

# Echo LEADER

Serving Springfield and Mountside

## GL seniors aim high

By Brian Federsen  
Managing Editor

Whether they will one day be sending astronauts off to space or taking on the real-life role of a neurosurgeon, the future looks promising for some of the top seniors at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights.

All seven of the top graduating seniors in the Class of 2005, all young women, are eager to move onto the next phase of their lives as their high school career quickly draws to a close in a few weeks.

Their interests are as varied as their academic accomplishments, but each one of them shares a common desire to succeed, not only as future college students, but as individuals.

Federica Felloni, 18, of Berkeley Heights, has her sights set on becoming a lawyer and professional swimmer. She already swims for a local club and plans to attend Southern Methodist University in the fall.

A native of Italy, Felloni just recently moved to Berkeley Heights and has enjoyed learning foreign languages. Her favorites include Latin, Greek and French.

"I like the fact that, here, you choose what to study," said Felloni. She said, in Italy, students in high school study the same course for five years.

Kate Hansen, 18, of Berkeley Heights, will be attending Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., but, before that, she will embark on a trip to Mexico to participate in the Amor Ministries program, which is run out of her local Presbyterian church. The program gives volunteers the opportunity to help build homes for needy people.

Although her major is undecided, Hansen said she is looking forward to finding her niche in the wide range of courses available at Johns Hopkins.

"Their curriculum is very focused, so I can concentrate on different types of subjects," said Hansen.

Her favorite subjects are math and science. Like Felloni, Hansen is also a swimmer and will be taking part in the swimming program at Johns Hopkins next year.

Fellow Berkeley Heights resident Yasmin Husain, 18, will be pursuing a potential career in medical studies as a neurosurgeon at Johns Hopkins University.

"I want to be able to have a job



Photo by Carol Cho

The top students in the graduating class at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights have all set their sights high for the future. The seniors include, from left, Emily Grosse, Kate Hansen, Federica Felloni, Yeena Venkatchalam, Yasmin Husain, Lyndsey Thomas and Christine McCurdy.

that's hand-on," said Husain. "I'm very interested in the biochemistry of the brain."

Husain took advanced placement chemistry last year and AP biology this year and found both classes fascinating. Her interest in the medical profession was piqued when she shadowed real doctors at Overlook Hospital as a middle school student. It also helped that her mom is a physical therapist.

In her spare time, Husain participates in an Islamic youth group which she helped start with her friends and has also been a member of the Highlander Marching Band at GL for four years, where she currently serves as the color guard.

Mountside resident Lyndsey Thomas, 17, is looking forward to attending Bryn Mawr College in the fall.

"It was the first college I visited, so I fell in love with it," said Thomas. "I want to do communications or maybe journalism."

She has been a part of GL's journalism program for all four years and is currently co-editor of the student-run *Highlander* newspaper.

"When the paper comes out, I love seeing the whole school reading about what students are doing," said Thomas.

In her spare time, Thomas also

dances, performs ballet, plays clarinet in the GL Marching Band and tutors once a week at an elementary school in Berkeley Heights.

Yeena Venkatchalam, 18, of Berkeley Heights, plans to attend MIT in Boston, where she found the environment very welcoming.

Her major is undecided, but her interests include physics, chemistry and neuroscience, with a doctorate possibly down the road.

"I'm leaning toward public policy, getting funding for advancements in medical research, because sometimes I feel the value of science research is undervalued," said Venkatchalam.

She also plays trumpet in the Highlander Band, runs track and leaps over hurdles in the winter and spring and has been a member of the team for 12 years.

Christine McCurdy, 18, of Mountside, will also be attending Johns Hopkins University, like fellow classmates Hansen and Husain.

With a major in international relations, McCurdy is looking forward to traveling. She wants to go to Spain possibly to study abroad in the field of communications.

She is also a big soccer fan, having played for GL throughout her high school years and plans to continue playing soccer at Johns Hopkins.

At GL, McCurdy has found a place

that shows strong pride in high school sports.

"There's a lot of school spirit in general, at all sporting events," said McCurdy. "Everyone attends the football and basketball games, the night games."

Aside from sports, which are her main interests, McCurdy's favorite subjects are Spanish and economics. She also participates in Young Life, which is a club for teens and has served on Student Council for all four years at GL.

Emily Grosse, 18, of Berkeley Heights, is ready to launch into a career that will allow her to send astronauts into space. Since fifth-grade, she has dreamed of working for NASA and, in the fall, she will be participating in a course, which is also a major, called *Course 16: an astro and astrodynamics major*.

She wants to be in a jet propulsion lab where she will serve as a rocket scientist. In March, she received a general class license, which gives her a call sign that allows her to contact people in space through radio with the Amateur Radio on International Space Station organization.

At GL, she is captain of the girls fencing team and also runs cross-country and takes Russian lessons from an assistant fencing coach.

## BOE hears Apple laptop proposal

By Mark Hrywna  
Regional Editor

Springfield Superintendent of Schools Michael Davino concedes it wouldn't be feasible to organize or finance a field trip to a rain forest. But he's hoping a one-to-one laptop program next year will help bring a better perspective to such topics by integrating technology into the classroom.

Rather than simply reading about rain forests and seeing photographs in a textbook, students could download vivid videos and photos, gather research and work collaboratively in learning about the tropical regions.

"It's a dynamic tool," board member Irwin Sablosky said. "It's not trying to be static."

The school board heard a presentation from representatives of Apple Computer during its meeting Monday night before sending proposals for next year's laptop program to the Finance Committee. The committee will review Apple's proposal, along with one from Dell and another expected from HP. A recommendation to the full school board could come as early as the board's next meeting, on June 27.

The one-to-one laptop program, first introduced by Davino as part of next year's school budget, was scaled back to equip only seventh- and eighth-graders. Originally, all sixth-through-ninth-graders were to get laptops but, after the \$31 million school budget was defeated, the proposal was cut in half, by about \$145,000.

The final proposal will include details such as maintenance, insurance, training and cost on the three-year lease for each computer.

As for maintenance, Brent D. Frey, northeast development manager for Apple, said if a laptop were to go down, there would be a central point in the school where it could be exchanged from a spare pool of working computers until it's repaired. "In one-to-one, you can't be down. If you're down, instruction stops," Frey said.

"It's not just who has the cheapest computer," Sablosky said. "It's so much more than just hardware, feeding stock education materials into it."

Sablosky, chairman of the board's Finance Committee, said presentations from other vendors will be requested if necessary. The committee is expected to meet next week.

The superintendent reviewed the proposal from Dell and, as a result, asked Apple to make the presentation. "I saw it simply as which textbook I would recommend."

"At this stage, in terms of instruction, staff development," he said, it's what met the focus and intent of what he had for the one-to-one program.

Resident Steve Eisenberg called Apple's presentation nothing more than a sales pitch. "It's basically the tip of iceberg of expense," he said.

"You're adding one more thing to the classroom that doesn't add to critical thinking. It's an economic issue here. We have a limited budget," said Eisenberg.

Steven Friedman, a candidate in April's school board election, urged the board to seriously review the proposals from each vendor.

Frey said many school districts are going the way of laptops and one-to-one computing. Apple has been involved in supplying 300,000 computers in schools from Pennsylvania to Maine. The company handled Maine's one-to-one laptop initiative, which equipped all 44,000 middle-school students in the state.

"It's a different kind of challenge than technology currently in schools, Frey said. "We're still in the early stages of one-to-one computing," he said, "but it's starting to develop rapidly now."

One major difference between Apple and other vendors, he said, is the staff training and development.

Sixteen "Vanguard" teachers would serve as mentors to the local staff, helping to create projects and eventually work with individual departments.

Apple also would look to partner with a local university to study and measure progress before, during and after the laptop initiative. Frey related studies by Boston College of laptop programs in New Hampshire and Maine that surveyed students and teachers during and after programs.

"Early on in one-to-one, it's not about hardware at all, as much as it is other factors," Frey said, including administrative leadership/vision and curriculum.

