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Student author speaks

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

On Monday morning, students at James Caldwell school in Springfield were visited by one of the most dedicated and focused authors ever raised in Springfield.

In fact, he still lives in town. Jim Cottage, an 18-year-old student at Jonathan Dayton High School, recently published his first book, titled "Sigmond," a fiction novel he had been working on since middle school. "In seventh grade," Cottage said, "I started to get ideas for the book. I didn't start writing it until ninth grade."

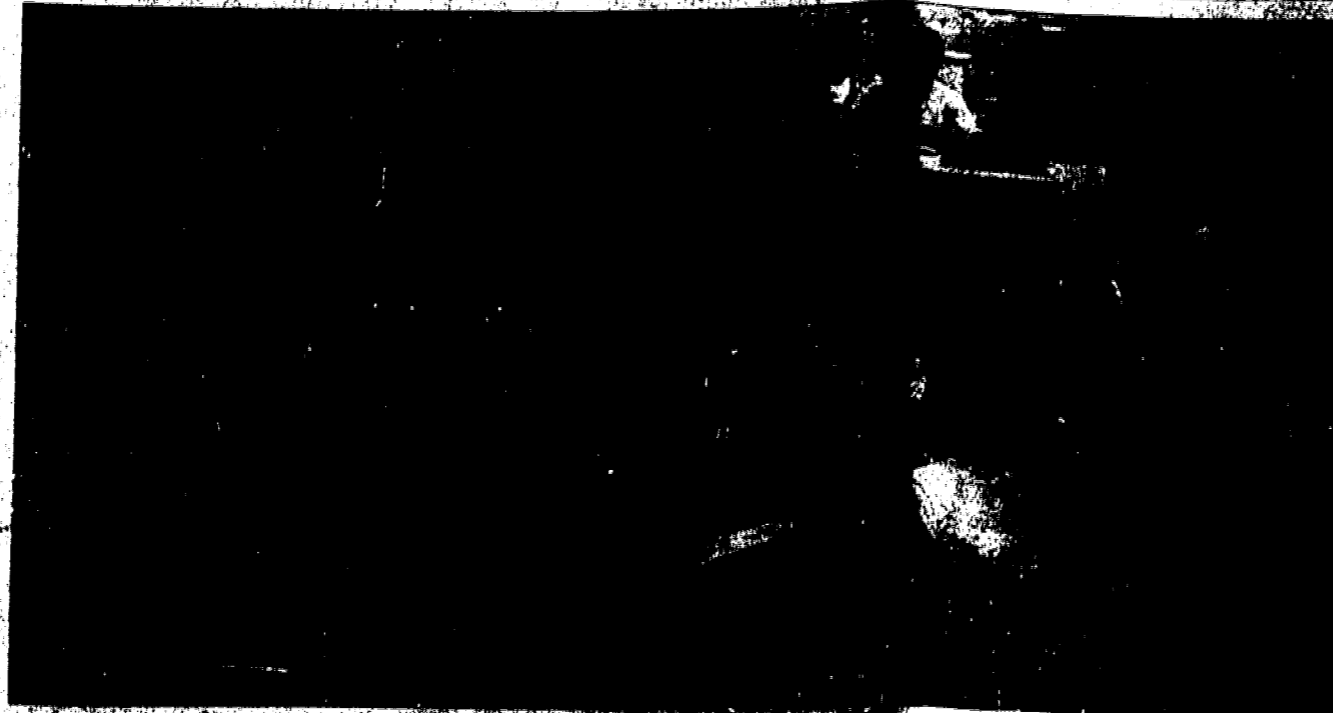
Cottage spoke to a library full of students, along with two classes, about the process of developing the book, including the creation of characters and the timeline that was needed to finish.

"I drew the characters different ways," Cottage, who illustrated his own book, explained. "I kept deciding that I didn't like different things about them and I kept changing them, until I liked them. Then, that's how they stayed."

Cottage, 17 when he completed the work, said he would write whenever he got the free time to do so.

"Sometimes, I would write at home," he said. "Sometimes, I'd write in the car on long trips, and sometimes, I'd write in school."

The 225-page book revolves



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around Fantis, a world of forgotten history, swords and sorcery. It is up to Sigmond, who the book is titled after, to save the world from the Shaddows, who have devised a plan to make the land their own.

"I think it's a great accomplishment," said John Cottage, Jim's father and Office of Emergency Management director for Springfield. "He has tremendous follow-through on whatever he wants to accomplish."

Besides writing and illustrating, Cottage has gone through the ranks of Boy Scouts. He became an Eagle Scout at age 17, after many years participating and growing within the organization.

Still, Cottage didn't spend the greatest amount of his time focusing on writing and scouting. Since sec-

ond grade, he has been a competing gymnast, part of a team that usually demanded three hours each day, five days a week for practice.

With the scouting and gymnast career ending this year, Cottage will be attending the University of Rochester in New York next fall. While his favorite subject in school has been creative writing and English, Cottage will look to major in illustration.

His dream job would be animating cartoons, Cottage said, but he wouldn't rule out the possibility of more writing during and after college.

Currently, he is working on the sequel to "Sigmond," which he has begun writing but won't set any deadlines for.

The prequel is also in the works, though only an outline has been developed thus far.

The self-published novel can be found on Amazon.com, Trafford.com, which helps publish independent works, and BarnesandNoble.com.

The best thing about the experience of writing a book, Cottage explained, was seeing it between two covers for the very first time.

"That was pretty cool," he said. The worst part of the writing experience, however, is that sometimes he is perceived "as an author, rather than a person," Cottage explained.

With all he has done, it seems obvious that the multi-dimensional student is more than just a writer.

Springfield sch budget targete

New high school principal appointed

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

With the May 19 deadline for the Springfield Township Committee to decide the amount to be cut from the school budget, which was heavily defeated by the public three weeks ago, a recent meeting with the Board of Education addressed some of the more significant line items.

The most controversial issue, a \$345,000 technology cost for a one-to-one laptop initiative at Florence M. Gaudin school next year, soon

only significant change will come in terms of how fast the computers work.

Committeeman Harold Poltrock, however, was skeptical of this perception.

"If it's one thing we've learned," Poltrock said, "it's that we have no idea what's going to happen next."

Davino said, as an instructional tool, it can be predicted that speed is the only factor which will be changed in the near future.

Board member Irwin Sablosky

said he believes the initiative will eventually be mandated. According to government literature and other supporting research, Sablosky said it is likely that, in several years, the

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Committeewoman Clara Harellick began the discussion, asking for a breakdown of the total costs of the project, including software, maintenance and teaching.

"The cost is the future of our children," said Superintendent Michael Davino.

While that may sound trite, he said, this is the first time he's seen administrators playing catch-up with students.

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board members and town officials will look back at their meeting and regret ever even questioning it.

Also discussed between the two organizations was the \$38,000 budgeted for next year's junior varsity football program, which encompasses supplies, officials and coaches.

Davino assured the Township Committee that the interest is there, as a high number of students have come forward in anticipation of

Mountainside's budget defended

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

The borough's budget for next year that Mayor Robert Vigilanti is to do with council decisions.

Last year's budget was \$8,721,336. The tax increase for 2005 would be about \$85 per home assessed at \$150,000, Vigilanti said.

"There were a lot of things that we had no say in," Vigilanti said.

Increases stem from five main sources, including the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority and the need to re-map the borough's storm sewer system. Both decisions are imposed by the state, Vigilanti said, whether the council deems them appropriate or not.

Another state mandate calls on the borough to absorb the pension costs of borough police officers, which is close to a \$60,000 increase this year. A mandated increase for allocations to the borough library, as well, will cost around another \$60,000.

"Ninety-seven percent of the increases are due to outside sources," Vigilanti said. "We've maintained our costs whenever we had the opportunity."

Vigilanti said that, about 70 years ago, the idea of state mandates, state pay, was to be

The borough is also helping the Board of Education by paying \$3,000 needed for a TV set

Borough Council President Mortimer said the process of putting the budget together went smoothly. He agreed with Vigilanti that a lot of things were out of the council's hands.

"I'd like to see Trenton do something," Mortimer said. "The legislature looks like heroes," he said, because of all the mandates for improvements. "We look like the bad guys."

It's the municipal government, Mortimer explained, that has to announce the tax increases. Included in the Mountainside budget is \$260,110 for the borough's pool utility costs, which is down from last year, and \$48,110 in capital improvements, also down slightly from last year.

The total number of full- and part-time employees remained the same, at 65, with salaries, wages and miscellaneous expenses for those employees set at \$3,710,236.

n't benefit, financially, from his experience. "Attorneys who become involved in politics, for example, find ways to use their own law firms."

Vigilanti said he was not specifying a particular party.

"If goes for both sides," he said. Vigilanti also found an ethics conference that is supposed to be offered for New Jersey officials to figure out right from wrong is laughable.

Today, politicians use their roles as full-time jobs.

"They get elected and have to immediately figure out how to be reelected," Vigilanti said. "We need to see a change, but I don't think it's going to go through."

"Government cannot be all things to all people."

tional then or the equipment, about the possibility of a student being confronted while leaving from or walking to school.

Davino said that, in six years working with the project at his old Staten Island district, there were zero confrontational thefts.

If a student is, in fact, confronted, Davino said he or she will be taught beforehand to simply give up the equipment and file a police report.

In looking ahead toward the spending of more and more money on the initiative, Davino said the

grads.

A public meeting to discuss budgetary issues will be on Tuesday at 7:30 in the Jonathan Dayton High School auditorium. Another meeting may follow that one on Wednesday, if necessary.

At Monday night's Board of Education meeting, Elizabeth Cresci, current principal of Highland Park High School, was appointed as the new principal of Jonathan Dayton High School, beginning in September. Cresci will be replacing long-time Principal Charles Serson.

Mountainview Heights only item on board's agenda

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Though delayed more than two months so that it could be reviewed to ensure an accurate presentation, Mountainview Heights in Springfield, proposed condominiums atop Wilson Road, was the only agenda item for the most recent Planning Board meeting.

Still, the topic lasted until the 11 p.m. curfew of the meeting, and it wasn't even close to being finished.

Bruce Pitman, the attorney for development contractors, began the hearing by explaining to the Planning Board not only the variances that need changing, but why they should be adjusted.

Among the variances being requested by Mountainview Heights, whose named was originally slated to be "Baltusrol Estates," is approval of a preliminary site plan to construct 93 multi-family residential units.

Currently, no more than 32 dwelling units are allowed in any one building.

Condensing all of the units to one building takes advantage of the contour of the mountain, Pitman explained.

This is also to the advantage of surrounding properties, as past protests have maintained, reasoning that multiple buildings created fire

hazards and interrupted land surrounding the area.

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.

The building, however, remains at less than the restricted height of 35 feet, Pitman explained, so there should be no problem with a third floor.

A New Jersey planner spoke at length about the toughest obstacle developers have encountered in attempts to build on the site, which is the "critical slope area."

The single-building advantage, he explained, will help comply with the ordinance, but construction will help avoid the slope being such an issue, he explained.

The Planning Board was also assured that the "blasting" which has been expected to be necessary for past projects would not be as needed, nor as much of a disturbance to property owners, for this development.

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 apart-

ments 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.

Bella Lipton, one of the residents opposing the current project, said the May 4 presentation didn't answer any questions.

"The architect gave a lot of fluff," she explained. "It was like a sales pitch."

Lipton said none of the issues were touched on, such as flooding and the emergency of a fire.

Granting the variances, she said, to allow "upward building," would take away from the Springfield characteristics and set a precedent for the township that could lead to variances of Hillside and Irvington.

Mayor and Planning Board member Bruce Pitman said the difference with this development and past ones is that this is one building, set back much deeper into the site, which doesn't require blowing up whole mountains.

Presentations are expected to last at least two more meetings, Mullman said. The next Planning Board meeting is June 1.

Crash at 78 and 24



Photo by Barbara Makkena

A tractor trailer flipped over Tuesday morning while going around the bend westward where Routes 78 and 24 split in Springfield, landing on a car. Fortunately, there were no injuries, although traffic was tied up for several hours. Here, a police officer stands near the overturned vehicle.

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An all-inclusive Music Cities Tour of Memphis, Branson and Nashville will be sponsored by the Renaissance Group of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, from Monday to May 23.

The eight-day fully escorted deluxe tour includes two nights in Memphis, Tenn., with guests staying at the Radisson Hotel; three nights in Branson, Mo., at the Radisson Hotel; and two nights Nashville, Tenn., at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel.

This trip is open to the general public and is limited to 42 people. This Music Cities Tour of Memphis, Branson and Nashville is the eighth trip sponsored by Temple

Sha'arey Shalom's Renaissance Group. The trip includes deluxe hotels throughout, round trip air and extensive sightseeing.

In Memphis, there will be visits to Graceland, the palatial home of Elvis Presley, and the Mason Temple and Church of God in Christ, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous "I have been to the mountaintop" speech.

A performance by Andy Williams is scheduled at Branson during the evening. The next day, there will be entertainment from the Doug Cabot Show and later, a performance by one of Branson's most popular performers, Shoji Tabuchi.

The visit to Nashville, "Music Capital of the World" will be a treat beginning with reserved seats at the "Grand Ole Opry."

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Members of the public are welcome to attend. A joint Boards of Health meeting, encompassing the municipalities of Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle Park, Springfield and Westfield.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Saturday • The Springfield Historical Society will conduct a walking tour of "Old Springfield" as part of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce Street Fair on Mountain Avenue, near the Morris Avenue intersection.

Sunday • Temple Beth Ahm will continue its film festival at 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, at 7 p.m.

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Chamber of Commerce hosts annual Street Fair

Springfield Chamber of Commerce will conduct their annual street fair on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The fair will be conducted on Mountain Avenue between North Trivet and Morris Avenue.

The 225th Battle of Springfield Anniversary Committee will have a table and be selling limited edition commemorative items as well as handing out information on their upcoming events in June.

Jean Rae Turner and Richard T. Koles, author and photographer of the recent "Images of America: Springfield" volume in the popular Arcadia Publishing series will sign copies of the book during the Springfield street fair on Saturday.

Turner and Koles, authors of several books about local history in Essex and Union counties, are being presented by the Springfield Historical Society which is also offering a walking tour of Old Springfield on Saturday.

Residents who live along the closed section of Mountain Avenue may park their vehicles in Township Lot 1 on Hanna Street during the street fair without the need to use the parking meter for that day.

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STORK CLUB

Hannah Katherine Barone

Hannah Katherine Barone was born May 4 at 9:54 a.m. in St. St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, to Charity and Andrew Barone of Springfield.

Weighting 6 pounds, 10 ounces, she joins a brother, Robert Francis, and a sister, Emma Louise.

Grandparents are Robert and Susan Kuldank of Union and Frank and Patricia Kuldank of Westfield.

Adira Mosech was born Feb. 20 in Hajassah Hospital, Jerusalem, Israel, to Joshua and Yaelle Mosech of Effat, Israel.

Paternal grandparents are Sharon and Bill Mosech of Springfield and Delaware Township, Pa. Maternal grandparents are Evelyn and Arthur Jacobs Ramat Bet Sheshem, Israel.

Maternal great-grandmother is Yettie Jacobs of Ramat Bet Sheshem, Israel.

Summer Sports Institute at New Jersey State University. Girls Basketball July 18-22, Boys Basketball July 23-29, Boys and Girls Soccer August 1-5, Boys and Girls Fencing August 1-5, Boys and Girls Lacrosse August 8-12, Girls Soccer August 8-12.

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Latchkey program could alter school hours in Springfield

Beginning next year, parents may have the opportunity to send their children to school early, pick them up late, or both.

A latchkey program proposal by the Springfield Board of Education is exploring the possibility of allowing the township's students, from prekindergarten age to all elementary school ages, to be dropped off at school as early as 7 a.m. and stay until as late as 6 p.m.

Currently, the proposal depends a lot on how many parents respond to an explanatory letter that has been delivered to Springfield households.

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AT THE LIBRARY

Speaker explores history of musicals

Robert Butts, conductor and lecturer, presents "From Shakespeare to Sunset Boulevard: The Story of the Broadway Musical" at the Mountain-side Public Library on May 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Few musical forms are so distinctively American as the Broadway musical. Growing from plays with songs to full-blown musicals, the Broadway show emerged at the beginning of the 20th century with a vitality drawn from the spirit and talents of the lyricists, composers and performers.

It developed fully during a Golden Age of theatrical music led by the creative personalities of Rogers, Hammerstein, Loewe, Kern, Porter, Gershwin, Bernstein, Webber and Sondheim. As the 21st century begins, the Broadway musical remains one of the world's most popular musical forms, reflecting the styles, trends and personalities of all who enter its world.

This program is free and open to the public and offered through the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the NJ Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. To attend, call the Mountain-side Library at 908-233-0115 to register.

Story time Theatre features folk tales

The Mountain-side Free Public Library will offer Story time Theatre at Constitution Plaza in Mountainside. Story time Theatre presents stories and folk tales acted out each week. The program is offered Wednesday and May 25 from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.

