnerss Studios, LLC, 656 Moun-tain Avenue, Jlock 19, Lots 283 - Change of Tenancy for a personal fitness center with veriances APPROVED Daniel Falcone, 928 Mountain Avenue, Block 22.A. Lot 7 - Change of Tenancy and Change of Use to allow a busines use, with variances. DENIED Daniel Falcone, 928 Mountain Avenue, Block 22.A, Lot 7 - Change of Tenancy and Change of Use to allow a continued professional use with variances and con-ditions. APPROVED

Ruth M. Rees, Secretary U109226 ECL April 21, 2005 (\$10.13)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J. RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF PROFES-SIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO COMPREHENSIVE PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, PA. BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

OF NEW JERSEY WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield is in need of contracting for employee psychological evaluation services for the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey; and WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Lew, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et see., requires a resolution authorizing the award of the contract for professional services without competitive bids and that the contract itself must be available for inspection; MOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Town-ship of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jarsey, that the Mayor and the Township Clerk of the Township of Spring-field are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and attest to an agreement with Comprehensive Psychologicsi Ser-vices, P.A., for employee evaluation services contract in awarded without competi-tive bidding as a "professional services contract" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A 11-5(1)(a)(1) of the Local Public Con-tacts Law. TAKE MOTICE, that the Resolution

tacta Law. TAKE NOTICE, that the Resolution within has been adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield at a Regular Meeting held April 12, 2005. KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC Township Clerk 108864 ECL April 21, 2005 (\$16.50)

fields. All Junior Division Softball teams will play Saturday at Deerfield and the Senior Division teams will play under the lights at Borough Hall beginning at 7 p.m.

RECREATION

Also on Saturday, Youth Baseball 1 p.m. and running all afternoon. The culmination of the day will be the Oct. 29. UK Elite Soccer will provide drawing of the 50/50 raffle.

Chess table donated by Borough Rotarians

The Mountainside Rotary Club has donated a handsome chess table with stools to the Recreation Department. This same type of concrete chess table has graced the New York City parks system for more than 60 years and features an inlaid green and white terrazzo tile chess board.

The table is 32 inches tall with a 16 inch by 16 inch chessboard and will be installed between the fitness trail and the ball field adjacent to Borough Hall. The Summer Playground meets in this tree-lined area which also features picnic tables and a children's sandbox. Melo Contractors is installing the table.

This addition to the borough will be greatly enjoyed by both young and old, and the Recreation Department extends its appreciation to the Rotary Club

Soccer sign-ups in May A variety of instructional, recre-

ational and competitive soccer programs will be offered by the Recre-

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD PLANNING BOARD TAKE NOTICE NOTICE that on the 4th day of May, 2005 at 8:00 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be held before the Springfield Planning Board at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on App; cation #4-2005-S regard-ing the application of RGK Development, inc., and its affiliate RGK Springfield Out-parcel L.L.C. for Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval for the construction of a 10,000 square foot day care center duly licensed to operate by the State of New Jersey with parking and ancillary fealersey with parking and ancillary fea tures The splicant may also seek any and all other variances and waivers that may be necessary to accommodate the applica-tion as filed or as revised by the Planning Board on premises located at 102-120 Victory Road, Township of Springfield, New Jersey also known as Block 303, Lot

The Application, Plans and Survey are on file in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Street and available for inspection during the hours of 9:00 s.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any interested party may appear at said hearing and par-ticipate therein in accordance with the rules of the Planning Board of the Town-ship of Springfield. RGK Development, Inc. and its Affiliate RGK Springfield Outparcel LLC By: Conneil Foley, LLP Attorney and Attorney in Fest for Applicant A Member of the Firm U109101 ECL April 21, 2005 (\$15.75)

Redevelopment Planning Consultant Take NOTICE that the Township of Springfield, Union County, New Jersey, will be accepting proposals from profes-sional planners to assist the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield in undertaking a preliminary investigation to determine whether all or part of the below noted area within the Township of Spring-field is a redevelopment area pursuant N.J.S.A. 40A.12A-5. Buch proposal shall include necessary consultations with the Springfield Plan-N.J.B.A. 40A:12A-5. Such proposal shall include necessary consultations with the Springfield Plan-ning Board and other persons, prepara-tion of a redevelopment study and pro-posed maps, attendance at public hear-ings, and such other tasks as deemed necessary and proper ings, and such other tasks as deemed necessary and proper. The area being considered may include will or a portion of those properties fronting on Morris Avenue in the Township of Springfield, from the intersection with South Meple Avenue, heading wast until the Route 78 underpass, and such proper-ties adjoining thereto or on intersecting streets therein, as appropriate. All proposals shall be directed to Kath-ieen D. Wisniewski, Township Clerk, Township of Springfield, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey and shall be received in that office in a scaled envelope designated as "Proposal by (submitters name) for Redevelopment Planning Study" by no later than 10 o'clock a.m. prevailing time on April 29, 2005. o'clock a.m. prevailing time on April 29, 2005. Any questions concerning the proposals should be directed to Bruce H. Bergen, Esq., Township Attorney (908-276-8855). April 14, 21, 2005 U107957 ECL (\$35.25)

Public notice is hereby given that an Ordinance of which the following is a copy was introduced, read and passed on first reading by the Springfield Board of Health at a regular meeting heid on April 13, 2005. The Board of Health will further consider the same for final passege on May 11, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Springfield Municipal Building located on Mountain Ave. Springfield, New Jersey at which time and place members of the public will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance. Marylou Fashano-Soltis Board Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE

GENERAL ORDINANCE #BH01-2005 An Ordinance by the Board of Hesith of the Township of Springfield to amend Ordinances #BH02-2004 of the Board of Health entitled "Ordinances relating to salaries of officers and employees of the Board of Health of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey". Be it ordsined by the Board of Hesith of the Township of Springfield County of Union, State of New Jersey, that General Ordinances # entitled as above be amended as follows: Section 1 The following annual salaries are hereby The following annual salaries are hereby fixed for officers and employees of the Board of Health and shall be payable retroactive to January 1, 2005

Board of Health Attorney Jerrold Wohlgemuth, Esq. \$1,600 Deputy Registrar of Vital Statisfics Lorette Werner \$1.740

Lorette Werner Section 2 This Ordinance shall take effect immedi-alely after final persage and publication according to law. U108660 ECL April 21, 2005 (\$19.13)

PUBLIC AUCTION May 13, 2005 at 12:00 p.m. Lackland Self Storage 1229 Route 22 East. Mountainaide, NJ 07092 The following merchandise will be sold at public auction. Listed below are the unit numbers along with the occupant name and a brief description of the contents. OCCUPANT DESCRIPTION Robert Douglas

Laundry Basket, Chair, Weights, Plastic Totes, Wicker Chair, Couch, Bible Books, Stove, Box Item: TV

Red Pick-up

Copy Machine, File Cabinets, Dess Area Rug, Couch, Kids Chairs, Misc. Boxes

ation Department this fall. Listed below is a brief description of each age group. Children should be registered for the grade in which they will be enrolled in September. Kindergarten: Six-week instruc-

s hosting a family barbecue starting at tional clinic meets for one hour a week on Saturday mornings from Sept. 17 to the program supervisor working with volunteer coaches. The fee is \$28 per

> Grade one: Six-week instructional clinic meets for 11/4 hours each week on Saturday mornings from Sept. 17 to Oct. 29. UK Elite Soccer will provide the program supervisor working with olunteer coaches. The fee is \$30 per child

> Grade two: Six-week instructional clinic meets for 1¼ hours each week on Saturday mornings from Sept. 17 to Oct. 29. UK Elite Soccer will provide the program supervisor with volunteer coaches. The fee is \$30 per child.

> Grades three and four: The popular in-town instructional recreation league will again be offered in the fall beginning Sept. 10. All players will be placed on teams that will play on weekends at the Borough Hall field. Team practices will be scheduled during the week. Fee TBA.

Grades five through eight: Teams for these grades will compete in the Intercounty League. There are separate teams for boys and girls on the U12 and U14 divisions.

Enrollment in all programs is on a first come, first served basis beginning May 2.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH757679 Division: Chancery County: Union Docket No. F1446502 Plaintiff: National City Mortgage FENDANT: MARVIN RETANA; PANAY-TA, RETANA, WIFE OF MARVIN

OTTA RETANA, WIFE OF MARVIN RETANA, WIFE OF MARVIN WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: DECEMBER 17, 2003 SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 18TH DAY OF MAY A.D. 2005. By virtue of the above-stated writ of exe-cution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1st FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, ELIZABETH, N.J., ON WEONESDAY, at wo o'clock in the afternoon of said day. ELIZABETH, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the atternoon of said day, All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. The property to be sold is located in the Township of Springfield in the County of UNION, State of New Jersey. which of Springrieu in which with a state of New Jersey. JON, State of New Jersey. Jormoniy known as: 27. Bettle Hill Avenue, Springfield NJ 07081 Tex Lot No.: 23.01 in Block 904 Instant of Lot: (Approximately) 41ft.y

Tax Lot No.: 23.01 in Block 904 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 41ft.x 155.55 ft. Nearest Cross Street: Morris Avenue Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due. The sheriff hereby reserves that right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication. THREE HUNDRED FIGHTY-ONE THOU-SAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY & 59/100 (\$351,740.59)

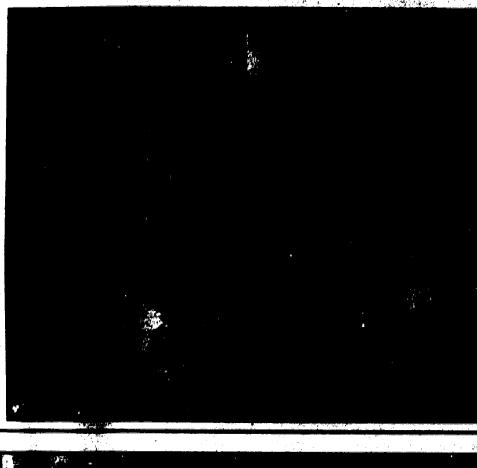
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LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED - Students and faculty at the Edward V. Walton School in Springfield join Mr. B. 'The Builder' in the gym on April 8 to get a construction party started, mirroring the actual construction taking place at the school. Showing off their overalls, work boots and hard hats are, above, Kevin Demczak and Christopher Demers. Below, Jessica Mahoney, Molly Barnett and her little slater, Gracie, join the fun.





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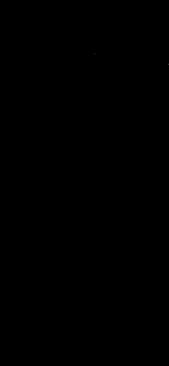
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b Union County

Can't fight County budget the ratio to be introduced Chris Duryce of Elizabeth

looks young enough to get proofed at local bars if he even goes to one Still, the county tax administrator has a protty good long-term perspective on that most vexing o robiems --- local property taxes.

In the board's musty offices of top of the Board of Elections, the staff toil in less than luxurious surroundings. It's a mix of stacked Iron Mountain boxes, old chairs and new computer equipment.

Left Out

By Frank Capece This year Union County had a low ball of 500 tax appeals filed The factors that go into you assessment include recent sales of comparable property appreciate. In New Jerrey a 15 percent spread on an assertancest accest be present before a challenge to the appeal will be heard

By completion, in Passai County, there were over 800 appeals filed by the April 1 deadine. The surge in real estate prices is the key. It consists of things like the hot market services provided accessibility to jobs and the like. It looks like Union County is in the right place and doing the right things to maximize the benefits.

Duryce sees up close the sky ocket increase in residential prop erty in the county. It leaves the assessed value on your property in the dust. "You really can't failer the ratio and the market," During and The tax pros speak in antijargon about "Chapter 129" willin erts die Salaria and Antonio

Contraction of the second seco 22 Home Depot in Union Security night who were stacking up for

home projects and the warm weather Sunday. People continue to invest in their castles. Seneca says, "Berring the unexpected 2005 will be another

good year for housing." We points to the statistic, "in 2004, more than 36,000 now titutet were connew households, terre is a definit temend R

More alline for Union Costay, Senece shirt & trand away from his-Monmouth, southern Middlesen and western New Jersey. He sees, 's retriest from overheated, overcooked housing with fertilized lawns in faques subarbis."

It will be interpoting to see the tax infinition Union County as we because much many desirable it LA.

The property tax problem of demand for services outstripping fluids is getting rough. In Roselle Park, Mayor Joseph Delorio. isussihed a beinge hat week as he faces a hike in local taxes. He was quoted, "The state leadership needs to go on a diot."

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An atterney, Frank Capace is # resident of Crashed.

Freeholders mull requests for more staff

By Mark Hrywas **Regional Editor** The Board of Chosen Freeholders

expected to introduce the 2005 to \$68.009. county budget during its meeting next week. Union County Manager George

Devanney presented the board with his \$375-million executive budget in January. The board's Fiscal Affairs Committee followed up with budget hearings during March that included requests for more staff from Prosocutor's and Sheriff's Offices as well as the Department of Public Safety and Parks and Recreation.

The Parks Department is seeking six new laborar l positions; Human Services, four juvenile officers and an assistant administrator for detention to run the new juvenile center: the sheriff another ning officers; public safety, 10 county officers and police dispatchers. four and the prosecutor four assistant procecutors, five detec

tives, two clerical staff and one crime maivet.

Every year, in antic a bedreit hetting hat month

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new juvenile detention facility, the epertment has tried to ask for an increase in juvenile officers, Departunet of Human Services Director Prank Quant told freeholders during

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talary of approximately \$31,000 \$217 million.

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mission and Office of the Child Advocate have been critical of Union County's aged juvenile center; locatvil-on the tay floor of a patient garage adjacent to the county complex in Elimitedi.

ive." he said.

He expects the Fiscal Affhirs Committee to convene sometime fore next week's freeholder n ng to finalize recomme boast have batted back and forth the bu connects with difficing views a he board members. He expects the

meetings in May, e said, either May 12 or May 26.

while the annual salary range for a

assistant administrator for the juve-

nile center would be roughly \$54,00

Guzzo said the state officials have

been happy with what they've seen

in terms of progress on a new youth

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Drug suspects to appear in court Early morning raids throughout county net 18 arrests bian authorities will bring Cloves to justice quickly.

By Louron DoFilippo Staff Writer The 10 month improvement last which in early i

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Cher mesons, including a stun gun, were also blow with cars, a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, were arrested, one of the chief suppliers. Alejandro "Alex" Cleves is still wastel on the supplied up to 6 kilograms of heroin to New Jersey daily. Authorities believe that New Jersey daily. Authorities believe that

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Colleen Schmidt taxees a ball with het dog. Storm, dur-ing a friendly game of featr. The two wars enjoying the beautiful weether on Monday at Union. County's dog run, located at Bohe Land friend in Ministration de. After temperatures rose to summer the levels of AD degrees, this weekend's forecast calls for some granders.

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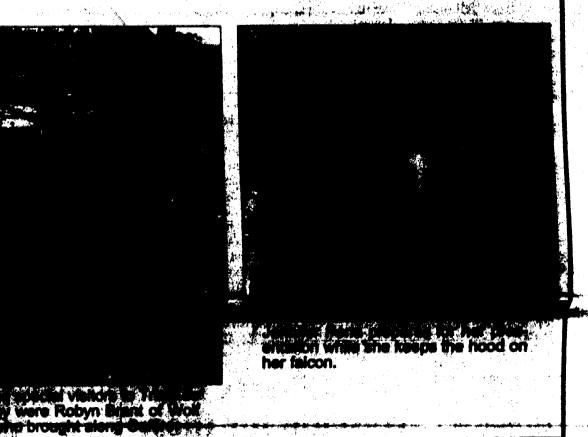




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WILDLIFE SUNDAY --- Two-year-old Rechel Mendalski plays with a pink persider she received during Wildlife Sunday at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountain-



bian authorities will bring Cloves to justice quickly. Cloves' mother, Nidis Roland, 43, of Potter Avenue, Light and his globics. Elizabeth, were both accested on of North Broad Super, Elizabeth, were both accested on changes that they collected proceeds from the drug sales and sout them to Colombia. In Invington, 30-year-old Rashed Muhammed was guarding 55 bricks of herois valued at aBout \$55,000 and two game, officials which Accester \$400,000 was also

for the metwork efficiely said. The errors are the positive of four years of work which all started when Kithilworth Police Detective Justin Merence received a tip after conducting a motor vehicle

From that point, the Union County Marcotics Strike Force uncovered the pieces of the network, and teened

NAMI hosts speaker

Award-winning newspaper columnist Tom Davis will be the quest speaker Tuesday at a free public presentation offered by National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Union County at 7:30 p.m. in Osceola Presbyterian Church, 1689 Raritan Road, Clark, Refreshments will be served

Davis, staff reporter for The Record of Bergen County, writes a weekly column on mental illness and addiction called "Coping." He will talk about mental health issues and offer insight and views regarding the media's handling of stories involving mental illness. Questions and answers will follow his talk.

Davis is the recipient of NAMI-NJ's "Freedom from Stigma" Media Recognition Award. In addition, in 2003 Davis won a first-place award from the New Jersey Press Association. He has played an important role in raising public awareness about the various issues that plague the mental health system, and is highly qualified to share his knowledge and experi-

Last year Davis received nationally prestigious 2004-05 Rosalvnn Carter Fellowship for Mental Health Journalism award. In this program, each fellow creates a work project that explores the world of mental health. The journalist receives a stipend and is assigned mentors to provide guidance and resources to complete the work within a year. These successful projects have helped reduce stigma and promote the cause of mental health advocacy.

Davis graduated from Rutgers University and recently returned there when he was awarded the Journalistin-Residence fellowship under the North Jersey Media Group's Journalist-in-Residence program. There he teaches a course and participates in campus journalism activities. For more information, call 938

233-1628.

Free dogwood trees The Union County Board of Cho-

sen 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. Schools can use this white flowering tree to beautify their grounds, add shade to their property, and to celebrate Arbor Day, April 29.

In addition to a free tree, the freeholders also are offering free training. Through the Union County Shade-Tree Advisory Board, students and

accompanying adults will be trained in will be accepted on April 16 is avail- narents of guardians of the children, how to plant and care for a newly able at the Union County Bureau of planted tree

Training sessions will be held three different days from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at Williams Nursery in Westfield. On Tuesday, a session will be for fourth and fifth-grade students: on April 20 for sixth- through eighth-grade students; and on April 21 for high school students and adults. The dogwoods will be given out after each training session along with a protective cage for each tree

See your school principal if you are nterested in representing your school at a training session. You also may contact Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Agent and chairman of the Union County Shade Tree Advisory Board, James Nichnadowicz at 908-654-9854, or E-mail Nichnadowicz@acsop.rutgers.edu.

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. The collection will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Union County College campus in Cranford, 1033 Springfield Ave., opposite Nomahegan Park.

All residents of Union County are eligible to participate at no cost. Preregistration is not required for this special Saturday collection.

All that residents need to do is drive to the site with their household special waste and automobile tires. Workers at the site will unload the vehicles

There is a limit of eight automobile tires — without rims — per household. This is a household recycling event. No businesses.

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.

Only materials in original labeled containers will be accepted. Latex, water-based, paint and empty cans will not be accepted. They should be disposed of in with the regular garbage. Leftover latex paint can be air-dried or, to hasten the drying process, kitty litter and/or newspaper

can be added to hasten the drying.

Environmental Services Web site, Many families return each year with www.ucnj.org/oem.

The household special waste col lection will be held rain or shine, for Union County residents only and not for businesses. Proof of Union County residency is required. For more information, call the

Bureau of Environmental Services for air travel. Hotline at 908-654-9889.

Mothers & More

Mothers & More is a national, nonprofit organization serving mothers who are by choice or circumstance altering their participation in the paid workplace over the course of their active parenting years. The group isn't just for full-time stay-at-home moms, but champions the value and necessity of all mothers' work to our society, paid and unpaid, within and outside of the home

The chapter's activities include meetings on topics of interest to mothers, mom's nights out, mom and tot outings, playgroups, a book club and a craft club. There are day and evening activities to fit every mother's schedule. Members also have the opportunity to participate in national e-mail support networks and to volunteer in a variety of areas including chapter coordination, membership, online services, publications, media relations, marketing, and advocacy.

The Union County Chapter of Mothers & More holds regular meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St., Westfield.

For more information, call Stacy at 908-928-9841 or Kim at 908-889-2286 or log on to the Union County chapter's Web site www.geocities.com/mothersandmore 10

Kids' ID program

Atlas-Pythagoras Masonic Lodge, 1011 Central Ave., Westfield, will offer a children's ID program May 7 from noon to 3:30 p.m.

Children will be fingerprinted videotaped, and photographed, and identification cards will be made in couperation with the Union County Sheriff's Department. Children will be weighed and measured, and special features, such as birthmarks, scars or moles will be noted.

In respect to privacy, all tapes, pio tures, and cards will be given to the and no records retained by the lodge. their tapes to update their children's

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In case a child is ever lost or abducted, these tapes, when brought to police and media, would be valuable in helping to find the missing child. Some parents have used the ID cards

There is no charge for this service. which the lodge has been providing to families in the area since 1991 in an effort to safeguard our children. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 908 233-7349.

Electronics collection

The County of Union will sponsor a recycling event for electronics and automobile tires on April 30, so Union County residents can get rid of unwanted tires, computers and other electronic equipment in an environmentally proper manner.

The collection will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arthur L. Johnson High School, 365 Westfield Ave., cast of Raritan Road, in Clark. All residents of Union County are

eligible to participate at no cost. Computer monitors and television

are the source of a considerable amount of lead - about 5 pounds per screen. Up to 95 percent of most electronic appliances can be recycled. This is a responsible way to keep hazardous heavy metals out of our environment.

Electronic equipment that will be accepted on April 30 includes computer monitors, hard drives, modems, keyboards, CPUs, mice, printers, scanners, speakers, televisions, VCRs, fax machines, telephones, and circuit hoards

All that residents need to do drive to the site with their unwanted electronic equipment and as many as eight automobile tires, without rims. Workers at the site will unload the vehicles.

Pre-registration is not required for this special Saturday collection.

Refrigerators, washers and dryers. nicrowaves, and hir conditioners will not be accepted.

A complete list of the materials that will be accepted on April 30 is available at the Union County Environmental Services Web site at

www.ucnj.org/oem. The electronics collection and tire recycling will be held rain or shine. for Inion County residents only and not

for businesses. Proof of Union County residency is required. For more information, call the

Bureau of Environmental Services Hotline at 908-654-9889

Bio-blitz at Lenape Park

Scientists and skilled environmentalists, assisted by community volunteers, will fan out across Lenape Park in Cranford over a 24-hour period May 20-21 to conduct New Jersey's first "urban bio-blitz."

A bio-blitz is an intensive effort to identify every living plant or animal found in a given area - in this case, the 450-acre Union County park that borders on Cranford, Kenilworth, Springfield, Union Township and Westfield.