## Testimony concludes on condo development

By Mark Hrywna  
Regional Editor

When Gregory Clarke first moved to Springfield more than 40 years ago, it was mostly farmland. Now, the Tucker Avenue resident and former mayor says all the land that can be developed has been developed. That's why an application currently being heard by the Planning Board puts the township, he said, at a crossroads. Instead of building horizontally, developers may propose building vertically.

"It will change the town dramatically, not in one year," he said, but over the course of a decade.

Testimony concluded and cross-examination of experts began last week on an application to develop the former Baltusrol Swim Club property on Wilson Road.

Contract-purchaser Garden Homes Inc. is requesting four variances for its 93-unit condominium development: allow a three-story building when only 2½ stories is allowed; allow living quarters on the third floor; allow 93 units in one building when township code allows 32 per building, and a variance to allow for more disturbance of steep slopes than allowed by code.

The 8-acre site has been the subject of several development proposals over the years. The most recent was a four-building, 96-unit concept from Pinnacle Communities rejected by the Planning Board in a 7-2 vote five years ago. In that plan, the units were expected to sell for approximately \$300,000 each. A previous plan in 1984 also was rejected.

"If you grant so many variances, why have variances?" Clarke, a former Planning Board member, asked. "You have to think about why these things exist."

Clarke said there's no reason one 32-unit building could not be pro-

posed that would require no variances.

Joseph Burgis, an expert planner for the applicant testifying last week, said the development is consistent with the goals and objectives of the township's master plan and the specific land use for the site.

The master plan, he added, allows for a density of up to 16 units per acre on the site. The application calls for 93 units on the 8 acres, or about 11.5 units per acre.

By comparison, Burgis noted the adjacent Troy Village condominiums, which house 342 units on 38 acres, about 9 units per acre, and Summit Hill apartments, which have 228 units on 23 acres, or almost 10 units per acre.

Township code requires 186 parking spaces, which the plan meets through 140 spaces beneath the building and 46 surface spaces in front.

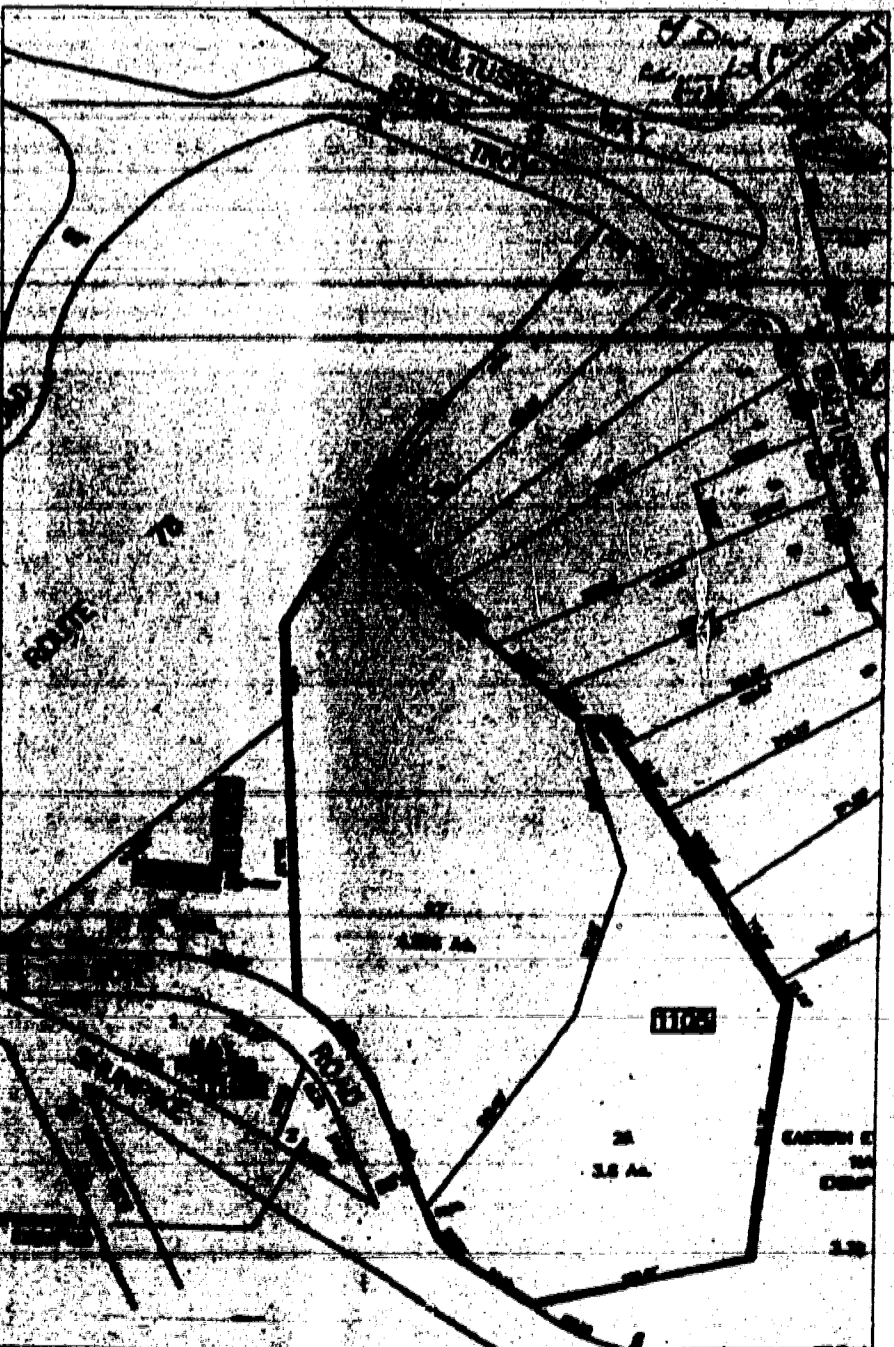
The land use is "complementary to the surrounding development pattern, but also the municipality's own master plan authorizes it," Burgis said.

As for the site's topography, 38 percent of the property slopes 15 percent or more and about 11 percent slopes 25 percent or more. The 51,300-square-foot building footprint would cover almost 15 percent of the 8-acre site.

In past applications, residents have raised concerns about the need for blasting because of the site's steep slopes.

About 20 residents were in attendance at last week's board meeting, where Bruce Ogden, an attorney for the neighboring Baltusrol Golf Club, cross-examined the applicant's witnesses for more than an hour on topics including building height, retaining walls, front yard parking and stormwater drainage.

Cross-examination will continue



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at the board's next meeting, July 6, and may conclude with a vote as well.

The issue of sidewalks along the roadway was raised and attorney Bruce Pitman said the application would construct sidewalks on both

## TC eyes options for health services

By Brian Federsen  
Managing Editor

In an effort to find ways to gain greater savings, the Springfield Township Committee passed a formal resolution announcing their intention to terminate the township's Board of Health contract with the Westfield Board of Health.

While the action does not guarantee that the contract will be terminated, it does allow the Township Committee the opportunity to seek other options for providing health services to Springfield residents.

The announcement was made at the last Township Committee meeting and appeared to be generated by a need to reduce costs.

"At this time, we are looking to save some money and use shared services with other towns," said Committeewoman Clara Hareluk.

According to Committeeman Harold Poltrock, cutting costs is the main reason behind the decision to explore other options.

"The costs have just been going up and up," said Poltrock, who serves as the committee's liaison to the Springfield Board of Health. "We are not looking at slashing services; we are looking at we need to get for less money."

The cost for the current one-year contract with the Westfield Board of Health is \$133,000, according to Health Official Robert Sherr, who serves as head of the Westfield Regional Health Department. He said Springfield has been contracting their health services with Westfield for about seven years.

While a meeting between the Township Committee and Sherr took place during budget review time, no further discussions have taken place with the Township Committee, according to Sherr. However, the

health official did meet with the Springfield Board of Health to discuss the contract, which expires Dec. 31.

According to Sherr, the committee is required to give notice before July 1 to let the Westfield Board of Health know that other options are being explored, which is why the resolution was passed.

While Springfield would have to provide their health services within Union County, Sherr said the township has the option of hiring its own health officer and paying the additional costs of resources, including staff and programming.