Registration is required. The pro-

gram is open to Mountainside cardholders only. For information, call 908-233-0115.

'Goodbye Lenin' concludes film festival

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., concludes its spring International Film Festival on May 19 with "Goodbye Lenin" at noon and 7 p.m. This 2004 German film is 118 minutes and rated R.

Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. Refreshments will be served. For information, call 973-376-4930.

Group examines 'Great Books' of civilization

Once a month, the Great Books Discussion Group meets at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., to examine the great books of civilization. The spring selections range from essays to fiction. The group meets the third Thursday of each month at 10 a.m.

A section of "The Guide to the Perplexed" by Moses Maimonides, "On Evil" will be discussed on May 19. Maimonides accepts the neoplatonic doctrine that evil is not an independent principle but rather the absence of good. He cites three kinds of evil: natural evils, such as floods and earthquakes, which man cannot control; social evils, such as wars, and personal evils, the various human vices, both of which man can control. Maimonides argues against those who hold that the world is essentially evil, stating that if one looks at the world at large, rather than at one's own pains and misfortunes, one finds that the

world as a whole is good, not evil. Maimonides was the most influential Jewish thinker of the Middle Ages. He wrote extensively on philosophy, science and medicine. Although he wrote no works on ethics per se, ethical issues permeate all of his philosophical writings.

The Great Books compilation may be purchased for \$24 at the Circulation Desk. The discussion group welcomes new members. Participants are invited to come to any or all of the discussions.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

Series celebrates spunky leading ladies

A film discussion series called "Classic Spifires: Women with Smarts, Spunk and a Whole Lot of Sass" will run for two more Sundays, including this Sunday and May 22 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

The discussion leader is Francine Rizzo, who teaches at Kean University.

This film appreciation series will take a modern look at some of the most romantic "battles of the wits" films of the '30s, '40s and '50s.

On Sunday, John Wayne, Marjorie O'Hara, Barry Fitzgerald, and Ward Bond star in a 1952 Republic Pictures film that is 129 minutes. Seen this week, an American boxer, returns home to Ireland, where he falls in love with Mary Kate Danaher, played by O'Hara. Their romance, however, is complicated by local customs and

payment of a dowry. On May 22, Bette Davis, James Fonda, and George Brent star in a 1933 Turner/Warner Bros film that is 104 minutes. Bette Davis won a second

Academy Award for her outstanding performance in this film, establishing her as Warner's leading lady. She plays the Marston, a tempestuous Southern belle whose insensitivity causes a break in her engagement to the ineffectual Pres Dillard, played by Henry Fonda.

Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. Refreshments will be served. For information, call 973-376-4930.

Children's programs offered in May

On Saturday, the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., invites children to a new program, Drop-In Story time from 10:30 to 11 a.m. and again from 2 to 2:30 p.m.

What if every child in New Jersey read the same book? That's the idea behind One Book New Jersey. Celebrate the selection of New Jersey author Margie Palatini and meet Springfield's new Youth Services Librarian Deborah Sandford while she reads the One Book NJ selection "Piggy Pie" and other books by Palatini.

The library continues May children's programming for babies, toddlers and young children, as follows:

The Mother Goose Group promotes the enjoyment of language through nursery rhymes, simple stories, songs, and activities for toddlers ages 1 1/2 to 3 years old and their parent or caregiver. Plan to stay and play afterward.

The program will be conducted on Monday from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. No advance registration.

Babies' Lullaby is designed for the youngest patrons — birth to 18 months — and will be conducted on May 27, from 11-11:20 a.m.

Goin' fishing



Preschooler Zoe Frei and her mother Amy enjoy fishing for ducks at the Edward V. Walton School carnival in Springfield on April 15.

OBITUARIES

Sylvia Eisenberg

Sylvia "Bobbie" Eisenberg of Springfield, formerly of Union, active with a Jewish War Veterans auxiliary, died May 8 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Eisenberg lived in Union before moving to Springfield in 1976. She was a bookkeeper for Masco Sports, Union, for 20 years before retiring in 1992. Mrs. Eisenberg was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans Elin-Unger Post 273, which was named after her late brother, Steven S. Unger, and served as the auxiliary's president 10 times. She was a

charter member of the former Herbert W. Elin Post 273.

Mrs. Eisenberg received the New Jersey Jewish War Veterans Association "President of the Year" award and served for 18 years as the auxiliary's joint-installation co-chairperson. She donated more than two gallons of blood to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Blood Bank over the years.

For the past four years, Mrs. Eisenberg volunteered on Mondays at the Department of Veterans Affairs New Jersey Health Care Center in Springfield. She also was a member of the Hillside Hadassah, the Seymour Feldman Leukemia Fund in Maple-

wood and the Jewish Community Center in Summit.

Surviving are her husband, Harry, a son, Lawrence; a daughter, Marilyn Kaplan; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Margery Wagner

Margery Cohen Wagner, 89, of New Providence, a volunteer in Mountainside and Summit.

Mrs. Wagner lived in South Orange before moving to New Providence in 1966. She was a member of Smith College.

Mrs. Wagner volunteered at the specialized Children's Hospital in

Mountainside and SAGE in Summit. Surviving are her husband of 65 years, Dr. Richard Wagner; two sons, Robert and Thomas; and three grandchildren.

Agnes Ronkowitz, 93, of South Plainfield, formerly of Springfield, died May 3 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Ronkowitz lived in Springfield before moving to South Plainfield in 1966.

Frank Gwathney Sr.

Frank Edward Gwathney Sr., 83, of the Vauxhall section of Union, formerly of Springfield, died May 2 in Union Hospital.

Born in Springfield, Mr. Gwathney lived in Vauxhall for 60 years. He was

a machinist at Liberty Mold and Duplissing Co., Springfield, for 45 years before retiring. Mr. Gwathney served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a member of the Monday Senior Early Bird Bowling League at the Hy-Way Bowl in Union.

Surviving are two sons, Frank Jr. and James Darryl; three daughters, Joyce Ann Anthony, Louise Tonya Brown and Andrea L. Gwathney; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Blindness doesn't stop therapist from helping others with vision

Janet Rowley of Summit is extremely busy and productive. When she's not at her job as a low vision therapist at University Hospital in Newark, she is planning her wedding. Just back from camping and turkey hunting with her fiancé, she is out at least one night a week practicing in a women's quartet and another night at a chorus rehearsal with a group of women who participate in regional and international competitions. All this and Rowley, an exuberant, six-foot blond record-setting athlete, is legally blind.

Rowley is one of an estimated 1.3 million people in the United States who are legally blind, meaning they cannot see better than 20/200 with the best correction possible. A much larger group of Americans, about 14 million, have low vision and cannot see better than 20/70 with correction. Her visual disability began at birth due to albinism, a genetic lack of pigment in her skin, retina and hair.

Her work at the Low Vision Center at University Hospital allows her to bring her own experience and sensitivities to others with the same challenges.

Dr. Marco Zarin, chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at New Jersey Medical School, said the Low Vision Center was created in 2004 because of the increasing number of people with low vision who needed



Janet Rowley of Summit doesn't let being legally blind stop her from enjoying life, or from job as a low vision therapist at University Hospital in Newark.

help beyond what could be done with medicine or surgery. "Many people are suffering un-

essarily from their disability," he said. "Low vision therapy has a rehabilitative role for people with visual limita-

tions similar to what physical therapy offers people following orthopedic or neurological surgery."

Low vision services begin with an in-depth questionnaire, medical history and measurement of a patient's maximum functional vision under the best conditions possible. Then an individualized plan is developed which addresses adaptive devices and techniques of daily living.

Some examples of adaptive techniques include ordering large print checks, using a tactile mark to set the oven dial or arranging spices in alphabetical order, to name a few. Specialized adaptive products include "talking" blood glucose monitors, devices for pouring that emit a warning beep to prevent an overflow, specially designed wallets that have compartments for different currencies, and familiar board games created for people with low vision.

On the high-tech end, there are special access technology software programs, which through magnification and speech synthesizers give people with low vision full access to the World Wide Web, e-mail and any personal computer-generated text. Telescopes and magnifying devices run the gamut from simple to sophisticated.

"Low vision means that you always have to adapt to your disability, but you can do almost all the things you like to do," said Rowley. For example, she never goes anywhere without a lipstick-sized telescope that allows her to check street signs from a

distance or appreciate the details of costumes at a show. After their low vision rehabilitation plan has been established, patients are referred to Rowley. As a certified low vision therapist, her job often involves counseling patients who are fearful that their whole personality is diminishing along with their reduced ability to see well.

Rowley said depression about low vision is a common problem among older people whose eye problems are related to macular degeneration, glaucoma or diabetes.

"They feel they've worked all these years and planned to retire and enjoy themselves, now they need guidance," said Rowley. Beyond offering support on emotional and psychological issues associated with low vision, Rowley teaches her patients practical reading strategies to compensate for particular problems. Patients with macular degeneration, for example, find that the center of each sentence may be very cloudy compared with the text to the far right and left. Rowley teaches patients techniques on how to scan the text and bypass the predictable trouble spot.

For information about The Center for Low Vision Rehabilitation and Applied Vision Research Program at University Hospital, call 973-972-2097.

Summit residents form Transportation Task Force for bike week

Last year, a group of Summit residents covering a cross-section of the community joined forces, literally, by joining the Alternative Modes of Transportation Task Force.

The group was appointed by the Common Council of Summit and given the authority to investigate modes of transportation, excluding vehicular, that would enhance city life.

While the task force members represent dif-

ferent segments within the community, one common thread exists between every member: a commitment to a healthier and safer Summit.

In just one year, the group has successfully organized Summit's first-ever Bike in Summit Week, participated in the annual Fourth of July events at Memorial Field and steadily worked toward establishing safer routes throughout the city for cycling and walking.

The force is currently planning the second Bike in Summit Week through May 22, as well as a Silent Rider, poster contest and a Yellow Ribbon Walk to support troops overseas.

The walk is slated for June.

Task force Chairman Ted Tolles is largely responsible for the formation of the group. His belief in the benefits of cycling and walking encouraged him to take on the campaign with

Common Council to form this group. Tolles, an educational sales professional, is a life long recreational runner, cyclist and walker.

Other participants in the effort include a mother of four and public relations director; a mother of three and Common Council member; the president of an international insurance company and owner of a world-class cycling team; a mother of four and PTO member; a

lifelong member of the Summit Police force; a city engineer, and last but not least, the father of four, an avid cyclist and investment banker.

While the members represent a broad cross-section of the community, all agree more walking and biking would enhance life in Summit.

For information on involvement in the Alternative Modes of Transportation Task Force, call Ted Tolles at 908-273-1565.

Site awards given to students in Summit's elementary schools

The site competition is an annual event in the Summit elementary schools and is open to all third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students.

The school board wants to thank Washington School Principal Lauren Banker for coordinating the competition and for pulling together this large and complex event.

The judging for the competition was conducted in March at Washington School. Teams of two to three students and other volunteers, evaluated

investigations and projects. Student's success in a number of areas associated with the invention process.

Awards were made in two divisions. Division B includes third and fourth-grade students; fifth-grade students compete in Division C. First place winners in both divisions will participate in the regional competition that will be conducted later in the spring. The following is a list of students and their projects.

Brayton School: • Claim, Harrison, and Jonathan. The Education Project: • Claim, Harrison, and Jonathan. The Education Project: • Claim, Harrison, and Jonathan.

• Alexandra Resznetik and Katharine Resznetik, "Write On" School Supplies.

• Taylor Lockhart and Priya Marathe, Binder Buddy.

• Allison Hialop and Maggie Lees, Quick Brush.

From Jefferson School: • Michelle Leung, Everyday Poster.

• Olga Prymak, BethAnn Powers, Anastasya Prymak, and Sarah Russo.

• Emily Richards, Shannon Beatty, Slip Slips.

• Lauren Sormani and Carolyn Saxton, Flavored Swabs.

• Jennifer Covello, The Get it All.

• Abbie Krupnick and Britanni Sharenov, Headband Sock.

• Sarah Meyers and Madeleine Malleur, Hairbrush Hair Remover.

Shabbat for prospective congregants offered

Temple Sinai, a reform Jewish congregation in Summit, is sponsoring a Friday Shabbat service and Shabbat dinner for prospective congregants, June 10. Come meet Rabbi Gershon, Cantor Mervel and the religious school director, as well as other congregants during an informal Shabbat dinner at after the service.

The event is open to anyone thinking of joining their congregation or seeking spiritual guidance. The dinner will be held at the synagogue, 245

be a traditional Friday night Shabbat service with music. In between the two services starting at 7 p.m. sharp, there will be an informal Shabbat dinner, as well as other services can attend. R.S.V.P. no later than June 3 by calling the temple office at 908-273-4921.

Advertisement for Prosperity Money Market Account. Features interest rates of 2.07% APY on balances up to \$9,999 and 2.53% APY on balances of \$10,000 or more. Also offers a 12-Month CD at 3.15% APY. Includes NorCrown Bank logo and contact information: (973) 740-8900, www.norcrownbanknj.com.

Advertisement for The Route 21 Family 4-Pack. Features 4 Game Tickets, 4 Hot Dogs, 4 Soft Drinks, and 4 Bears T-Shirts for \$84 (\$120 Value). Includes a schedule of events from May 14th to May 27th, such as Drug Awareness Day, Soccer Baseball Giveaway Night, Mother's Day Diamond Dig, Star Wars Night/Oradell Town Night, and East Hanover Night. Contact: CALL 973.848.1000, www.newarkbears.com.

Advertisement for American Red Cross seeking donations for troops. Lists needed items such as toothpaste, travel size toiletries, deodorant, and socks. Encourages donations to the Summit Area Chapter, 695 Springfield Ave., Summit.

Advertisement for The Pain Management Center at Overlook Hospital. Offers a free information seminar on May 21st, 10:00 AM to Noon. For reservations, call Overlook's Pain Management Center at (908) 522-2808.

Advertisement for Somerset Hills Bank. Promotes opening a Paramount Checking Account with a 2.80% interest rate through July 1, 2005. Also offers a Home Equity Line of Credit with rates of 4.00% and 5.25%. Contact: 908-522-6555, 510 Morris Ave., Summit.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Tenenbaum to be honored for service

Joseph Tenenbaum, veteran president of Springfield B'nai B'rith Lodge 2093, will be honored June 15 for his longtime service to B'nai B'rith and its many causes.



Tenenbaum

Tenenbaum owned Towne Cleaners Inc., Roselle, a wholesale cleaning business, from 1953 until his retirement in 1990.

Although officially retired, Tenenbaum's days have been filled with a vast variety of projects which have included assistance to the less fortunate by raising funds to feed the homeless and numerous other similar-type programs.

He has actively sought to develop B'nai B'rith senior citizen housing in Springfield, while working with members of the Township Committee in seeking to find and develop a site.

Tenenbaum was honored by the

Northern New Jersey Council of B'nai B'rith as 1996-1997 Volunteer of the Year for the considerable amount of work he had done for the organization.

Tenenbaum and his wife, the former Muriel Fisher, were married in 1951. He joined the Springfield B'nai B'rith Lodge in 1960, less than a year after moving to the township. His wife, who became active in the former B'nai B'rith Women, is a past president and currently a member of the presidential presidium of the successor Springfield organization, Jewish Women International.

He is a member of the Elm-Unger Post 273 of the Jewish War Veterans, the Springfield Democratic County Committee, a congregant of Temple Beth Ahm and a member of both its Men's Club and Hazak, its senior group. He is also a member of the Senior Set of Congregation Israel, Springfield, and the Weequahic High School Alumni Association. In addition, Tenenbaum is on the board of trustees of both Hazak and Senior Set.

The Tenenbaums have three children, Mark of Trenton, Howard of New York City and Steven of Monroe Township, and four grandchildren, Sarah Beth and Samuel of Monroe, and Jeremy and Jessica of New York City.

For information on how to purchase tickets, call Hy Kuperstein at 973-376-7535. The price is \$100 per person or the equivalent in ads for the junction's ad journal. Proceeds go to B'nai B'rith's many causes.

Nittoly earns Saiber Achievement Award

On Monday, Mountainside resident Paul Nittoly of Drinker Biddle & Reath was presented the Samuel S. Saiber Professional Achievement Award by

the Essex County Bar Association. The presentation will be part of the Association's annual installation and awards dinner.

"The Saiber Award is bestowed upon an ECBA member who is highly respected and who has volunteered their professional skills and expertise in service to the bar and the community," said Patrick Brady, the Association's outgoing president. "No one exemplifies that description more than Paul Nittoly."

Nittoly has played an integral role in the litigation surrounding the renovation of the landmark Essex County Courthouse. Over the last 15 years, he has provided his services pro bono, on behalf of the Bar Association, to secure funding for the extensive courthouse renovations.