The event is being sponsored by, the Union County Board of Chosen Fresholders, the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation nd the Rabway River Association in partnership with the Arthur Kill Coalition, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Watershed Ambassador Program, the Friends of Lenape Park, and National Biodiversity Parks Inc.

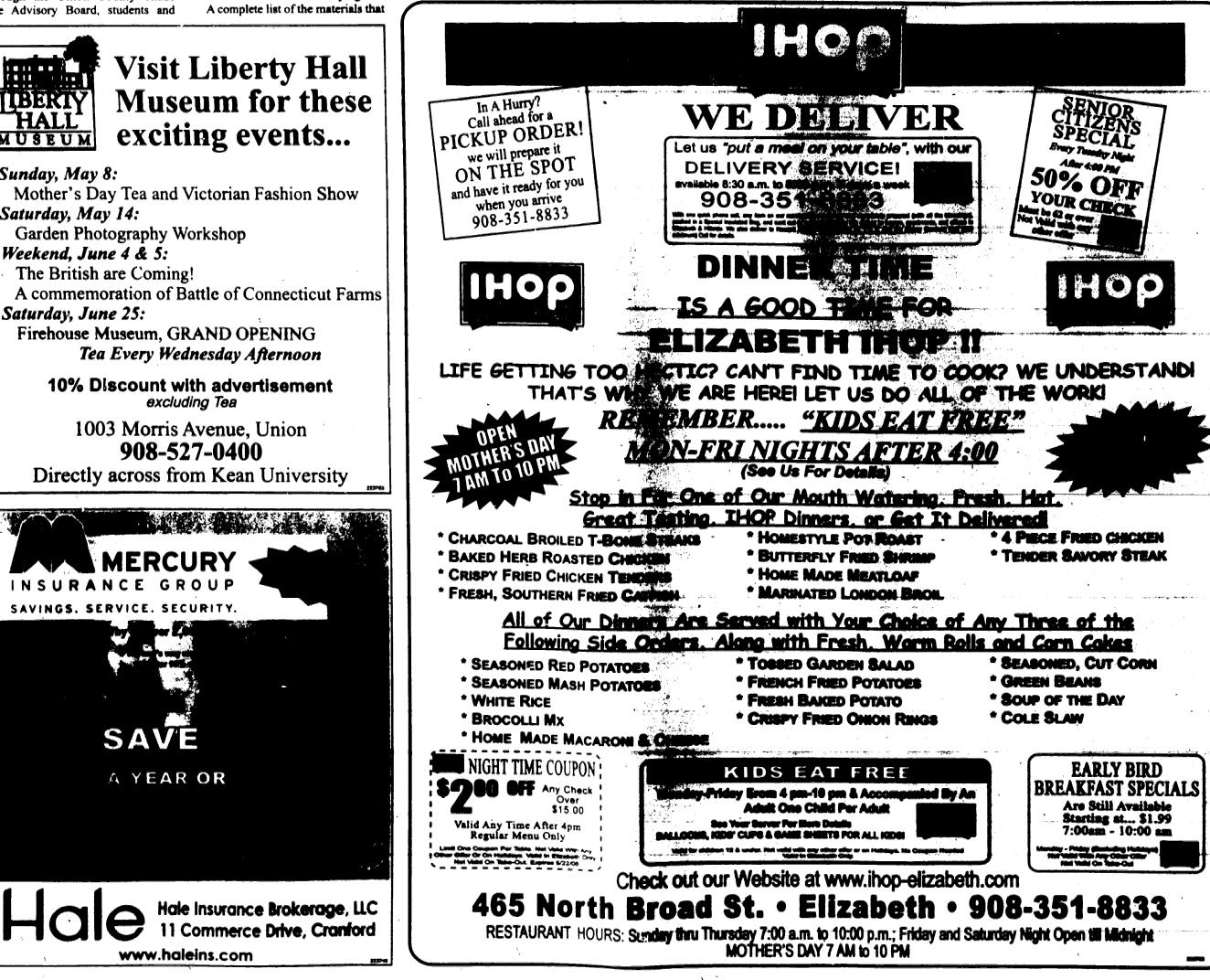
"The goal of this effort is to raise awareness of the incredible diversity of life in this suburban park and the wonderful resources Lenape Park offers for recreation and as an outdoor classroom and science lab," said Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, liaison to the Union County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "Specialists in areas ranging from birds and insects to mushrooms have already been recruited, but more volunteer workers are needed to identify the hundreds of species to be found in the park in the

springtime." The "blitz" will start in the park at 6 p.m. on May 20, with some workers on hand throughout the night. Other volunteers will work in shifts through- days, 6 p.m. out May 21, until 6 p.m.

For those interested, a Bio-Blitz Headquarters tent will be set up where results and identifications will be post-

Scientists and lay people interested in volunteering for the event must call Holly Jantz at the Union County p.m. Department of Parks and Recreation, 908-527-4032, or Betty Ann Kelly at 908-527-4231 to register.

Some n unbers of the public will have an opportunity to work alongside the scientists during parts of the 24bour period: advance registration is also required for this. For more information about Bio-



IBERT HALL

MUSEUM Sunday, May 8:

Saturday, May 14:

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Blitz 2005. call Dennis Miranda. Committee Chair/President of the Rahway River Association at 973-209-6321

'Freeholders Forum'

Highlights from the recent opening ceremony of the Union County Courthouse Centennial Celebration make up a special edition of the "Freeholders Forum" television program. The program includes the unveiling of a century-old time capsule, vocal and bagpipe performances, and remarks from Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi. Freeholder Chairman Rick Proctor and other dignitaries. Unique exhibits of rare artifacts

and memorabilia honoring the 100th anniversary of the Union County Courthouse will remain on display in the rotunda of the Union County Courthouse through the rest of the vear. A series of special celebratory events will be scheduled throughout the year. Calendar information and related news can be found at www.ucnj.org.

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

"Precholders Forum" is produced by the freeholder board and is made possible through the facilities and technical direction of Union County College. Entitled "Union County Courthouse Centennial Celebration Kickoff," the show will be aired through May 14 according to the following schedule:

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

Elizabeth: Channel 70, Thurs-Hillside: Channel 35, call 973

926-1054 for more information. Linden, Roselle, Roselle Park

Winfield: Channel 36, daily, 10 p.m. Plainfield: Channel 74, Wednes days, 5:30 p.m.

Rahway: Channel 34, daily, 6:30

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

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

Anyone wanting more information can call the Office of Public Information at 908-436-2072.



By Jeff Cammin Associate Editor

Throughout New Jersey, there are numerous theater companies that produce all kinds of plays, from dramas to musicals to comedies --- virtually anything you can imagine.

The truth is that in any given month. there's a theater company somewhere in the Garden State presenting a show that you'll probably be very familiar with, and one of these shows is almost certain to put a smile on your face, largely because the recipe works: the story's always been a hit.

Then, of course, there's the unknown. Theater that takes risks. Admittedly, this type of theater isn't for everyone. For this daring sort of venture, the conventional windom is that you'll probably need to take the Midtown direct one night to catch a Broadway or Off-Broadway show. Good chance the night could run up to \$400. for two people. Hmmm.

But if you're willing to drive to Union County College in Cranford --- character faces in the play. say, that's not so far --- you'll find an

By Gerard A. Frank

Staff Writer

What a difference 30 years can

Southside Johnny and the Asbury

dle-aged audience. When he per-

formed in the mid '70s after his

album "Live at the Bottom Line" he

played to bikers and young braicss

women at the Stone Pony in Asbury

Park. The crowds stretched out to the

streets. But it was a different story in

Southside Johnny, born John Lyon

on Dec. 4, 1948, in Neptune, hasn't

lost the rhythm and blues sound he

began 30 years ago, however it just

The band, known by many as the

"Greatest Bar Band," played songs

from the late '60e and andw/70e

mixing the Motown Munic of Ronnie Spector with the southern rock sound of the Aliman Brothern.

It was like watching technically-

However, the crowd seemed to be

into the cound as they yelled out-

"Johnny," clapping their hands and

There were moments while play-

ing the harmonica when Southside

doesn't have the same intensity,

Rahway on Saturday night.

makel

emotion.

stomping their feet.

Equity theater group that specializes in theater you won't find everywhere. This month. The Theater Project, Union County College's Professional Theater Company, presents "Three Tall Women." a Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Edward Albee, who wrote, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

"Three Tall Women" stars Angela Della Ventura, Norah Farley and Barbara Guidi as three women at different stages of life. One is young, one is middle aged, and one is older. Each learns one thing they have in common: They each attempt to relate to each other, but the differences in their ages and places in life make it difficult for them to find

common ground. Della Ventura, who has performed with Alliance Repertory Company, Dreamcatcher, 12 Miles West and New Jersey Repertory Company, and starred in thought-provoking productions, including "Spinning Into Butter," plays the role of the woman in the middle, so to speak. She related the challenges her

"When we're younger, we have

voice of one who is alone looking for

Yet, at other times he sounded like

Bruce Springsteen and on one song

did an imitation of Joe Cocker with

a clown's act as he casually tossed his

harmonica over his shoulder as he

told the audience he wanted to "put

The Union County Performing

Arts Center is the old Rahway The-

ater built in 1928 and is built in a

round dome-like configuration.

which aided in the acoustic sounds

that emanated from the 23 speakers

Southside Johnny sang with the

Blackberry Booze Band in the late

'60s before teaming up with the

Asbury Jukes with school friends

Billy Buill, Kovin Slavenaugh, Kon-neth Pentifullo and Alim "Dot" Berg-et: Latif die bind included Carlo Novi, Eddie Manion, Tony Palligrosi,

Ricky Gazda, and ex-Diana Ross

guitarist in Joel Gramolini and

replacement drummer Steve Becker.

The band new consists of Eddie

Manion, Joey Stann, both saxophone

players, Chris Anderson and Mark

spread throughout the stage.

the focus back on me."

Southside lacks the

old NJ Shore punch

Jukes played Saturday night at the his jerky hand movements. It seemed

Union County Arts Center to a mid- as if Southside Johnny was putting on

rehearsal time play with no heart or Recemberg, a: well as an additional

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perspective that's narrow in experience," said Della Ventura. "When we're older, we're less tolerant of some of the views we had when we were vounger."

Certainly, the premise for this play isn't a complicated one. Still, as baby boomers begin to age, some advancing into retirement years, others grappling with middle age, dealing with adoles cent children and aging parents, this concept seems particularly relevant.

"We're kind of the sandwich gener ation," acknowledged Della Ventura "We have kids and our parents to take care of at the same time. Baby boomers are looking at their elderly parents, at their children in their early 20s, trying to find a place between these two These three characters say a lot of interesting things about their points in life.

It's definitely theater designed t make audience members think, and that's part of the idea behind The Theater Project.

"That's our goal, to do theater that entertains, but pushes the envelope." said Mark Spina, artistic director for

The Theater Project. "I look for things that express new ideas, for things that ure theatrical in different ways, that say hings that television would never think

Spina also acknowledged that while the concept for this play is timeless, it's also particularly reflective of the current times. "I think this is the way it's

Just can't beat that big band sound

By Joel Levin Correspondent

This reviewer has never liked big bands. Now that I have revealed a prejudice that may affect journalistic openmindendness, I must admit that I, along with the full house at Trumpets in Montclair, had real fun listening to Diane. Moser's Composers Big Band last Wednesday.

The other prejudice that I brought into the room last Monday evening was cheated. Her sound was better showthat I love Judy Bady, the guest vocalist. cased in Monk's "I Mean You," when She was in top form, although severely hampered by the club's sound system.

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of the time, and that it did in the opener, ence hear Langston Hughes's poetry in "Flipped Kitty in the City." composed another Moser composition. and arranged by Moser. The number was highlighted by the saxes, as a tenor and alto duet were joined by a second The band had a nostalgic 1940s feel in alto. A mated and unmuted trumpet this one with silky brass harmonics, but again, the evil EQ tried to strike down her tinkly piano with a rolling Brubeck Bady. I could see the audience waiting sound, followed by attention-getting for the breaks just so they could hear the ingular pounding.

Bad-member Middleton arranged the next tane, "It's About That cheering form an audience that heard Time," a Devis/Carter number, with only a fraction of what Bady had to bass trombonist Eddie Clark doing a

fascinating, if deliberate, job in muscling that long slide. This was the only piece in which Scott Neumann, the drummer, opened up to show that he could be more than a timekeeper. I wanted to hear more of him.

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Guest soloist Judy Bady, whom described in a CD review as "a force of nature," never disappoints, but man, did she have to fight to be heard! In a lowceilinged room with bright acoustics, but they greatly outnumbered Bady and overwhelmed even her big, earthy alto voice. She and that to overcome the

"The Nearness of You" gave Bady the opportunity to really bare her soul. great instrument that is her voice. She garnered an armload of clapping and

Woods adds spunk, spirit to a spring night at Le Dome

Correspondent

Peanut butter and jelly, Lucy and Ethel, Anthony and Cleopatra, Kermit and Miss Piggy: each are perfectly fine on their own, but oh so much more divine as pairs! Just like The Manor and the engaging Cabaret Soirce --- on elect Thursday evenings from February to November. To be certain, dinner at The Manor is a stately, special affair to be enjoyed as often as the pocketbook allows, but a meal at The Manor followed by an outstanding performance upstairs at Le Dome will make your month.

race Lounge? Better yet, who would with an ever-changing sesson-al menu and top-name talent singing area only serves to enhance the mood

their hearts out just for you? For our already set by the elegant service and

April 14, chef Michael Weisshaupt accompanies dinner. Requests are encoursed and Bob Richards, The warment and ino, we were headly pre- their own pace. With a much segue ing hot numbers like her opening num With seating at 6, 6:15, and 6:30 p.m., dinner proceeds at a comfortably the clink, in homage to her starring role as the theme song for dime store perleisurely pace, leaving plenty of time in both the Broedway stage and road fume. It was clear she was enjoying to savor dinner.

> 9 p.m. after we were settled into the room remplandent in a vibrant sequined People You Love," was quieter, showintimate room known as Le Dome. coat that twinkled as brightly as the casing her rich timbre.

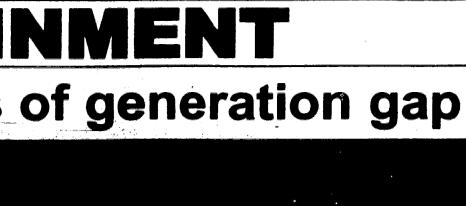
While all of us in the audience hot but not too broad, letting the audi- intensity with his arrangements of her ght have bought we were well once enjoy the double entendres at stings. The songs ranged from swing-





Pender on trumpet, Bobby Bandiera on guitar, Jeff Kayzee on keyboards, Johnny sounded as he did years ago. Steve Shewchuk, known as Muddy When he played "Let it Be Me." the Shews, on bass and Joe Bellia on harmonica sounded like the pained drums.

offered a selection of light, springinspired appetizers and entrees like marinated white concreases, cream of thing from Broadway to Billie Holispring mushroom soup, coconut-crust- day, Streigand and Barry Manilow. ed sea scallops and rosemary-dusted rack of lamb, to name a few. As expected, each course set before us lived up to the mouthwatering description on the menu and was prepared exactly as requested. The scallops were perhaps the biggest we'd ever scen and every plate was filled with Just upstairs from the main dining glean in her eye. With a deep hearty Accompanying this rich voice was infuses a new richness into an old vibrant colors reflecting the blooming rooms of The Manor, Le Dome seems laugh the immediately launched into planist John Di Martino, a well-favorite. Her love for the music she's colors of the grass and flowering trees worlds away, or at least you're sure "When. You're Good to Mama," a respected jazz planist who Woods singing is infectious and we couldn't



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From left, Noreen Farley, Angela Della Ventura and Barbara Guidi, who star in 'Three Tall Women, presented by The Theater Project, starting tonight at Union County College. always been, it's hard for the younger and runs through May 8 at Union Coungeneration to understand the compro- ty College, 1033 Springfield Ave., mises we make to survive into middle Cranford. Tickets are \$18 Friday. Saturage, and it's hard for those in midlife to day and Sunday, and \$10 on Thursday,

be sympathetic for the next genera- and can be purchased by calling 908tion's need to discover the world for 659-5189. Performances Thursday themselves," he said. "Three Tall Women" opens tonight on Sunday.

through Saturday begin at 8 p.m., 3 p.m.

Italian dance expands knowledge of class

By Jeff Cummins

Associate Editor The term education conjures

mages of classrooms, chemistry labs, lecture halls and libraries, all filled with students who are pushing themselves to find the answers to impor- have is that Italian-American culture ant questions.

But education also involves the School Italian teacher Dominic Tan- point out that despite the presence of credi knows well. Casa Italiana of South Orange

provided a grant which allowed Tancredi's students the chance to learn about important aspects of Italian culture. That's where Marylou Romano and her group, Coro d'Italia, come in. Romano and her Essex- Countybased non-profit group are dedicated to preserving and sharing Italian-American culture.

dance, teaching the love of Italian We are the only group in the Tri-

state area any more that sings and groups have ended because many we make murals, we even cook things people retired and moved away," said like taralles," an authentic Italian pascomano, who joined the same group try. With the help of Coro d'Italia when it was based in New York City. the program was reduced over

"Some of the members wanted to Italian-Americana here, I couldn't picking it up quickly.

have it end, so I said, 'Let's give it a

try in New Jersey." "

Romano certainly brings a sense of authenticity to the project. She was born in Newark and raised in Bloom field. The first thought people might is thriving in Essex County, does it really need to be developed arts, something Columbia High Nonetheless, Romano is quick to many Italian-Americans in the area knowledge of Italian culture can still be improved substantially.

> "We live our culture, but we don' really consciously acknowledge what the elements are," she said. "Because we're in the third and fourth genera tions from Italy, we're losing some of our culture."

> And Coro d'Italia includes more aspects of Italian culture than ius dancing. It includes Scuole d'Italia, a cultural enrichment program, which language and a history in the arts.

"For children, we make mosaic Tanesedi's students will participate in Slowly, the number of participants annual Italian Musical Night (Columbia High School on May 20 at p.m. Romano said that student from many ethnic backgrounds have throw in the tambourine," quipped been working with her group on the Romano. "Knowing the amount of art of Italian dance, and they're

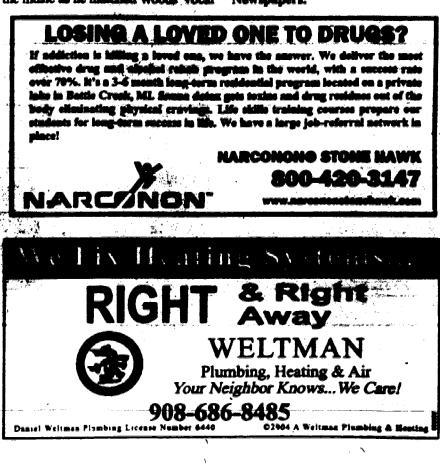


mistross of murderers row, countess of that most recently was known mainly gia mule." show production of the hit show herself as much as the sudience did, if

just outside the Terrace Lourge win-dows. you've been transported to a different showshopper sort of a number you'd introduced as playing with all his heart help but respond. dows. state of mind as waitresses come expect to bring the curtain down, but and soul. And he did. It was evident

Mattor's resident pianist, plays every- pared for the performance about to into the classic hit "I'm a Woman," ber to more bluesy selections like thing down Broadway to Billis Holi- unfield. Garet Woods, introduced as Woods had the audience singing along "Manday Water Blues" where she Manna Morton, the keeper of the keys, with her as she spiffed up this piece promised to "work for you like a Geor-

With a background in gospel choir singing. Woods has the ability to bel out her songs with an indescribebl The performance began promptly at "Chicago," bounded to the front of the not more! Her third number, "The passion and vibrancy heard so infrequantiv. Even on well-known songe like "Hey There," her personal style



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NAMI hosts speaker

Award-winning newspaper columnist Tom Davis will be the guest speaker Tuesday at a free public pres entation offered by National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Union County at 7:30 p.m. in Osceola Presbyterian Church, 1689 Raritan Road, Clark, Refreshments will be served.

Davis, staff reporter for The Record of Bergen County, writes a weekly column on mental illness and addic tion called "Coping." He will talk about mental health issues and offer insight and views regarding the media's handling of stories involving mental illness. Ouestions and answers will follow his talk.

Davis is the recipient of NAMI-NJ's "Freedom from Stigma" Media Recognition Award. In addition, in 2003 Davis won a first-place award from the New Jersey Press Association. He has played an important role in raising public awareness about the various issues that plague the mental health system, and is highly qualified to share his knowledge and experi-

Last year Davis received the nationally prestigious 2004-05 Rosalvnn Carter Fellowship for Mental Health Journalism award. In this program, each fellow creates a work project that explores the world of mental health. The journalist receives stipend and is assigned mentors to provide guidance and resources to complete the work within a year. These successful projects have helped reduce stigma and promote the cause of mental health advocacy.

Davis graduated from Rutgers University and recently returned there when he was awarded the Journalistin-Residence fellowship under the North Jersey Media Group's Journalist-in-Residence program. There he teaches a course and participates in campus journalism activities For more information, call 908

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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. Schools can use this white flowering tree to beautify their grounds, add shade to their property. and to celebrate Arbor Day. April 29.

In addition to a free tree, the freeholders also are offering free training. Through the Union County Shade-Tree Advisory Board, students and

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accompanying adults will be trained in will be accepted on April 16 is avail. parents or guardians of the children, how to plant and care for a newly

planted tree. Training sessions will be held three different days from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at Williams Nursery in Westfield. On Tuesday, a session will be for fourth and fifth-grade students; on April 20 for sixth- through eighth-grade students; and on April 21 for high school students and adults. The dogwoods will be given out after each training session along with a protective cage or each tree.

See your school principal if you are nterested in representing your school at a training session. You also may contact Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Agent and chairman of the Union County Shade Tree Advisory Board, James Nichnadowicz at 908-654-9854, or E-mail Nichnadowicz@aesop.rutgers.edu.

Special waste recycling at Nomahedan 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 man-The collection will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Union County College campus in Cranford, 1033 Springfield Ave., opposite Nomahegan Park.

All residents of Union County are eligible to participate at no cost. Preregistration is not required for this special Saturday collection.

All that residents need to do drive to the site with their household special waste and automobile tires. Workers at the site will unload the vehicles

There is a limit of eight automobile tires — without rims — per household. This is a household recycling event. No businesses.

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.

Only materials in original labeled containers will be accepted. Latex, water-based, paint and empty cans will not be accepted. They should be disposed of in with the regular garbage. Leftover latex paint can be air-dried or, to hasten the drying process, kitty litter and/or newspaper can be added to hasten the drying.

A complete list of the materials that

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able at the Union County Bureau of and no records retained by the lodge. Environmental Services Web site. Many families return each year with www.ucnj.org/oem.

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The household special waste collection will be held rain or shine, for Union County residents only and not for businesses. Proof of Union County residency is required. For more information, call the

Bureau of Environmental Services Hotline at 908-654-9889.