While Sherr said he did not know the particular reason why the Springfield Board of Health would want to possibly end their contract with Westfield, he said other towns that partner with Westfield have explored other options in the past, only to come back to Westfield.

"I don't mind if they look around," said Sherr. "It's nothing we haven't seen happen before. I am confident in the services we offer."

So far, there are seven towns who partner with the Westfield Board of Health to provide health services.

"We have not decided necessarily what we are going to do," said Poltrock. "I think we are satisfied with the services they provide. It's the cost of those services. Perhaps, if we can ourselves with another town, we can get the same type of services for less."

Mayor Sy Mullman agreed that exploring shared services was the best way to go. He said the committee is currently talking with representatives from other communities to discuss a possible partnership. Mullman said he would like to be able to run health services out of the Springfield Town Hall and not other communities.

"I want the services for my people in my town," said Mullman. "This is something that's not done correctly."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Friday
Lisa Athan and Scott Strickland will be presenting a workshop titled "The Art of Forgiveness" that is designed to help people learn and practice forgiveness in their lives.

Saturday
The Friends of Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, will sponsor the annual yard sale from 9 a.m. to noon in the commuter parking lot next to the library.

Sunday
Members of the Mountainside Newcomers Club are invited to spend some time outdoors and enjoy a Stable Tour and Horseback Riding Day at the Watching Stables at 11 a.m.

Monday
The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a workshop session in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday
The Springfield Township Committee will convene a regular meeting in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 p.m., preceded by a workshop session at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday
The Mountainside Board of Education will meet in the media center of Beechwood School, 1487 Woodacres Drive, at 8 p.m.

Thursday
The Mountainside Borough Council will meet for a workshop session in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east, at 8 p.m.

Friday
The following is a schedule of events for The 225th Anniversary Of The Battle Of Springfield.

Saturday
Starting at 10 a.m., camp opens at Jonathan Dayton High School. This will include demonstrations and displays of life in the 18th century, rides and a petting zoo until 2 p.m. and food and merchandise on sale by vendors.

Sunday
At 11 a.m., a centennial re-dedication of the battle monument will take place at First Presbyterian Church at the corner of Morris Avenue and Church Mall. From 3 to 4 p.m. will be a battle re-enactment. Camp closes at 4:30 p.m.

Monday
At 7 p.m., gates open at the Sandmeier School for fireworks, with live music and food available for sale. At 9:30 p.m., fireworks will start, with a rain date set for next clear night.

Tuesday
Additional sponsors are needed. For information, call 973-912-2200, 973-912-2300 or send an e-mail to www.springfieldbattle.com.

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Thursday
A historic church service will start at 9 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church at the corner of Morris and Mountain avenues.

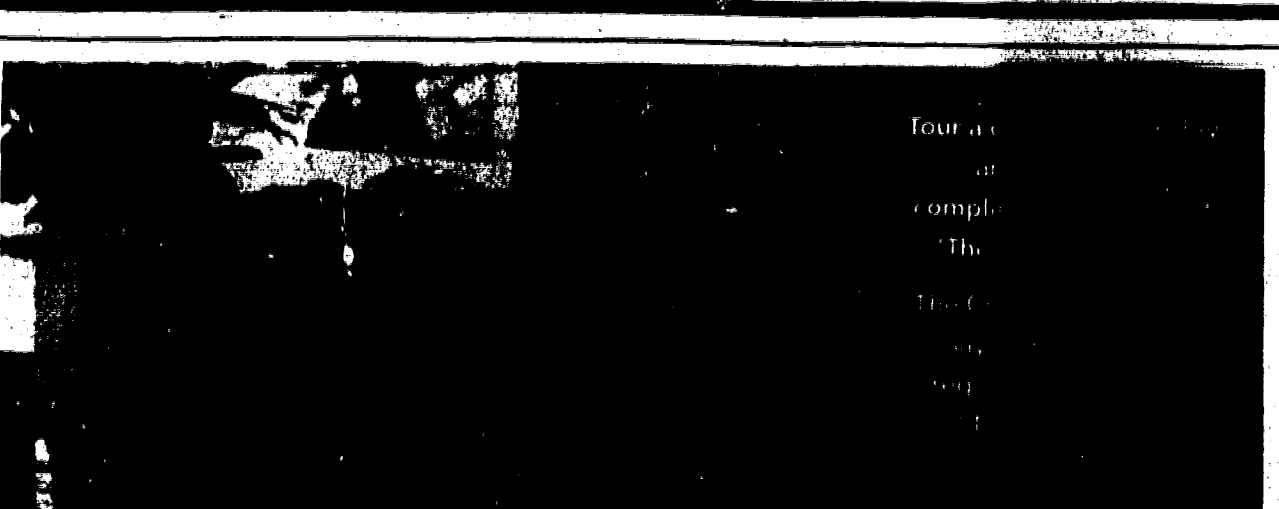
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At 10 a.m., camp opens at Jonathan Dayton High School, including demonstrations and displays of life in the 18th century.

Saturday
At 11:30 a.m., a parade will kick off, starting at Echo Plaza on Mountain Avenue and ending at Jonathan Dayton High School.

Sunday
At 1:30 p.m., a battle re-enactment will take place at the high school. At 4:30 p.m., all activities will close.

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Latchkey program moves ahead

By Mark Hrywna Regional Editor
Applications will be delivered to all three elementary schools this week and distributed to students to register for a latchkey program to begin in the Springfield school district next year.

The cost of the preschool program would be \$5.55 each day, which would include breakfast, based on a 180-day school year. The after-school program, which includes food as well, would be \$15 each day.

The after-school program would have student remediation, "homework helpers," arts and other co-curricular types of programs.

Once the program begins to stabilize in the fall, and officials have handled on final numbers, the superintendent said, "we'll get into expansion, and extension of programs."

There will be site directors at each school and group leaders for each group of children who will be required to hold at least a county substitute license.

He cited an example of possible staffers to be student-teachers who would be looking to "hone their skills."

Husband, wife arrested for incident

Mountainside
A borough husband and wife were arrested and charged with obstruction and resisting arrest Sunday because of a dispute that began when the husband chopped down a neighbor's lilac bush, according to police.

Wesley Anderson, 48, and his wife, Cindy, 50, both of Peachtree Lane, were arrested and charged at 6:03 p.m. on Sunday by officers Mike Pasquale and Kenneth Capobianco.

The incident that led to their arrests began when Wesley chopped down a lilac bush that appeared to be on the property of a female neighbor.

Police said the neighbor told Pasquale and Capobianco that she had tried to get Anderson to wait one day before cutting down the bush so she could get a copy of the property line from the Zoning Board at Borough Hall.

Afterward, police said the neighbor and Anderson began shouting at one another, which precipitated a call being placed to borough police.

Pasquale reported that he and Capobianco approached both parties who were located between the disputed property line, and tried to separate them.

However, police said, Anderson instead became belligerent and started yelling at the neighbor again, and she responded in kind. Things were get-

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ing down and the officers were trying to take a statement from the neighbor, police said.

At that point, police said, Cindy was told to place her hands behind her back because she too was now under arrest for obstruction.

Police said Pasquale moved to grab Anderson's clenched fist but he pulled it away. A wrestling match ensued, police said, and ended with Anderson on the ground with both officers trying to grab his hands and arms and restrain him, but he resisted.

Finally, police said, after an extended struggle, Anderson was handcuffed by the officers and put into the back of their car for transport back to police headquarters for processing.

With the husband and wife secure in their custody, police said Pasquale and Capobianco held inquiries with four witnesses who observed the dispute between Wesley and the neighbor. They also went on record as having witnessed the incidents involving the officers, police said.

The site has been prepared for a crane to lift the modulars into place. Clarke said he hoped one or two units would be in place last night, with modulars being placed on a daily basis starting today.

The 32 modular units, which will allow the district to house first- and second-grade students, along with prekindergarten and kindergarten programs.

After the addition is completed, exterior shobo work will be done before interior work is completed, in addition to attaching the modular units together and to the existing building.

It takes about 2 1/2 days to construct one modular unit. Williams Soutman Inc. was awarded the \$5.9 million contract for the construction.