Nittoly's connection to Essex County began when he went to work in the prosecutor's office after his graduation from law school. He was an assistant Essex County prosecutor from 1973-1979, then left to join Shanley & Fisher, which was based in Newark until their move to Morristown in 1983, and president of the Essex County Bar Association from 1998 to 1999.

Nittoly, a certified civil and criminal trial attorney, is a partner in the White Collar and Corporate Investigations Practice Group and the Labor and Employment Practice Group of Drinker Biddle, which merged with Shanley & Fisher in 1999.

"Paul's dedication to the courthouse project is a tribute to the exceptional professional standards that he brings to all areas of his work," said Daniel E. O'Connell, partner-in-charge of Drinker Biddle's Florham Park office, where Nittoly practices. "All of our colleagues join me in congratulating Paul on receiving this honor."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Springfield, New Jersey County of Union, New Jersey TAKE NOTICE, that there will be a Special Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, New Jersey, Tuesday, May 17, 2005, at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the 2005-2006 proposed school budget.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE LOT NO. 10 IN BLOCK NO. 3903 DIMENSIONS OF LOT (Approximately) 27.12' x 100.00' (Approximately) NEARST CROSS STREET: DUNDAS ROAD. Additionally, there are prior liens for real estate taxes on the directed to the attorney's Affidavit of Consideration in the appropriate form of \$25,000.00 as of March 21, 2005, plus any and all interest, additional taxes, charges and penalties as may be due before and/or as may continue to accrue from and after the aforesaid date.

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, UNION, IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY. APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 90' x 150'. NEAREST CROSS STREET: WINDING DRIVE. 1st and 2nd Quarters 2005. Plus interest on these figures through date of sale and any and all other taxes, charges and penalties as may be due before and/or as may continue to accrue from and after the aforesaid date.

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SHERIFF'S SALE DIVISION: CHANCERY COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY. DECKERT NO. F1589404. PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY. REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA. DEFENDANT: FRANCES FISHER. WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2005.

2005 Municipal Budget TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

Revenue and Appropriation Summaries. Summary of Revenues - Current Fund. 2005 Anticipated 2004. 1. Surplus 2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues 3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes 4. Local Tax for Municipal Purposes. Total General Revenues \$21,815,673.05 \$20,803,262.27

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union on April 26, 2005. A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on May 24, 2005 at 8:00 o'clock (PM) at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2005 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

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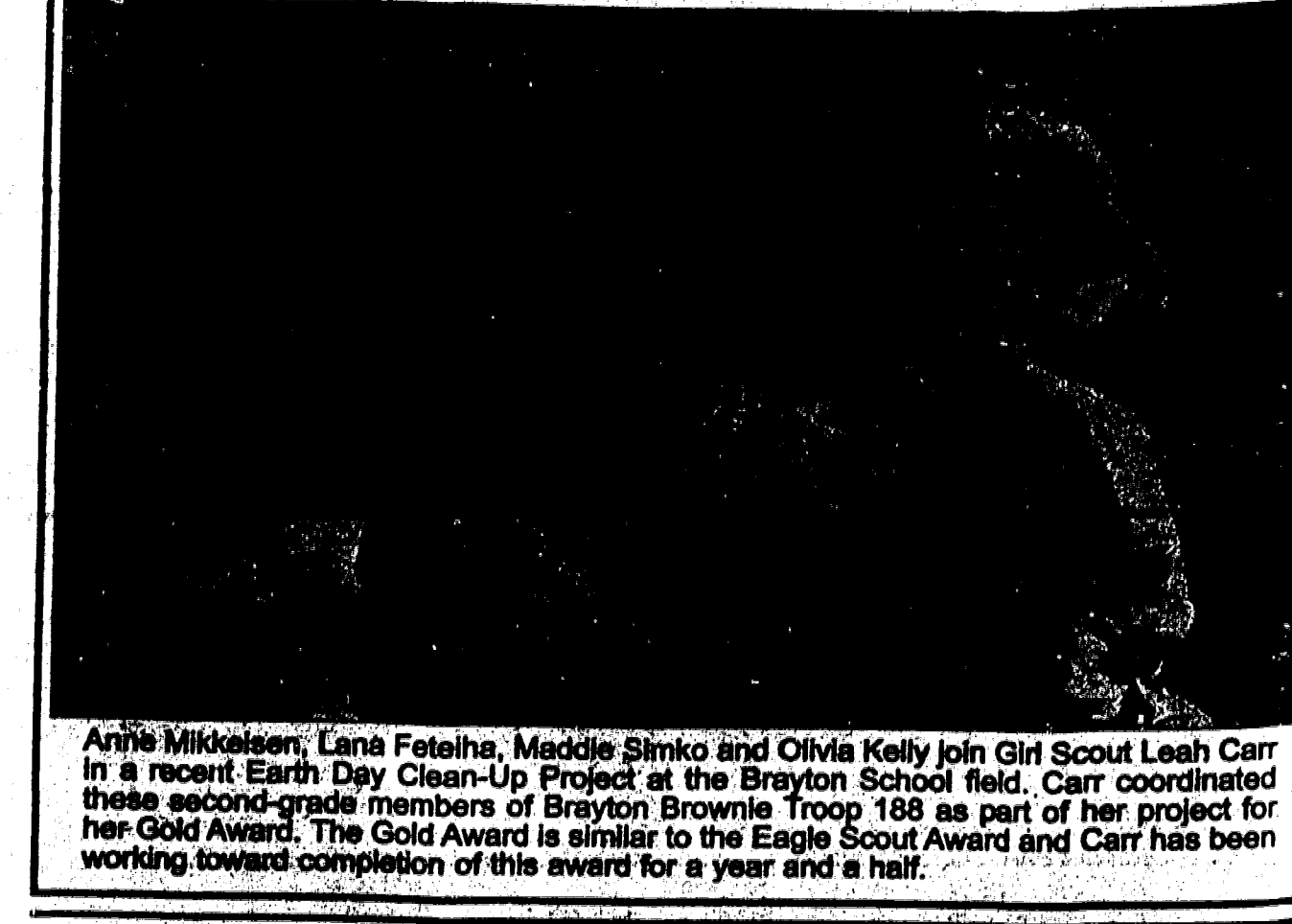
From February 12th to June 12th, you have the opportunity to win an exciting trip for two to Miami's Delano Hotel in South Beach! All that you have to do is write the plate number down when you spot a "Donate Life" license plate and visit our web site to submit your entry.

Winners will be announced on June 27th at our 7th annual "Tee-up for Transplants" Golf Invitational to be held at the Tournament Players Club Jasna Polana in Princeton, NJ.

To enter the game or to purchase a "Donate Life" license plate, log onto www.sharenj.org.



Keeping it clean and green



Arnie Mikkelsen, Lana Feteiha, Maddie Simko and Olivia Kelly join Girl Scout Leah Carr in a recent Earth Day Clean-Up Project at the Brayton Scout field. Carr coordinated the second-grade members of Brayton Browne Troop 188 as part of her project for the Gold Award.

Summit Police Department has received a federal block grant from the Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Alcohol Beverage Control, and the United States Justice Department's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to conduct a "Cops in Shops" program from June 1 until May 30, 2006.

This program involves undercover officers operating within local liquor establishments, acting as merchants and checking the identification of individuals appearing to be under the legal age to purchase alcohol.

In addition, these officers ensure that the establishments are in compliance with all state laws and local ordinances.

"Cops in Shops" is an aggressive law enforcement technique that is a vital tool in the battle against underage drinking.

This is one of many efforts which have proven effective in New Jersey and throughout the nation as a whole in reducing the number of fatalities in

Summit Police Department conducts 'Cops in Shop' initiative

alcohol-related motor vehicle accidents involving drivers younger than age 21. In New Jersey alone, there has been a 67 percent decrease in this category since 1986.

Nevertheless, 31 percent of all deaths for young people age 15 to 24 still result from auto accidents involving alcohol.

In addition, thousands of incidents of assault, injury, sexual abuse, unsafe sex, academic problems, suicide attempts, and vandalism involving college-aged students involve an alcohol component.

According to the author of the grant application, Detective Sergeant John Rice, "these statistics demonstrate a continuing need for programs like 'Cops in Shops.' These funds are essential in our efforts to keep our young people safe."

"Summit is located in proximity to three major private, four-year universities - Fairleigh Dickinson, The College of St. Elizabeth's and Drew University - and during the school

year there is an influx of college students in the area," said Rice. "They tend to travel out of their towns to seek liquor establishments to purchase alcohol with fraudulent identification."

Having our law enforcement officers assigned to local liquor stores sends a clear message that attempting to purchase alcohol while under the legal age with false identification will not be tolerated and will be punished to the full extent of the law."

Chief of Police Robert Lucid welcomed the continued availability of federal funds, noting that the "Cops in Shops" program had been used effectively in Summit for the past five years.

"I wish to commend Sgt. Rice for his initiative in securing this grant to continue our efforts to address the issues of drinking and driving, as well as underage drinking," said Lucid.

"Our 'Cops in Shops' involvement speaks to our concerns for the safety of our citizens."

NJ SEEDS director earns Kent Place alumna award

Amy Ziebarth, executive director of New Jersey SEEDS, has been selected to receive the Kent Place School Alumna Professional Achievement Award.

Ziebarth graduated from Kent Place in 1980. She subsequently received her bachelor of arts from Colgate and her master's degree from Drew University.

Ziebarth joined the staff of New Jersey SEEDS in 1995, assuming the role of executive director in 1998. New Jersey SEEDS - Scholars, Educators, Excellence, Dedication, Success - is a privately funded, state-wide, nonprofit organization committed to educating future leaders from a wide variety of backgrounds.

SEEDS students are highly motivated and academically talented, but financially limited. SEEDS helps these students gain access to, and succeed at, competitive secondary schools.

In her tenure as executive director, Ziebarth has quadrupled the annual operating budget of NJ SEEDS, increased the number of students served annually from 50 to 180, and moved the organization from a struggling 501(c)(3) to a well-funded 501(c)(3).

Ziebarth would have sought via public transportation to consult with staff members or volunteers their time. Ziebarth expanded the size of the full-time staff from six to 17 and tripled the number of independent schools where SEEDS alumni are placed. She also led a successful \$6 million capital campaign, earning SEEDS recognition from the Partnership in Philanthropy. In 2001, she

was recognized by the Delbarton School as Educator of the Year. In 2003, her thoughts on diversity and education were published in an op-ed in The New York Times.

In 2002, Ziebarth launched a new SEEDS project, the Young Scholars Program, designed to serve students in grades five and six. She created the Young Scholars Program to address an alarming trend known as the "fifth grade cliff."

All too often, high-achieving students in inner city schools stop performing well after fifth grade as they succumb to peer pressures and negative social distractions. The Young Scholars Program creates a bridge for students from elementary school to high school, ultimately placing students in competitive, private schools. In 2003, the Young Scholars Program received a \$100,000 grant from Oprah's Angel Network.

Today, NJ Seeds has close to 900 alumni, who are attending competitive independent day and boarding schools, selective colleges and top graduate schools. In its 14-year history, SEEDS has become one of the most respected educational organizations in New Jersey.

"The award of this award," Ziebarth said of the Kent Place Alumna Professional Achievement Award, "Kent Place taught me the value of education, hard work and contribution. It is an honor to be recognized as an alumna who has taken what she learned and put it into practice."

The awards ceremony will take place Saturday on the campus of Kent Place in Summit.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST EVANGELICAL CHURCH "SERVING CHRIST IN THE 21st CENTURY." 242 Shepley Rd., Springfield, N.J. Pastor: Sunday: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages - Nursery through Seniors; Spanish Sunday School 9:30 am and 5:30 pm; 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery care; 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11; 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care; Wednesdays: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study; Jewish/Israeli High Ministry; Active Youth Ministry; Wide High Ministry; Active Parking; Clear 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-REFORM TEMPLE SHARAY SHALOM, 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (973) 379-5187. Rabbi: Richard Nadel, Cantor: Marilyn Golan, Director: Mindy Schreff, Family Life Educator: Edward Fink and Hank Rotenberg, Co-Presidents: Temple Sh'aray Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:00 PM, with monthly Family and Alternative Worship. Sunday morning Torah study begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday, and Thursday afternoon for 4-7; and Tuesday evenings for post bar/bat mitzvah classes. Pre-school classes are available for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Jewish Community Center, a Religious Action Group, and Youth Group. A wide range of programs includes: Adult, Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (973) 379-5187.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 973-376-0539. Mark Malach, Rabbi, Richard Nadel, Cantor, Marilyn Golan, President. Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Shabbat services Mon-Fri: 7:00 AM Sat: Thurs: 7:45 PM Shabbat (Friday) 6:00 PM & 8:30 PM Shabbat day 9:30 AM & sunset; Sundays: 8:30 AM. Festival & Holiday services 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (K-8th grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-High School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Bar/Bat Mitzvah League, Men's Club, youth groups for each through twelfth grade, and a new Adult Education program. For more information, please contact our office at (973) 376-0539.

JEWISH-ORTHODOX CONGREGATION "ISRAEL" OF SPRINGFIELD 539 Mainland Avenue, Springfield, 973-477-8666. Rabbi: Alan J. Yule, 1000 Pennsylvania Station, New York, NY 10019. Services: Shabbat: 8:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 6:00 AM, 5:00 AM. Daily services: Monday: 6:15 AM & 7:00 AM. Daily services: Tuesday: 6:15 AM & 7:00 AM. Daily services: Wednesday: 6:15 AM & 7:00 AM. Daily services: Thursday: 6:15 AM & 7:00 AM. Daily services: Friday: 6:15 AM & 7:00 AM. Daily services: Saturday: 6:15 AM & 7:00 AM. Daily services: Sunday: 6:15 AM & 7:00 AM. Daily services: Monday: 6:15 AM & 7:00 AM. Daily services: Tuesday: 6:15 AM & 7:00 AM. Daily services: Wednesday: 6:15 AM & 7:00 AM. Daily services: Thursday: 6:15 AM & 7:00 AM. Daily services: Friday: 6:15 AM & 7:00 AM. Daily services: Saturday: 6:15 AM & 7:00 AM. Daily services: Sunday: 6:15 AM & 7:00 AM.

LUTHERAN HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH 699 Mainland Avenue, Springfield, 973-376-0539. Pastor: Rev. Dr. David J. Smith, 1000 Pennsylvania Station, New York, NY 10019. Services: Shabbat: 8:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 6:00 AM, 5:00 AM. Daily services: Monday: 6:15 AM & 7:00 AM. Daily services: Tuesday: 6:15 AM & 7:00 AM. Daily services: Wednesday: 6:15 AM & 7:00 AM. Daily services: Thursday: 6:15 AM & 7:00 AM. Daily services: Friday: 6:15 AM & 7:00 AM. Daily services: Saturday: 6:15 AM & 7:00 AM. Daily services: Sunday: 6:15 AM & 7:00 AM.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 175 Mainland Ave. at Church Hill, Springfield, 973-376-4320. Pastor: Scott Church for age 3yrs - Senior High 9:00 am. In our Parish Home, Sunday morning worship service 10:15 am. Children's Church is held before the worship service. Nursery care and facilities are provided. Opportunities for personal growth through worship, Christian Education, Choir, ongoing church activities and Fellowship. Holy Communion is held the 1st Sunday of every month. The Ladies Evening Group 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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'Bike in Summit' week celebrated

Citizens encouraged to participate in National Bike Month

Once again, the city of Summit will host Bike in Summit Week, Monday through May 22. The city is celebrating National Bike Month by encouraging citizens to participate in "Bike-in-Summit" week.

Last year the event got commuters to dust off their bikes and take a spin to the office, train station and sporting activities. In the spirit of the week, Summit Police Chief Robert Lucid challenged all municipal workers and Common Council members to join him in a ride to City Hall. No surprise, everyone showed up to work that day with a big smile.

That would come as no surprise to the League of American Bicyclists, who have sponsored Bike-to-Work week for more than a decade. The League is well aware of the statistical information regarding the emotional and physical benefits of cycling. For this reason, they support various initiatives to enhance cycling across the country. Thus far, Bike-to-Work Week has successfully been adopted in cities across the United States, including bike-friendly communities like Portland, Or.; Folsom, Ca.; Arlington, Va.; and Washington, D.C. Getting involved simply requires putting down the car keys and biking to and from work.

The city is also encouraging children and parents to consider pedaling to school, a practice of going during the week. Parents should do a test run with their child before sending them out solo. The League of American Bicyclists Web site, www.leagueofbicyclists.org, offers practical advice for cyclists of all ages. In addition, a free brochure offering safety tips is available at City Hall, the Summit Library, YMCA and other local sites.

Hoping to make this an easy transition, the city is designating areas to lock bicycles throughout the downtown; the hub being the Summit train station.

The free brochure covers many of the "do's and don'ts" including suggested routes, clothing and storage. Participants will be amazed at how little time it actually takes to commute by bike. The added bonuses of a healthier lifestyle, no gas or wear-and-tear on your vehicle and a cleaner environment can't be knocked either.