Mothers & More

Mothers & More is a national, nonprofit organization serving mothers who are by choice or circumstance altering their participation in the paid workplace over the course of their active parenting years. The group isn't just for full-time stay-at-home moms. but champions the value and necessity of all mothers' work to our society. paid and unpaid, within and outside of the home

The chapter's activities include meetings on topics of interest to mothers, mom's nights out, mom and tot outings, playgroups, a book club and a craft club. There are day and evening activities to fit every mother's schedule. Members also have the opportunity to participate in national e-mail support networks and to volunteer in a variety of areas including chapter coordination. membership, online services, publications, media relations, marketing, and advocacy.

The Union County Chapter Mothers & More holds regular meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Westfield MCA. 220 Clark St., Westfield.

908-928-9841 or Kim at 908-889-2286 or log on to the Union County Weh chapter's www.geocities.com/mothersandmore 10.

Kids' ID program

Atlas-Pythagoras Masonic Lodge. 1011 Central Ave., Westfield, will offer a children's ID program May 7 from noon to 3:30 p.m.

Children will be fingerprinted videotaped, and photographed, and identification cards will be made in cooperation with the Union County Sheriff's Department, Children will be weighed and measured, and special features, such as birthmarks, scars or moles will be noted.

their tapes to update their children's

In case a child is ever lost or abducted, these tapes, when brought to police and media, would be valuable helping to find the missing child. Some parents have used the ID cards for air travel.

There is no charge for this service, which the lodge has been providing to families in the area since 1991 in an effort to safeguard our children. Light refreshments will be served. For more information. call 908-233-7349.

Electronics collection

The County of Union will sponsor a recycling event for electronics and automobile tires on April 30, so Union County residents can get rid of unwanted tires, computers and other electronic equipment in an environmentally proper manner.

The collection will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arthur L. Johnson High School, 365 Westfield Ave., east of Raritan Road, in Clark. All residents of Union County are

eligible to participate at no cost. Computer monitors and televisions are the source of a considerable amount of lead - about 5 pounds per screen. Up to 95 percent of most electronic appliances can be recycled. This is a responsible way to keep hazardous

heavy metals out of our environment. Electronic equipment that will be accepted on April 30 includes comput- ed, but more volunteer workers are er monitors, hard drives, modems." For more information, call Stacy at keyboards, CPUs, mice, printers, scanners, speakers, televisions, VCRs. fax machines, telephones, and circuit boards

> All that residents need to do it drive to the site with their unwanted electronic equipment and as many as eight automobile tires. without rims. Workers at the site will unload the ehicles.

Pre-registration is not required for this special Saturday collection.

Refrigerators, washers and dryers, microwaves, and hir conditioners will not be accepted.

A complete list of the materials that will be accepted on April 30 is available at the Union County Environ-Services Web site at

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Bureau of Environmental Services Hotline at 908-654-9889. **Bio-blitz at Lenape Park**

Scientists and skilled environmentalists, assisted by community volunteers, will fan out across Lenape Park in Cranford over a 24-hour period May 20-21 to conduct New Jersey's first "urban bio-blitz."

A bio-blitz is an intensive effort to identify every living plant or animal found in a given area - in this case, the 450-acre Union County park that borders on Cranford, Kenilworth, Springfield, Union Township and Westfield.

The event is being sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Fresholders, the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation and the Rabway River Association in partnership with the Arthur Kill Coalition, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Watershed Ambassador Program, the Friends of Lenape Park, and National Biodiversity Parks Inc.

The goal of this effort is to raise awareness of the incredible diversity of life in this suburban park and the wonderful resources Lenape Park ; details can be found at www.ucc.edu. offers for recreation and as an outdoor which has a link to the broadcast. classroom and science lab," said Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski. liaison to by the freeholder board and is made the Union County Parks and Recre- possible through the facilities and ation Advisory Board. "Specialists in areas ranging from birds and insects to mushrooms have already been recruitneeded to identify the hundreds of species to be found in the park in the lowing schedule; springtime."

The "blitz" will start in the park at 6 p.m. on May 20, with some workers on hand throughout the night. Other volunteers will work in shifts throughout May 21, until 6 p.m.

For those interested, a Bio-Blitz Headquarters tent will be set up where results and identifications will be post-

Scientists and lay people interested in volunteering for the event must call Holly Jantz at the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation. 908-527-4032, or Betty Ann Kelly at 908-527-4231 to register.

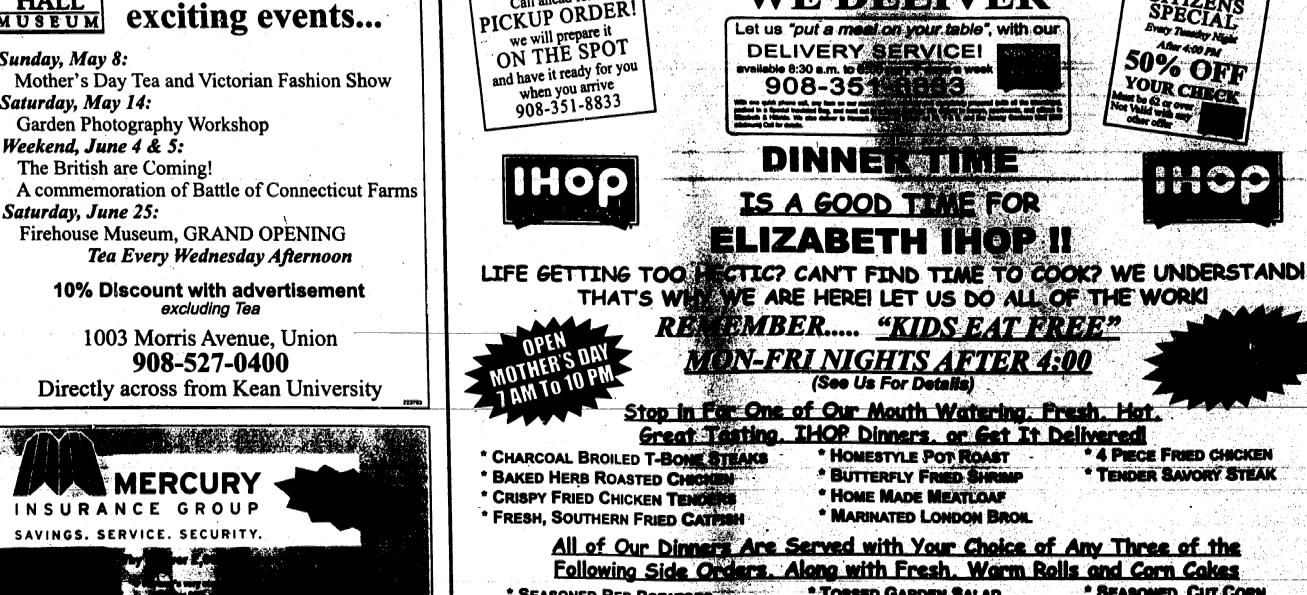
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'Freeholders Forum' Highlights from the recent opening

ceremony of the Union County Courthouse Centennial Celebration make up a special edition of the "Freeholders Forum" television program. The program includes the unveiling of a century-old time capsule, vocal and bagpipe performances, and remarks from Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, Freeholder Chairman Rick Proctor and other dignitaries.

Unique exhibits of rare artifacts and memorabilia honoring the 100th anniversary of the Union County Courthouse will remain on display in the rotunda of the Union County Courthouse through the rest of the year. A series of special celebratory events will be scheduled throughout the year. Calendar information and related news can be found at www.ucnj.org.

Each half-hour "Freeholders Forum" program can be seen on a continuing program loop as part of UCC 1. an Internet video service from Union County College. Viewing

"Freeholders Forum" is produced technical direction of Union County College. Entitled "Union County Courthouse Centennial Celebration Kickoff." the show will be aired through May 14 according to the fol-

 Union County, except Elizabeth and Plainfield: Channel 26, Mondaya 6:30 p.m.

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Anyone wanting more information can call the Office of Public Information at 908-436-2072.





Play in Cranford revisits challenges of generation gap

By Jeff Cummins Associate Editor

Throughout New Jersey, there are numerous theater companies that produce all kinds of plays, from dramas to musicals to comedies --- virtually anything you can imagine.

The truth is that in any given month, there's a theater company somewhere in the Garden State presenting a show that you'll probably be very familiar with, and one of these shows is almost certain to put a smile on your face, largely because the recipe works; the story's always been a hit.

Then, of course, there's the unknown. Theater that takes risks. Admittedly, this type of theater isn't for everyone. For this daring sort of venture, the conventional wisdom is that you'll probably need to take the Midtown direct one night to catch a Broadway or Off-Broadway show. Good chance the night could run up to \$400. for two people. Hmmm.

But if you're willing to drive to Union County College in Cranford - character faces in the play. say, that's not so far --- you'll find an

By Gerard A. Frank

Staff Writer

What a difference 30 years can

Southside Johnny and the Asbury

lukes played Saturday night at the

dle-aged audience. When he per-

formed in the mid '70s after his

album "Live at the Bottom Line" he

played to bikers and young braless

women at the Stone Pony in Asbury

Park. The crowds stretched out to the

streets. But it was a different story in

Southside Johnny, born John Lyon

on Dec. 4, 1948, in Neptune, hasn't

lost the rhythm and blues sound he

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began 30 years ago, however it just

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Rahway on Saturday night.

Southside lacks the

old NJ Shore punch

Union County Arts Center to a mid- as if Southside Johnny was putting or

Greatest Bar Band," played songs Asbury Jukes with school friends

expert musicians with plenty of trombonist Richie "La Bamba" rehearsal time play with no heart or Rosenberg, & well as an additional

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theater you won't find everywhere. ence." said Della Ventura. "When This month, The Theater Project, we're older, we're less tolerant of some Union County College's Professional Theater Company, presents "Three Tall Women," a Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Edward Albee, who wrote, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

"Three Tall Women" stars Angela Della Ventura. Norah Farley and Barbara Guidi as three women at different stages of life. One is young, one is middle aged, and one is older. Each learns one thing they have in common: They each attempt to relate to each other, but the differences in their ages and places in life make it difficult for them to find common ground.

Della Ventura, who has performed with Alliance Repertory Company, Dreamcatcher, 12 Miles West and New Jersey Repertory Company, and starred in thought-provoking productions, including "Spinning Into Butter," plays the role of the woman in the middle, so

to speak. She related the challenges her "When we're younger, we have a

voice of one who is alone looking for

Yet, at other times he sounded like

Bruce Springsteen and on one song

did an imitation of Joe Cocker with

his jerky hand movements. It seemed

a clown's act as he casually tossed his

harmonica over his shoulder as he

told the audience he wanted to "put

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Arts Center is the old Rahway The-

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guitarist in Joel Gramolini and

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Pender on trumpet, Bobby Bandiera

replacement drummer Steve Becker.

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> isn't a complicated one. Still, as baby boomers begin to age, some advancing into retirement years, others grappling with middle age, dealing with adolescent children and aging parents, this

"We're kind of the sandwich generation," acknowledged Della Ventura. "We have kids and our parents to take care of at the same time. Baby boomers are looking at their elderly parents, at their children in their early 20s, trying to find a place between these two. These three characters say a lot of interesting things about their points in life."

It's definitely theater designed to make audience members think, and that's part of the idea behind The Theater Project.

"That's our goal, to do theater that. entertains, but pushes the envelope," said Mark Spina, artistic director for

Certainly, the premise for this play

concept seems particularly relevant.

that express new ideas, for things that are theatrical in different ways, that say things that television would never think

Spina also acknowledged that while the concept for this play is timeless, it's also particularly reflective of the current times. "I think this is the way it's

Just can't beat that big band sound

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fascinating, if deliberate, job in muscling that long slide. This was the only piece in which Scott Neumann, the drummer, opened up to show that he could be more than a timekeeper. I wanted to hear more of him.

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Guest soloist Judy Bady, whom described in a CD review as "a force of nature," never disappoints, but man, did she have to fight to be heard! In a lowceilinged room with bright acoustics, overwhelmed even her big, earthy alto voice. She also had to overcome the suppy bries or Moder * "It's You" and

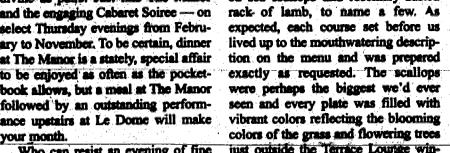
great instrument that is her voice. She gamered an armload of clapping and

Woods adds spunk, spirit to a spring night at Le Dome dining pleasure before the cabaret on the delightful plano music which While all of us in the audience hot but not too broad, letting the audi- intensity with his arrangements of her By Francine Cohen

ary to November. To be certain, dinner at The Manor is a stately, special affair to be enjoyed as often as the pocketbook allows, but a meal at The Manor followed by an outstanding performance upstairs at Le Dome will make your month.

tion on the menu and was prepared exactly as requested. The scallops





dining in The Manor's exquisite Ter- dows.

lived up to the mouthwatering descripwere perhaps the biggest we'd ever

to savor dinner.

April 14, chef Michael Weisshaupt accompanies onnier. Requests are might nave mousing were well case enjoy the double ensembles at songs ranged from swing Peanut butter and jelly, Lucy and offered a selection of light, spring-Ethel, Anthony and Cleopatra, Kermit inspired appetizers and entrees like Manor's resident planist, plays every-and Miss Piggy; each are perfectly fine marinated white asparagus, cream of thing from Broadway to Billie Holi-unfold. Carol Woods, introduced as Woods had the audience singing along "Muddy Water Blues" where she and Miss Piggy; each are perfectly fine on their own, but oh so much more divine as pairs! Just like The Manor ed sea scallops and rosemary-dusted With sesting at 6, 6:15, and 6:30 p.m., mistores of much most recently was known mainly gia mule."

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dinner proceeds at a comfortably the clink, in homage to her starring role as the theme song for dime store per-leisurely pace, leaving plenty of time in both the Broadway stage and road fume. It was clear she was enjoying The performance began promptly at "Chicago," bounded to the front of the not more! Her third number. "The

9 p.m. after we were settled into the room resplandent in a vibrant sequined People You Love," was quieter, show- quently. Even on well-known songs intimate room known as Le Dome. coat thes twisikled as brightly as the casing her rich timbre. seen and every plate was filled with ce upstairs at Le Dome will make ur month. Who can resist an evening of fine Who can resist an evening of fine who can resist an evening of fine bigget we develop interval and we couldn't seen and every plate was filled with substairs from the main dining rooms of The Manor, Le Dome seems worlds away, or at least you're sure worlds away worlds away worlds away worlds away worlds state of mind as waitresses come expect to bring the curtain down, but and soul. And he did. It was evident race Lounge? Better yet, who would want to with an ever-changing season-al menu and top-name talent singing area only serves to enhance the mood

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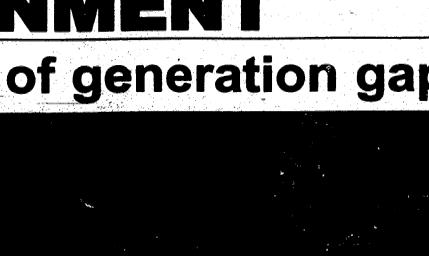
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or too confusing. Neither problem plagued the band, and the leader was generous in awarding solos, which tem- the band hardly needed amplification porarily changed the scale of the per- but they greatly outnumbered Bady and ing the whole process. A big band is supposed a 1. 1. 1. Sugar 66. 1 of the time, and that it did in the opener, ence hear Langston Hughes's poetry in "Flipped Kitty in the City," composed another Moser composition was highlighted by the saxes, as a tenor the opportunity to really bare her soul. and alto duct were joined by a second The band had a nostalgic 1940s feel in



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From left, Noreen Farley, Angela Della Ventura and Barbara Guidi. who star in 'Three Tall Women,' presented by The Theater Project, starting tonight at Union County College.

generation to understand the compro- ty College, 1033 Springfield Ave. mises we make to survive into middle Cranford. Tickets are \$18 Friday. Saturage, and it's hard for those in midlife to day and Sunday, and \$10 on Thursday, be sympathetic for the next genera- and can be purchased by calling 908tion's need to discover the world for 659-5189. Performances Thursday themselves." he said. "Three Tall Women" opens tonight on Sunday.

he Theater Project. "I look for things always been, it's hard for the younger and runs through May 8 at Union Counthrough Saturday begin at 8 p.m., 3 p.m.

> Italian dance expands knowledge of class

> > **By Jeff Cummins** Associate Editor

The term education conjures mages of classrooms, chemistry labs, ecture halls and libraries, all filled with students who are pushing themselves to find the answers to important questions.

But education also involves the arts, something Columbia High Nonetheless, Romano is quick to School Italian teacher Dominic Tanredi knows well.

Casa Italiana of South Orange provided a grant which allowed Tancredi's students the chance to learn about important aspects of Italian culture. That's where Marylou Romano and her group, Coro d'Italia, come in. Romano and her Essex- Countybased non-profit group are dedicated o preserving and sharing Italian-

American culture. To that and they practice Italian nce, teaching the love of Italian Ve are the only group in the Tri-

state area any more that sings and the Italian folk tradition, Most roups have ended because many we make murals, we even cook thin beople retired and moved away," said like taralles," an authentic Italian pas Romano, who joined the same group when it was based in New York City. Tancredi's students will participate in

talian-Americans here, I couldn't picking it up quickly.

have it end, so I said, 'Let's give it a try in New Jersey.""

Romano certainly brings a sense of authenticity to the project. She was born in Newark and raised in Bloomfield. The first thought people might have is that Italian-American culture is thriving in Essex County. does it really need to be developed? point out that despite the presence of many Italian-Americans in the area knowledge of Italian culture can stil be improved substantially.

"We live our culture, but we don really consciously acknowledge what the elements are," she said. "Because we're in the third and fourth generations from Italy, we're losing some of our culture.".....

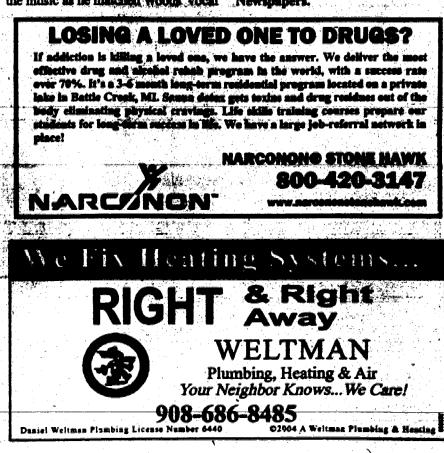
And Coro d'Italia includes mon aspects of Italian culture than jus dancing. It includes Scuola d'Italia, s cultural enrichment program, which language and a history in the arts.

"For children, we make mosaics Slowly, the number of participants annual Italian Musical Night at n the program was reduced over Columbia High School on May 20 at 7 p.m. Romano said that students "Some of the members wanted to from many ethnic backgrounds have hrow in the tambourine," quipped been working with her group on the Romanc. "Knowing the amount of art of Italian dance, and they're



show production of the hit show herself as much as the audience did, if

With a background in gospel choin singing, Woods has the ability to belt out her songs with an indescribable passion and vibrancy heard so infre like "Hey There," her personal style



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If anyone has information regarding former students or would like to som the committee, contact Barry - Scout: Plain (High School Class) Zins at BZins1111(@aol.com. · Hillside High School, class of

> 20 at the Lirand Summit Hotel in show off your children, meet old, Summit friends and make new ones, and play Contact Paul Ladell at 073 715 7688.

1975, will hold its 30th reunion at Costa's Restaurant, Roselle Park, on Nov 26 Anyone with information about missing classmates may contact Sincley Anne at 908-241-8298, or send ∘an e-masi insciessof? 975@cocacast.net

 Cranford Hagh School, Class of 1981 will houd as 25th reunion on June 15 ut ? p.m. & the Hilton Garden inn: Educati Rardan Center in Edison. The cost as \$72 per person. This event is being coordinated through Assumates Unimited, and can be a.m. · Hillsade High School Ulass of accessed on the Web at 1965, is heading its 40th remain in some semicons-unlimited com, or by

nhone at 732-617-7000. RSVPs are requested by Mary 27.

The following day, there will be an informal event at Nomahagen Park in Cranford, open to friends and family, as well as Cranford High School - Scorch Plans High School Class 1955, is planning a reunion on May graduates. This is a good place to softbull.

> This third annual event is being coordinated by the Class of 1978. Ar questions on either event can be directed to Roseann Cermak-Capobianco at 908-272-3267, or by e-mail at mcapobianco5@comcast.net.

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social events -Friday at noon

Entertainment - Friday at noon. Sports news and game results ----

Monday at noon. Letter to the Editor --- Monday 9

Arts camp coming to Watchung

summer? How about WAC art partner

tial to be the next Van Court or From lack? These are modern times after all. The summer is filled with all write Indoor and outdoor activities are slatof camps for all sorts of sports and ed for fun in the sun and in the air com- live audience. ACT has been doing activities, so why shouldn't art or the- ditioning. ater be on the list?

It's never to early to start making summer plans for the kids. That's why we're suggesting now about the upcoming annual Summer Art Camp for WAC members. Forms are available program expands on their existing for kids ages 6 to 12. Led by the talented Monica Otero, classes will run in cycles of six days, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, over two atrical arts, the Parsippany-based All weeks and run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children's Theatre will offer its annu- 773-335-5328.

So what are the code douting over the Kids will have the chance to work in al summer camp in August. various media, with workshops on drawing, watercolors, pastels, multi- ages 4 to 17 an opportunity to explore Think your little one can the potente media, sculpture, painting, masks and theater from both sides of the lights. ceramics. All supplies are included. ACT offers classes in acting, singing, except for the brown-bag lunch.