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Lions Club installs U.S. flags

The Springfield Lions Club is rewarding its supporters with new American flags as part of their celebration of 80 years as a service organization.

"For a year or so after 9-11, American flags were everywhere," said Lions President Ruth Grossman.

Now, if you see them on homes at all, they sometimes look tired and worn-out. We are encouraging everyone in Springfield to fly their flags proudly as we approach Flag Day and the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Springfield," said Grossman.

Donations, with requests for flags, may be sent to: Donald Dausser, Secretary, Springfield Lions Club, P.O. Box 364, Springfield, NJ 07081.

For a donation of \$50 or more, the Springfield Lions will provide a 3-foot by 5-foot nylon flag with sewn stripes and embroidered stars, made in the United States by Valley Forge Flag Co., along with a pewter finish aluminum mounting bracket and brushed aluminum telescoping pole.

Walton modulars arrive

Modular units that will make up an addition to Springfield's Walton Elementary School were expected to arrive last night on the Mountain Avenue site.

School Business Administrator Matthew Clarke said on Monday night's Springfield Board of Education meeting that footings are ready for the modulars, which left Whitley, Ind., where they were being constructed, on Monday.

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Starting in September, James Caldwell and Thomas L. Sandmeier elementary schools will be home to the district's third-, fourth- and fifth-graders.

Florence M. Gaudinier Middle School, which currently has grades five through eight, will become a sixth- through eighth-grade facility.

Funds sought for Project Graduation

The Governor Livingston High School PTA is organizing Project Graduation this year. A tradition that began in 1989, on graduation night, the senior class of 239 students will have their chance to participate in a drug and alcohol-free event at the Somy Werblin Recreation Center at Rutgers University.

Several fund-raisers are under way to help raise money for Project Graduation. Donations can be sent to: Project Graduation Committee 2005, Governor Livingston High School, 175 Watchung Blvd., Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922.



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Our Lady of Lourdes to host golf outing

By Keith Shaw Correspondent
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Mountainside will be hosting its first annual golf classic on July 11. The outing will be conducted at the Suburban Golf Club in Union, with registration starting at 10 a.m.

Participants can expect an exciting day of golf in which they can compete in four contests throughout their 18-hole day, including a low net foursome, low gross score for men and women, longest drive for men and women and closest to the pin.

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Along with golf, there will be a raffle, lunch buffet, silent auction, cocktail hour and dinner which will conclude with an award ceremony.

It will be \$250 for each individual golfer and \$85 for people only participating in the dinner.

The Rev. John McCrone of Our Lady of Lourdes Church said the event is going to be a lot of fun and a good opportunity for the members of the parish and their friends to get together.

The goal is to get 112 golfers on the course that day and many more to join for dinner and beverages. All proceeds from the event will go toward different operations of the church.

For information, call Stankiewicz at 908-930-9355.

Mountainside district updates Web site

The Mountainside Board of Education has completed its new Web site for parents and residents and it went "live" on June 1.

Parents can find out the summer school schedule; summer reading suggestions, and the home page of the PTA has also been updated.

Board Secretary Paul Vizzuso said he thought the new Web site was much improved. "It is easily accessible and thanks to our computer coordinator, Randy Palmer, it is up-to-date," said Vizzuso.

PTA seeks funds for playground

Edward V. Walton School PTA in Springfield is continuing to reach out to the community to acquire funding to purchase and install a playground for the students in June.

The PTA needs to raise at least \$100,000 for the playground facility, which will be placed at the front of the school in a fenced-in area close to Mountain Avenue.

Those who would like to make a tax-deductible donation can send a check payable to: The Edward V. Walton School PTA, 601 Mountain Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081.

For information, call Kristen Schachter, president of the Walton School PTA at 908-608-1121 or contact her through e-mail at krisrusnell@comcast.net.

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## EDITORIALS

### A day to get involved

Providing a way for the community to come out for a great cause. Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside is hosting its golf classic on July 11. The outing will be conducted at Suburban Golf Club in Union, with registration starting at 10 a.m.

What makes this day unique is that participants can compete in four contests: the low net foursome, low gross score, longest drive and closest to the pin. Plus, any participant who shoots a hole-in-one will win a new Mercury Mariner from Thomas Lincoln Mercury in Westfield.

Aside from a day of golf, there will be a raffle, lunch buffet, silent auction, cocktail hour and dinner and will conclude with an award ceremony. The outing is not only open to members of the church, but anyone in the community who would like to participate. As an added benefit, all proceeds from the event will go toward various operations at the church.

Those who do not golf can get involved by becoming a sponsor, which includes having one's name or firm appear in all promotional event materials and be given additional recognition throughout the day, with a total of eight different sponsorship opportunities.

To find out more about this unique event, call 908-232-1162.

### A super season

While the Governor Livingston High School softball team lost to Caldwell in the North 2, Group 2 final last week, the GL team enjoyed a successful season this year, culminating in their defeat of Rutherford 1-0 earlier last week.

The Dayton High School boys tennis team also enjoyed recent success, having reached the Central Jersey, Group 1 semifinals and won at least nine matches this season. Dayton, the fourth seed, defeated fifth-seeded Bound Brook 5-0 at home in the sectional quarters before falling to top-seeded New Providence 3-2 in the semis.

Dayton posted other 5-0 wins vs. Union Catholic, Oratory Prep, Roselle Park and Cranford and also beat Cranford 4-1, New Providence 3-2 and Rahway and Arthur L. Johnson 4-1.

While academics are essential, local school sports play a pivotal role in bringing the community together and it's important to note the successes of our local teams.

### Fly the flag

Tuesday is Flag Day, when people across the United States honor the American flag that has come to represent the freedoms and values we hold dear and on which our great nation was built. Flag Day is celebrated June 14 every year because, on June 14, 1777, the Flag Resolution officially adopted the Stars and Stripes as the symbol of our fledgling nation.

Flag Day is believed to have originated in 1885, when B.J. Cigrand, a school teacher, arranged for his pupils at Public School District 6 in Freedonia, Wis., to observe June 14 as "Flag Birthday." Similar celebrations occurred for three decades and, on May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson established Flag Day, although it was not until Aug. 3, 1949, that President Harry S. Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14 of each year as National Flag Day.

Our flag represents the nation and the many people who gave their lives for our country and our flag. As such an important symbol, there is a proper way to display the flag: The flag is normally flown from sunrise to sunset. In the morning, raise the flag briskly. At sunset, lower it slowly. The flag should not be flown at night without a light on it. The flag should not be flown in the rain or inclement weather. After a tragedy or death, the flag is flown at half staff for 30 days. When flown on a vertical pole, the stars and blue field, or "union," is at the top and at the end of the pole, away from your house. The American flag is always flown at the top of the pole. Never let your flag touch the ground.

Fly the flag Tuesday and throughout the year. Or honor the flag with a 21-day salute, which includes from Tuesday to the Fourth of July.

*"The concept that government may restrict the speech of some elements of our society in order to enhance the relative voice of others is wholly foreign to the First Amendment."*

— Buckley vs. Valeo  
U.S. Supreme Court opinion  
1976



TIME FOR TEA — The Women's Association of Community Presbyterian Church of Mountainside celebrates its fourth annual spring tea with tea sandwiches, sweets and door prizes. Hats, gloves and boas were optional, but lots of fun could be found. Enjoying the day are, from left, Joanna Carpency, Betty VanClarcorn, Louise Sgarro and Eleanor Annis.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Unacceptable for kids and adults

To the Editor: I was very dismayed to find that Mr. Harry Pappas felt compelled to resort to name-calling in his May 26 letter to the editor regarding the Springfield Township Committee's cut of \$200,000 from the defeated school budget. I for one cannot respect a person or trust in any of what they say if they cannot make their point without engaging in name-calling.

Starting off in kindergarten at Walton School and continuing on through Caldwell School, my daughter and her classmates take part in Character Education programs. Nowhere in their learning about the pillars of character or in learning how to resolve conflicts were they ever taught that name-calling was acceptable or that it solved anything. If more parents reinforce at home these important lessons in character that our children are taught in school, our children would live in an even better place.