This event supports Summit's Master Plan initiative to enhance connections within the city of Summit through the use of public transit systems, walking, biking and alternative modes of transportation. According to councilwoman Diane Klair, "The Bike-to-Work program is a great tool to help educate and encourage the community to the use of alternative modes of transportation."

The City's Alternatives Modes of Transportation Task Force which was formed last year is organizing the event to help create awareness of pedestrians and cyclists as well as to

create a safer and healthier environment in the city. Many participants in last year's event were surprised to find a spin to town, whether it is for lunch, shopping or a medical appointment, was not only easier, but faster.

John MacKinnon, owner of Cycles Palace on Broad Street in Summit, is supporting the event by offering discounts on merchandise during bike week.

During bike week, road cyclists from across the area are encouraged to join a ride of solidarity slated for May 16 at 7 p.m. that will start from the parking lot at Wilson School. The Ride of Silence will cover approximately 20 mostly flat miles and move at a 12 mph pace. Bikers will ride single file and are not to speak at anytime during the ride. The event was launched last year in honor of those injured or killed while riding. To date, no cities across the U.S. and Canada are participating in this year's ride.

The AMT task force will also be running a poster contest for Summit children grades 1-5. The contest will have one winner per grade and a grand prize winner. The grand prize drawing will be featured on promotional material for the Bike in Summit week.

For information regarding this event or a copy of the bike-to-work pamphlet, call Ted Tolles at 908-273-1565 or contact him via email at ted.tolles@yahoo.com or Elissa.Cordery@908-273-6306.



Kent Place Middle School students Vanessa Rendon-Vasquez, Holly Goodman, Allison Beeman, Emma Weirreich and Catey Bayse, recognized by the 2005 National Latin Exam, pose for a picture with teacher Christine Napolitano.

Kent Place students honored

Eight Kent Place eighth-graders have received honors from the National Latin Exam, sponsored by the American Classical League and the New Jersey Classical League. This year Kent Place had an impressive 100 percent participation and earned many recognitions in both the Middle and Upper Schools.

Emma Weirreich of Summit received Gold Summa Cum Laude and Liza Wiesenthal of Short Hills was awarded Magna Cum Laude. Cum Laude honorees included Vanessa Rendon-Vasquez of Kenilworth, Holly Goodman of Bedminster, Alicia Hobson of Florham Park and Summit residents Catey Bayse, Allison Beeman and Katie Cummings. "This is a remarkable academic achievement for each girl and for Kent Place School," noted Middle School Latin teacher Christine Napolitano.

BPW welcomes Global Project speaker

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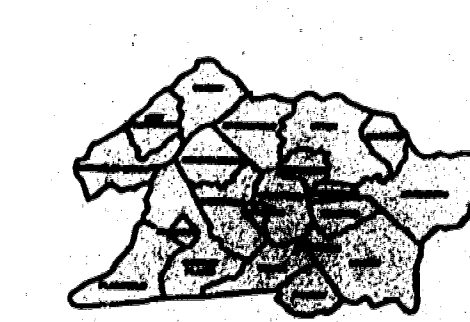
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By the numbers

10 — The number of octogenarians who along with some Elizabeth grade school kids participated in a celebration of the 100-year history of the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth. The facility, which has a capacity to hold 38, sometimes housed as many as 50. The center sits atop a six-floor parking garage adjacent to the county courthouse that was constructed in 1968. County officials have talked about building a new facility since 1994. Not until Sinclair's suicide two years ago have plans really taken off. The county has acquired land of Routes 1&9 in Linden and the Union County Improvement Authority is overseeing construction of a new youth jail. Groundbreaking is expected this summer on the \$40-million facility, with the two-story warehouse building on the Edward Street site recently having been demolished.

Left Out

3 — The number who will jointly serve as the new executive committee overseeing Babyway's Merck & Co., the world's top drug maker. Last week Chief Executive Officer Raymond Gilmarin's 11 year term as CEO was cut short. The chairman of the board position will be shared by three independent directors of the company's executive committee. The company has faced hard times after the recall of the pain reliever Vioxx as well as slowly losing via expiration some valuable patents. The company had \$22.9 billion in overall sales last year.

40 — The number of students in the district who were enrolled in the survey revealed also 36 acts of violence from the district where 3,498 students are enrolled. Overall, the county had 672 acts of violence, 271 vandalism and 112 weapons offenses. The report provides unduplicated counts of the number of incidents within a category.

50 — The number of years the Union Township Chamber of Commerce has been in operation. On Monday, they will hold a celebration at the Suburban Golf Club for the 330 member businesses.

\$760 million — The amount of additional investment by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to deepen the harbor channel to 50 feet. Last week the Port Authority announced they had approved the port-to-46 Executive Director Kenneth Ringle Jr. said, "The channel-deepening is a critical part of our aggressive long-term redevelopment of the Port. We are investing millions to build new and upgraded rail facilities and roadways to strengthen and deepen berths."

\$19.5 million — The amount of money the Clark Board of Education has voted to spend to revitalize school facilities in the community. \$805 million — The amount of shortfall estimated to be needed to replenish the state's Transportation Trust Fund.

There is little talk about any increase in the gasoline tax anymore. Also, coming on a 13-percent increase in mass transit costs, the estimates from Trenton are for more increases next year.

Teen mourned on second anniversary of suicide

Based on this, Padilla recently filed a lawsuit against the County of Union. Approximately 45 people gathered outside the facility bearing signs and donning T-shirts and pins with Eddie's likeness. Papers were circulated so that those in attendance could leave messages for Eddie. The papers were originally posted on the brick wall of the parking garage, before county police officers told the crowd they were in violation of an ordinance. Padilla asked to see a copy of the ordinance and told the officers that she had done the same thing last year. Those in attendance then began marching in a circle chanting, calling out for justice. Their shouts were received by banging on the windows from the top floor of the facility. Eddie's mother read from a prepared statement calling her son, her whole life and said she

Students drawn to robotics team

Even though Seth Green killed Transformers hero Optimus Prime on his new show "Robot Chicken" on the Cartoon Network, the name lives on at the Union County Magnet High School. Some 28 percent of the student body — which numbers approximately 300 students in grades nine through 12 — passed the name on to their robot. Their version does not transform from tractor-trailer to a robot warrior, but is still pretty impressive. It can right itself when it falls over, and has three degrees of freedom in its movement, meaning, it can move in three directions simultaneously. The machine, entirely student designed and built, was this year's entry into the FIRST robotics competition. The worldwide event welcomes some 1,700 teams to compete in regional qualifiers before heading to this year's national championship in Atlanta.

"FIRST is all about inspiration," Pauline Barkin, 15, said. The team was even honored with the Engineering Inspiration Award, the second most prestigious award given to teams behind the Chairman's Award. The Engineering Inspiration Award is given to a team that have uniquely influenced engineering in the community, Barkin said, referring mostly to the large amount of participation the club garners within the school. At the New York area regional in March, the team Parallel Universe 1257, a name they got out of a physics textbook, was seeded second out of 32 teams and also took home the Xerox Creativity Award and the Autodesk Visualization Award.

The club was initiated by Gail Van Bekort, who considers herself a bit of a Johnny-Appleseed when it comes to the FIRST competition. Previously, she established two teams at other schools. "I had a couple of kids who were very enthusiastic," she said. Then after competing, there was an outpouring of students interested, mostly seniors, Van Bekort said. "We've never seen anything like it," she said. She admitted that

Fund-raising continues for children's museum

Plans for the new Children's Museum on Central New Jersey are still on track. "The outlook is very bright," CMCNJ Board of Trustees President Kelly Deere said. The nonprofit is in lease negotiations with Liberty Hall Foundation in Union and hopes to have a lease signed within the next six months, she said. After the lease is signed, Deere said, the capital campaign to raise the big bucks necessary to construct the new 43,000-square-foot museum will really begin. "We don't even want to do the kind of fundraising that you have seen of some other museums," Deere said. It's kind of hard to ask for large financial contributions without a lease, she said. Freeholder Angel Estrada, who also serves on the CMCNJ Board of Trustees, said that the Union location for the museum is ideal. Last week, the organization honored its five "Angel Donors," who pledged \$5,000 and unveiled the first renderings of some of the proposed exhibits. In 2003, the project was projected to cost \$12 million to complete. This

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They had grown up together because she had had him so young. Padilla then switched gears, calling out the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders for their lack of concern or action on not only her own son's tragedy, but also those of other juveniles. She emphasized that the freeholders should put time and money into creating some "real programs" for juveniles rather than the volunteer placement ones currently in place. Padilla also cited a 2004 report by the state's Office of Child Advocacy which stated that the county had repeatedly violated state regulations and "suggests a fundamental disregard for human rights." The report also said that those factors led directly to the conditions that allowed Sinclair's



A dramatic Justin Perrino jumps back to escape the knives of Optimus Prime, a robot constructed by students at the Union County Magnet High School.

In her 22 years of teaching she has never once purchased a yearbook because she became so fond of the students in the club. Faculty Advisor Bill Barlettano said the entire group showcases teamwork and leadership. "I think it's amazing really," he said. "The club is entirely driven by the students. We sort of step back and let them go." Last week, the team, led by veterans Jason Livingston and Max Lobovsky, both 17. "Blindsight is 20/20," Livingston said as he introduced to his fellow group members their new project to create the perfect robot. Basically, Livingston and Lobovsky would be departing as much

of their knowledge to the group's younger members to a series of after-school sessions that would recreate their existing project, incorporating some of the designs and ideas they encountered on the competition circuit. While the club is geared toward the engineering aspects of robot creation, it is open to everyone. In this, the club drew students with interests far beyond robotics, including art and fundraising. The group even offered up some of its tools to the name of individual sponsors for \$10. For information about sponsorships, visit the club's Web site at www.ucnj-tech.org. But, their competitiveness was not without limitations. Construction on their entry could not begin until six weeks before the competition, and had to be designed to compete in a specific game scenario. And it could only cost \$500 to build, with a maximum height of 4-foot and weight of 120 pounds. See ROBOTICS, Page B2

100 years in Union County

Generations gather at the Centennial Party last week at the Union County Courthouse for the county's centennial celebration. At the ceremony, the centennial of 105 of Berkeley Heights and Joan M. Karr, seated, with Gary C. Duryee and Christopher Duryee of Roselle Park.

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COUNTY NEWS

Plant sale Sunday

Savvy gardeners trek to Trailside Nature and Science Center in the Watchung Reservation every spring to snap up lots of garden bargains, get answers to plant and insect questions, and spend the day with like-minded green thumbs.

This year, the Rutgers Master Gardeners in cooperation with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will hold the 16th annual spring garden fair and plant sale on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m., rain or shine, in their demonstration garden next to Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. Admission is free.

One highlight of the day is the sale of Master Gardener perennials, bulbs, tubers and other divided plants from the members' home gardens. It is an opportunity to purchase stunning plants at bargain prices. Plants from local nurseries are also available at the fair.

Solutions to garden problems can be found at the fair, via one-on-one meetings with Master Gardener Helpline staffers who are trained to diagnose plant pests and diseases. Extensive materials published by Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension are available free and soil testing kits for lawns and gardens can be purchased for \$10 each.

House plants and many unique arts and crafts, provided by the Master Gardeners will also be on sale. Free activities and crafts for children will run throughout the event.

All proceeds from sales provide the annual budget for the Master Gardener Program that includes community beautification projects, horticulture therapy programs for adults and children with disabilities, helpline services for county residents and the Sharing Garden that grows fresh vegetables that are donated to local agencies that feed the hungry.

The Master Gardener Program, which is now available in 46 states and Canada, is a two-part educational effort, in which avid gardeners are provided many hours of home horticultural training, and they in return, assist local university extension agents through volunteerism.

Union County Master Gardeners are trained at the Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension office located at 300 North Ave. East in Westfield. For more information on the fair or the Master Gardener program, call 908-654-9852. For more information on the fair or the Master Gardener program, call 908-654-9852.

Classes are open to all people without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status.

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 Cranford, Kenilworth, Springfield, Union Township and Westfield.

The event is being sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation and the Rahway 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 Knawski, 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 work 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 posted. A specialized training program to become a rape crisis advocate is scheduled Sept. 27 to Nov. 17 on most Tuesdays and Thursdays between 6:30 and 10 p.m. Volunteers must attend all training sessions.

The training addresses the different types of sexual assault, the trauma experienced by sexual assault survivors and their family members and other related issues. It prepares advocates to respond with support and information either on the phone through the 24-hour hotline or in person while accompanying survivors through medical or legal proceedings.

In addition to serving as a Rape Crisis Advocate, volunteers can also become involved in making educational presentations to schools or to groups in the community on sexual assault. Persons interested in becoming a Rape Crisis Advocate should call 908-233-7273 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Interviews for volunteer training will be between the months of May and August. Bilingual individuals are especially needed.

Whitman to speak to Republican women

Union County Republican Women will hold a "Festive Tasting of Fine Wines" on May 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Arts Guild of Rahway, 1670 Irving St., Rahway. Thirty fine wines, contributed by The Wine Library of

Springfield, will be featured. The evening's special guest will be Christine Todd Whitman, the first woman elected governor of New Jersey, serving two terms from 1993 to 2000, and a member of the Bush Cabinet, as director of the Environmental Protection Agency from January 2001 to May 2003.

She will talk about her book "It's My Party, Too: The Battle for the Heart of the GOP and the Future of America."

In her book, Whitman, one of the Republican Party's leading moderates and most recognized women, recounts her own experiences in the turbulent world of politics and offers her view of the ideological struggles within the Republican Party today.

The book has been called "a compelling analysis of the future of the Republican Party." She will be available to sign copies of her book, which will be on sale at the event. The evening is open to all. Tickets cost \$25 per person. RSVP by Wednesday with a check payable to Union County Republican Women, 115 Grove St., Westfield, 07090.

For more information, call UCRW President Kelly Hatfield at 908-522-1455.

Training offered for rape crisis advocates

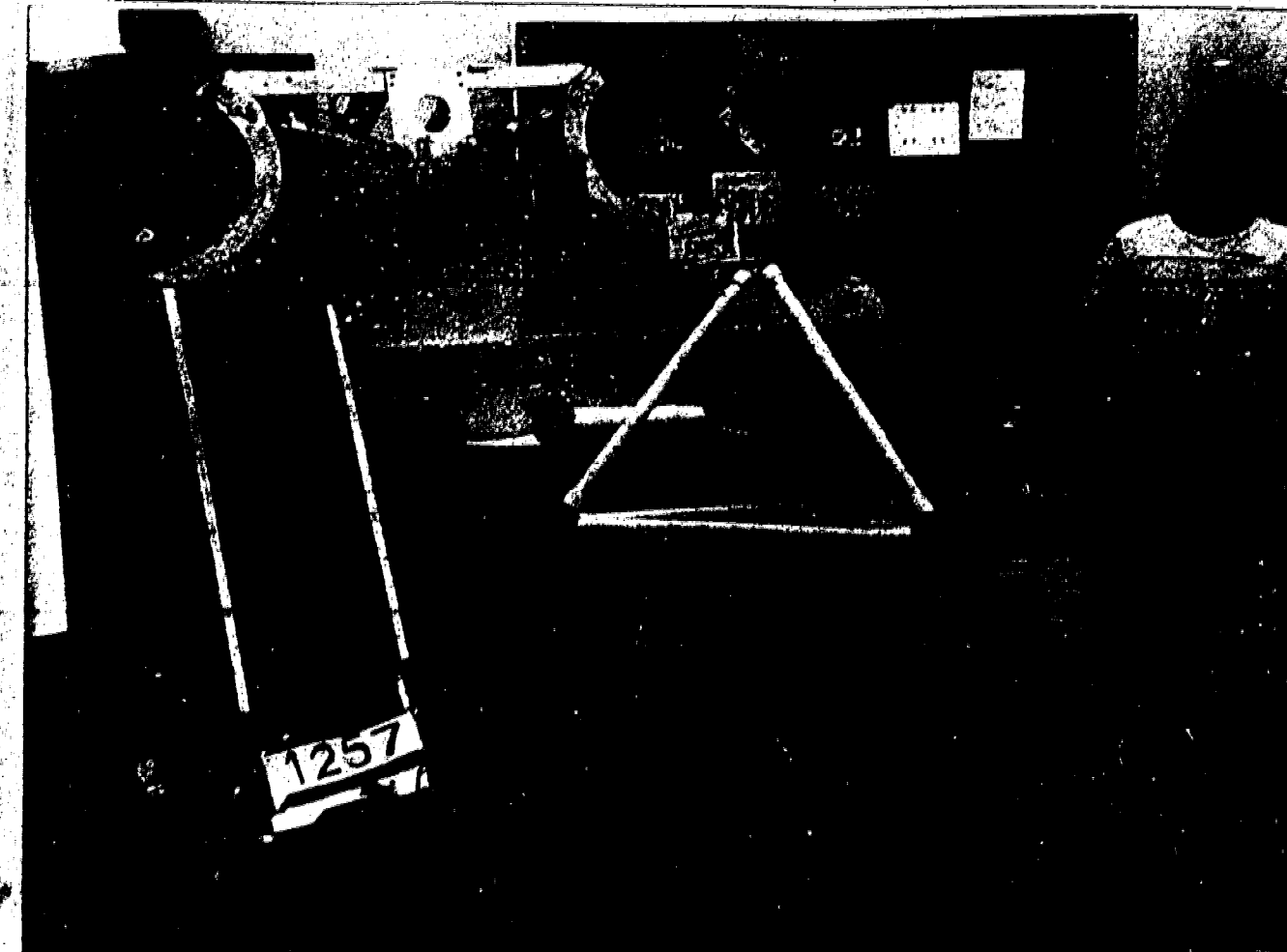
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Pauline Baskin and Maxim Lobovsky work on the robotics team's project at the Union County Magnet High School in Scotch Plains.