1, July 6 to 15 and July 20 to 29 Preregistration is available right now Each two-week cycle is \$265, \$250 able at the Watchung Arts Center, For more information, call 908-753-0190 For those leaning toward the the-

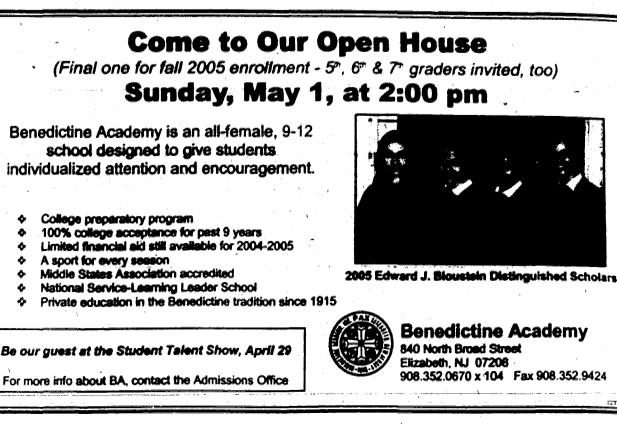
and set design, with two-week classes ending with a performance in front a this for more than 20 years and has Camps will be held June 22 to July built a strong reputation for giving children an excellent introduction to the performing arts. For those more familiar with life in the theater, the

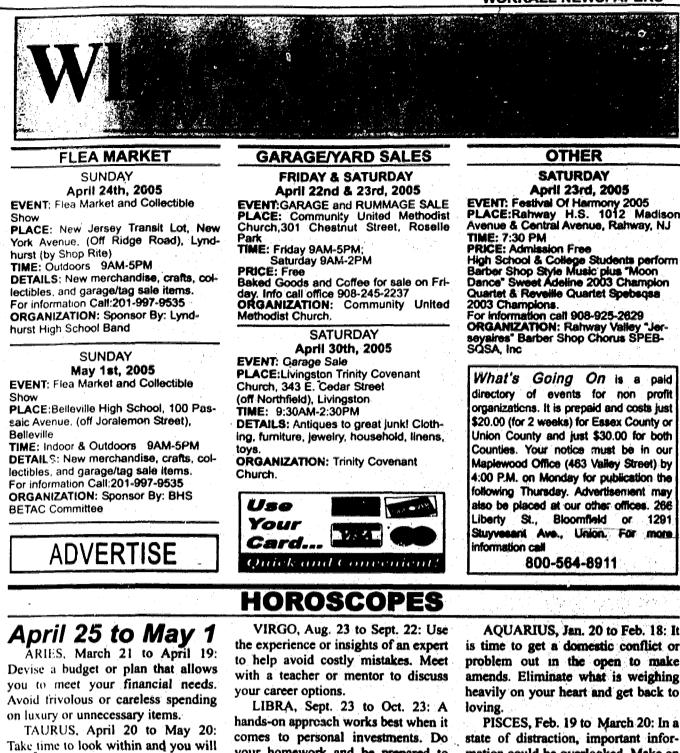
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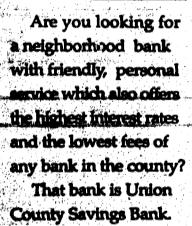
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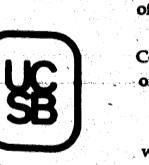
Expand your social circle and make sure it includes a variety of people from different walks of life. Listen and Jet Li, Jay Leno, Uma Thurman, learn a lot from each person.

Kean student releases new CD

in piano, Allison Brewster certo No. 1 composed by husband Piano and Chamber Orchestra and Franzotti, last month released a new Carlos Franzetti with the City of the suite from the French/Spanish double CD, titled "Reflexiones," on Prague Philharmonic conducted by film "Dans le Rouge du Couchant" the Amapola label. CD No.1 was Adam Klemens. CD No. 2 was by Carlos Franzetti, and recorded Republic, earlier this year. Brewster na, in 2003, and Brewster Franzetti conducted by Franzetti.

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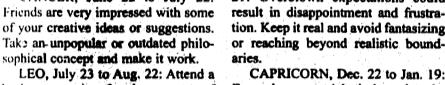
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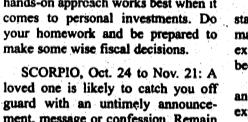
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PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20: In a state of distraction, important information could be overlooked. Make an extra effort to be more attentive or to become a better listener.

If your birthday is this week, keep an open mind and position yourself to expand and grow during the coming

Artistic or creative ventures are favored, and although challenging at first, they should return some amazing results. Your friends or associates are a true reflection of who you are.

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DANCE LESSONS FROM ITALIAN CULTURE - Above left. Marylou Romano, with students in her Italian dance lessons at Columbia High School in Maplewood. Casa Italiana of South Orange provided a grant that enabled Italian teacher Dominic Tancred's stu-

Acoustic music awaits at Watchung Arts Center

The Watchung Art Center Acoustic- mail to WACenter@aol.com. Folk Series has begun at Watchung Arts Visit their Web Center, 18 Sterling Road, Watchung. http://www.watchungarts.org/Afolk.ht Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the m.

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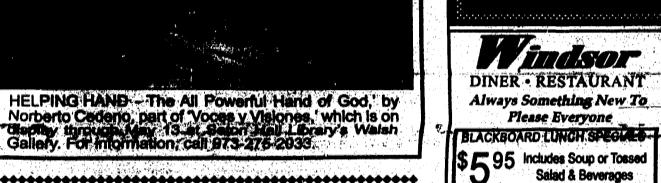
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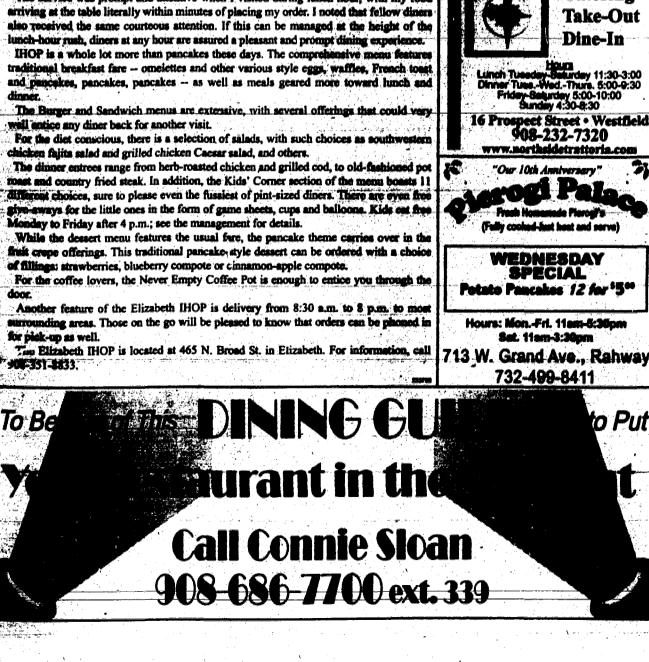
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Elizabeth location did not disappoint the palate. Accompanying my pancakes were pork sausage and hash browns, each prepared to perflectly complement the main dish. The shredded potatoes were tender and crisov at the ement the main dish. The shredded potstoes were tender and crispy at the same time, while the sausage was lean and tasty, and not flooded in grease. The service was prompt and attentive when I visited during lunch hour, with my food

for pick-up as well. **JUE-351-8833**.





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crepes, prepared to perfection, was matched only by the delicious butter in which they swam. This particular dish has been an IHOP favorite of mine for many years, and the

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dents to learn about this aspect of Italian culture. Above right, students who will perform in the annual Italian Musical Night on May 20 at 7 p.m. at Columbia High School in Maplewood. The public is invited to attend.

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ART SHOWS

THE ELIZABETH COALITION TO HOUSE THE HOMELESS 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 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person, which includes refreshments, wine, and a door prize. For advance tickets call Iris Rispoli at 908-964-4123 or Mary Clare Kubicz at 908-204-9772.

THE ASSEMBLED IMAGE, an exhibit of recent digital collage work by Leslie Nobler-Farber, Elizabeth Jacobs, Kristen Faughnan, Joohyun Pyune and Jay Seldin, will be on view at the Arts Guild of Rahway through May 13. There will be a reception with the artists Friday, 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 are available for school visits and large groups. For information, call 732-381-7511, or send an e-mail to artsguild1670@earthlink.net

EIGHT GRADUATE STUDENTS showcase their art at a 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-

AUDITIONS

MYSTIC VISION PLAYERS will hold auditions for their summer show, "Olivert" Children 13 and younger will audition on Wednesday 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 comfort able 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. CRANFORD REPERTORY THEATRE will be holding auditions for "The) May 1. from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Cindy Smith Dance Studio, 98 North Ave., Garwood. Ages eighth grade and up. Bring sheet music and shoes for dancing. Production dates are July 21 through 23.

BOOKS

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

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

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

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

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

DISCOVER GREAT NEW WRITERS BOOK GROUP is meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. This month's book is "Brick Lane," by Monica Ali. For more information, call 973-376-6581.

CLASS

THE DUCRET SCHOOL OF ART 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 parttime day and evening classes in fine art, graphic design/computer graphics and illustration For information about the spring Stepping Out

SANCTUARY CONCERTS in Berke-

the coming weeks. Village Methodist Church, 1130 Moun- the Web site, www.wilkinstheatre.com. 6581.

dents Jennifer Vaughn and Kristen 1, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bussiere appear in three performances, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m. at Wilkins Thaatre at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. Tickets are \$20 for the ley Heights will present musical acts in general public; \$17 for seniors and \$14 for children. For more information, call to the Springfield Barnes & Noble Café. Concerts are presented at Union the box office at 908-737-7469, or visit For more information, call 973-376-

greatest women in song. Kean stu- Sunday and April 29 and 30, and May

For more information, call 732-239-KNITTING GROUP meets every Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. Knitters are encouraged to bring a favorite project

THEATER THE WILKINS THEATRE will present

"Big River," a musical based on Mark Twain's story of Huck Finn in the deep south of pre-Civil War America. Performances are on Friday and Saturday and April 29, and May 6 and 7, at 8 D.M

For further information, call 866-484-8587 "NUNSENSE," directed by Joe

Photo exhibit in Union County

Ben Venezio's photographs are on display at the Pearl Street Gallery through May 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Union County artists whose works can be hung on a wall interested in exhibiting in the gallery may apply. For information on the Pearl Street Gallery, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl Street, Elizabeth. NJ 07202. Call 908-558-2550 for information.

tain Ave., Berkeley Heights, For more THE NEW JERSEY INTERGENERAinformation, call 973-376-4946, or visit - TIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA the Web site, www.sanctuarycon- will host a benefit concert featuring certs.org.

phony Orchestra, will host the Meet the Orchestra series for children ages 3 to

For more information, call 908-790-DIANNE REEVES will perform at 8

p.m. Saturday at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

For information, call the box office at 732-499-8226 or visit the Web site. www.ucac.org. Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St., Rah-

DESOL will perform at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway on May 7 at 8 p.m.

For information, call the box office at 732-499-8226 or visit the Web site, www.ucac.org. Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahwa

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

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

May 7, John Flynn.

June 4, Dave's True Story. THE COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE CONCERT SERIES OF SPRING-FIELD will take place at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, Springfield. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$14. For information and reservations, call 908-522-1501 or send an e-mail concerts4causes@aol.com. Also, visit the Web site, http://www.coffeewith-

conscience.com. The next show is May 14, featuring Basva Schecter & Friends. THE COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE

CONCERT SERIES OF WESTFIELD will take place at First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 E. Broad St., Westfield Doors open at 7:30 p.m., shows

start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$14. For information and reservations, 908-522-1501 or send an email to concerts4causes@aol.com.

Also, visit the Web site, http://www.coffeewithconscience.com. Upcoming shows are:

May 21, the Kennedys. June 18, the Dreamsicles.

CROSSROADS IN GARFIELD will feature the following:

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BROADWAY BABES AND BABIES

renowned professor Peter Schickele MEET THE ORCHESTRA concert presenting the music of P.D.Q. Bach Ave., Fanwood, hosts an Open Mic/ series continues at the Suburban Com- on May 21. The concert will be held at Karabke Night on Sundays at 7 p.m. munity Music Center, 570 Central Ave. Kean University's Wilkins Theatre In Join the group of gournet cof-Murray Hill, For the 18th year, the Sub- Union. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. fee and a wide variety of organic foods urban Community Music Center, in Call 908-737-7469 for tickets, or visit and participate in an original poetry

DANCE

Y-SQUARES, a local square dance club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Frank K. Hehnly School, Raritan Road. Clark. The fee for each lesson is \$4. For information, call 908-298-1851, 732-381-2535 or 908-241-9492.

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 filer listing the season"

schedule THE ALBORADA SPANISH DANCE THEATER 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

DISCUSSION

THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS invites local nonprofit organizations, individual artists and scholars to apply for funding from the 2004 Union County HEART --- History. Education, Arts Reaching Thousands

- Grant program. To request HEART Grant information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202: call 908-558-2550, Relay users dial 711; or send inquiries via e-mail to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

HOBBIES

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

For information, call 908-964-9724 or 908-964-8808, send inquiries via email to TMRCInc@aol.com or visit the Web site at www.tmrci.com.

THE HARVEST QUILTERS OF CEN. TRAL NEW JERSEY will meet the first Monday of each month at Cozy Corner SOCIAL SINGLES DANCING, for 45-Creations quilt shop, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains.

A SPRING, GARDEN GIFT BOU-TIQUE will be held at the Hetfield House, Constitution Plaza off New

INTERNET

THE INTERNET LOUNGE, 256 South a musical number. There's no cover charge, and patrons can come in. make new friends, surf the Web, or play a game of Diablo2, NeverWinterNights, WarCraft or Counter-Strike. To ask about a schedule of events, call 908-490-1234 or visit its Web site: www.theinternetiounge.com.

JAZZ

LANA'S RESTAURANT will offer dinner and live jazz with Warren Vache every Thursday, beginning at 7 p.m. For information, call 732-669-9024.

KIDS

TALES FOR TOTS PRESCHOOL Bill will be offered at Barnes and Noble, Route 22 West, Springfield, e and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m., and the Kide' Writing Workshop, Saturdavs at 10 a.m. For information, call 973-376-8544. EVERY MONDAY AND THURBDAY in April at 11:30 a.m. stovime themes include National Poetry Monits, Corduroy, and Hans Christian

Anderson's Birthday celebration. Full details available at Customer Service or Children's Department or by calling 973-376-6581.

RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Ranten Road in Scotch Plains.

For information, call 908-241-5758.

SINGLES

DINNERMATES and Entrepreneurs Group invites business and professional singles to dinner at a local restaurant: wine and mingling is at 8 p.m., dinner le at 9 p.m. Two age groups are

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

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older then 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at First Baptist Church, 170 Eim St., Westfield. Donation is \$2.

For information, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751.

vear-olds and older, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Yankee Buffet Grand Belroom, 2660 Morris Ave., Union. Admission is \$7.

For information, call 908-688-8816.

Schreck, choreographed by Patrick Starega, and vocally directed by Howard Whitmore, will be presented on Friday and Saturday at St. George Byzantine Church, 417 McCandless St., Linden-Tickets are \$15. For more information, call 908-925-

THE SHAKESPEARE THEATRE OF anticipated cast recording of "Illyria," an exuberant new musical by Peter Mills and Cara Reichel adapted from Shakespeare's comedy "Twelfth Night" 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.shakespearenj.org. "HENRY V" will be presented on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Thoatre, 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.shakespearenj.org. CAROLYN DORFMAN DANCE COM-

PANY:VOICES will be presented on April 29 at 8 p.m. and April 30 at 7:30 p.m. Returning for their seventh annual residency at The Shakespeare Thestre, the acclaimed Carolyn Dorfman Dance Company presents a diverse repertory concert, featuring a reprise of Dorfman's "Living Room Music," the New Jersey premier of "Odieses," and new voices, including "Enigmotion" by quest choreographer Aidan Treays, and company member Noel Mac-Duffie's "Soul Descending." Regular tickets are \$25, 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.cddc.info.-

"THREE TALL WOMEN," the Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Edward Albee, will be performed from today through May 8 on Thuradays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and

days at 3 p.m. Audiences are invited to meet the actors after each performance. Tickets on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays are \$18, and \$10 on Thursdays. Students pey \$10 for all performances. For "Senior Sunday" on Sunday, senior tickets are \$10.

"A DELICATE BALANCE" by Edward Albee, will be performed from May 6 through 21 at the Summit Playhouse. 10 New England Ave., one block from the Grand Summit Hotel, just off Springfield Avenue. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students. For reservations, call 908-273-2192, or order tickonline

www.summitplayhouse.org.

"THE SPITFIRE GRILL," a musical by James Valcq and Fred Alley, will be presented on May 6 at the Westfield Community Players Theatre, 1000 North Ave, West in Westfield, Refreshments will be served at 7 p.m., showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person and are available at the GSWRC Service Center, 201 Grove SL East in Vestfield, or by calling Vickie at 908-

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232-3236, ext. 1221.

WORRALL NEWSPAPERS VARIETY

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

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

CROSSROADS, 78 North Ave., Garwood, presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts, as well as football-themed nights. Every Sunday: Live comedy, funk

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For information, call 908-232-5666 or visit www.xxroads.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 732-388-6511.

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., Suminit. 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 908-928-0127 or send an e-mail to info@secondsatur-

days.org. VAN GOGH'S EAR, 1017 Stuyvesan Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesdays are "Acoustic Tuesday," some of which feature open mic from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians. followed by a featured folk performer. Open mic perticipents sign up at 7:30 p.m. and get 10 minutes at the microphone. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. The cover charge is \$3 for all Sun-

day concerts, unless otherwise noted. For information, call 908-810-1844. THE CONCORD SINGERS, unique non-auditioning women's community chorus, seeks new members as its spring 2005 season begins. Rehearsals are Mondays from 7:30 to

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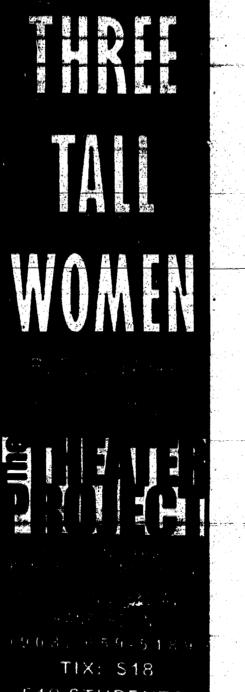
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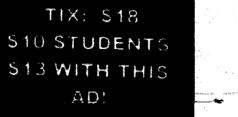
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10 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit The Spring Concert will be present ed in May at Calvary Church. For more information, call Debra

Boyman at 908-771-0978 or visit the /ed site. ww.concc THE HETFIELD HOUSE present "Home and the Holidays," a Spring, Garden and Gift Boutique on Friday. Saturday and Sunday and April 29 and 30, and May 1 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The annual geranium sale, held on April 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., will benefit the Historic Preservation Committee. The Hetfield House is located at Constitution Plaza, off of New Providence

Road, next to the library in Mountain side. Admission is free. For further information, call 732-239-7018.









PREPARING FOR A NIGHT OF DANCE - Teachers Dominic Tancredi, far left, and Marylou Romano of Coro d'Italia, far right, with students from Columbia High School who take part in Italian dance lessons. Students in Tancredi's class at Columbia High

Street. For information, call 973-744-7653.

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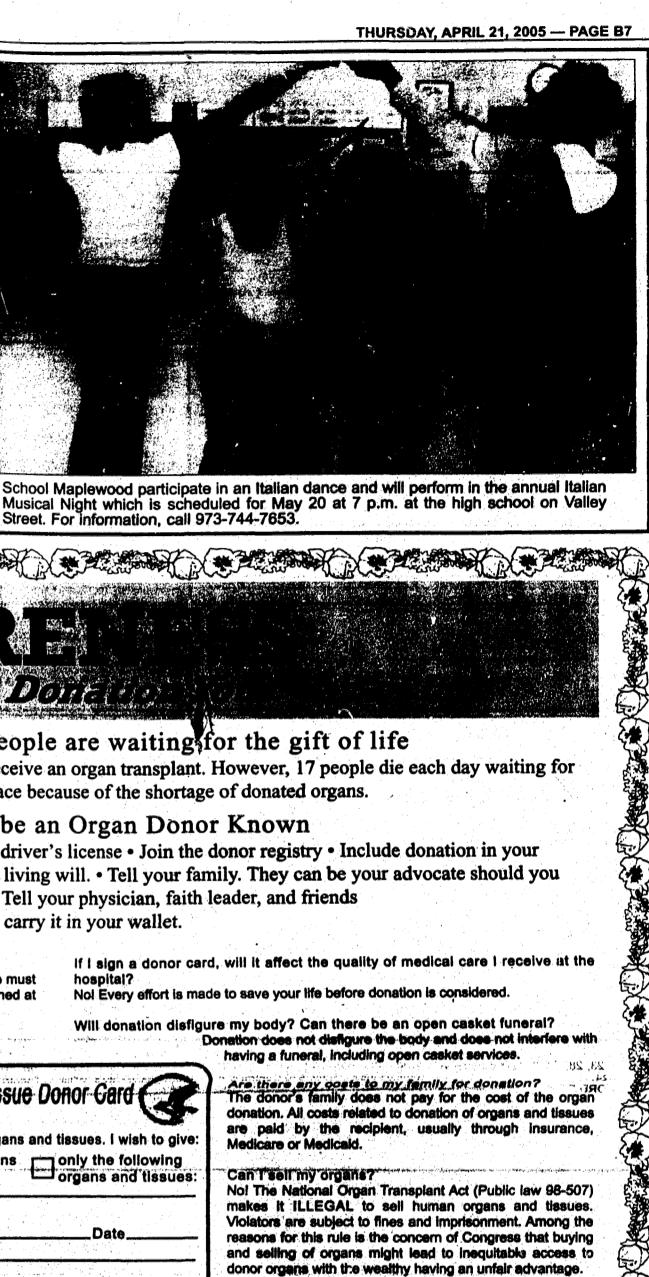
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Musical set to be performed at Kean

idventure when it presents "Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," with music and lyrics by Roger Miller, and book by William Hauptman as idapted from the novel by Mark Twain. The rollicking antics of Huck, Jim and Tom Sawver have touched Grove. Howard Fischer of Berkeley readers for generations and will be Heights, Jodi Freeman Maloy, Rich brought to life, accented with an Maloy and Gwen Ricks-Spencer, all of incredible score opening Friday at Montclair, Richard Colonna, Tracey Wilkins Theatre located on the campus - Lynne Haskell and Ericka Traugh of of Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Garwood, Jamal Sawad of New Union. Performance are Friday and Saturday and April 28, 29, and May 6. 7 at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. "Big River" is directed by 4th Wall president and award winning playwright and director Greg Allen of Nutley, with musical direction by Bloomfield resident Matt Rupcich and choreography by Patrick Starega of Winfield Park. "Big River" is produced by awardwinning producer Leslie Reagoso of Chatham. For tickets call the Wilkins

Theatre box office at 908-737-7469. A vibrant Broadway musical, "Big River" represents the eternal search for freedom and adventure. Based on Mark Twain's classic The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, "Big River" takes the audience on a whirlwind ride down the mighty Mississippi River, where the next turn is always unexpected. With a score written by leg- while bringing lesser-known and lessendary "King of Country Music" song- er-produced ensemble musicals to life. writer Roger Miller, Mark Twain's Originally housed in The Morristown unforgettable characters are brought vividly to life by the musical flavors of Bickford Theatre in The Morris Museragtime, blues, gospel, soul, folk and um, where audiences tripled in size. 4th

create multiple characters in this Jersev.

4th Wall Theatre charts a course for ensemble piece, including Hussain Aziz of Linden, Ben Taylor Cohen of Livingston, Carol Cornicelli and Ken Magos of Maplewood, Heather Darrow and Bobby Selig of Westfield, Donna DeCicco of Nutley, Patrick Field of Bloomfield, Brian Hall of Cedar Brunswick, Rickey Smith of Eatontown, Bernard J Solomon of Cranford, Michael Weekes of Scotch Plains and Katie Western of Emerson.