Mara Friedman  
Springfield

### Residents should be embarrassed

To the Editor: I believe that the voters and residents of Springfield should be embarrassed by the letters to the editor by Harry Pappas and Hazel Hardgrove in the May 26 Echo Leader.

I was quite embarrassed that Mr. Pappas would suggest that our Township Committee or Board of Education should compare our school budget to Hillside's budget. He failed to mention that, in Hillside's budget, \$980,000 was for repairs to the buildings in the district. The other monies came from reducing health insurance, reappropriating special education surplus and then trimming supplies and materials by 17 percent. We are not Hillside, nor do we strive to be. As for our taxes "going into orbit," I dare say that no resident wants to see their taxes go up each year, but I believe that this is the "circle of life." Are you going to tell me that, when Mr. Pappas' or Mrs. Hardgrove's children attended school, their taxes stayed the same each year? I would be quite surprised to find that to be true. Mr. Pappas, can you confirm that, during your tenure as a Township Committee member, there was a year where the taxes in our town didn't increase? Again, I would find this to be quite untrue. I am a taxpayer and a Springfield resident and I don't need you speaking for me through your letter.

I further found Mr. Pappas' letter to be extremely condescending to each individual that sits on either the Township Committee or the Board of Education. Although I would be the first to state that I don't always agree with either organization at all times, I respect them for their time and effort they put forward. Regarding the "bubba and coconut" comments, I will just say to Mr. Pappas, "People in glass houses shouldn't throw stones" and "If the shoe fits, wear it." As a parent of four children, I'm raising my children to try to be kind and considerate to all people and explaining to them that "name calling" is uncalled for.

As for Mrs. Hardgrove's letter, I always find her letters to be filled with false statements and false numbers. The first false statement that sticks out in Mrs. Hardgrove's letter is that no child's backpack is between 50 and 60 pounds. I will agree that my fifth-grade daughter's backpack is heavy; however, it doesn't weigh that much. As for the budget statements in her letter, I need to also share correct facts.

This was the lowest percentage increase in our school budget in six years. The increase was only 5.28 percent. Now, with the cut to the budget, it is 4.48 percent, which is the lowest in eight years, since deregionalization. As for your statement about Apple computers, this is incorrect as well. The cost to lease the computers for three years is about half of the \$899 that you quoted in the newspaper. Could you please tell us where you got that number? As for the wireless writing, it's already in place at PMQ. There is no extra cost involved. In regard to your statement about "special personnel and record keeping," there will be no other personnel added to this budget. We have a Technology Department in place already, which will take care of all this. Mrs. Hardgrove, if you are looking for a year when taxes will not increase, you will be waiting forever. As you know, each year, salaries and health benefits increase. This simply means that, each year, there will be an increase. As for your statement, "The Township Committee seems to interpret no as yes," I further disagree. If the Township Committee thought that to be true, it would cut nothing. I believe this was a very carefully thought-out decision. This cut doesn't hurt our children, which this budget should be all about.

As each year passes, Mrs. Hardgrove always wants this budget to fail. However, Mrs. Hardgrove would like the Board of Education to purchase an audio amplifier system for the Board Education's meetings, which only occur twice a month. Maybe Mrs. Hardgrove would like to donate the amplifier system. The residents of Springfield as well as all other towns should consider this as their vote for the budget each year. Public education is the responsibility of the entire public, not just those of us who have children in the school district. We all benefit from rising home values. Strong schools add value to our community. If we allow our public education systems to deteriorate, we will cause home values to fall. A strong school district is something that attracts new families to our town.

Lastly, I ask the residents of Springfield to get fully informed before your next vote. Whether it's about candidates for Township Committee, candidates for the school board or the school budget. Please don't rely on what you read in the Echo Leader or The Star-Leader. Go and ask your questions before voting time. This will make you a well-informed voter.

Laura Delia  
Springfield

### Absence figures need clarification

To the Editor: In the May 26 front page article, "New budget calls for \$180 tax hike," there was a question on figures for "gross days of accumulated absences for employees in the police and fire departments." The article went on to say the police had 1,354 days for a compensated value of \$424,577.70 and a total of 44 days at a cost of \$26,813.60 for the Fire Department. These numbers were correct per the township's budget report sheet 3d.

If you're an accountant, these numbers may not have surprised you, as you had a better chance of understanding this, but based on the number of residents who approached me on this and also on what I thought these numbers represented, I feel that it is necessary to clarify what these totals are.

These figures for the Police Department initially shocked me as much as I believe they did the public that questioned these figures. I could not imagine this amount of absenteeism. I, along with PBA Secretary Jim Morton, have approached the town's chief finance officer, Marie Sedlak, and asked to have a break down on where these figures came from. We were both assured these totals did not represent any cost for officers or firefighters being absent, but merely represented what could be the financial liability to the town if all members eligible to retire — those having at least 25 years of service to the town as of Dec. 31 — decided to retire prior to the end of this year. These days constitute unused vacation time, overtime which was taken in time off rather than money and terminal leave. While this was touched on in the article, it still led the public to believe there was sick time included in this figure, which is not the case.

After having this clarified, these numbers do not seem as ridiculous as originally thought. The police cost far exceeds the fire due to the fact that there are more employees on the Police Department payroll and almost 25 percent of the Police Department is currently eligible to retire, having 25 years or more of service to the town. Hopefully, this will clear the air on this issue.

President John Cook  
Springfield PBA Local 76

### Permit public dialogue before voting

To the Editor: I have received several telephone calls from residents who agree with the concept of allowing residents to have the opportunity to speak on any matters listed on the township's agendas before any official action is taken by the Springfield Township Committee. Especially on matters pertaining to the expenditure of public funds.

I would again request that the Township Committee amend their current policy and permit dialogue before the fact and I would like to see the new policy begin at the next public meeting on Tuesday.

Harry Pappas  
Springfield

### Walking behavior poses safety hazard

To the Editor: Editor's note: The following letter was addressed to Springfield Police Chief William Chisholm.

I am writing to you on a matter of which, I am sure, you must already be aware, but which I believe could result in tragedies on the streets of Springfield. While driving around the township, I have noticed that several people — but chiefly senior citizens and teenagers — have gotten into the habit of walking on public streets where there are sidewalks. Some of these people — including one elderly woman in particular who walks with headphones on — often walk almost directly into traffic.

A public service campaign should be launched to make these people aware of the danger they pose to themselves and to the safety of the motoring public. If a motorist were to hit one of these walkers, it would spell tragedy not only for the walker and his or her family, but also possibly legal, financial and mental tragedy for the motorist and his or her family.

My wife and I are avid walkers — in fact we founded a walking club at our local church — but we are careful to observe the rule that "sidewalks are for pedestrians and streets are for vehicles." If there currently are no penalties for disobeying this rule, there certainly should be. I would be happy to help you in urging the state legislature to pass such a law.

I would appreciate a reply to this letter, a copy of which I am forwarding to The Echo Leader. Thank you in advance for your kind attention.

Robert R. Paszczewski  
Springfield

### Our policy on letters and columns

The Echo Leader welcomes submissions from its readers. Letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages.

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### Girl Scouts earn top awards

Eight girls in Mountainside's sixth-grade Junior Troop 586 completed their requirements to earn their Bronze Award this spring.

This is the highest award that a Junior Girl Scout can achieve. The girls chose to work with disabled children for their service project, partnering with Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

Their efforts focused around the hospital's "Friday Night Fever" program. This is a fun, after-hours social event conducted monthly for disabled teens and young adults, run by caring hospital and community volunteers. Troop 586 spent 15 hours making and donating special gifts for the program, volunteering at two of their social events and, through community involvement, helped to raise funds for their project.

Throughout the year, many fun activities went into fulfilling the award requirements. The troop diligently worked on their Sew Simple badge, soliciting donations from Wal-Mart, in Union, to help purchase the materials to make and donate 18 fleece pillows. They also enjoyed visiting Children's Specialized Hospital.

There, the girls learned firsthand about the challenges of wheelchair mobility and about the various levels of disabilities that are treated at the hospital.