Robotics team competes at regions

(Continued from Page B1) During the time of intense construction phase — one time even working exactly 24 of 48 hours, they said — was a period of trial and error.

It takes a big commitment, but it's really fun, 14-year-old Chris Uehlinger said. And, sometimes, that fun can be a catalyst among other teams and ask questions about their robot and how they work to report back to their own group.

Courtney Ervin, a senior, said she learned a lot about being professional. Most of her involvement with the club was on the marketing and publicity end, making phone calls to strangers, and writing letters to potential sponsors.

"They're very good life lessons to have," she said.

expandable hooks that allowed it to easily pick up the tetrahedral, or triangular game pieces in competition. It was an evolution of the original design, Livingston said.

While competing, there is a lot of emphasis on professionalism and congeniality among teams.

In fact, it is built into the event that team members circulate among other teams and ask questions about their robot and how they work to report back to their own group.

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Museum plans hands-on exhibits

(Continued from Page B1) years than previously thought. All of the exhibits will have a focus on the state of New Jersey, she said.

Deere also added that all the exhibits will fit in line with New Jersey curriculum standards.

To learn more about the Children's Museum of New Jersey, call 908-389-4999. The museum is located at 1000 Morris Ave., Morristown, N.J. 07958.

the literal town centers of communities, with "everything you can think of," Deere said.

Of course, everything will be child-sized, and allow children to touch, pull, push, open and close various doors, windows, and the like.

Other exhibits include All Aboard, which looks at railroads, and the Shore, which will have water and sand

as well as some ocean life, and the Garden State Farm complete with animals and plants.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Last leg of jazz series is ready

By Francine Cohen Correspondent

If you're cool to hip jazz and hot for a terrific night out, you won't want to miss jazz great — and South Orange local — Don Braden and his Don Braden Octet when they wrap up the spring season of jazz at the Baird on May 21 at the Baird Center.

Friends, neighbors, new and old fans alike will delight at this casual, coffeehouse-style, 120-seat venue as Braden and his Octet bring their magic to the Baird Center. Jazz lovers from 6 to 60 are certain to enjoy an informal evening of music and mingling with the musicians after the show. Judy Wukitch, assistant director of recreation and cultural affairs for the village of South Orange, is thrilled about this upcoming evening. "It's always an exciting time when we can bring major jazz musicians to this intimate setting. This is the third and last concert of the season in the newly reformatored Baird at the Baird Center."

The play is set in affluent, suburban Connecticut, which is similar in many ways to fashionable Summit. As far as everything else in the play, that could apply to virtually any place in the year 2005.

Written and produced in the '60s, "A Delicate Balance" is perfect for the 21st century. It features over-the-hill parents, alcoholism, divorce, and a desperate need for shelter, all of which are still relevant today.

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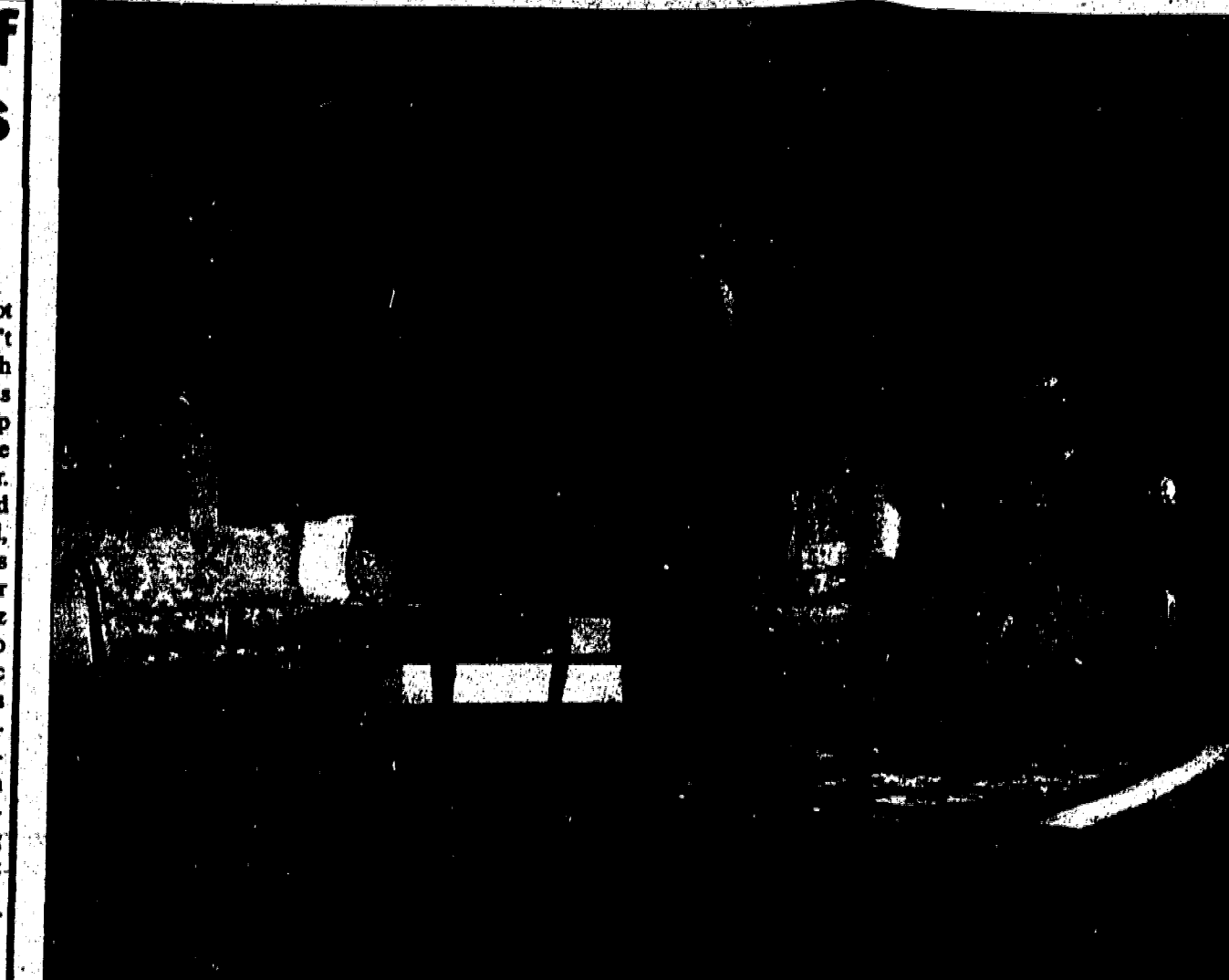
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Above left, from left, Elizabeth Messineo, Diane Gilch, Jean Kuras, Roy Pandrov, Sally O'Neil, and James Broderick, who star in 'A Delicate Balance,' which is being performed at the Summit Playhouse through May 21. Above right, the cast, in character. For tickets or additional information regarding the performance, visit the Web site, www.summitplayhouse.org, or call 908-273-2192



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Summit theater group tries to 'balance' its performance

By Jeff Cummins Associate Editor

In one way, the fact that the Summit Playhouse is producing "A Delicate Balance," written by Edward Albee, is just appropriate.

The play is set in affluent, suburban Connecticut, which is similar in many ways to fashionable Summit. As far as everything else in the play, that could apply to virtually any place in the year 2005.

Written and produced in the '60s, "A Delicate Balance" is perfect for the 21st century. It features over-the-hill parents, alcoholism, divorce, and a desperate need for shelter, all of which are still relevant today.

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Producer Frank Hawrusik noted that this is the first time the Summit Playhouse has attempted to do an Edward Albee play in its regular season.

"In a way, it's sort of a parable about what the obligations of family and friendship are," said Hawrusik, alluding to the fact that the host couple suddenly finds people intruding on their home.

He noted the Summit Playhouse has done things in the past that weren't the tried and true comedies and musicals, although the audience for those types of productions is strong — and consistent.

"I think the audience is diverse in age, gender, and ethnicity. Most of us don't have the money, but we do have the time."

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an audience that is a little more familiar with theater and playwrights, so their expectation is higher," Hawrusik said. "A good part of the audience still appreciates comedies, comedies are still where the great success is. But we like to provide other things, as a sort of balance."

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"A Delicate Balance, including Jean Kuras of Glen Ridge, playing the role of Edna, the wife of the couple that arrives at the home of Agnes and Tobias, played by Diane Gilch and Roy Pandrov, respectively. Sally O'Neil plays Claire, the alcoholic sister of Agnes, and Joann Scanlon's daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Messineo of New Providence, plays the role of Julia, the daughter returning home from her fourth failed marriage. Scanlon added that set designer Rhoda Roper has come up with a striking concept for a set design.

Still, most parts of the play aren't that abstract — except for the sudden transition by Edna and Tobias, which leaves one wondering just how they got there."

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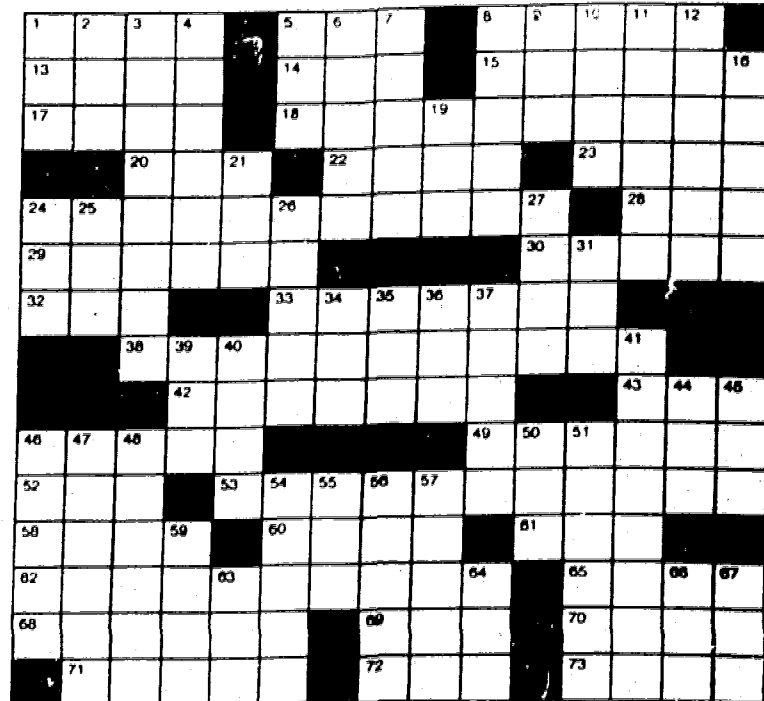
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SUNDAY
May 15th, 2005
Event: Flea Market and Collectible Show
Place: Yanticaw Park, Passaic
Time: 9AM-5PM
Details: New merchandise, crafts, collectibles, and garage/tag sale items. For information call 201-997-9535
Organization: Sponsor By: The Nucleus Fund

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY
May 14th & 15th, 2005
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Place: Maplewood Pool Parking Lot - 167 Boyden Avenue, Maplewood
Time: 9AM-4PM
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Organization: Columbia High School, Mid-Night Madness 2005

OTHER
SATURDAY
May 14th, 2005
Event: MOTHER'S MARKET - Giant indoor sale
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Organization: Junior Women's Club of Cedar Grove

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CANCER, June 22 to July 22: Relax and allow important subconscious information to come to the surface. Use meditation or dream analysis to help you decipher the message.

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DREADFUL INTRUDERS -- Above left, from left, Diane Gilch, Roy Pancirov, Elizabeth Messineo, Jean Kuras, Sally O'Neill and James Broderick star in 'A Delicate Balance' at the Summit Playhouse. Above right, from left, are Roy Pancirov, playing Tobias, and Sally O'Neill, playing Clair. For additional information about the upcoming performance at the Summit Playhouse, you may visit the Web site, www.summitplayhouse.org, or telephone the theater at 908-273-2192.

The Kennedys are headed to Westfield

The Kennedys, Pete and Maura, return to Union County to play as part of the Coffee with Conscience series on May 21 at 8 p.m. in Westfield at 1 E. Broad St.

Tickets are \$14, for information call 908-233-4211, or visit the Web, www.coffewithconscience.com.

Pete and Maura Kennedy met at the Continental Club in Austin, Texas.

In the dark confines of this roots rock sanctuary, they hit it off immediately. Within 24 hours, they had written their first song, "Day In and Day Out." Pete was playing lead guitar with Nanci Griffith, and he left town for a gig in Telluride, Colorado, 1,000 miles northwest of Austin.

After the show, they spoke on the phone and agreed to meet at the equidistant point: Lubbock, Texas.

They each drove 500 miles to celebrate their first date in Buddy Holly's grave, in the windy west Texas cotton town.

There was more cause for celebration when Maura joined Griffith's band and they set out on an extended tour of the British Isles, opening shows all over England, Ireland, and Scotland. In a dusty little dressing room on the top floor of Dublin's Olympia Theatre, they penned the songs that would become their first CD, "River of Fallen Stars."

The CD was awarded the "Indie" award in 1995 for "Best Adult Contemporary CD" by the National Association of Independent Record Distributors.

In 1995, the duo hit the road to record their second CD, the ambitious "Life is Large," which wove their talents with those of guests Steve Earle, Kelly Willis, Nils Lofgren, Roger McGuinn, and the Dixie Hummingbirds.

They were nominated once again for the NAIRD indie award, and the title track became their signature song. Their third CD, Angel Fire, was a largely acoustic, lyric driven collection.

The following CD, "Evolver," was a big, rocking set that included the power pop "Pick You Up." In 2001, they released "Positively Live!" a live album that captured the blistering guitar jams and rocking vibe that set them apart from other acoustic acts.

On May 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the NJ Center for Visual Arts, in partnership with Bank of America, will present Bank of America Art in Summit 2005, an annual fine art and craft show and sale in downtown Summit on Union Place and Beechwood Road. Browse more than 100 artists and crafters from the tri-state area and beyond. Their unique offering of objects d'art includes hand-made jewelry, oil paintings, wood working, quilts, and original photographs. Bank of America Art in Summit Offers something for the entire family. Free kid's art areas, free storytelling and songwriting workshops with Julia Perri of Cottage Music, live music and other fun family activities will fill the day.

One of the many exhibiting artists, Ronald Wilson, a photographer from New Bedford, Mass., will come to Summit to show his color-drenched photographs taken around the globe. Transporting the viewer to near and distant places, his lush images include the Greek Isles, Cape Cod, the Emerald Isle and the American South West.

Exhibiting artists will also include Beth Whiting, founder, Whiting Designs of Somerset, who creates delicate flower corsages and pins by hand-sewing French ribbon, and one-of-a-kind bags of dupioni silk and layered and textured French ribbon.

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REUNIONS

The following schools will conduct reunions in the coming months:

- Westfield High School Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, May 21.
- Scotch Plains-High School Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, June 11.
- Scotch Plains High School Class of 1975, 30-year reunion.
- Union High School, Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, 2005.
- Union High School, Class of 1995, 10-year reunion, 2005.
- Union Hill High School, Class of 1975, 30-year reunion, 2005.
- Union High School, Class of 1976, 30-year reunion, 2006.
- Union High School, Class of 1981, 25-year reunion, 2006.
- Union High School, Class of 1986, 20-year reunion, 2006.
- Westfield High School, Class of 1980, 25-year reunion, 2005.

For information on any of the above reunions, write to Reunions Unlimited Inc., P.O. Box 150, Englishtown 07726 or call 732-617-1000.