> Rounding out the team are Richard O'Connor of West Orange as set designer, Tom Corea of East Hanover as sound designer and Marion Brady of Little Falls as costume designer. Gwen Ricks-Spencer and Tracey Lynne Haskell pull double duty as lighting designer and prop coordinator, respectively, as well as being cast members. Steering everyone in the right direction is Christine O'Donnell of Fair Lawn as stage manager.

4th Wall Theatre Inc. a not-for profit theatre company, began its journey in 1996 as 4th Wall Musical Theatre Company Inc. on a mission to fulfill the creative needs of theater devotees Beard School, 4th Wall moved to The Wall is now at Kean University, bring-Twenty talented New Jersey actors ing exciting live theatre to central New Wedding traditions are highlighted In time for spring, The Newark Chinese bridal chamber, circa 1890; a roses, lilies of the valley and potted organized by Christa Clarke, curator

Bridest Fairy Tales, Folklore and covered with embroidered silks and embroidered gown, similar to the one ic, with the assistance of Cynthia Wedding: Traditions," the umbrella special decorations, is accentuated by she wore more than a century ago. Becker, assistant professor of art histitle for series of five exhibitions paneled screens, decorative lanterns, that show use the wedding customs, porcelain teacups and other furnish- the master bedroom, wearing a black neapolis, Minn. fashions and traditions of China, Vic- ings. torian America, Morocco, Korea and Japan. Hundreds of items, including ers can see a variety of bridal dresses dresses, jewelry, furnishings, historic spanning two centuries, such as the photographs and videos from the finely embroidered silk jackets and museum's collection as well as from skirts of the 1880s, the tight spangled private lenders, including several "chipao" of the 1920s and 1930s, and New Jersey families, will be on view the Western-inspired "princess" throughout the museum through dresses common today. Sept. 4.

The exhibitions, which explore this universal life event celebrated by all cultures and peoples, are titled: "The Bride Wore Red: Chinese Wedding Traditions"; "Alice Ballantine's Rural Morocco"; "Queen for a Day: Korean Bridal Traditions": and "A Bride in Old Japan."

The main exhibition, "The Bride Wore Red: Chinese Wedding Traditions," is the first exhibition of its kind in this country.

Traced from China and Chinese than 280 items dating from the 18th on the first floor.

"Marriage is such an important institution in Chinese society and the ty. continuation as well as transformation of wedding rituals and traditions is fascinating," said Valrae Reynolds, curator of Asian collections for The Newark Museum. "We are grateful for the generosity of so many families willing to share their stories and mementos, as well as those of their parents, grandparents and even greatgrandparents."

The first item that visitors will in the past to transport a bride to her dings." new home

tion is a recreation of a traditional decorated with orchids. cala lilies.

Museum presents "Here Come the beautitully carved and lacquered bed, palms, they will see "Alice" in a silk of Africa, the Americas and the Pacif-

These garments will be situated in vignettes that include family photographs, wedding gifts, invitations and elements of the trousseau.

The important tea ceremony, which the parents are honored, will Victorian Wedding"; "A Bride in be set in a traditional Chinese room. with formal chairs, tables and portraits of the couple's ancestors.

"The Bride Wore Red: Chinese Wedding Traditions," opened on Feb. 27, with a celebration commemorating the Lunar New Year.

This exhibition was organized by Reynolds, with the assistance of Wei families in the United States, more Zhou. The Newark Museum's marketing manager and liaison to the century to the present are set among Asian community; Connie Wu, engifestive pavilions and gardens in the neering and pattern information spemuseum's special exhibition spaces cialist. Rutgers University; and Dorothy Ko, professor of history, Barnard College, Columbia Universi-

> In The Ballantine House, the 19thcentury mansion located on the museum's campus, Ulysses Grant Dietz, curator of decorative arts, is recreating the 1899 wedding of Alice Isabel Ballantine and Henry Young

Alice Ballantine's Victorian Wedding," a special installation based on evewitness accounts from Newark newspapers, will give visiwedding palanquin, a carriage used runner of today's "princess wed- also featured.

As they walk through the Nation-

Her widowed "mother" will be in tory, University of St. Thomas, Min-

lace dress that was designed for her Retween these two settings, view- by Jeanne Paquin of Paris. The "groom," in tailcoat and white tie, will be waiting in the Bride in Old Japan." The fine robes. library, with examples of period and contemporary engagement and wed-

ding rings on view nearby. An assortment of nearly 40 wedding gifts, such as coffee sets, plates, couple's crowns and gowns, a delicandlesticks, vases, bowls and sculpture, are displayed in the billiard room: made of silver, bronze, ceramics and glass, they include a number of items made by Tiffany.

In the dining room, set up for the reception with five small tables, an the bridal table.

The importance of sipping sake at extravagant three-tiered cake sits on a traditional Shinto wedding is obvious to anyone viewing "A Bride in Old Japan." A set of fine gold and red An ornamental cake topper, near-15 inches tall, was created in lacquer sake cups and a sake ewer Newark for a bride in 1891; perched used in a wedding ceremony are dison a pedestal, it completes the instal- played in a classical Japanese setting. along with a finely embroidered 19th-century wedding kimono and an The great Tudor-style library on the house's third floor was a wedding ornate silk wrapping cloth for a wedding gift.

gift for Alice and Henry, but it is rarely accessed by visitors today.

lation

Until Sept. 4, it will be opened for Tales, Folklore and Wedding Traditours and special events related to the exhibition

"A Bride in Rural Morocco" focuses on the bridal adornment of women in rural Morocco.

Most commonly known Berber, they are the indigenous inhabitants of Morocco and other northern African countries.

The highlight of this exhibition is a complete marriage dress ensemble, with a colorful red headdress and jewelry of silver and amber.

Objects from the bridal trousseau. including jewelry, hand-dyed textiles encounter is an ornate 19th-century tors an opportunity to view the fore- and a wooden marriage chest, are to complement these exhibitions. In

recent Moroccan wedding offers a gift shop. More information can be The last component in the exhibi- al Historic Landmark, elaborately glimpse into this unique ceremony. found on the museum's Web site, "A Bride in Rural Morocco" has been www.NewarkMuseum.org.

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Romanian folk music, and popular Patricia Brady-Danzig, initiated this American melodies, in orchestrations been very fortunate in mine, and so I created for her by the music world's want to share."

our careers," said Brady-Danzig. "I've

with support from PBD Associates in concerts all over the world. A class mand Woman of Distinction by The from another institution or be prepar-inc., a small foundation based in sically trained soppino, she ended any azine listed her as one of the 100 Out-south Orange, has started a new scholarship program to support a talented styles and genres, and in recent sea- standing Americans of 2000. She in the fall 2005 semester, complete a vocal student who wishes to major in sons she has broadened her range even formed PDB to help other musicians scholarship application and participate to feature Irish ballads, gain exposure. "We all need support in in an audition. For more information, contact Dr. Mark Terenzi, Kean University professor, by calling 908-737-4436 or sending an e-mail to mteren-



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Reynolds has also organized the two exhibitions, "Queen for a Day: Korean Bridal Traditions" and "A crowns, gifts and paintings used in 19th- and early 20th-century Korean weddings are presented in "Queen for a Day: Korean Bridal Traditions." A cate wedding screen, lovely textiles made by a bride-to-be for her dowry, and special gifts, such as carved ducks, chests and embroidered cloths, complete the scene of a traditional Korean wedding.

"Here Come the Brides: Fairy tions" has been made possible through the generous support of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The Wallace Foundation. The Dodge Foundation. Victoria Foundation. Johnson & Johnson, Ariene and Leonard Lieberman, the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, and the New Jersey Historical Commission. In-kind sponsors include Capitol Lighting, D2 Creative, Marry Me Wedding Palace, and Kings Vil-

A number of public programs and family activities have been designed dition, books and other related A video recording taken of a items will be for sale in the museum

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New classes at workshop

Now entering its 34th year, The Westfield Summer Workshop presints many exciting and new classe for its upcoming summer program scheduled for June 29 through July 29. This all-inclusive summer program features pre-K and kindergarten programs, string ensembles ocal performances, art classes, potpourri of crafts classes, food reparation classes, dance courses video techniques, graphic designs cartooning, jewelry-making, batik ecoration, jazz aerobics, and key boarding, in addition to a host (nusical theatrical choices. The workshop will be held at Roosevel termediate School on Clark Street Westfield.

This year, master clown Julius Carallo, better known as Clown Chips, will join the staff to teach clowning and juggling skills to oungsters. Carallo, an aquatic wimming instructor. is also the ounder of the internationally scelaimed Humpty Dumpty Associa

on, now in its 15th year. Born in New York, Carallo has degree in graphic arts management and was a typesetter and printing pressman. In August of 1983 rompted by a desire "to do somehing daring," Carallo completed a marathon 28-mile swim in 10 hours and 3 minutes. In addition, as an avid collector of Humpty Dumpty items, he soon filled his apartment with an eclectic collection of cookie jars, banks, and lamps all with the Humpy Dumpty theme.

When his son, Paul, tragically died at the age of 20, Carallo was prompted to found the Humpty Dumpty Association. "Our efforts continue to memorialize Paul's nemory and to help lower the number of brain injuries" by teaching hildren how to avoid head trauma." To be a clown is "to take pain away from others through laughter.' Humpty Dumpty safety clowns include Dr. Kracko, Snooky, and Chips the Clown and these men and women perform safety programs in various public venues. Moreover, Carallo's show, titled "Protect a Good Egg," is the recipient of seven awards from the National Safety Council and has been shown to audi ences in the United States, Germany, Aobile Clown Theatre, LLC," a sociation, was featured on WB11 television show hosted Larry Hoff. It is a traveling troupe of iowns and musicions.

The key to being a clown, accord g to Carallo, is to show empathy oward others. "A clown makes fun what he is doing, but never of what others are doing." There is a sincerity and a goodness that mark all good clowns. Part of the magic of eing a clown is that "clowns try to o through small spaces, make issues fficult when they are easy and turn ifficult acts into simple open."

Although clowning dates back to cient Greece, it was in the late Middle Ages, that the clown emerged as a professional comic actor who imitated the antics of the ourt jesters.

The Harlequin clown was devel-ped in the latter half of the 16th cunry and was an acrobatic trickster. The English traveling clown actors were responsible for introducing such popular characters as Pickelhering who wore oversized shoet aistcoats, hats, and sported giant uffs around their sector

The series of the true circus clowns was Joseph Grinnaldi. Grinnaldi's clown, called Joby, spe-tialized in chasteal physical stocks, tumbling and interested interesty. In fact, soday's clowns has hadwa in Joeys. During the United States Civil Var, George L. Fox introduced the tumsy clown character cal lumpty Dumpty and performs over 1,100 Humpty Dumpty show iere later i

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New York cabaret singers perform

"Old Friends in the Spirit," an afternoon necticut. of American popular song, at 4 p.m. on "In a world often devoid of authen-May 1, at The Unitarian Church in ticity, ins engaging performer Phillip has performed at the Rainbow Room. Summit, 4 Waldron Ave. The program Officer is the real deal," wrote Rex the Russian Tearoom, the Hammerstein

Singers Phillip Officer and director Doyle Neumeyer will provide and Clubs. biano accompaniment.

master of lyric precision." Officer has her striking voice and her skill at interperformed widely in Manhattan at ven- pretation. H. Scott Jolley of TimeOut ues ranging from Carnegie Hall and the New York called her "a passionate Oak Room of the Algonquin Hotel to singer who can belt like Streisand or clubs like Don't Tell Mama and Arci's. bring her voice to a mere whisper to Officer originated "the Geek" in the deliver a heart-wrenching ballad." Tony-nominated musical, "Side Show,"

Orchestra to play benefit

The New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra, a unique ensemble of musicians who have ranged in age from 6 to 92. will host a benefit concert feeturing renowned professor Peter Schickele presenting the music of P.D.Q. Bach on May 21.

Schickele's P.D.Q. Bach concerts are the best classical music comedy act performing today. The concert will be held at Kean

University's Wilkins Theatre in Union. All proceeds benefit the NJIO. Tickets range in price from \$25 to \$50. For more information, contact: 908-737-7469.

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Two prize-winning singers from and created Simon in "Starcrossed" at the New York cabaret scene will present the Goodspeed Opera House in Con- CD, "Imagine. If We Only Have Love."

is part of the Afternoon Music series. Reed. Officer won New York Bailroom and many other Manhattan Nightlife's 2004 award for outstanding Maricann Meringolo will team up for male cabaret vocalist. His latest CD, songs by Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, "Hongy on My Mind," was named out-Stephen Sondheim, Peggy Lee and standing male recording of the year by Philadelphia organist Jeffrey Brillhart Madonna. Cabaret pianist and music the Manhattan Association of Cabarets for May 15. Brillhart's concert, original

Meringolo is a native New Yorker Praised in The New York Times as a who has received numerous swards for

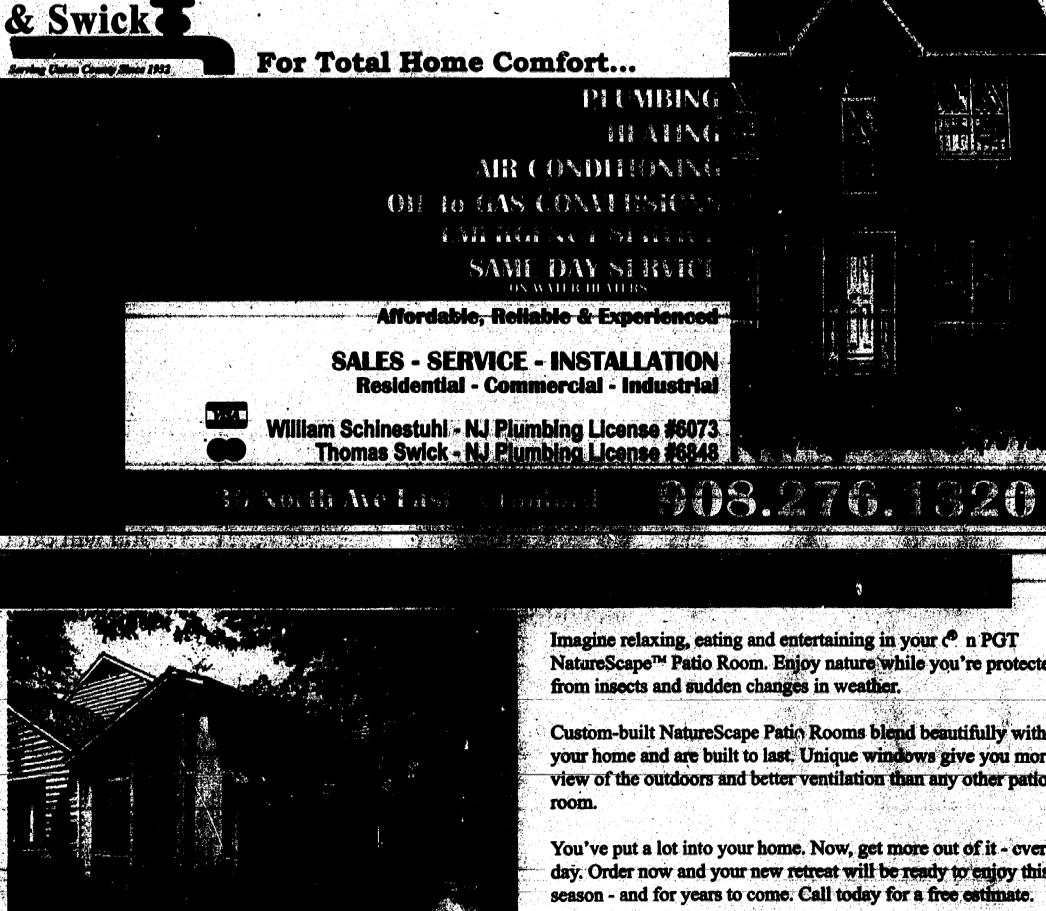
In 2004, Meringolo won the MAC

solo artist award for her second solo She won the Backstage Bistro Award for "outstanding vocalist" in 2000. She

Afternoon Music has reacheduled as all-Bach recital by prizewinning nally set for January, had to be not poned because of weather. In the 6 n.m. program, Brillhart will play the Unitarian Church's 1976 Flentrop organ, specially designed for the sanctuary.

Afternoon Music tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors. Students attend free. Tickets for Brillhart's January concert will be honored on May





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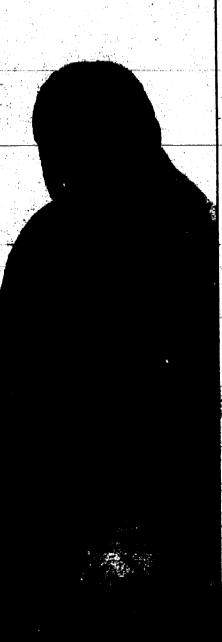
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Dusty's in Roselle opens Dusty's Place is Union County's newest nightspot.

Admission to Dusty's place is free before 10 p.m. Thursday and

karaoke nights. Dusty's Place is located at 112 Chestnut St. in Roselle at the site of

the former Cove Jazz Club. For more information and directions call 908-241-1224.

Kean will present a new professional equity theater program

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

Premiere Stages features four uniquely conceived projects that will nurture and encourage the work of students, introduce children to the arts. attract high-profile artists to the institution and provide a forum for the levelopment of new plays. The Prethe work of emerging dramatists living in the greater metropolitan are through readings, workshops, and fully-produced world-premiere productions. For more information on Premiere Stages at Kean University, or to get on the mailing list, call 908-737-6397, ext. 4410, or send an e-mail to wooten@kean.edu.

Final performance is set for the Westfield

Community Players The Westfield Community Players

Spitfire Grill." With a score inspired edemption and hope takes place at a quartets that introduced these tunes. restaurant in a small town that serves up more than food to weary souls. The show runs April 30 through May 21, with all tickets priced at \$20.

Westfield Community Players, founded in 1934, is one of the oldest continuously operating community theaters in the state of New Jersey and has brought to life more than 190 comedies, dramas and musicals in the 150-seat theater in Westfield. The theater continues to be a vibrant part of the cultural scene in Union county.

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

Westfield Glee Club sings spring concerts

The Westfield Glee Club. under the direction of Thomas Booth, will perform its 80th year of spring concerts niere Stages Play Festival will present on April 29 at 8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Roselle, and on April 30 at 8 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, Cranford. George Lachenauer is the accompanist, and he will be joined by Howard Dreizler on some

The first section of the Glee Club program has classic men's songs with quiet tunes like the "Whiffenpoof Song" and "How Can I Keep From Singing." The next section of religious songs included "Swing Low, Swing Down" and "I Will Call Upon the Lord." A section of "Fab Four of the Fibles" songs made famous by quar-

ends the season in May with the James tets still remembered will connect serenades a crowd of singles and jazz Valcq and Fred Alley musical "The with that period. The section of songs lovers at Lana's Restaurant in Clark from Broadway will also have a con- every Thursday from 7 to 11 p.m. by American folks music, this story of nection with the Broadway shows and

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The special artists for each program will be The Harmony Grits Men's Chorus and Buckley Hugo on the saxophone.

All are invited to attend the concerts, and interested men, women, and student singers may talk with Glee Club members about singing memberships. Tickets are available from Glee Club members and at the door for a donation of \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors.

For information, call Dale Juntil at 908-232-0673.

Bailey has art show Earl Bailey, a Union Beach resident and a student at the duCret School of Art in Plainfield, will be patio. having a one-man show at the school at 1030 Central Ave., Plainfield The opening reception will be on Saturday, from 1 to 6 p.m. The show will run Film festival coming through April 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Bailey is a third-year student and a fine art major at the duCret School

Bailey explained that, "My evokes many different emotions, like ove, happiness, anger or sadness. Art is my passion and I want my viewer to experience the same passion. I create my pictures by gluing found objects such as sode can tabs, marbles and CDs, to a canvas, and then I paint landscape or a still life on top of the objects. Each object suggest a different picture to me."

For more information, contact duCret School of Art at 908-757-7171.

Warren Vache plays jazz The jazz musician Warren Vache

The restaurant that features American three-star cuisine, including an extensive martini menu, is now appealing to a larger crowd.

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just enjoying a cocktail at the bar, people are making Lana's a regular place to be every week. Lana's has become the newest place for singles looking to apitalize on Thursday nights.

Singles night with live jazz by Warren Vache will continue through the spring, when the crowd will be given the chance to enjoy the same ningling opportunities as well as live itertainment on Lana's new outside

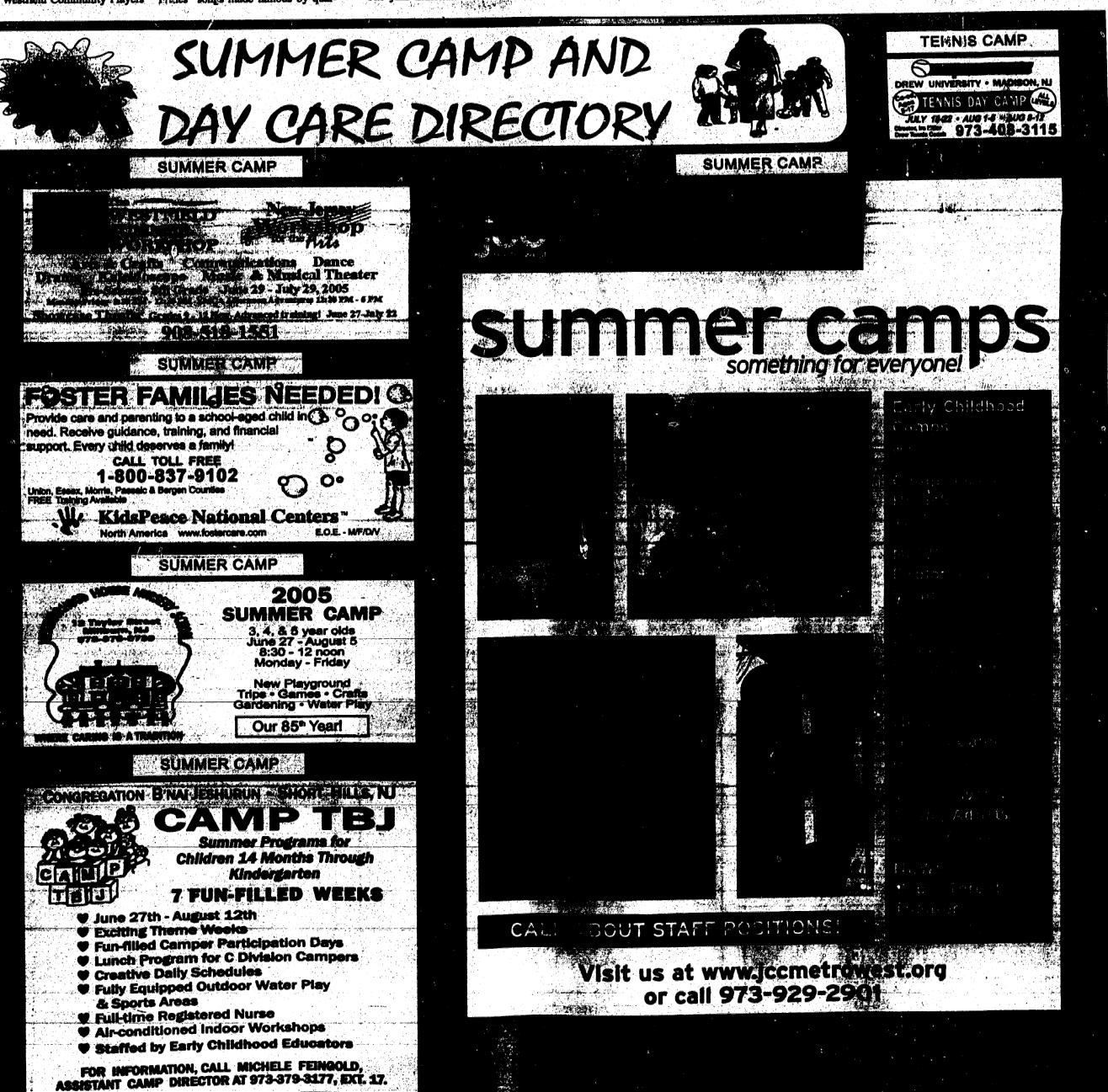
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to Union County

Westfield Take 3 Westfilm 2005. the Westfilm Independent Film Festival at Westfields Rialto Theater at 250 nights, on May 2 and May 9, starting ut 7 p.m.