Another meeting focused on disability awareness. Becoming "temporarily disabled," through simulation exercises, heightened the troop's understanding of what it would be like to be disabled. These activities, and their work on their My Community badge, helped the girls become more aware of the needs of being disabled and about the history and purpose of Children's Specialized Hospital.

The girls spent the balance of their service project planning, volunteering and fund-raising. The troop assisted at two of the monthly "Friday Night Fever" events, volunteering at their annual sleepover and carnival.

They helped to decorate the rooms, develop interactive games to play with the disabled teens and young adults, assist with welcoming and guiding many of the wheelchair participants throughout the events, and staff a game at the carnival night. Three of the girls even dressed up as clowns.

The troop's final Bronze Award activity was organizing two bake sales in the community. Through their own efforts of baking and selling dozens of cookies and brownies, the troop raised more than \$175 to use for their project.

In completing the requirements for the Bronze Award, the girls now understand the value of volunteering. They realize that they can individually make a difference in a disabled person's life, not only helping them enjoy special activities, but also assisting them with the little things that are so easily taken for granted.

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### 'Give 'Em Watts' painting on display

Beginning on Sunday, the famous painting by John Ward Dunsmuthe, "Give 'Em Watts Boys," will be on display at Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. Library hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library desk can be reached at 973-376-4930.

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### Kaston achieves Eagle Scout

On June 5, in a special ceremony at the Knights of Columbus, G. Bradley Kaston of Boy Scout Troop 73 of Springfield was awarded Boy Scouting's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout.

Kaston is among the elite, for only 4 percent of all scouts achieve Eagle, the highest rank in scouting. It is particularly difficult in times with distractions ranging from year-round organized sports activities, video games, the Internet and ever-demanding school work. It takes a singular focus, a drive to accomplish, that goes on to become the elite.

To ascend to Eagle, Kaston had to systematically work through scouting's five prior ranks and achieve no less than 21 merit badges. Each rank and badge requiring the mastery of specific skills ranging from camping, first aid, swimming, hiking, citizenship and leadership, just to name a few. The final step to Eagle is to complete a community service project that demonstrates leadership and organization and has a tangible benefit to the community that must be approved by the Troop 73 Committee and the Scout District.

Kaston started his trail to Eagle as a Webelo Scout in Pack 73 of Springfield. Once he graduated from Webelo to Boy Scout, he was quick to ascend through the ranks and earn merit badges, which alone will not get one to Eagle.

In addition, he had to assume ever-increasing levels of leadership responsibilities in the troop. Kaston has had the positions of patrol leader, assistant patrol leader and senior patrol leader, which is the highest-ranking position in the troop.

Each of these positions is not chosen by the adult leadership, but nominated and voted by other scouts; a testament to Kaston's leadership qualities. Outside the troop, these qualities were also recognized. Kaston participated in a Junior Leadership Training program early in scouting and so impressed the staff that the next year he was invited back as a staff member.

Even though Kaston "graduated" from the troop after reaching the age of 18, he continues to provide a leadership role in the district's Junior Leadership Training Program.

Kaston earned his Eagle rank by acquiring 26 merit badges, ascending through each of the five prerequisite ranks and completing his Eagle project. The project Kaston undertook was to label the storm drains of Springfield according to a New Jersey mandate. The project involved the acquisition of materials, the planning and scheduling of 180 man hours of volunteer scouts and other volunteers and the complete documentation of the entire project for submission for the Eagle Board of Review.

An additional benefit of the road to Eagle is that it provides a sense of citizenship and community that carries over into one's non-scouting life. For Kaston, this sense of community exhibited itself as he assumed the role as the vice president of the local council of the Junior Statesman of America. A well-rounded individual, Kaston also lettered in Varsity track while completing his senior year at Jonathan Dayton High School. The next challenge for this Kaston is to attend Skidmore College in the fall, where he plans to major in economics.

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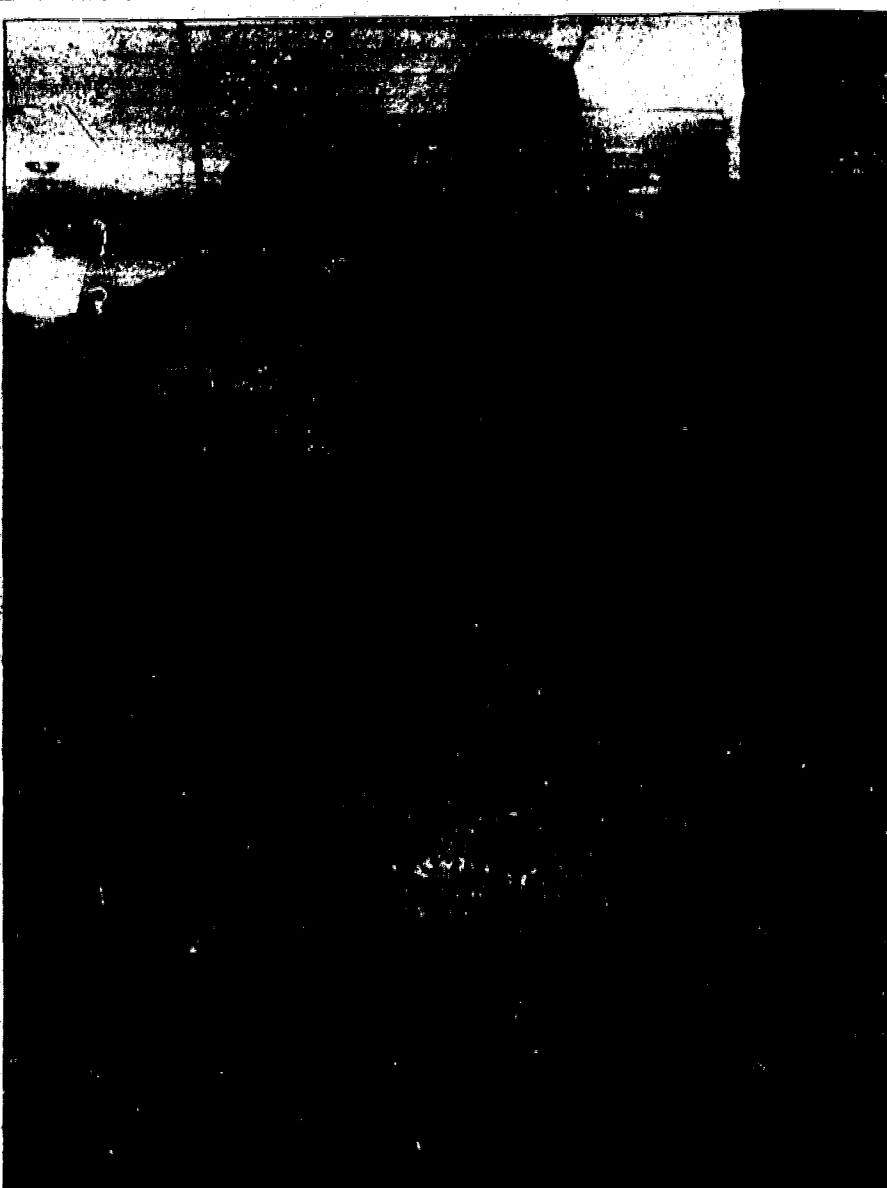
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### Scouts participate in Memorial Day



Congressman Michael Ferguson meets with Troop 73 Boy Scouts of Springfield after the Memorial Day celebration last week. The scouts participated in the Memorial Day celebration, which started with a memorial program at the Springfield Town Hall, followed by a parade down Mountain Avenue, and concluded with a small memorial service at Veterans Memorial Park.

### Newcomers Club offers activities

The Mountainside Newcomers Club offers the following upcoming activities.

• The Mountainside Newcomers Club will host their annual June barbecue Saturday.

• Now that the weather is nice, members of the Mountainside Newcomers Club are invited to spend some time outdoors and enjoy a Stable Tour and Horseback Riding Day at the Watchung Stables on Sunday at 11 a.m.

The cost is \$4 per child. R.S.V.P. to Judy Wargaski, whose phone number can be found in the membership directory, by today. Participants are encouraged to bring their cameras to take pictures. Also, bike helmets should be worn by all children who are planning on riding the horses. Participants may also want to pack a lunch to enjoy after the event.