- Hillside High School, Class of 1965, is holding its 40th reunion on June 25.
- If anyone has information regarding former students or would like to join the committee, contact Barry Zins at BZins111@aol.com.
- Hillside High School, class of 1965, is planning a reunion on May 20 at the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit. Contact Paul Ladell at 973-715-7688.
- Hillside High School, class of 1975, will hold its 30th reunion at Costa's Restaurant, Roselle Park, on Nov. 26. Anyone with information about missing classmates may contact Shirley Anne at 908-241-8298, or send an e-mail to mhclassof1975@comcast.net.
- Cranford High School, Class of 1980, will hold its 25th reunion on June 17 at 8 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, Edison/Raritan Center in Edison. The cost is \$72 per person. This event is being coordinated through Reunions Unlimited, and can be accessed on the Web at www.reunions-unlimited.com, or by phone at 732-617-7000. R.S.V.P.s are requested by May 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 graduates. This is a good place to show off your children, meet old friends, make new ones and play softball. This third annual event is being coordinated by the Class of 1978. Any questions on either event can be directed to Roseann Cermak-Capobianco at 908-272-3267, or by e-mail at mcapobianco5@comcast.net.

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Whether looking for a place to grab a hot, hearty pizza or someplace to enjoy a sumptuous dinner in a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere, area residents need go no further than Two Tony's Pizza Cafe in Linden for a two-fold culinary delight.

Located on North Stiles Street, Two Tony's features both a traditional pizzeria as well as a dining room, accommodating every need for diners seeking delicious Italian fare.

While the pizzeria boasts standard offerings - pizzas with a wide variety of toppings, subs, calzones, hot sandwiches and the like - the dining room menu is equally comprehensive, making final selections a delightfully arduous task.

The extensive list of appetizers ranges from hot and cold antipastos to an impressive selection of hot dishes. Among the cold antipastos, I selected the Mozzarella Fantasy, a fantasia of deliciously fresh mozzarella, prosciutto, sun-dried tomatoes and roasted peppers. Delicately but richly seasoned and marinated, each component wonderfully complemented the flavor of the next, yet retained its own unique identity on the palate.

Also featured on the appetizer and salad sections of the menu are traditional antipastos as well as several tempting varieties featuring such ingredients as olives, artichoke hearts, a variety of meats, hot peppers and much more; grilled marinated Portobello mushroom with Gorgonzola cheese and field greens; a hot antipasto for two featuring baked oysters, mussels and shrimp; hot and cold appetizers encompassing shrimp cocktail to fried calamari to mussels and beyond; and salads ranging from garden salad to Caesar salad to spinach salad. One could easily make an entire, filling meal without venturing into the main course offerings.

However, venture I did!

For my main course, I selected one of my all-time favorite dishes - veal Marsala - and Two Tony's did it justice and then some. The veal was succulently tender, cooked to perfection, and swimming in a richly delicious Marsala sauce with generous chunks of mushrooms. My side dish of pasta was perfectly prepared - neither over- nor undercooked - and boasted a freshness that made it light while at the same time hearty.

Also featured among the main course selections are traditional Italian fare: a variety of chicken and veal dishes including Parmigiana, Frittata and Florentine; seafood, most notably shrimp scampi; a wealth of pasta, from penne to linguine to ziti and more, and vegetarian selections such as baked ziti Sicilian made with eggplant.

In addition to the regular menu, Two Tony's offers daily specials, not all of which are Italian, such as the popular chicken Murphy.

With the pizzeria for eat-in or take-out and the dining room for a more traditional dining experience, Two Tony's is the best of both worlds!

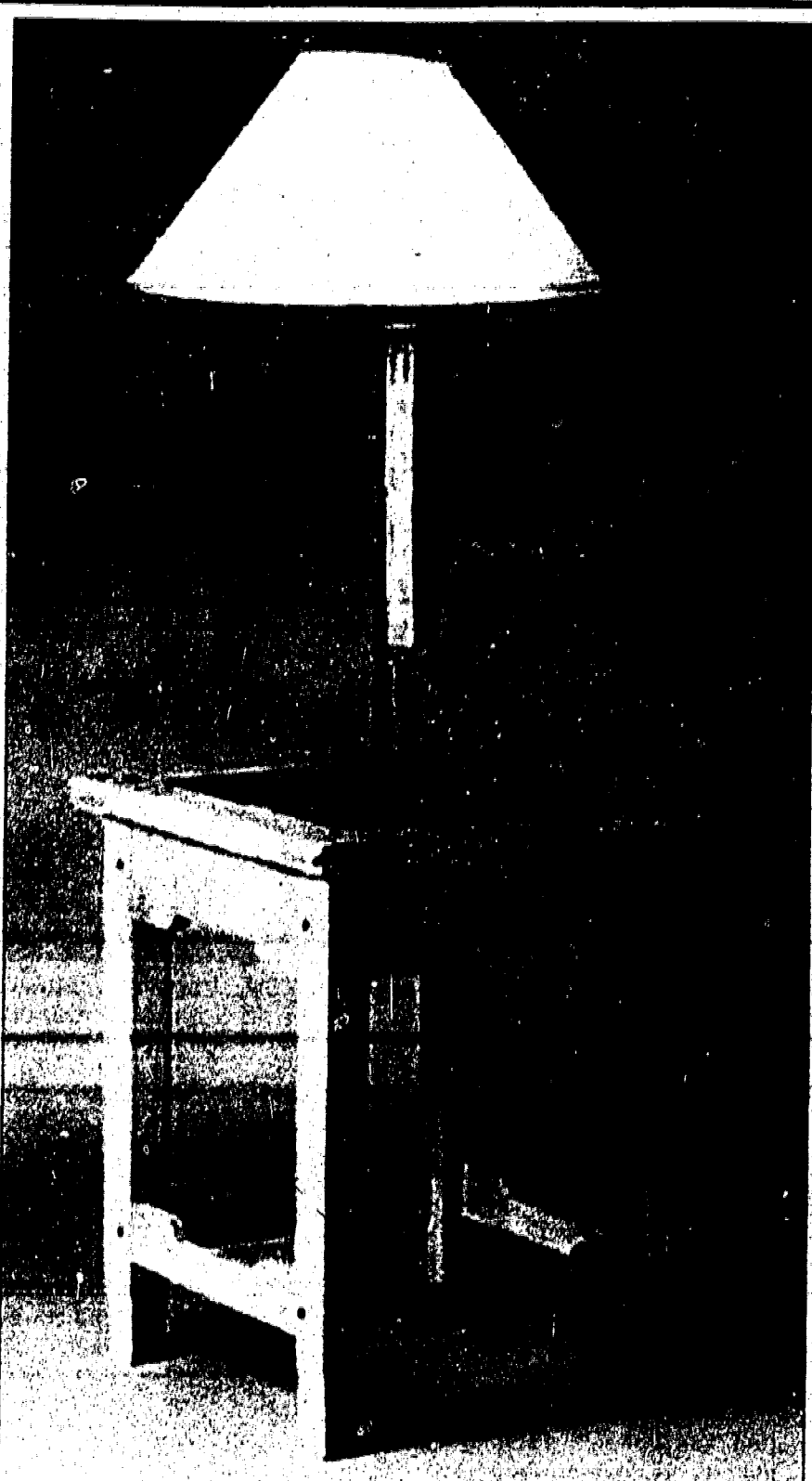
Two Tony's Pizza Cafe is conveniently located at 628 N. Stiles St. in Linden. Reservations are recommended on weekends, especially for large parties, but are not necessary Mondays through Thursdays. For more information, call 908-925-1977.



NOTHING LIKE HOME CRAFTED — From left, high-quality art by Mark Hamm, Paul Phillip Desroches and Paul Reiche, three of the juried artists and craftspeople at the



19th annual Fine Arts and Crafts Show at Nomahegan Park on June 4 and 5. For information, call 908-874-5247, or visit www.rosesquared.com.



Meet the cast



Cast members in character for 'A Delicate Balance' at the Summit Playhouse, clockwise, starting from top left, James Broderick, Sally O'Neil, Jean Kuras, Roy Pancirov, Elizabeth Messineo and Diane Gilch.

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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 Friday. 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 Ripoli at 908-984-4123 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 Seidin, will be on view at the Arts Guild of Rahway through Friday. Admission is free. Gallery hours are Friday 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.

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.

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

THE THREE DOCTORS from "The Case" will all be appearing at the Barnes & Noble in Springfield. The authors of their books, "We Beat The Street: How A Friendship Led To Success," "Dr. Richard Eden: George Jenkins and Rameck Hunt could have easily followed their childhood friends into drug-dealing, gangs and prison. They came from poor, single-parent homes in Newark. But they made a friendship pact, deciding together to take on the biggest challenge of their lives: attending college and then medical school. "We Beat The Street: How a Friendship Led to Success" presents the doctors' stories of how they helped each other succeed beyond their wildest expectations. Meet the three doctors at a discussion and signing at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at 240 Route 22 West, on Saturday, at 1 p.m. For more information, call 973-376-8581.

CRAFT EXPERT KELLI RONCI presents the expert way to crochet with 15 fun, colorful projects, including a poncho, hat and cupcake-shaped pin cushion in her latest book, "Kids Crochet: Projects for Kids of All Ages." Children of all ages are invited to learn to crochet with Ronci at a special event and signing of Kids Crochet at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at 240 Route 22 West, in Springfield, May 25 at 4:30 p.m. All materials will be provided and no purchase is required, however, registration is necessary since space is limited. For more information, or to register, call 973-376-8581.

KAREN BAICKER will sign copies of her new children's book, "Snuggle Me Snuggly," on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Town Book Store, Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535.

SAMUEL JAY will sign copies of his book, "Shadow of Gull," on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at The Town Book Store, Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535.

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For information about the spring term call 908-757-7171, fax: 908-757-2626, or visit the Web site at www.ducreschool.edu for details.

CONCERTS

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Concerts are presented at Union Village Methodist Church, 1130 Mountain Ave., Berkeley Heights. For more information, call 973-376-4946, or visit the Web site, www.sanctuaryconcerts.org.

Stepping Out

The next show is Saturday, featuring **Beasy 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, call 908-522-1501 or send an e-mail to concerts4causes@aol.com.

DANCE
Y-SQUARES, a local square dance club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Frank K. Hehny School, Raritan Road, Clark. The fee for each lesson is \$4. For information, call 908-298-1851, 732-351-2535 or 908-241-0492.

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 e-mail to tmrcinc@aol.com or visit the Web site at www.tmrc.com.

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THE SPITFIRE GRILL, a musical by James Valzy and Fred Alley, will be presented on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Donation is \$2. For information, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751.

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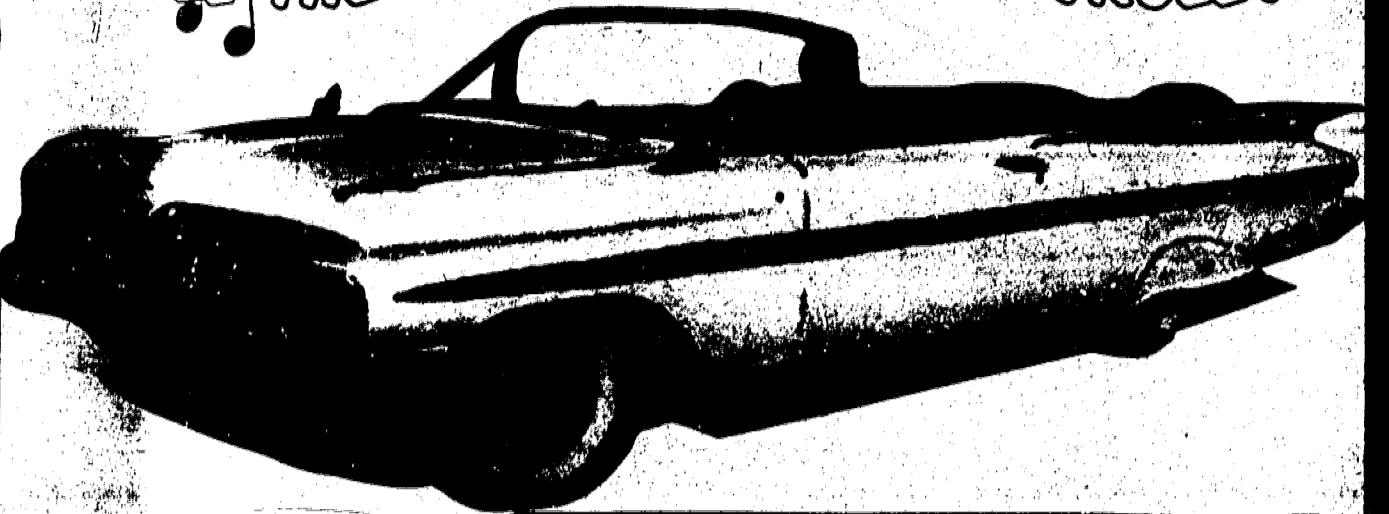
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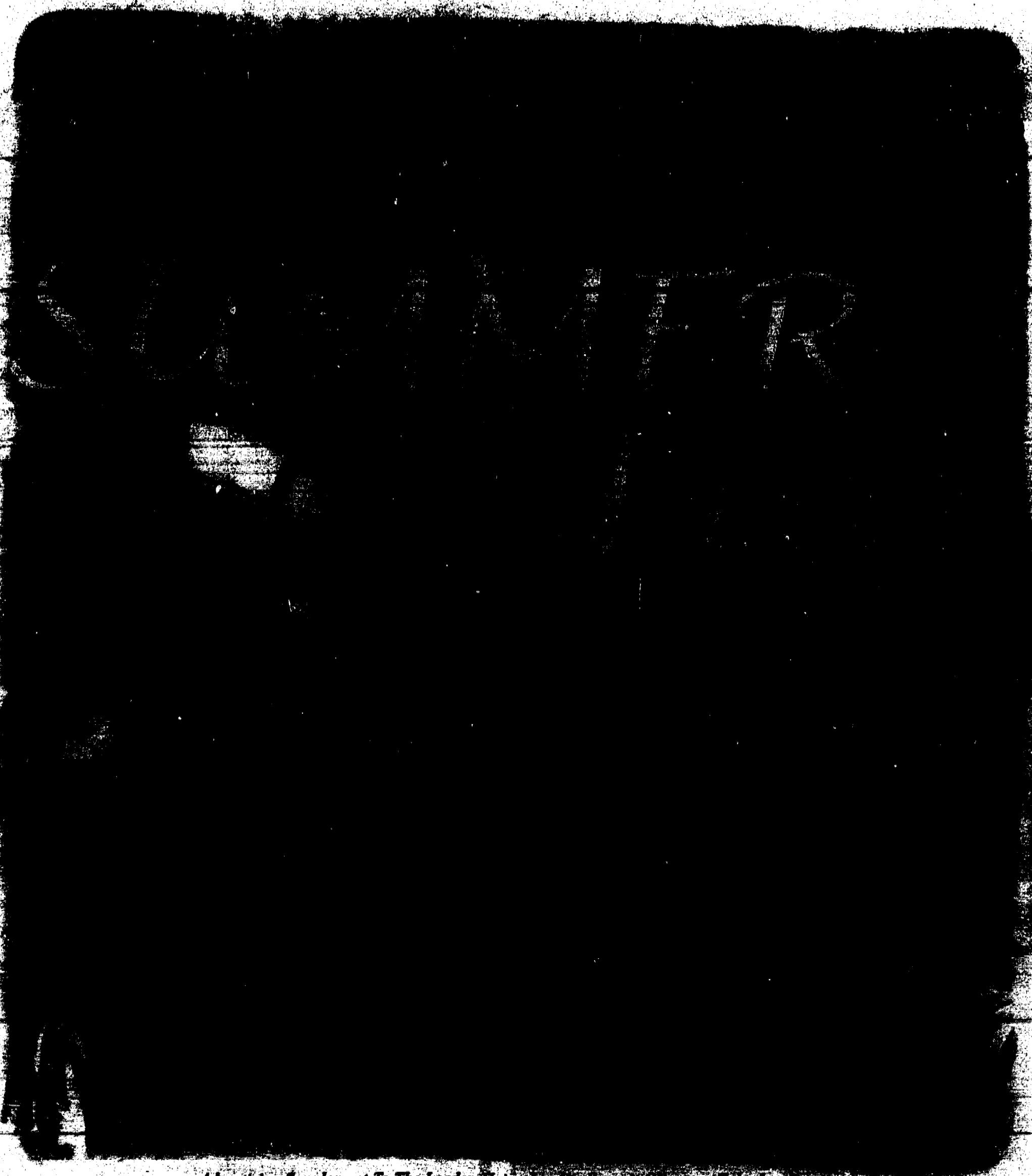
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Jersey Shore Coast has a number of hot spots

Vacationers from all over are already making summer arrangements at the many unique destinations along New Jersey's coast. Whether it's for a weekend, week or summer-long retreat, dreams of summer at the Jersey Shore are inspiring visitors — new and old — to finalize their getaways before it's too late. To book your Jersey shore summer vacation today and chase away those winter blues, visit www.visit-nj.org.

Overflowing with great vacation spots for families, seniors, shoppers, casino-lovers and beachgoers, the Jersey Shore makes for a special summer trip that's within quick driving distance. With such a diverse selection of summer shore rentals, hotels and bed and breakfast inns available along the coast there's something for everyone at the Jersey Shore.