This year's Westfilm Film Festival will be run in cooperation with the Scotch Plains and Fanwood library's Movies In May Film Festival running May 6 and 7. See www.fanwoodlibrary.org/filmfest for more informa-:

As in past years, this years Westfilm promises two nights of fantastic films, including features, shorts and student films. A complete listing of films screening at the festival will is



www.westfilmfestival.com.

The cost for each evening is \$7. Tickets for Westfilm will be available at the Rialto Box Office each night of the festival.

Past festival features include "Just Add Pepper," "Catching Fire," "Raven, Reality & Stuff," and "Bel Air

DVDs of the film "Just Add Pepper," distributed nationally by Alpha out in support of our troops and veter-Vidco, will be available each night for purchase at S6 each.

The screening schedule for both evenings is being put together and promises another festival of great ndependent films. As always, a brief O&A with the filmmakers will take place after each screening.

This is a great set of nights those who love film. For the most up-to-date informa-

on Westfilm 2005, check www.westfilmfestival.com For further information on Westfilm call Peter Paul Basler 732-396-4419 or 973-769-3661 or e-mail him: tomorrowproject@comcast.net.

Group will perform staged reading of play

Artists Repertory Troupe Innova-3. Broad St., returns this May for two tively Serving Today's Society will present a staged reading of Tom O'Neil's "A Soldier's Death" on May 1 at 3 n.m. at the Chatham United Methodist Church, 460 Main Street, Chatham. There will be a forum for discussion and a modest reception after the production. The critically acclaimed, existential drama explores the primarily unconscious musings of a young soldier in the last moments his life. Notwithstanding its grave subject matter, the piece proves a moving of production development, Artists and often humorous hour in the theater. The provocative and highly sub- might find a fixed price of admission jective theatrical experience will pro-

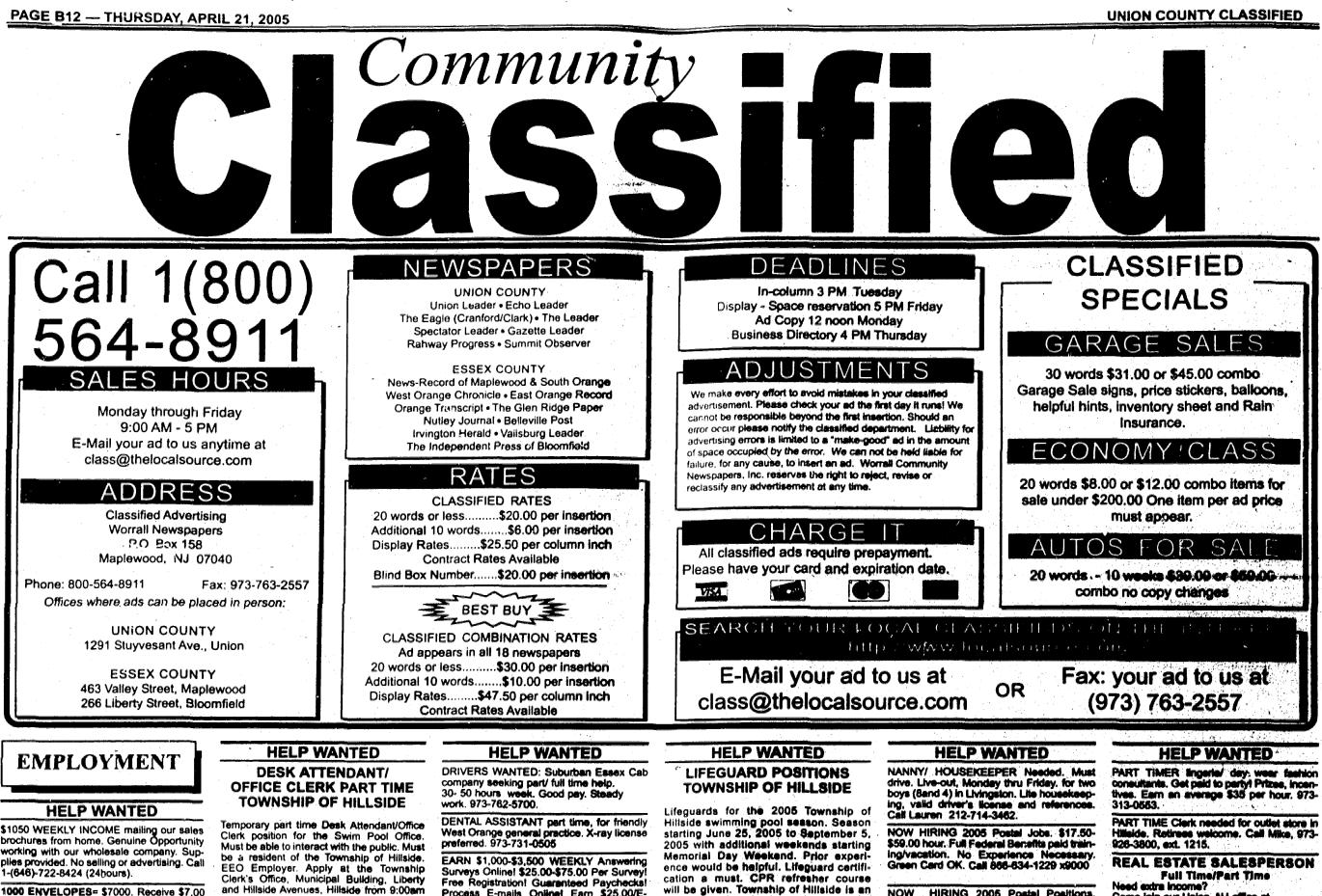
vide an effective springboard for some serious and beneficial conversation during the discussion that follows. In light of the fact that the New York production of "A Soldier's Death" appealed to a great number of combat veterans, Ella Ackerman, artistic director of Artists Repertory believes. "the event will provide an excellent opportunity for the community to turn ans and their families."

"A Soldier's Death" premiered in October 2002 at New York City's 13th Street Repertory Company. The production brought author Tom O'Neil an Off-Off Broadway Award for Excel lence for Playwriting. O'Neil intend "A Soldier's Death" to serve as a "trib ute to the soldiers, the people who have offered their lives to uphold society's most sacred ideals in past and present battles, the eternal warrior in each one of us."

The May 1 reading will be directed by Roy Aaron, a Brooklyn, N.Y. native and current resident of Warren Aaron has been in numerous productions throughout New York and New Jersey, and has had the distinction of playing Arnall in Thirteenth Street Repertory Company's production of Iarael Horovitz's "Line." currently the longest running play in Manhattan.

It is hoped by the company that the New Jersey theatrical community and its supporters will help afford "A Soldier's Death" the growth necessary to reach and support a national comm

Artists Repertory encourages the \$5 to \$10 be offered as a ticket price at the door, but acknowledging the invaluable marketing capubilities its audience, during these initial stages Repertory will welcome those who burdensome



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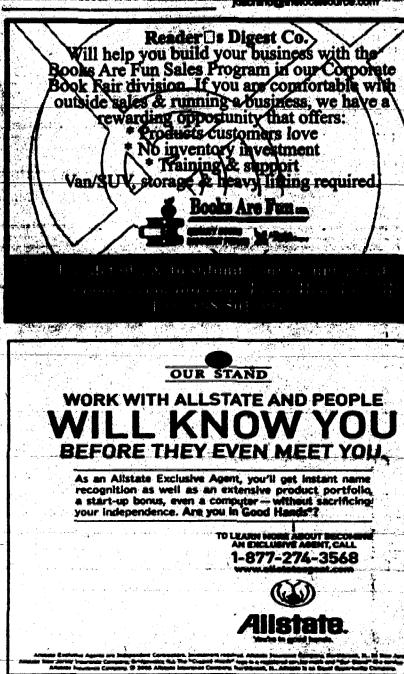
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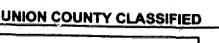
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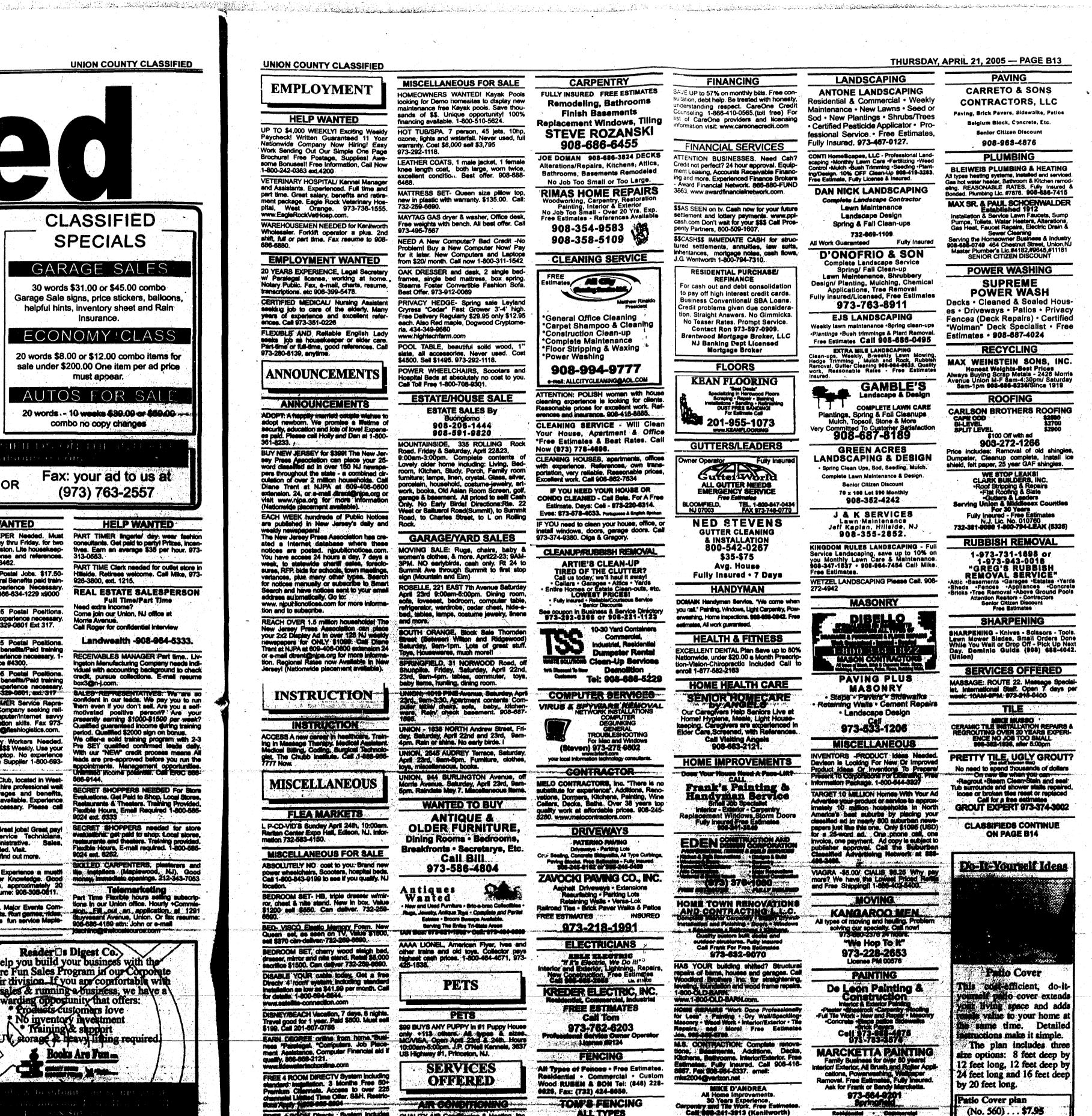
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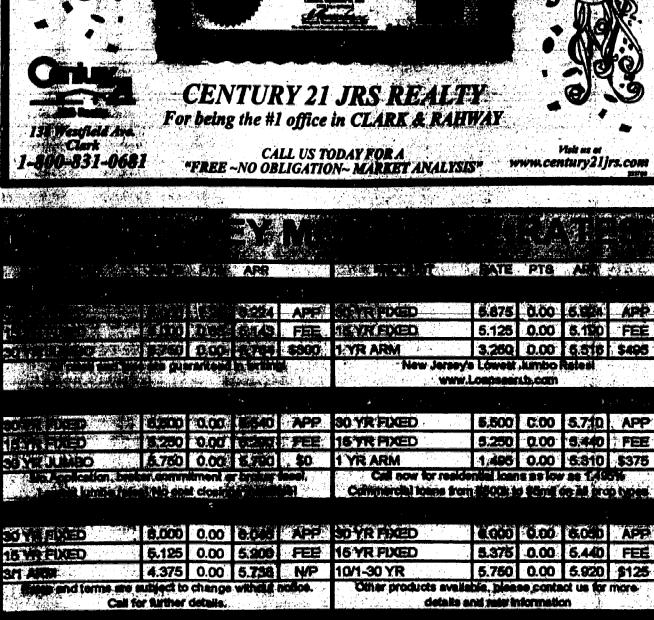
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when they understand how to work able to purchase the house. with a real estate sales associate and hand prior to shopping. Not fully understanding how a real estate sales associate works and what he needs to know to help the unseaand frustrating shopping experience for both the industry professional and

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

She also suggests that buyers report credit problems before a credit check is performed.

Some credit problems can be corrected before applying for a mort- Mcllquham. "From interest-only to no gages. Banks run second credit reports

First-time home buyers will have or other credit problems often result in

"Meet with mortgage professionals what information they need to have on as soon as possible and take the pressure off any uncertainty," said McIlquham. "Meeting with a mortgage professional also determines the maximum buying power the buyer soned buyer may result in a slower has. By exploring product selection, you may find your buying power to be doubled."

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

"FHA serves the first-time homebuyer well," said McIlouham. "There are other options available wherein the credit does not meet the flexible guidelines of FHA.

"A mortgage professional can show you the financial incentives that come with a home purchase," said money down, to traditional fixed and

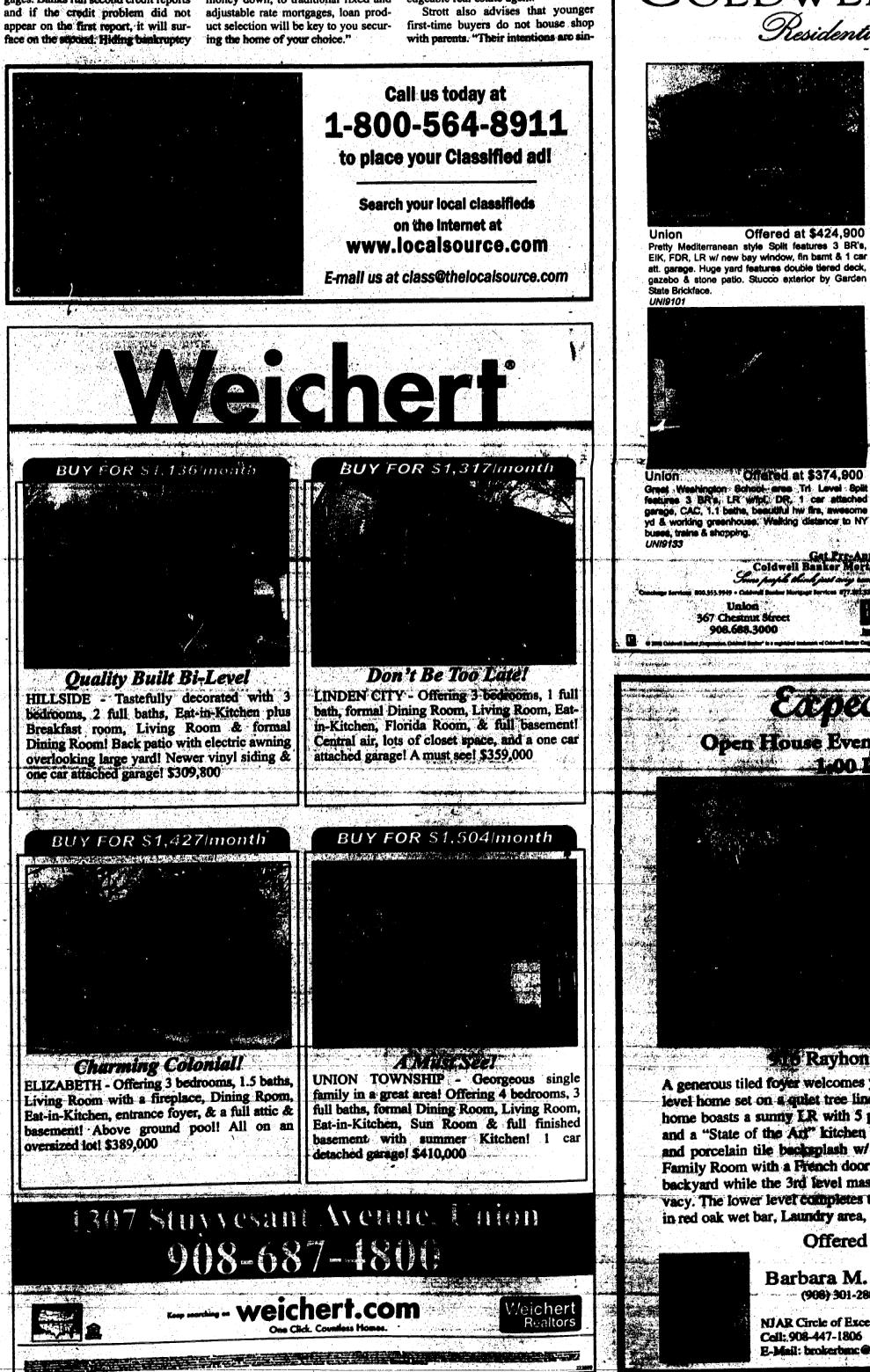
mitment as soon as the house contract- buy it now, prices are only going up." ed for passes its appraisal.

Debby Strott, branch manager of the Multiple Listings Services works. Weichert, Realtors' Morristown West office, advises against making a major purchase while house hunting or buying a home, which may affect credit the loan.

Today's market is different than it was a few years ago. There are more associates that innocently work with which means a home may have multiple offers. The combination of low working with more than one real inventory and multiple offers drives the bidding up. In addition, low interest rates continue to inspire more buy- more than once. ers to purchase a home.

"Buyers need to purchased 'up," said Strott. "Most homes are selling over asking price which is why it is important to use a skilled and knowledgeable real estate agent."

Home buyers sometimes think that to the Multiple Listings Service and \$1,000 credit at closing. estate professional ensures that the







home's landscaping, the very next area entrance.

Just as the eyes are the windows to to the soul, the threshold is the reflection of the home.

"The home's exterior is certainly the first impression visitors have of a home," said Dominick Prevete, regional vice president for Weichert, Realtors. "As a seller, you want prospective buyers to want to see your entire home. It's so important to create a warm and inviting entrance that

makes people want to see more.' David Douglas, branch manager of Weichert's Roxbury office, said after cleaning up the landscape, setting the stage for a grand entrance is essential.

"Let the sunshine in by getting rid of heavy drapes, have a window company wash windows and add a fresh coat of paint." said Douglas. "Set the stage with fresh flowers. You will feel great and so will your buyers."



think of buyers as being invited dinner house." guests and not just people who may purchase the home.

"People should be looked at as guest invited to a celebration," said Warters. "It should be a welcoming and relaxing event. I remind my clients that they loved the home when they bought it and that they should keep the excitement alive now to help the future owner love it as much as they did."

Warters recommends the entrance be bright and cheery and very sparse. "Get rid of piles of books and mag-

azines," said Warters. "I suggest foyer walls be painted white or cream and replace torn wallpaper with fresh paint. Also, floors should be glistening

and keep the lights on." Entrance flooring is equally impor-

that after a prospective buyer sees a glass to let in light might do the trick." tiles. "Remember, the foyer will set entrances are the first impressions Donna Warters, sales associate the tone for the interior of the proper- buyers receive when entering a home.

area carpet on the foyer floor.

Warters, Machinski, and Douglas strongly suggest trimming shrubbery. cutting the lawn and getting rid of toys and other clutter outside.

They also advise adding fresh mulch where needed and seasonal plants or flowers along pathways to owned real estate companies. the home.

"If a buyer gets a good, warm feel-

imperfections on the interior," said Machinski. "If the exterior needs a back more than it costs."

Weichert, Realtors reminds sellers dark, perhaps a new front door with dated foyer tiles with new modern from the outdoors to indoors. Inviting that comes into view is the home's with Weichert's East Brunswick ty," said Machinski. "You want the That impression needs to be warm and office, said she asks her clients to buyer to want to see the rest of the welcoming to make visitors feel at home

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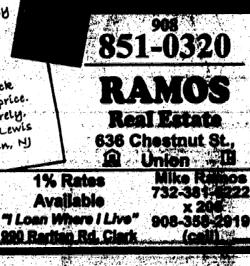


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they need - just about - to be happy. All carmakers have rushed to add fold-flat second- and third-row seating. Power dual doors are a given, and entertainment systems are elaborate. Fuel economy typically ranges

from 18 mpg city to 26 highway on 87 . If it's time to retire the faithful Ford Windster, it has an all-new and

remained upplecement, the Freester. The memory change is due in part to some barrant from the poid model but also because it's as all-new effort. The third row gest folds flat into the floor or it can be flipped backward

as a tailgator's week. Suggestid Theattrip

could be si and a second s with the larger, 201 bostonics 42liter V-6. More power in a minivan is Sec. Star y

always a good idea, and fuel economy

• The redesigned 2005 Chrysler Town & Country and Dodge Grand Caravan have just gone on sale, at prices as much as \$3,000 less than a 2004.