2) Picnic Deck Buffet — \$25 includes admission to game, located down the left field line overlooking field. All-you-can-eat barbecue buffet with bottomless soda. The picnic begins at 12:30 p.m.

3) Upper Box Reserved — \$8 includes admission to game. • Lunch Bunch will be getting together this month at Cheesburger Cheeseburger on Friday at noon. R.S.V.P. to Debbie Hoffman, see membership directory.

• Ladies Night Out will be meeting for dinner at The Garlic Rose in Cranford on June 21 at 7:45 p.m. Following their meal and conversation, they will be heading across the street to the Cranford Theater to take in a movie. R.S.V.P. to Mary Pat — see membership directory — by June 17.

### Local firm promotes employees

Gruskin Group, an architecture, design and branding company located on Morris Avenue in Springfield, has announced that Kevin Edwards has been appointed vice president of Marketing and Operations.

The appointment was made by President Kenneth Gruskin.

"This newly created position reflects Gruskin Group's commitment to focus the creative talents of the group on its clients, and develop additional resources to manage its internal and external growth," said Gruskin.

Edwards was a vice president at Societe Generale de Surveillance, a global quality assurance firm. He was responsible for business development, business unit management and sales and marketing for key accounts in the manufacturing, and retail sectors.

Semir (Sam) Awad, a job captain at Gruskin Group, has received his New York architectural license.

Awad, formerly a project manager at Jarmel Kizel Architects has been with Gruskin Group for more than three years.

As a job captain at Gruskin Group, Awad supervises design and construction drawings on several projects. Awad received his master of arts in architecture from the Academie Libanaise Des Beaux Arts, Beirut, Lebanon, where he was also a teacher of Architectural Design.

### Mountainside Twig successful season

The Mountainside Twig celebrated the completion of a successful winter season May 25 at Novita in Westfield. The Mountainside Twig is a branch of the Children's Specialized Hospital Auxiliary. The Twig participates in recreational therapy sessions the second Wednesday of October through May.

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### 'The View' co-host speaks

Star Jones, co-host of ABC-TV's "The View," was a recent keynote speaker at Overlook Hospital's annual "Celebrating Women" luncheon. A total of 216 women attended for a day of educational sessions, health screenings, socializing and good food.

Overlook physicians and health professionals spoke about pregnancy issues, heart disease, plastic surgery, stress management and children's topics. Jones, who is known for her candor, confidence and uncanny ability to clarify muddy legal and social issues, talked about her upbringing in Trenton and her experiences in the New York prosecutors' Office. She then highlighted her time on various televi-

### Doctor earns award from Sharing Network

Summit resident Dr. Robert Heary has received the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network's "Advancing the Science of Donation" award. Dr. Heary received the award during the Sharing Network's first annual Circle of Life Awards ceremony, which was conducted April 10 at the PNC Bank Arts Reception Center in Holmdel.

Heary, who is the director of the Spine Center at University Hospital in Newark, received the award for his tireless efforts to address brain death, a pressing issue related to good family care and organ donation.

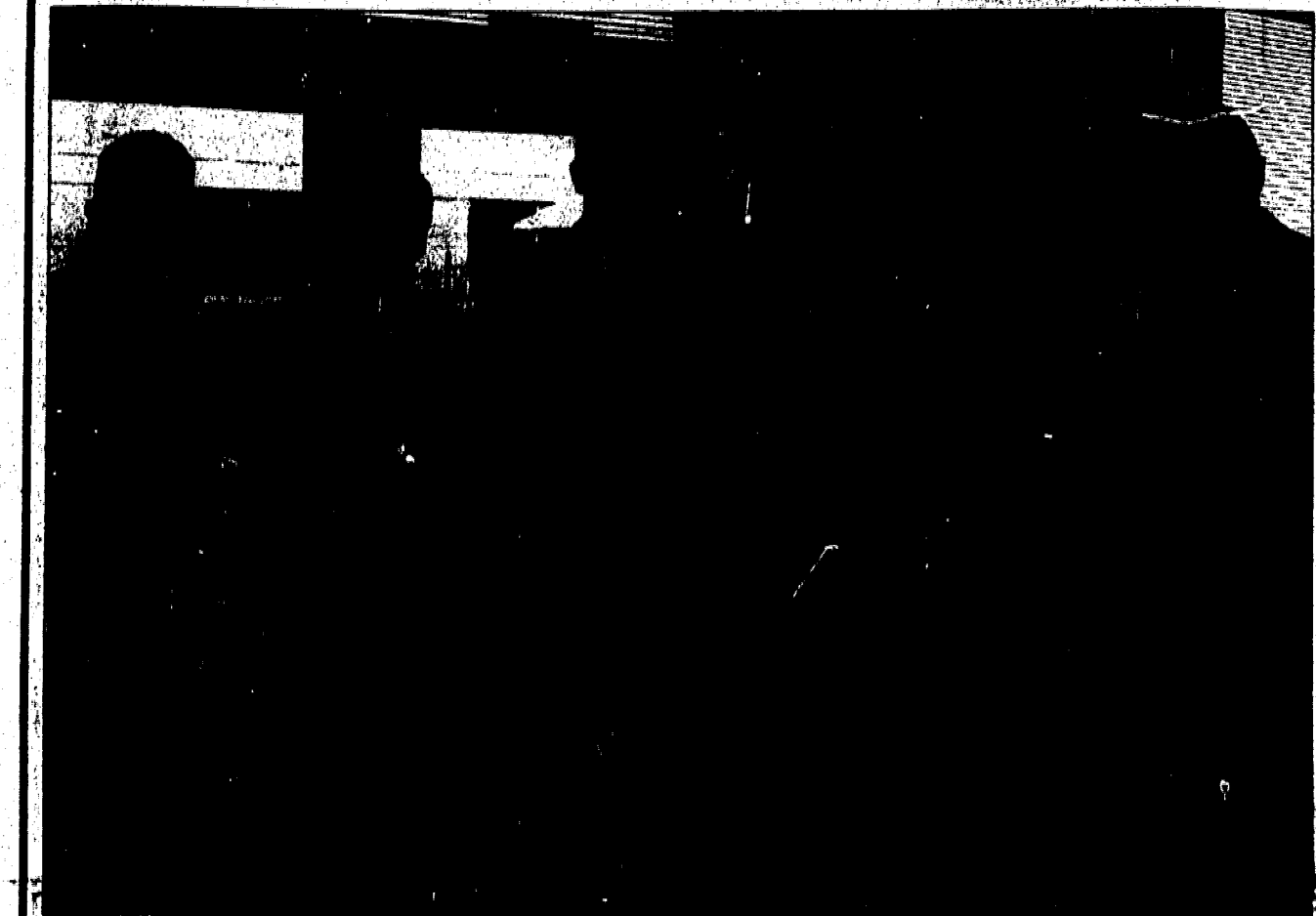
According to the Sharing Network, Heary worked extensively to redraft New Jersey's brain death regulations, specifically petitioning the New Jersey State Board of Med-

ical Examiners which writes the regulations. These new regulations will provide clarity to families who are going through the process of having a loved one declared dead by brain death criteria.

These regulations also give practitioners clear and consistent parameters to follow. Dr. Heary, who is also an associate professor in the Department of Neurological Surgery, Division of Neurosurgery-Spine Center at UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School, is a graduate of University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

He completed his residency at UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School and a fellowship at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Pennsylvania.

### Board conducts annual meeting



Summit Speech School's annual meeting on May 18 showcased new members of the board including, from left, Lori Kemper and Chris Porriro of Summit, both new board members; former president of the board, Scot Guempel; Pamela Paskowitz, executive director of the Summit Speech School; Robert Mellen, chairman of the board; and William Plocke of Summit, a new board member. The Summit Speech School enables deaf and hard of hearing children to speak and listen.

### Artist exhibits at Bouras Galleries

Award-winning artist Lydia Watson of Plainfield will be showing her 2005 En Route Arts exhibit at Bouras Galleries, 25 DeForest Ave., Summit, through June. The galleries are open to the public by appointment only. To make an appointment, call Linda Cole at 908-277-6054.