Belmar and North Area

Asbury Park attracts tourists to its many popular venues, including Bruce Springsteen's favorite hang out, The Stone Pony. Belmar, long known for its bars and clubs has become a popular destination among families since the beaches became smoke-free.

Now a hot-spot for all ages, Belmar and North Area offers quiet summer getaways. Belmar's ocean waterfront features shops and restaurants with shore house rentals available along the strip or just blocks away. Long Branch provides shopping, as well as an array of outdoor activities such as swimming, boating and fishing at its 33-acre

Seven Presidents Ocean Front Park.

Spring Lake, located just south of Belmar, is home to the longest non-commercial beachside boardwalk in the state. A family-oriented town, Spring Lake has more than 60 shops and boutiques, and is adorned with beautiful rental homes, hotels and bed and breakfast inns.

Point Pleasant Area

Catering to those who want fun family activities nearby, the Point Pleasant area is home to the Lakewood Blue Claws minor league baseball team, Monmouth Park, Six Flags Great Escape and Jenkinson's Aquarium. Located on the boardwalk in Point Pleasant Beach, the aquarium features marine life from around the world, including exhibits dedicated to Atlantic sharks, Pacific sharks, coral reefs, penguins, alligators and seals. Jenkinson's Aquarium also has a touch tank that allows guests to touch live sea stars and juvenile sharks, among other live animals.

Ray Head is known for its quaint bed and breakfast inns and restaurants, including Dorcas' of Bay Head, which accommodates casual dining.

Bay Head's beaches are perfect for swimming, surfing and sunning, while East Avenue, which runs along the beach, attracts runners and skaters, with two tennis courts and a baseball diamond nearby. To add to the unique atmosphere found in this small Jersey Shore town, Bay Head's shops, gifts and restaurants in its commercial district on Bridge Avenue are all family- and pet-friendly.

ally-owned, as national chains are prohibited.

Barnegat Bay Area

The Barnegat Bay area offers the best of both worlds for vacation-seekers. Island Beach State Park, the southern-most point of this Jersey Shore area, is valued for its private atmosphere. In fact, it is the largest expanse of natural dune beach in the Northeast, accommodating windsurfing, biking and guided kayaking.

Seaside Heights, located between these two relaxing vacation spots, is a bustling beach town with shops, rides and restaurants that run along its boardwalk, as well as hot night clubs.

Long Beach Island

Long Beach Island (LBI), located south of Island Beach State Park, is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean and Barnegat Bay. Dining on LBI is a unique experience, with beachfront restaurants offering spectacular sunset views. In addition, crabbing and fishing on Barnegat Bay is permitted at the end of every street. This family-friendly shore town is colored with beautiful houses located just blocks away from both the beach and bay, offering easily accessible beaches, the bay and a wide variety of activities.

Miniature golf courses and amusement rides are available all across the island, and Beach Haven, known for its boardwalk, offers a variety of fun activities for all ages. The island's shops, gifts and restaurants provide a relaxed atmosphere, yet beautiful beaches are open to everyone.

boarders, swimmers, sun bathers and surfers. LBI is also known for the Barnegat Lighthouse, the second tallest lighthouse in the United States. Located at the northern tip of the island, all of LBI can be seen from its highest point.

Greater Atlantic City Area

The Greater Atlantic City area is recognized around the country for its 12 world-class casino resorts, but is adding to black jack, slot machines, live entertainment and world-class shopping, the surrounding area is stocked with beachfront condos and homes for rent during the summer season. In Brigantine Beach, Ventnor and Margate — all a short distance from the coast — summertime vacations include golf courses, beaches and the historic Atlantic City boardwalk, featuring shops, movies, restaurants, amusement rides and theaters.

Ocean City Area

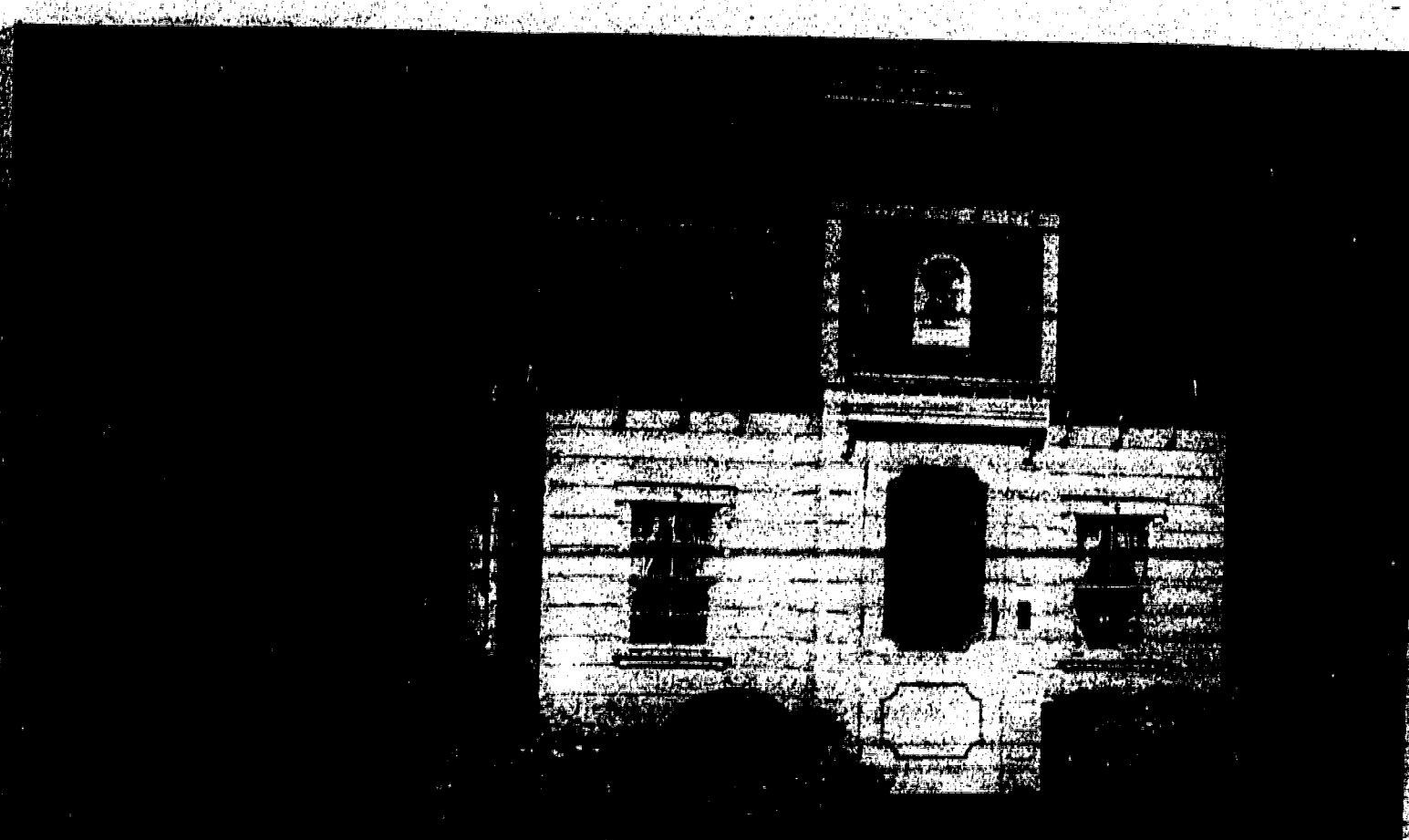
Just south of Atlantic City is the Ocean City area, known for its laid-back summer atmosphere. A variety of break fronts and shops are available, including revitalized downtown areas filled with art galleries, antique shops, boutiques and specialty clothing stores. The historic and Avalon shore towns offer a variety of activities, from fishing to golfing.

All of these areas offer beautiful views, scenic views, and a variety of activities for all ages. The island's shops, gifts and restaurants provide a relaxed atmosphere, yet beautiful beaches are open to everyone.

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Children's play homes provide distinctive children's play homes that truly allow kids to be the boss. The play homes are made of wood, plastic and metal, and are designed to be durable and long-lasting. They are also easy to assemble and disassemble, making them a great choice for parents who want to give their children a special gift that will last for years. The play homes are available in a variety of styles, including traditional, modern and contemporary. They are also available in a variety of colors and finishes, allowing parents to choose a play home that matches their child's personality and the decor of their home.

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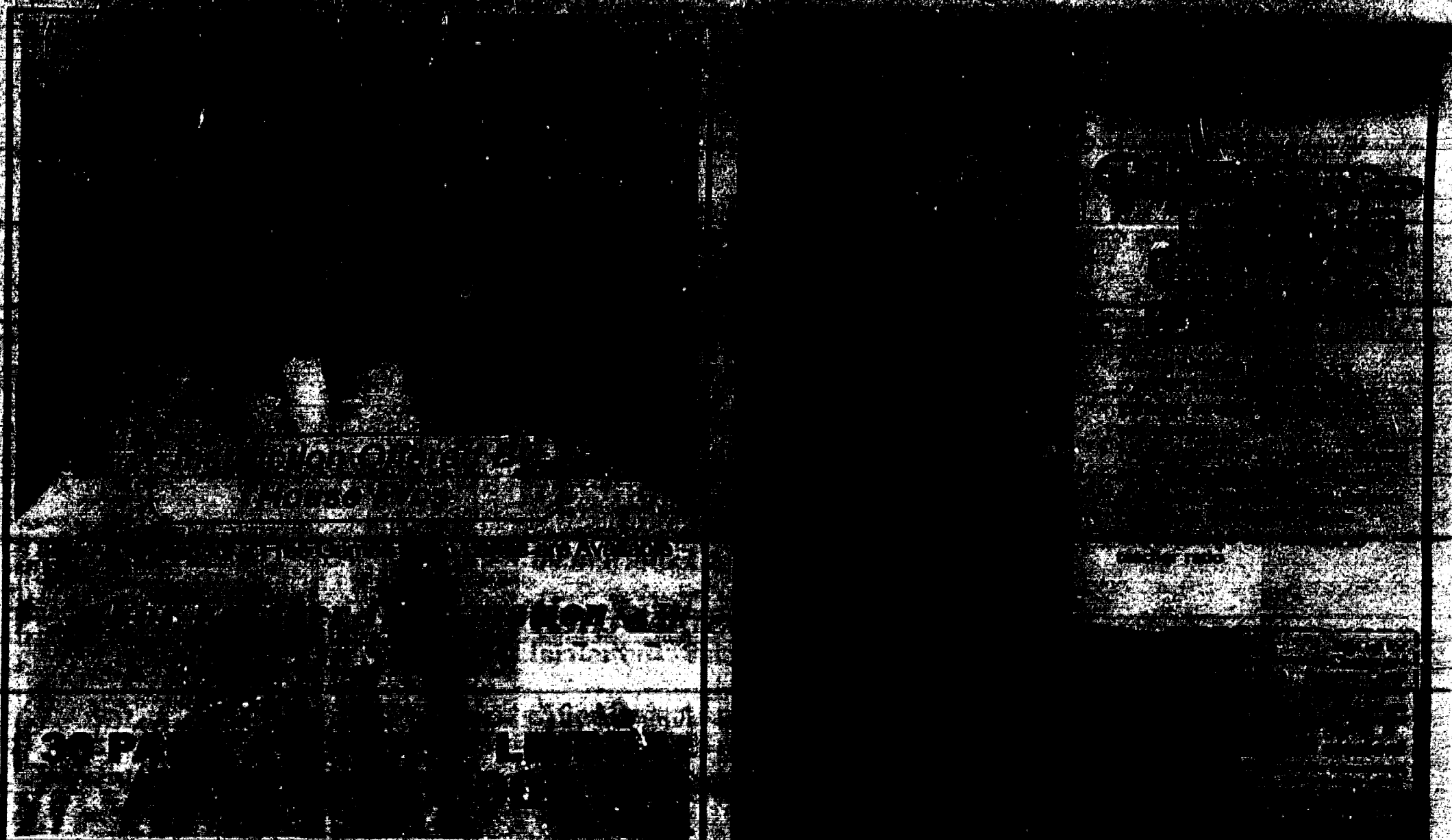
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Always best to ease into those summer projects

Summer is the best time to flex your home improvement muscle and tackle the great outdoors.

But according to the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission, each year, more than 400,000 people suffer minor injuries from lawn care and gardening projects.

Be sure to minimize aches and pains by easing into spring chores and do-it-yourself projects and by using the latest ergonomic tools to minimize the stress on your body.

"A lawn or garden project is a great way to improve the curb appeal of your home while enjoying the summer weather," said Glenn Ubertino, gardening tool expert at The Home Depot. "To get the most out of their efforts, homeowners should look for tools and equipment that are adjustable, and remember not to take on too much in one day."

Walk it off

If just looking at a lawn mower makes you long for the couch, try one of two new walk-behind mowers from the Lawn-Boy Insight Series, available exclusively at The Home Depot.

These mowers were designed from the ground up to fit users through a unique ergonomic engineering process that ensures a comfortable mowing experience regardless of the user's age, height or strength.

Both Lawn-Boy mowers include more than 15 new features such as soft grips on

the pull cord to fit the entire human hand and an adjustable handle height that allows a 4-foot 10-inch homeowner to mow equally as comfortably as someone who is 6 feet 2 inches.

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One model is even equipped with Sens-a-Speed self propel technology — a unique system that actually senses how fast the user walks and adjusts the mower's speed accordingly.

A tiller or cultivator can give the back and arms quite a workout. So if a new flower bed or garden is on your honey-do list, you'll want to add one of the new gas or electric Ryobi cultivators featuring the JustAddSand system to your shopping list.

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Even a seemingly simple job like raking can put stress on the body when the tool size is not appropriate for the user. Look for a rake with a handle that is a comfortable height for you or consider an adjustable one like the True Temper Thatching Rake, which is available at The Home Depot stores and



Ease into those summer projects to avoid pains in body and mind.

online at www.homedepot.com. It has a 54-inch handle and a head that adjusts up or down to suit the height of the user.

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The Juniors p.m. Program, formerly known as Half-Day Afternoon Program, is from 12:45 to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday from June 27 to July 22.

The Juniors p.m. Program accepts registrations on a weekly basis; parents also have the option of combining both the a.m. and p.m. programs enabling their youngsters to remain at camp for the entire day. Students entering kindergarten through 2nd grade will partake in classes such as dance, improv, arts and crafts, and participate in special games and activities session. The afternoon camper will also participate in Special Activity Days.

Hot trends make this year's pool designs sizzle

Today's pools are more attractive than ever, serving as the centerpiece of a home's outdoor space. With smart innovations in design and maintenance, these pools are also easy to take care of.

Here are some of the hottest trends in pools from the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals:

- **Water without Walls.** Some of the most popular ideas in pools now involve the lack of pool walls — most notably playful and pretty beach entries, shallow and comfortable wet decks and dramatic vanishing edges. The beach entry is just what it sounds like — a gently sloping entrance to the pool that mimics a beach in looks and feel. Wet decks are extremely popular, said Campbell. "You can lie in about four inches of water and read your magazine and stay cool."

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• **Fountain Fun.** Fountains that gently bubble or those that make a big splash create a sound shield for your pool and help keep it clean. And some are downright fun. Intermittently squirting fountains in a beach-entry area will entertain little ones for hours. Fountains coming from and highlighting statuary or antique Greek urns make a beautiful, timeless statement. Subtle, yet immensely refreshing misters look and feel great.

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• **Water Falling.** Always popular, waterfalls continue to be one of the most-requested design elements on pools. The options often are only limited by imagination. Sleek sheets of water fall over granite platforms to offer a secluded area for swimmers. Other versions are playful cascades that splash and fall from real or manmade rocks. Some waterfalls let you increase or decrease the rate of fall to get the sound of gently falling rain or a turbulent rain shower.

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Keep reading routines alive during summer

When school's out for the summer, one of the last things on most students' minds is reading. Yet, according to reading specialists, year-round reading is especially important so kids don't undo the progress they've made over the previous school year.

"Summer reading is very important in developing life-long reading habits, maintaining reading proficiency and promoting reading for pleasure," said Dr. Mary Howard, Ed.D., a national literacy consultant. "Studies have repeatedly shown that children who continue to read during the summer months perform better when school resumes in the fall. The problem is that outdoor activities and other distractions, such as television, video games and the Internet, often seem more exciting than reading."

Howard and other educators agree that the challenge is to make summer reading fun so kids don't feel like they're still in school. The following tips can help parents turn their children into year-round, proficient, highly motivated readers:

- Let children participate in choosing books to ensure that reading materials have a special interest to them.
- Lead by example. Make sure your children see you regularly reading for pleasure.
- Turn reading into a family affair. Set aside designated times when everyone in the family can be reading and then share what everyone has learned by talking about books at the dinner table.

- Be diligent in tracking reading time so kids can see the progress they're making and be inspired to read more. Even a few minutes every day can really add up. A new product on the market — the Mark-My-Time Digital Bookmark — is designed specifically to help accurately track reading time. It is available this summer at leading bookstores, such as Barnes & Noble, and features a countdown timer with alarm, as well as a cumulative timer to track reading time over an extended period. Because it empowers children to take responsibility for their own reading progress, parents and teachers who have tested it confirm that it helps motivate kids to want to read more.