The new van is being built in the thoroughly modernized Windsor assembly plant, updated for "a boundary-less product development process," says the plant manager.

· While the topline Chrysler Town & Country vans can be considered luturious with leather and haute features, the Dodge's offerings are more mainstream with a sportier tone.

nifty Stow 'n' Go Seating and Storage System, standard on most extendedwheelbase models.

Stow 'n' Go allows second and third seats to fold flat into the floor --a one-handed effort that takes just 30 seconds, Chrysler insists. The third Suggested Parties prices with the seconds, Chrysler insists. The third 3.9-liter V-6 are 227,000 to 334,000, row reclines and can be flipped over but transaction prices with incentives for tailgating. Safety features include could be significantly terms. three-row side curtain air bags, multistage front air bags and inflatable knee blocker.

A base Dodge Caravan with 3.3

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liter V-6 starts at just under \$19,000. The much cushier Grand Caravan SE Plus starts at \$25.000 -all prices include \$680 destination --- with Stow 'n' Go, second-row adjustable scats; multistage air bags with occupant classification system, sunscreen glass, remote locking and power windowsmirrors-locks.

Moving up to the 3,8-liter V-6 in the Grand Caravan SXT, with comparable features to the SE but with a sportier image, runs \$27,000. . The Honda Odyssey has won

awards from every corner of the industry In an owner survey. J.D. Power and

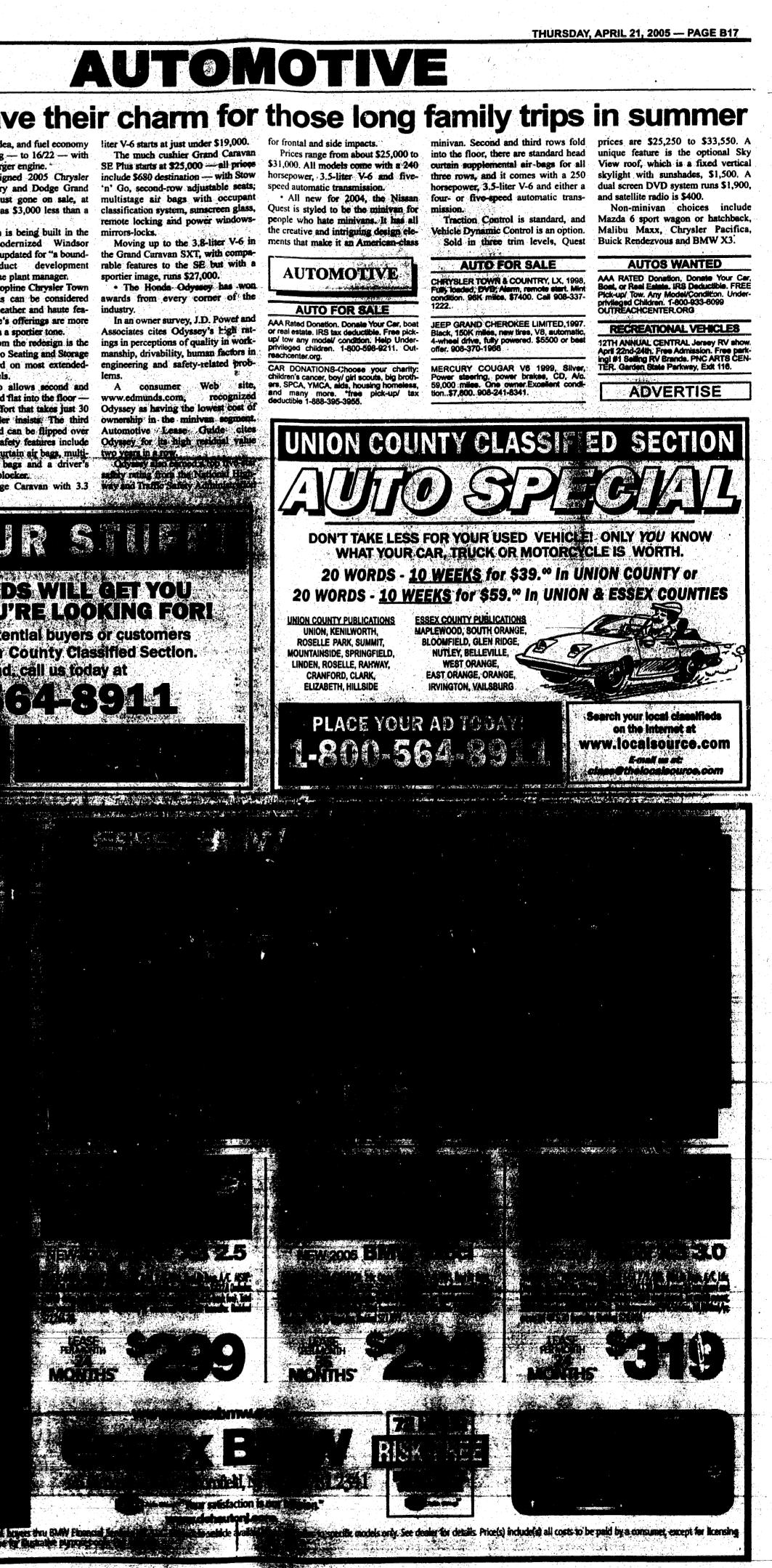
Associates cites Odyssey's high rat-Top news from the redesign is the ings in perceptions of quality in workmanship, drivability, human factors in engineering and safety-related prob-

> consumer Web A www.edmunds.com, recognized Odyssey as having the lowest cost of ownership in the minivan segment. Automotive / Lease Guide cite Odyssey for its high residual valu two years in a row. City and Alex Composite and the second secon

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Crossovers dominate Detroit auto show, and a few are not bad

Jerry Garrett **Copley News Service**

It's official. Every automaker on plod on over to the next. the planet now has a crossover vehicle, and they all seemed to have been Crossport concept, the lack of enthusion display at the recent 2005 Detroit asm seemed to have spread to corpoauto show.

seems to be a station wagon, in vari- Jim O'Sullivan, pulling the tarp off. ous stages of disguise.

Mercedes-Benz, one of the last to get into the crossover business, debuted two of them at Detroit: the Vision R concept and the Vision B concept. The R is coming to the Unit- has tapered off significantly in recent ed States this fall; the B is ticketed for years. No more supermodels posing ing about the new Charger being a estate wagons. Europe only."

present for the various crossover have giveaways; pitifully little cham- should, but unlike past Chargers, this Ford will build it, should have been debuts, ennui was evident. The horde pagne.

midway to another, watch the covers come off another crossover, yawn, and

At Mazda's unveiling of its MXrate executives as well. "Let's take the What's a crossover? Basically, it cover off this thing," intoned President

> The whole reveal speeches and all --- took about seven minutes.

excitement this year. The show's glamorous atmosphere with the new models; no smoke, no four-door, the actual car is pretty com- Loser: Ford's Fairlane concept. Among the hundreds of journalists explosions, no musical acts; no gotta- pelling. Goes fast like a Charger Those who liked it, and wonder if n't Jeep have a true pickup in its line- Car and Driver magazine.

show. Herewith are our favorite winners and losers:

Rio is a smartly styled small car that can audiences avoided the plus \$40K interior, decent wheels, beefier motor specs up equal to or better than its all-road in droves. So what does Audi rivals, the Civic. Corolla, Focus, etc. do? Commission an even more expen-Best of all, it comes standard with sive concept. side curtain air bags - long overdue produced, Kia will have a huge hit.

There were, however, a few dia- would you buy the Dodge wagon new Sport. Some of the people who up? Other than the fact the most recent monds among the zircons at this year's when you can get the cooler sedan?

Audi has nothing but station wagons Grand Prize Winner: Kia. The new to show Detroit-goers. Why? Ameri-

Winner: Mercedes-Benz. New M- than the identical Dodge Dakota Four-wheel steering, twin Hemi in the subcompact class. Also, Kia's Class looks tough enough, at last. because the Raider will be cheaper engines, carbon fiber body - could Detroit was notably lacking in Mesa concept was a stunner; if any- Some real off-road capability. Concept and have a much better warranty. thing remotely as distinctive is ever versions of the R- and B-classes Winner: Chrysler Firepower. With kudos to Jeep for remembering this is should appeal to families who can't a 425-horsepower Hemi, and a Viper supposed to be an auto show. Winner: Dodge. After all the whin- quite bring themselves to buy boring chassis, this is one concept that

redirected to the Land Rover stand,

liked the Fairlane were the same ones ones, such as the J7 and J10, had Loser: Audi. Circle the wagons: who hated the Sport. Go figure.

Winner: Mitsubishi. The new know. Eclipse is a looker; finally gets snazzy and other long-overdue goodies. Likewise, the new Raider will be a better deal for midsize truck shoppers

deserves an immediate green light.



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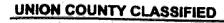
appalling reliability records, we don't ning, and its utility so unique, it seems there should be a place for one in the

this thing be any less relevant? Still,

The Gladiator's styling is so win-

Weirdest of Show: Jeep Hurricane.

Jerry Garrett is a freelance motor-Winner: Jeep Gladiator. Why does- Journalist and contributing editor to





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Mack-Cali Realty Corporation develops work and leisure space

Following World War II, two brothers, John J. and Angelo R. Cali, along with a friend, Edward Leshowitz, decided to build single-t mily homes in northern New Jersey to help meet the growing housing demand created by the returning veterans and new parents of the baby boom generation.

That small beginning has mushroomed into Mack-Cali Realty Corporation, one of the leading real estate investment trusts in the country, with \$5.2 billion in market capitalization and more than 30 million square feet of class A office space and office/flex space that it owns or manages. The company's position in the market was attained in part by a series of mergers with other real estate companies, most notably with the New Jersey-based Mack Company and the Robert Martin Company, based in Westchester, NY. It is now a publicly traded company on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker name CLI.

Based in Cranford, most of the company's holdings are in the northeastern United States with many in New Jersey. In Union County, Mack-Cali owns or manages 875,000

> square feet of space, mostly on Commerce Drive in Cranford as well as property in Clark and New Providence. The firm

specializes in "high barrier to entry markets," meaning they are located in highly developed areas with many restrictions.

"Our goal is to own property that is in the best locations, and in some of those, such as the northeast, it is not particularly easy to add new supply of office space," said Mitchell E. Hersh, Mack-Cali president and CEO. "It is not like an area such as Phoenix, where development can keep growing outward and there are few or no barriers to entry."

Although the company has been well known in New Jersey for many years, it became even more newsworthy in recent months when it became a principal player in the development of one of the most ambitious entertainment, retail and office space complexes ever undertaken in the northeast. Mack-Cali, along with the Mills Corporation of Arlington, Va., a real estate investment trust, and KanAm U.S., Inc., a real estate firm that is putting together the financing, are the primary movers behind the controversial Meadowlands Xanadu to be built in the area surrounding Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford. Construction has begun but it has been a long and painful process that involved law suits over the replacing nearby Giants Stadium.





Gateway to Growth

Your Customer Portfolio — Are You in a Bull or Bear Market?

By John L. Picard

The stock market has spoiled more appetites than had cooking. Will Rogers

And now for the news --- Every minute of the day, you can get instant stock market news. Green arrows show gains; red arrows mean ulcers and losses. While you are reaching for the Pepto Bismol.[®] you should consider that you have another portfolio that is as critical to success and no less volatile . . . your portfolio of customers and prospects. If you are not careful, this customer "nest egg" can end up looking like the scrambled eggs from last Sunday's brunch.

Managing the relationship capital in your customer portfolio ---- To reach the next. stage of success, every business must be an active manager of its customer portfolios. The value of this relationship capital is the "currency" that creates opportunity for your business. All the tools, technologies and people must be coordinated and focused on increasing this value.

A relationship marketing audit --- OK, I admit it. I am the son of an accountant. Are you happy? I hate the word audit. It strikes fear in my very soul. However, before starting any new program or strategy, we all need to step back and see where our relationships and marketing are at the moment.

Measure relationship alignment --- An audit should look at more than costs and materials. It must gauge the health and direction of your current and developing relationships. Whether you are a growing entrepreneurial business or international institution, you need to see these relationships in terms of the marketplace, your internal resources and the external connections which touch the customer.

First, look at the marketplace --- Your mix of prospects and customers is constantly changing. Analyze your portfolio of business relationships to see where it and the marketplace are going. Evaluate your mix of customers in light of competition, changes in your buyers, the economy and trends in products and technology. Overall, see if the sum of the relationships is well positioned for the changes you see happening out there in the real world.

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Next, look within --- Look at your people and the tools they use. These are the engineers on your gravy train. How many are asleep at the switch? Review every touch point in your company from the customer's perspective. Follow the

money within the company. Determine where the ball gets dropped. See how those relationship pipeline touch different parts of your company and determine how those connections support or detract from the value of the relationship.

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Look outside the walls - All the customers ever know is what they can see and hear Advertising, sales, PR, promotion, service, hotlines and websites all come together in unique combinations for each customer. This single and individualized experience needs to be evaluated in terms of the choice of tools, people and costs necessary to deliver on the promise of the relationship. You can determine ROI for every relationship development effort as a tool to refine strategies and profitability.

A single, net view of business - Together, this analysis forms a single portfolio of relationship revenue streams and corresponding costs for acquisition and maintenance Value this relationship portfolio by combining and weighing the contribution of each relationship. Imagine a series of hollow, flexible pipelines between you and each customer. Each pipe has a different diameter, length and velocity of transactions flowing through it. Each translates into a specific value and potential income.

A new way of looking at opportunity — Your business has always been a living. breathing organization. Shouldn't your analysis of it be as dynamic? Relationship analysis will offer you a powerful new way to see business. Strategy and better decision making suddenly become easier and your marketing works better. In other words, instant portfolio relief!

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"For the two Abbott districts, the construction is making a tremendous difference," said Carmen Centuolo, Union County superintendent of schools. "Plainfield and Elizabeth now are able to accommodate the growing number of students and to meet health and safety standards.

Most of the school construction work across the state is concentrated in what are thown as the Abbott districts, so called because of a law suit, Abbott vs. Burke, in which the state Supreme Court ruled poorer school districts need more money for programs and for upgrading the dilapidated buildings. The Legislature approved \$8.6 illion for construction more five years ago, but the work did not get underway in mest until the creation in 2002 of the New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation,

total of \$6 billion was allocated for the Abbott districts, of which \$1.5 billion is left mmitted. The rest has been spent to build new schools or rehabilitate old ones or committed to specific projects, said Dominick DeMarco, public information officer for corporation. Another \$2.6 billion was allocated to other schools in the state, of which \$2 billion has been committed. Another \$100 million was allocated for technical chools and has been spent.

"The money went or is going for 2,700 different construction projects in 1,800 hools across the state. Within the first year, \$660 million was spent on immediate alth and safety issues," DeMarco said. "Every district is now updating its five-year, g-range plan, so some of the plans that were set five years ago may be changed hin the next few months."

In Plainfield, \$153 million has been spent or committed for projects. Work includes such things as a new state-of-the-art Emerson Elementary School to accommodate 437 students, and renovations and additions to the Plainfield High School. Both schools will encompass a new concept of creating community centers within the schools. Plainfield has 15 school projects completed or planned.

In Elizabeth, \$610 million is being spent on such projects as the new early childhood education center on Pennsylvania Avenue, which has 20 classrooms and an outdoor courtyard. Another project is the new Performing Arts High School, which includes a media center, science labs, lyric theater, drama theater and drama laboratory for ninth through 12th graders. In all, Elizabeth has 39 school construction projects completed or underway.

This year 100 new construction or major renovation projects are expected to be completed, according to John F. Spencer, CEO of the Schools Construction Corporation.

"The NJSCC is providing training and financial tools to small businesses to maximize their participation in the construction of our schools and has a number of workforce programs for residents in the communities where we are building schools," Acting Gov. Richard J. Codey said. Information on the programs can be found on the corporation's website www.niscc.com.

The Construction Project Management Services in Princeton also has become involved in the school construction to try to increase the participation of minority owned businesses and small contractors. The CPMS does the same type of work for many public and private projects.

"We make sure contractors and small business owners have the certifications the state requires to bid on these projects, help them bid for the work, help them estimate job costs, anything they need to try to obtain work," said Cynthia Mason-Matcho. project manager.

"There is a requirement that 25 percent of the work for the school construction go to minority and women owned businesses. We try to reach out to the contractors so they realize the number of small businesses that are out there who are prepared to do the work," she said.

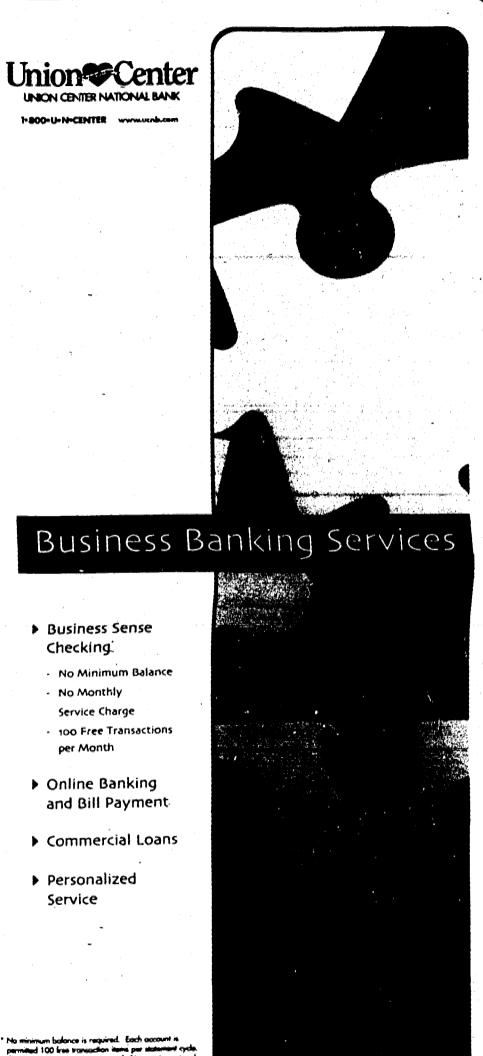
School construction creates jobs for local contractors and better educational environments for children

Plainfield and Elizabeth are two of the poor school districts in the state benefiting from more than two years of new school construction and rehabilitation work that is pouring more than three-quarters of a billion dollars into those two districts alone.

In addition to the children and members of the community who benefit from the massive school rehabilitation project, efforts are being made to see that local contractors and minority and women owned businesses are hired to do some of the

The \$8.6 billion effort to upgrade some of New Jersey's oldest and neediest schools has been underway for more than two years and results are being feit throughout the

"The work has improved their access to technology, laboratories, and the latest media and communications equipment. The work in the two Abbott districts is just part of the many renovations and new buildings that are being done in almost every district in Union County," she added.



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"Selecting a new site for your business is a major milestone, which will determine your firm's future economic success. The site selection process has become complex and difficult. As you would with most other aspects of your business, get top professional assistance in securing a new location for your business," said Timothy Comerford, PSE&G manager - area development.

In making a site selection, important issues must be considered such as labor, location, building characteristics, financing, and regulations. A real estate professional's assistance is important to the process.

New Jersey is unique compared to other areas of the country. With its small size and density, virtually all industrial and commercial real estate is controlled by the broker or development industry. A qualified real estate broker or sales agent is familiar with what is available in an area, who owns or manages the property, what the community is like, what the vision of the local leaders is and what the local planners and officials want for their community. The broker can assist with the approval process and be an ally for the client.

To get the most out of a broker, a company must treat the broker as a professional consultant, but unlike most consultants, brokers do not get paid

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"A few important issues should be considered when selecting a broker," Comerford said. "First, a company should interview a number of brokers to determine who best meets their needs. You need to know if a local broker who specializes in local markets is more appropriate for your requirement, or if the person needs expertise in your particular industry. For a successful relationship, clearly state your site requirements, timing and expectations.

"Second, the more difficult or unique your firm's requirement, such as outside storage, major lab or computer space, or heavy industrial use, the more difficult it will be to locate a suitable site. This will require considerable time from the broker. Consider making a commitment to the broker your firm selects by signing an exclusive representation agreement or agreeing to work with a single broker," Comerford added.

"If a broker is not meeting your expectations, discuss it with them and hold them accountable. If expectations are still not being met, a new broker should be selected after a defined period of time," he said. "If a broker has little confidence of having an opportunity to complete a transaction, he or she will not commit the time the project deserves. Brokers are professional consultants and should be treated as any other consultant your firm retains."

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Developing work and leisure space

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Besides Xanadu, which will include an indoor ski slope and a sky diving simulator, as well as extensive shopping areas, office space and a major hotel, Mack-Cali will continue to build and acquire office space in the lucrative New Jersey market.

"We have a number of initiatives underway in terms of expansion," Hersh said. "We will continue to fill our significant core market, including the "Gold Coast" in Jersey City. We recently acquired more space in Monmouth County and we are expanding in Westchester and suburban Philadelphia.

"We have significant land holdings that will support 8.5 million square feet of development that is approved and ready to go, that includes three sites in Princeton and sites in Parisppany and East Hanover," Hersh added. "As a result of these land holdings and good relations with corporate America, we are looking to expand as the economy grows."

In New Jersey, where suburban sprawl is a particular concern, Hersh said much of the company's holdings are in areas that have significant transportation and other infrastructure in place, including the Meadowlands development, which is the catalyst for a rail spur being built to the area.

But the Xanadu complex has not been easy to bring about. Several years in the making, it has been opposed by environmentalists, by those who want the area to remain a sports Mecca and not be turned into another type of entertainment or retail center, and then became part of the football Giants arguments with the state about a new football stadium.

"It has been quite a challenge," Hersh said of the lengthy process which finally culminated in the first shovels hitting the dirt in March. "There are a number of agencies involved. It has probably been the most carefully scrutinized planning process ever undertaken."

The \$250 million project encompassing 4.76 million square feet was at one point vehemently opposed by environmentalists who did not want to lose the remaining open space in the important watershed area of the meadowlands, which is in one of the most highly congested areas of the country. The project now includes the transfer of 587 acres known as the Empire Tract to the New Jersey Meadowlands Conservation Trust, which will oversee preservation and wildlife management of the area. It is the largest remaining contiguous open space wetlands parcel in the Meadowlands.

"To guarantee in perpetuity the protection of a natural resource as vast and important as the Empire Tract is truly a remarkable feat," said Captain Bill Sheehan, the Hackensack Riverkeeper. "No less remarkable is the story of how former adversaries came together to convey this natural treasure to the people of New Jersey and their future."

The project is predicted to create 20,000 construction jobs and 20,000 full and part time jobs when it is completed. It will include major retail outlets, a House of Blues theater, a ski slope, ferris wheel, roller coaster and children's entertainment, as well as four 14-story office buildings and a luxury hotel.