- Keep books in the car, especially when traveling longer distances, to encourage reading during otherwise "down" times.

- Encourage additional reading on rainy days or after sunset when there are fewer outdoor activities to compete for children's attention. Reading right before bedtime can help calm down otherwise active routines.

- Tie fun activities into your reading routine by either visiting a place in the book being read or doing an activity mentioned in the book.

You might also consider a craft or making cookies shaped like a character or image in the book.

- Talk to other parents in your neighborhood about the possibility of creating a summer reading group or circle, so that your



Don't let your children's reading routines fall by the wayside during their summer break.

children can share the fun of reading with their friends.

- Check with your local library regarding the availability of special summer reading programs and activities.

- Allow kids to read a wide variety of materials. The teacher isn't around, so almost any age-appropriate written material is good, including comic books, children's magazines, game instruction booklets and, of course, traditional books. Anything that helps kids build their vocabulary and comprehension will benefit their overall proficiency and comfort level with reading.

- Most important, be an involved parent

in your kids' reading activities. While some independent reading should be encouraged once a child is in the second grade, it's important to listen to kids read aloud to help them with difficult words and ensure comprehension.

Reading should not be a seasonal activity. It should be encouraged and practiced year-round to continue building reading proficiency and good habits.

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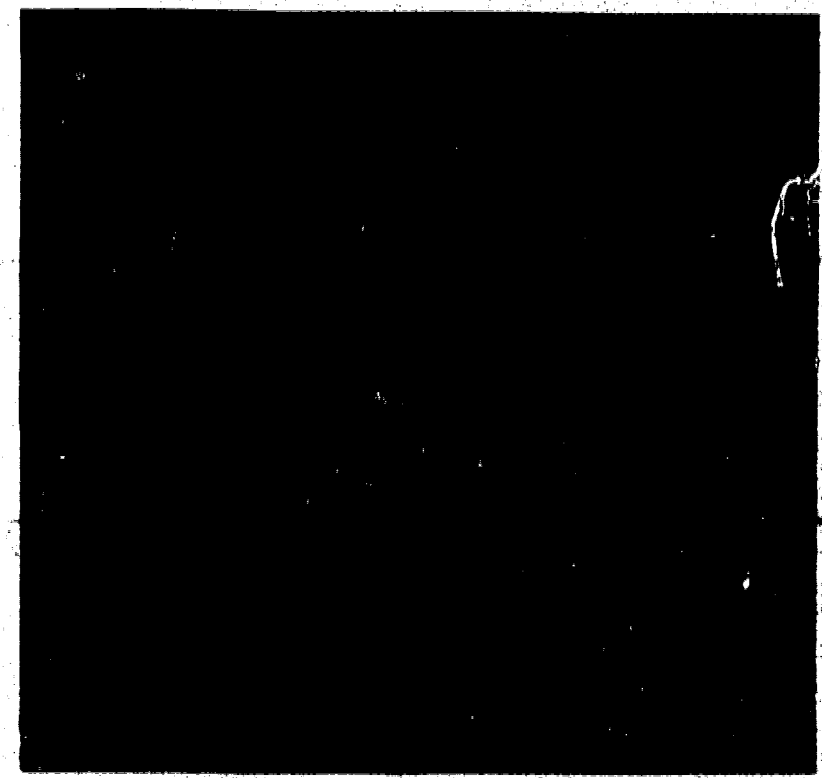
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The camp contains special days, carnivals, cookouts and clubs. Camp Riverbend also offers a teen travel program for boys and girls entering seventh- to ninth grades. On Monday through Friday trips, our teens visit beaches, amusement parks, museums, sports facilities and much more throughout the northeastern USA and Canada. Camp Riverbend was founded in 1962 by Marianne and Harold Breene, and is run by them and their four children. Riverbend provides an extended day option for working parents, and offers transportation in small buses from parts of Essex, Morris, Middlesex, Somerset and Union counties.

Beautify exterior of the home

Summer is here and with the warm weather comes endless hours spent outdoors enjoying the sun.

Whether you're spending time in the pool, grilling on the barbecue, or just lounging on your deck, you want your house looking its best. That's why now's the perfect time to spruce up your home's exterior and impress your neighbors.

There are many do-it-yourself projects that can have a dramatic effect on the beauty of your home. A little gardening close to the house can provide color and life to your outdoor space.

Planting some flowers, shrubs or trees in the right areas can make a world of difference.

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Finding your way off the beaten path for the family summer vacation has never been easier as the Internet levels the playing field between quaint small towns and the destination resorts that frequently overshadow many hidden gems.

Nearly 64 million travelers — 30 percent of the U.S. adult population — used the Internet in the past year to get a vast and destination information.

Of that group, 44.6 million actually booked at least one travel service or product online in the past year.

"The Internet has put consumers in control of their plans and they like it. They're able to gather all the facts they need and compare prices and options to obtain what they feel are the best deals possible," according to Dr. Suzanne Cook, senior vice president of research for the Travel Industry Association of America.

It used to be that resort destinations dominated the local travel scene because they had the most money to market and advertise.

Resort dominance was and largely remains particularly acute in popular destinations such as Florida, California, and Colorado, the country's top three vacation destinations according to Yearwick, Peppardine, Brown & Russell's Leisure Travel Monitor.

For an example of the power the Internet can wield in the hearts and minds of travelers, Lee Hart, president of Brand Amp, a strategic communications firm that works with several smaller destinations in Colorado, offers Chaffee County as a case study. Just a 1- 1/2 hour drive from Vail, Copper Mountain, Breckenridge and Crested Butte, Chaffee's two small historic towns, Salida and Buena Vista, have struggled to be heard amidst the marketing messages trumpeted by its internationally acclaimed neighbors.

Little more than a year ago, Chaffee County launched an integrated image campaign anchored by a new Web site optimized for key search terms that would appeal to Colorado-bound visitors and bought Internet advertising to actively direct visitors to the site.

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Summit Y and branches offer camps for summer

The Summit, Springfield and Berkeley Heights Y's are offering 10 weeks of fantastic summer programs for preschoolers, youth and teens. Camps are offered by the week beginning June 27 and run through Aug. 26.

At the Summit YMCA, whether it's a first-timer, sports junkie, nature explorer, or aspiring actor — camp keeps everyone smiling all summer long. Preschooler camps include: "Little Beavers," "Camp Little Moon," "Sports Shorts," and "Discovery." Youth entering grades 1-5 may choose from "Camp Cannundus," held at Watchung Reservation, offering fun weekly themes such as "Celebrating the '50s," "Olympics" and "Under the Sea." Sports Camps learning or improving skills in basketball, soccer and other sports, and "Drama Camp" where acting and putting on weekly productions is a blast. Half and full day options are available for Little Beavers and "Camp Little Moon."

The Summit Y also offers an array of camps for pre-teens and teens looking for a meaningful, exciting and fun filled summer. "Quest" and "UNITY," are mentally and physically challenging programs and "Teen Expedition: The Ultimate Experience" at a five-day camping trip to Blue Ridge, N.C. "Teen Camp," also held at Watchung Reservation, offers weekly themes, such as, "Where's my Camp Dude" and Eco-Challenge." "Teen Leadership

Camp," is a counselor in training camp that offers two weeks training and one week spent with younger campers as a junior counselor. The learning environment enables teens to acquire leadership skills, build self-confidence, and expand their talents. The Summit Y is located at 67 Maple St., in Summit. For space availability, call the Camp Registrar at 908-273-3330, Ext. 140.

Springfield YMCA, campers entering grades one to six, will love meeting new friends at Camp Anupama. Held at Ruby Park in Springfield, campers are provided the opportunity to participate in weekly fun themes such as "Tye-Dye Day," Silly Sports or "Dinosaur Days." Tiny Trekkers, an indoor camp, offers half and full day sessions. The Springfield Y is located at 100 S. Springfield Avenue in Springfield. For information about camps and space availability, call the Terri Clinton at 973-467-0838.

At the Berkeley Heights YMCA, campers 5-10 years enjoy weekly theme sessions. Offering half and full day options, campers can participate in fun activities based on themes such as: "The Zoo Crew", Sports Mania, and "America the Beautiful." The Berkeley Heights Y is located at 550 Springfield Avenue in Berkeley Heights. For information about camps and space availability, call Jen Falvo at 908-464-8373.

NJ Travel Guide can assist in summer motoring

The New Jersey Commerce, Economic Growth and Tourism Commission recently unveiled the 2005 New Jersey Travel Guide during a celebration that brought to life the state's unique, diverse and scenic destinations through a live walk-through exhibit.

With new featured sections including "Shop 'Till You Drop," "New Jersey Golf Guide," and an all new "101 Fun Things To Do," the guide defines the Garden State as an ideal place for two- or three-day vacations.

"Creating a perfect vacation will give both the seasoned traveler and the prospective first-time visitor a full sense of what there is to do in the Garden State is a challenge, and the 2005 New Jersey Travel Guide is the answer," said Nancy Byrne, executive director of the New Jersey Office of Tourism. "With one quick flip through the guide, you'll see that New Jersey offers a wide range of options for every age group and every interest. From north to south, east to west, your vacation is just a drive away."

The 2005 New Jersey Travel Guide, the state tourism industry's flagship publication, contains virtually everything a visitor or resident might want to know about the Garden State, all presented in an easy-to-understand, yet extensive format to maximize the pleasure for prospective travelers. The guide is available for purchase or for free to those of their prior familiarity with New Jersey.

It boasts extensive listings of accommodations, restaurants, sites and attractions for business or pleasure. It also features suggested itineraries for planning easily accessible and unforgettable overnight getaways in the Garden State.

Exciting and informative special sections within the guide can help residents and visitors plan the perfect getaway. The special sections include the "New Jersey Golf Guide," which highlights some of the most scenic, challenging and highly rated courses in the nation; "Shop 'Till You Drop" which features premier destinations for outlet and mall shopping, antiques, boutiques and more, and an all new "101 Fun Things To Do" ranging from a real-life rodeo to premier skiing to beautiful beaches promise that new experiences are awaiting every visitor.

The 2005 New Jersey Travel Guide was launched during an interactive event at the Nassau Inn in Princeton.

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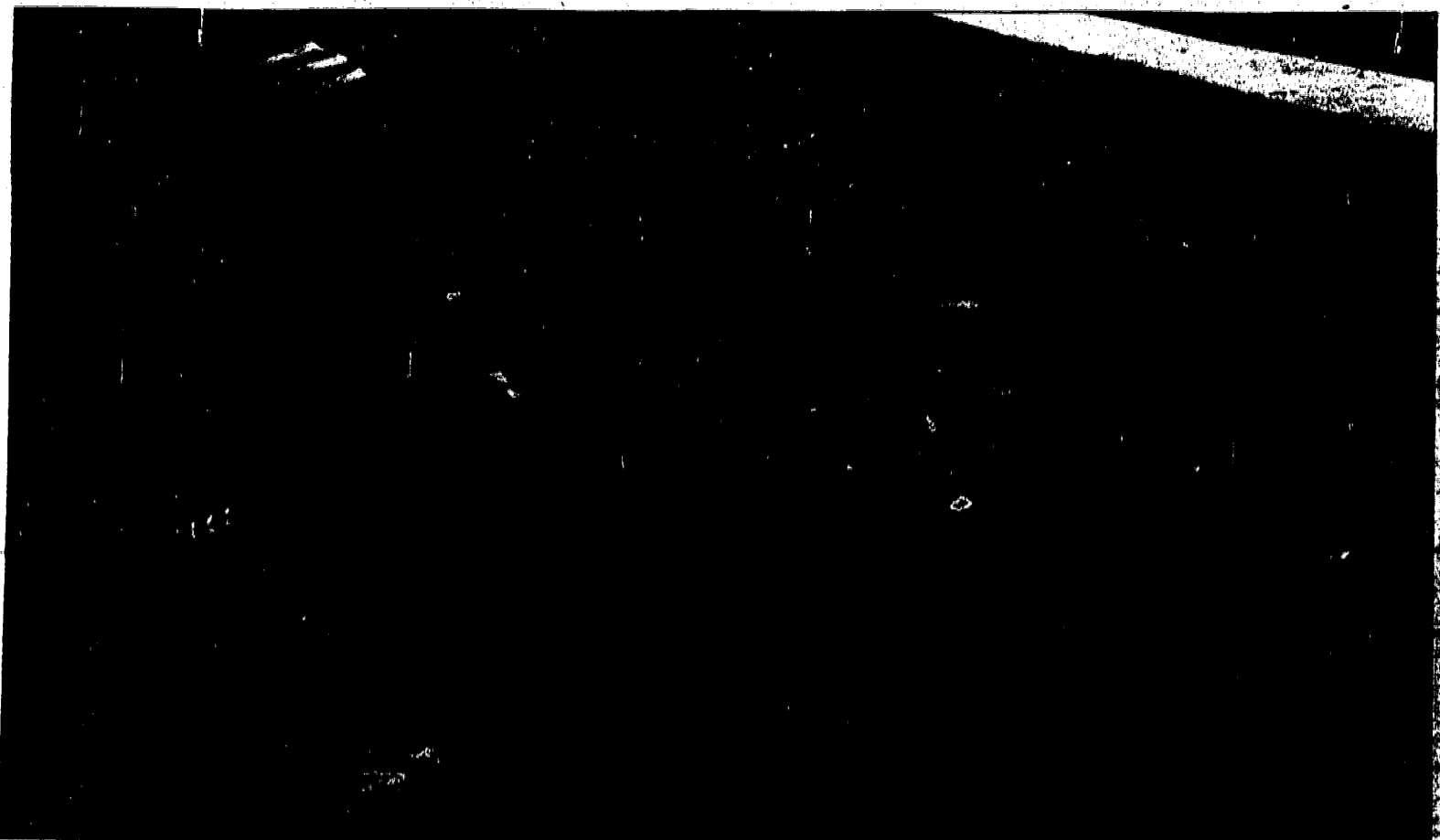
Bring Harry Potter back to life

Ever since Harry Potter first came on the scene, he has been igniting the imaginations of children around the world. They immediately identify with the young wizard who was sad and lonely until he realized he had magical powers.

The series about Harry's adventures and misadventures, brought to life by author J.K. Rowling, has become so popular that the sixth book, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," set for release on July 16, will have a U.S. record-breaking first printing of 10.8 million copies. The first three books in the series, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," and "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" have already been made into movies.

Child psychologists agree the reason the series has become so popular is that kids identify with the characters. They see a correlation between the relationships Harry has with the children and adults in the books and their own lives. The Harry Potter books are filled with scenarios that discuss common childhood issues such as loneliness, fitting in, bullying, loss, and rule-breaking; while at the same time offering an imaginary world of escape.

As is apparent from the continuing record breaking sales of Harry Potter merchandise — hats, robes, scarves, magic



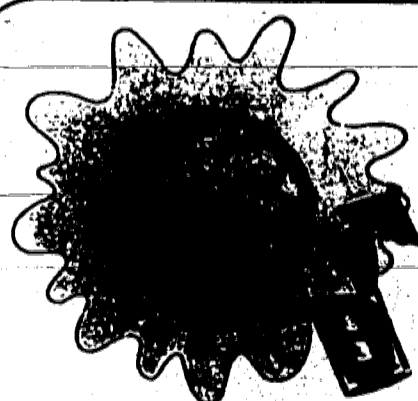
Children dressed in Harry Potter clothing and using his wand may spark their creativity — but a parent might realize.

wands, broomsticks and the like — the books aren't the only draw.

"Kids love imagining what their lives would be like if they were someone else, and this series encourages their imaginations to grow better than any other books I've ever read," said Dave Wozniak, owner of

Alivan's Master Wandmakers, a company specializing in handcrafted toy magic wands. "It's fun to watch my own son put on a Hogwarts hat, wave around a wand and transform himself into the wizard Harry Potter. He's really into it but is already pretending to make his dog disappear."

Wozniak's son, a 10-year-old boy, is also a fan of the series. "Being that I'm in his business, he has access to all kinds of cool toys. His favorite is his magic wand. The wand Wozniak's son uses is the 'If That Holly' made by the watchmaker in Alivan's."



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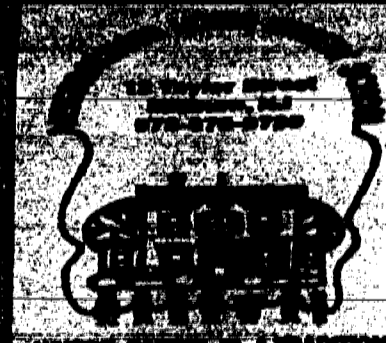
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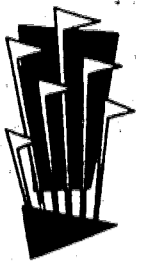
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