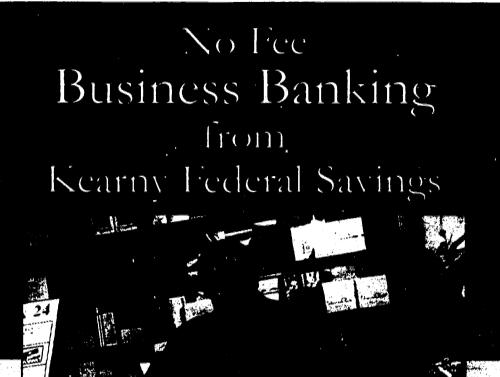
When the project was nearing the end of the approval process, former Gov. James E. McGreevey called it a "key driver in the economic growth of this region and the entire state" and "one of the most significant construction projects in New Jersey's history."

Even after construction began in March, the Giants football franchise tried to stop construction, saying it would cause gridlock on game days and would cost the team some of its guaranteed surface-level parking spaces. The Giants and the state, through the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, have announced an agreement that includes the sports franchise paying for the new stadium. The state will have to pay off the debt from the old stadium.

The Sports and Exposition Authority oversees the operation of the sports facilities in the Meadowlands, including the site where Xanadu is being built. The developers have a 75 year lease on the land. George Zoffinger, chief executive of the authority, said the football franchise was using the law suits threatening to stop Xanadu to create leverage in its negotiations with the state. Continental Arena also is an aging facility, in sport's industry terms, but was recently revamped to create smaller theaters inside to make it more marketable.

Hersh has expressed confidence the Xanadu project will continue to be built.

"The expectation is that it will be open to the public by the third or fourth quarter of 2007 and we are confident that can be achieved," Hersh said. "What happens to Giants Stadium or Continental Arena should not affect us."



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President's Message

So what's the truth about Social Security? Is it ready to go bellyup? Is it the best system ever and shouldn't be touched? Does it just need tweaking, or does it need to be overhauled?

If you listen to President Bush, you are left with the impression that the Social Security program is ready to collapse. In just 12 short years (and when you're my age they are 12 short years!) payments to Social Security recipients will exceed tax revenuepaid into the fund. At that point, to continue payments to retired wage carners, the Social Security Administration will have to begin to draw on the principle in the Social Security Trust Fund. To do this, the US Government debt held by the Social Security Administration will have to be called.

From an administration perspective this is a crisis. Suddenly, in 2017, the Administration will be forced to pay back all the money it owes the Social Security Administration. And how will they do this? By raising income taxes, an anathema for an administration that only believes in cutting income taxes.

Even with this money being paid back, the Trust Fund will run out of money sometime around 2041. Though this sounds like a long time away, since I plan to be alive still, it is of personal concern for me. By 2043, the payments from Social Security taxes will only cover 75 percent of the obligations. In each successive year, that amount will become less.

The facts of the issue are not in much dispute. That's because they are all based on the projections of the actuaries at the Social Security Administration. What is at issue is how big of a problem this really is, and how do we best address it.

Here things get really confusing. You have the Bush Administration giving half baked ideas with very little detail. On the other hand, you have the loyal opposition who keep saying this is the best program ever, and all it needs is a little change here and there. And then, of course, you have AARP and its shameful television add that add absolutely asthing to the debate or the general level of discourse.

So again, what's the truth? Though I am no big fan of the Bush Administration, in this case they are, without question, on the right track.

To be perfectly blunt, the Social Security program is not what it is created up to be. While it has been effective, it was ill conceived. This is not enter that is 1930's and the after defined benefit pension programs that became all the man in the 1930's and the Defined benefit pension programs are based on the premise that the labor fince will continue to grow, and that if you take a little from each worker today; you will have enough to pay for your retirees.

The problem is that this hasn't held true. We first saw it in industries like rail and steel whose pension plans collapsed because the workforce shmak in relation to the annalyse of retirees. We are now seeing it with Social Security, which is only blease, but not fundamentally different from, the industry pension programs that have been replaced by retirement available programs.

As in so many things we have been led down a primrose path. We are told not to weary, not to save, that someone else (i.e. the government) will be there to take care of us in carroid, age. And, you know it sounds great. Just like you can out as much as you want and never grow the.

I ran some numbers recently. If I had been able to invest \$2,000 is a patient of provide the form of the second state of the s



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Where the Chamber stands...

Hospitals should not be shortchanged because of state budget problems

Almost every year, at least in recent history, the state of New Jersey seems to be facing a budget crisis. How many billion dollars short is the state this year, and who will be tagged to bear the burden of balancing the budget? These are the questions that get asked every spring.

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While no one wants to make the sacrifice by coming up with the money so that the state can meet its constitutional obligation of producing a balanced budget by July 1, the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce feels the state's acute care hospitals should not be one of the entities singled out to be shortchanged. That is one of the proposals in the budget prepared by Acting Gov. Richard J. Codey and now being debated by the Legislature.

New Jersey is one of the few states that requires hospitals to treat all patients, regardless of their ability to pay or whether they have insurance coverage. That is a noble principle and one the Chamber heartily endorses. No one should be left bleeding on the hospital doorstep because he or she cannot afford to pay. But in exchange for requiring the 83 acute care hospitals to provide this coverage, the state is supposed to pay for the care of the indigent and uninsured through a program known as charity care.

Like so many other state programs, charity care looks good on paper, but in reality the state never comes up with its full share of the money. However, many members of the Legislature battle hard each year to provide as much as possible. Charity care costs hospitals at least \$800 million a year and the cost is rising each year. Last year the state provided \$583 million to be divided among the hospitals through a complicated formula. The formula results in hospitals receiving between 43 cents and 96 cents on a dollar.

The funding last year was a dramatic improvement of \$205 million more than the previous year and the additional funds were appreciated by the hospitals, which operate close to the break even point, and sometimes operate at a loss. But the proposal for fiscal year 2006, which begins July 1, cuts \$51 million from that fund, so instead of continuing to make progress in paying for the health care for the poor, we are falling backwards, and hospitals again are being asked to make up the difference.

As health insurance costs escalate, and more employers drop coverage for employees, the number of uninsured continues to rise. These people do not go to doctors, and often wait until they have to go to a hospital emergency room, before seeking help for themselves or their children, increasing the number of charity care cases.

Each dollar a hospital does not receive for care rendered to the indigent, means one less dollar that can be reinvested in equipment or that can be paid to attract top doctors and nurses. Medical equipment is expensive and constantly improving, which means hospitals need to continually upgrade their equipment to provide the best care.

It is admirable that New Jersey wants to make sure every patient in need is cared for. But that comes with a price, which the state seems unwilling to pay. In addition to funding the real cost of charity care, the Legislature should be examining ways to provide less expensive care for the indigent, such as nonemergency medical centers that already exist at some hospitals. These too should be funded by the state but would not cost as much as emergency room treatment, which is one of the most expensive methods of providing health care.

The New Jersey Hospital Association, the Hospital Alliance of New Jersey, and representatives of the hospitals and medical profession will be testifying before legislative committees in the coming weeks asking for more money for charity care. The Chamber hopes those pleas fall on friendly ears and the funding is at least restored to the fiscal 2005 amount. Our hospitals deserve no less.



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Social Security is fecure for the future

Every month, 39 million retirees, 4.6 million widowers, 3.9 million surviving children and 7 million disabled Americans receive a Social Security check in the mail. Since its creation 70 years ago, Social Security has been our country's commitment to provide financial security to our nation's seniors, their survivors and the disabled. Benefits have been paid on the sind in full since the very beginning. Without Social Security, more than 50 percent of our seniors would be living in poverty.

Today, the Social Security Trust fund includes enough money to pay out all benefitsthrough 2041, making it the only federal program that is funded for the next three decades. Both President Rush and the House Governmental Affairs Committee, have also concluded the Social Security Administration is one of the two most efficient agencies in the government.

And yet, President Bush and the Republican leadership in Congress continue to spread misinformation to younger Americans that Social Security will not be around when they retire. The president uses these false claims as a way to advance a risky privatization scheme that, ironically, threatens Social Security's future more than anything else,

To date, President Bush has outlined a privatization plan that would allow younger Americans the chance to transfer into a private account upwards of four percent of the payroll tax they pay each paycheck to Social Security.

New Jerseyans should not be deceived into believing these accounts would reap huge profits, as the president contends. Social Security privatization is inefficient and wasteful. Administrative costs would be enormous since every American would have his or her own account. In reality, the only winners in this scenario would be the financial institutions on Wall Street, which are set to receive billions of dollars to operate these accounts.

It's important that New Jerseyans supplement Social Security's guaranteed benefits with other retirement plans. I will continue to work in Congress to secure pension benefits so companies cannot just terminate a promised pension program in times of hardship. I also support making

it easier for workers to save for retirement by enhancing and strengthening investment vehicles such as 401(k)s and IRA plans. However, we can encourage private savings without cutting Social Security, which is a proven success.

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The president's proposal would radically change the only program that provides guaranteed retirement savings to American workers. Social Security is based on the contributions of millions of workers in order to ensure that every American can achieve retirement security. Congress should not be allowed to spend Social Security taxes on anything but Social Security benefits.

The president promises seniors their benefits won't be touched, but his plan costs an estimated \$2 trillion in transition costs, and he has yet to explain where he'll get the money. The president's plan doesn't strengthen Social Security, it weakens it by diverting billions of dollars that should be used to shore up the program. Under this proposal, today's modest funding shortfall would become a much more serious one, what sting the Trust Fund 21 years sooner than projected under current law.

It's unfortunate that President Bush cloaks a risky privatization scheme around the allusion of reform. If the president really wanted to fix Social Security, he would follow the lead of former President Reagan, who created a bipartisan commission, known as the Greenspan Commission, to extend Social Security's solvency back in 1981.

At the time, Social Security faced a real crisis when the Trust Fund was expected to run dry two years later in 1983. Reagan's leadership led to changes that secured the social program's future for several decades. While we dou't face that same crisis today, I'm willing to work with the president and Congressional Republicans if they want to take Reagan's lead and fix this successful social contract.

Future New Jersey seniors should not be guinea pigs for a risky political experiment. I will fight to secure Social Security so we can guarantee that the checks continue to go out for another 70 years.

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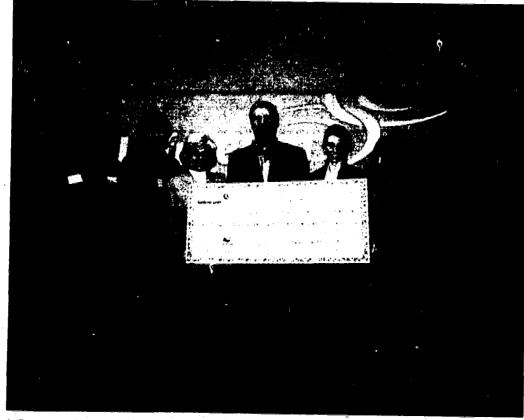
Paul J. Endler Jr., an attorney with the Westfield law firm of Lindabury, McCormick & Estabrook, was recently installed as the 85th president of the Union County Bar. Association. He is the third successive attorney from the firm to hold the post.

Stanley Au of Essex Fells has been named vice president, commercial real estate, of Commerce Bank, based in Cherry Hill. Commerce also announced Robin Janas of South River and Oscar Alfaro of Elizabeth have been promoted to retail market manager and store manager.

Linda Javornik of Maplewood and Paul Granski of Lyndhurst have been appointed assistant vice presidents of Union Center National Bank in Union. Also, Donald Costello of Summit has been appointed assistant cashier.



Warren Abkowitz, Joel Boff and Jeffrey Plattman have been named partners at J.H. Cohn, Roseland, one of the top 15 accounting and consulting firms in the country.

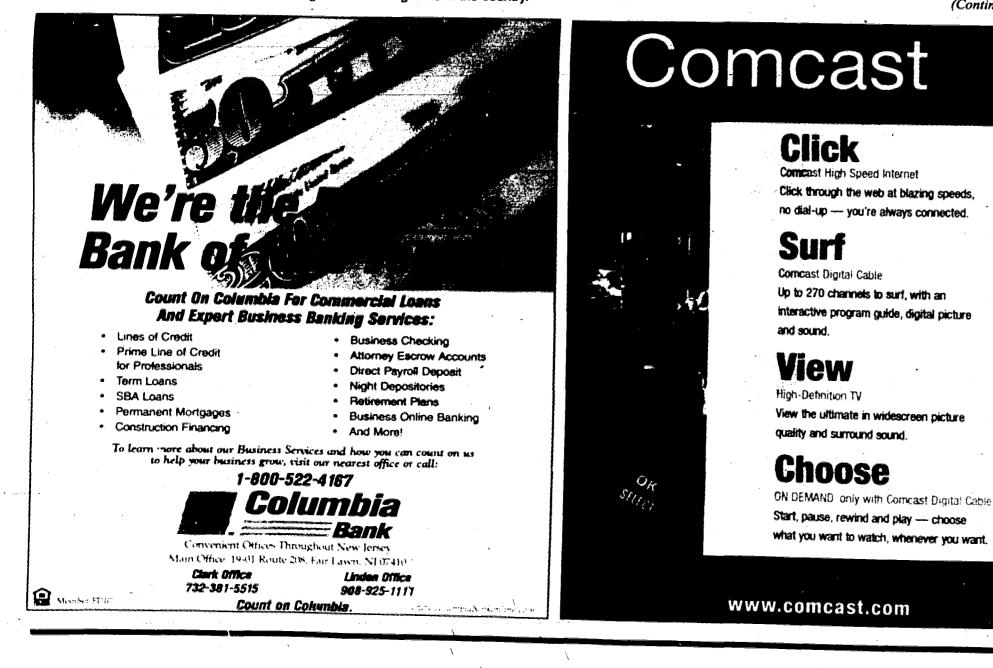


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Infineum USA L.P., located in Linden, recently completed a United Way Workplace Giving Campaign – generating more than \$136,000 for local programs and services that improve the lives of people in the local community. Infineum employees donated more than \$68,000, which was then matched by an Infineum corporate grant. Pictured at the check presentation ceremonies are (left-to-right) Lois Bass, Frank Nycz and Connie Conselyea of Infineum; Sandy Erwin, United Way of Greater Union County; Mark Struglinski, Infineum's campaign committee chair; Susan Di Iorio, United Way of Greater Union County; and Donna Herran, Joanne Gareis and Lissette Gonzalez of Infineum.

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Jeanie Bryson, the daughter of the late jazz giant Dizzy Gillespie and songwriter Connie Bryson, will present a lecture and musical performance at the Galloping Hill Inn in Union on May 10 from 5:30 PM to 8 PM. The appearance by the singer is the highlight of United Way of Greater Union County's Women's Leade-rship Initiative Spring Networking Night. Tickets for the event are \$40, and include hot and cold hors d'ouerves, chaffing dishes and a cash bar. All proceeds will benefit United Way's Community Fund that supports more than 100 local programs for children and youth, seniors, people with disabilities and families in crisis. Bryson's lecture will focus on "Celebrating Mothers and Daughters." Connie Bryson will also be in attendance. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Lorraine Wojtowicz at 908-353-7171 ext. 117 or by e-mail at forraine.wojtowicz@uwguc.org.



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Dr. Jan Balakian, professor of English at Kean University, will be honored at the Annual Golden Bell Leadership Awards dinner to be held by the Mental Health Association of New Jersey at the 6th Annual Evening of Excellence. The awards ceremony will be held June 8 at the Basking Ridge Country Club. Dr. Balakian is being honored for writing and co-producng the film "Everyone is Depressed." For additional information or tickets call 973-571-4100.

Martin Carbotti has been appointed senior vice president for commercial lending for the central division of Valley National Bank, headquartered in Wayne.

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Rick Attanasio has joined Comcast Cable, Eatontown and Union, as regional vice president of telephony and commercial service operations for the New Jersey region. He will have responsibility for the launch and operations of Comcast Digital Voice, the company's new Voice Over Internet Protocol telephone service. In addition, Attanasio is charged with expanding Comcast's commercial services business across all product lines.

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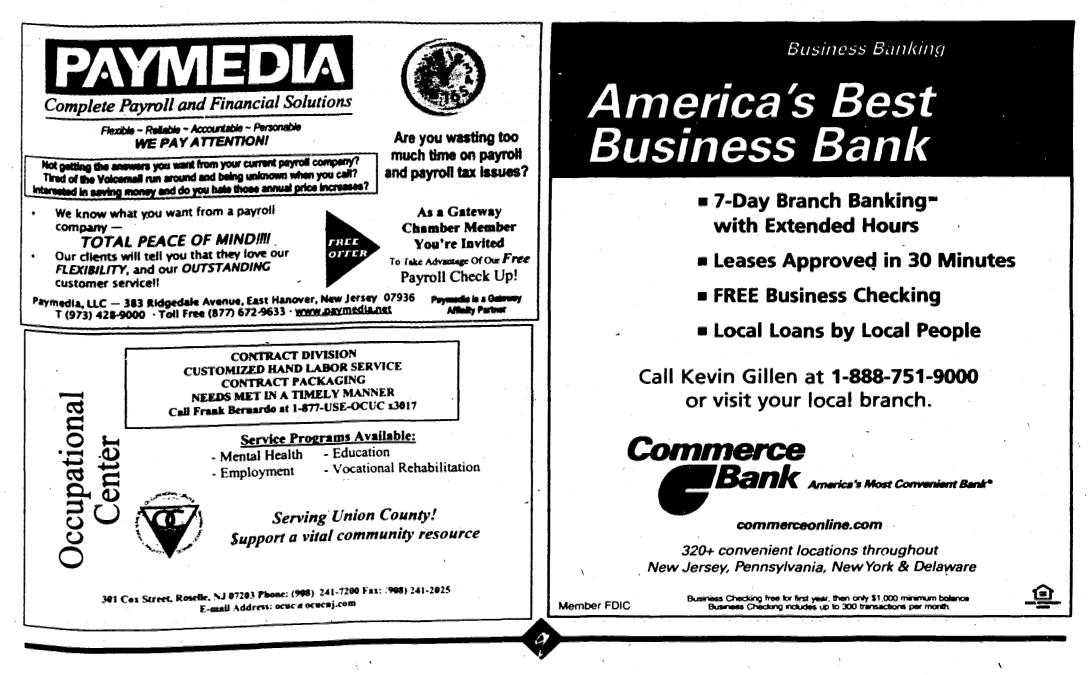
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Mark B. Boyd of Westfield, former state commissioner of labor under two governors, has been appointed president and chief executive of Goodwill Industries of Southern New Jersey.

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Weeks Holderbaum DeGraw & Nadkarni, LLP, Bridgewater, has merged with WithumSmith+Brown, one of the top 40 accounting and consulting firms in the country. The merger gives Weeks Holderbaum DeGraw & Nadkarni clients access to specialists in business and personal taxation, manufacturing, technology, distribution, construction contracting, mortgage banking, litigation support, forensic accounting and financial services. The firm has nine offices in New Jersey, New York City and eastern Pennsylvania.

Jo Ann Livecchia has been named vice president and branch manager for the Madison location of PNC Bank. Also Joseph Giannella of Hudson County has been named vice president and market manager for the Hoboken location of PNC Bank.



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Did you know...

Break-through ideas to immediately increase profits and improve cash flow

Second of two parts by Salim Omar

Have you got a back end for every sale?

Most small-businesses ignore the easy money to be made with a back-end sale.

Yet, the really smart business owner never forgets that the most profitable words in the history of business were, "Would you like fries with that?" I have read that these words instantly doubled the total sale.

Your biggest expense is reaching a new customer. If you succeed in winning him over to the point that he pulls out his wallet and gives you money.....he will often *continue* to give you money if you offer something *else*. Yet, you do not need any expensive advertising to do this – he's already listening to you. You simply have to open your mouth and offer him something else.

Savvy small-business owners will have something more expensive to sell, and something less expensive. Something else that fits in with whatever the initial sale was.....and something else that just has broad appeal. But they will always have *something* on the back-end:

Outsource judiciously

One of the battle cries in business today is to determine the one thing that your business does best, become even better at it, and outsource absolutely everything else. There is certainly a lot to be said for taking a careful look at every function in your business and asking yourself if you should outsource it. But take a hard look at the numbers before you decide to jump on the outsource bandwagon!

Knowing the lifetime value of your customers

The lifetime value of a customer is one of the most valuable things you as a business owner can-know. It is simply the total profit of an average client over the lifetime of his or her patronage – including all back-end sales less all advertising, marketing, and incremental product or service fulfillment expenses.

Example: Let's say that your average new customer brings you an average profit of \$100 on the first sale. He or she repurchases three more times a year, with an average profit of \$150 on each reorder. Now, with the average patronage lasting two years, every new client is worth \$1,000: $\{\$100 + (3 \times \$150) + (3 \times \$150)\} = \$1,000$.

There are 2 important lessons here and understanding them will make a HUGE difference in your business. The first one is this: If the lifetime value of a customer is \$1,000, how much can you theoretically afford to spend to bring a new customer in and still break-even? The answer is up to \$1,000. This is an important number to know as you make important business decisions on what advertising medium to advertise in, how to compensate your sales people and what price/fees to charge for your product or service.

The second lesson is that the key to keeping customers is to develop a long-term relationship with them. A customer on your database is not just a name. It's a real person with changing and evolving needs and wants. They are being constantly bombarded with a hundred other options. You need to do whatever it takes to keep them loyal to you...and keep them out of the competitors reach because the lifetime value of each customer is so great.

It has been said, "Sell the sizzle, and not the steak." I say, "Sell the sizzle **BUT DELIVER THE STEAK!** AND the salad AND the hors d'oeuvres AND the dessert AND the limo ride to and from the restaurant." Take care of your customers, there's a huge bounty on their head!

Salim Omar, a leading authority for small-businesses in New Jersey, is the author of Straight Talk About Small Business Success In New Jersey. He can be reached at 732-566-3660 or Salim@OmargroupCPA.com.

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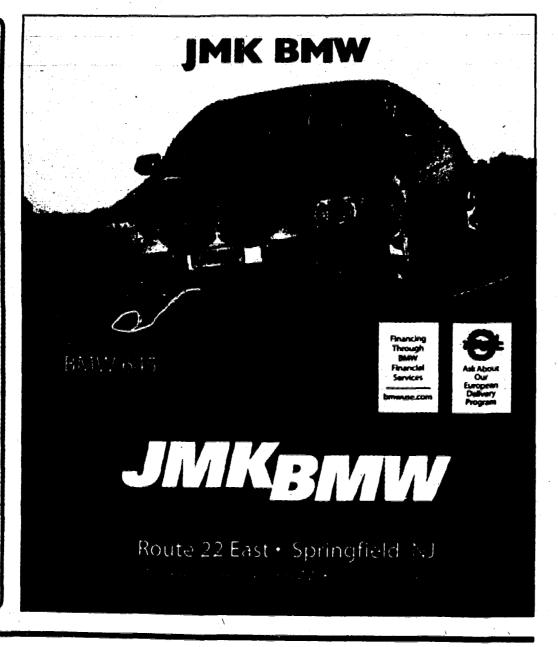
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