Watson works mostly with acrylics when painting but enjoys experimenting with diverse mediums.

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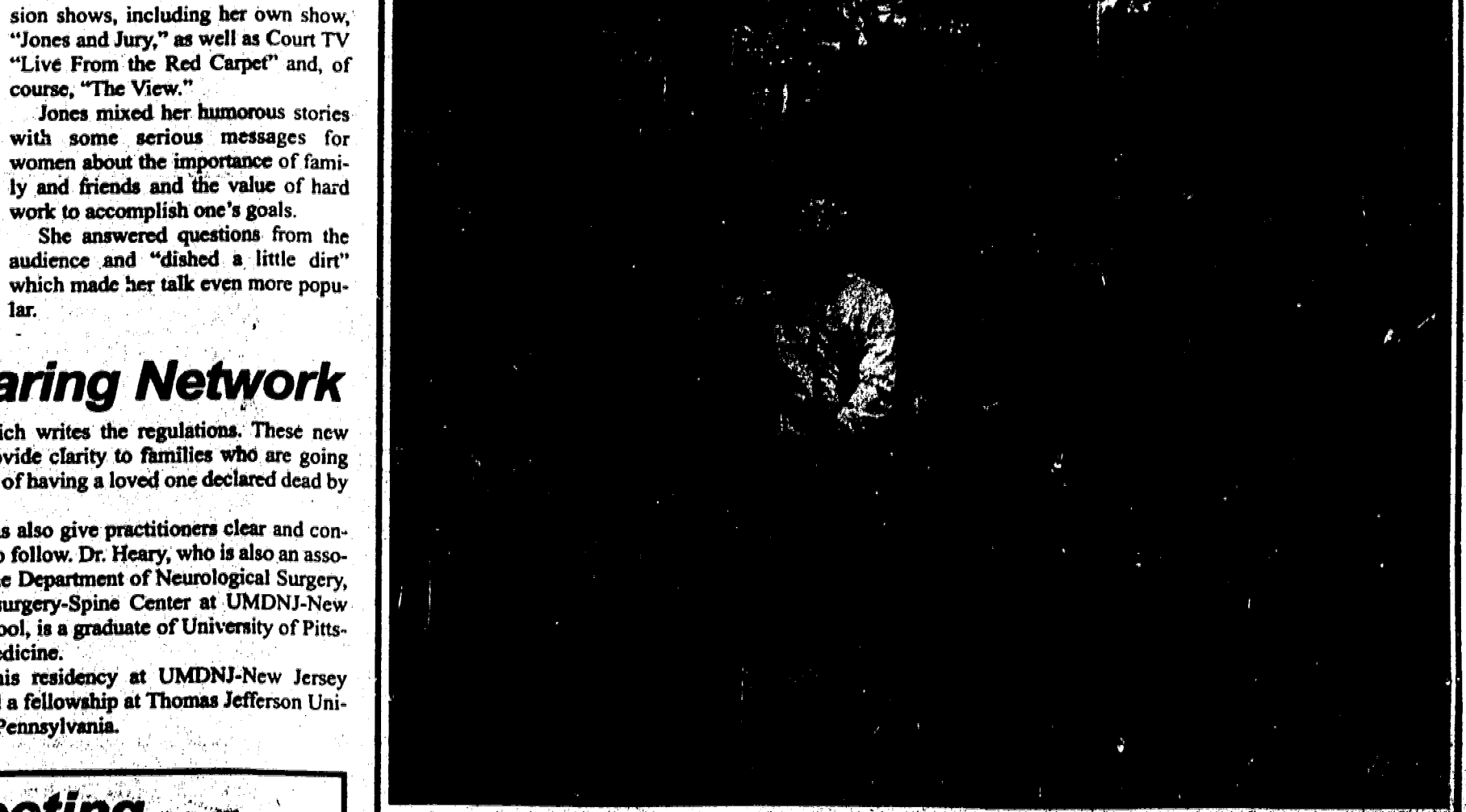
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### Honoring EMS responders



Summit First Aid Squad members Liz Cullen, Mark Koenig, Ken Herr and Karl Phelan are members of the EMS Memorial Bike Team. The team rode through Summit on a six-day, 600-mile trip from New York to Virginia to honor the memory of EMS responders.

### Drive promotes breast cancer awareness

BMW's ninth annual Ultimate Drive Program for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is scheduled to drive through Springfield on July 7.

The ever popular Ultimate Drive Program will deliver on its promise to make pit stops as it travels cross-country, bringing with it a commitment to raise money for breast cancer research. And for the first time, the Ultimate Drive is expanding the route and will include events in Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

The event will travel to the Springfield BMW Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at JMK BMW, 391 Route 22 east.

In the past eight years, the Ultimate Drive has raised more than \$8 million for breast cancer research, education, screening, community outreach and treatment programs. Its goal for 2005 is to raise \$1 million.

Together, BMW and the Komen Foundation have traveled many miles in our fight against breast cancer and met hundreds of survivors who inspire us to keep up our efforts," said Tom Purves, chairman and chief executive officer of BMW of North America. "Looking ahead, the road looks so promising and so full of life. Thanks to research and screening, if caught

early, breast cancer patients have a 97 percent survival rate."

Unlike other programs, the Ultimate Drive puts the community in the driver's seat to fight breast cancer. The drive is a grass-roots program developed by BMW in partnership with the Summit-based Komen Foundation, where two fleets of specially badged BMWs crisscross the country visiting participating BMW retail centers. For every mile driven during the Ultimate Drive event, \$1 is donated to the Komen Foundation. The drive continues through October, inviting consumers to get behind the wheel and help contribute to the fight against breast cancer.

After completion of every drive, each participant adds his or her own name to the Signature Vehicle, which becomes a living memorial to those who have lost their battle against breast cancer and a sign of hope and inspiration to others fighting the disease.

"Through partnerships like the Ultimate Drive, we are able to raise millions of dollars each year to help fight breast cancer," said Cindy Schmeible, vice president of Cause-Marketing and Sponsorships for the Komen Foundation. "Thanks to BMW's drive and commitment to the

cause, the Komen Foundation has been able to fund important research and community outreach programs. We look forward to this year and celebrating the 10th anniversary of the program next year."

The Ultimate Drive Program is a driving program created by BMW to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research and community outreach programs.

The general public is invited to drive the fleet of BMWs at participating retail centers during an Ultimate Drive event.

For each mile driven in one of the BMW Ultimate Drive vehicles, \$1 is donated to the Komen Foundation to support breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment programs.

The program consists of a 19-car Eastern and a 19-car Western fleet of 2005 Titanium Silver BMWs, each lead by a Signature Car — a 645i. The 645i's are painted, as are the fleet cars, in shimmering Titanium Silver with a pink ribbon. This year, the Signature Car and the fleet vehicles will each have a unique ribbon design.

The Signature Car is a pink within pink flowing ribbon, while the fleet vehicles will adorn a sweeping white ribbon outlined by pink.

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### Colonial descendants sought

The committee for the 225th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Springfield and the Springfield Historical Society are seeking descendants of Springfield residents who fought in that battle on June 23, 1789.

A major commemoration of this significant Springfield battle has been planned for June 25 and 26.

Those who are descended from any participants in this battle on either side are encouraged to contact the committee. The Web site is [www.springfield-battle.com](http://www.springfield-battle.com). The Springfield Historical Society can be reached at 973-376-4784.

The following is a schedule of events for The 225th Anniversary Of The Battle Of Springfield.

On June 25, starting at 10 a.m., camp opens at Jonathan Dayton High School. This will include demonstrations and displays of life in the 18th century, rides and a petting zoo until 2 p.m. and food and merchandise on sale by vendors.

At 11 a.m., a centennial re-dedication of the battle monument will take place at First Presbyterian Church at the corner of Morris Avenue and Church Mall.

From 3 to 4 p.m. will be a battle reenactment. Camp closes at 4:30 p.m.

At 7 p.m., gates open at the Sandmeier School for fireworks, with live music and food available for sale.

At 9:30 p.m., fireworks will start, with a rain date set for next clear night.

On June 26, a historic church service will start at 9 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church at the corner of Morris and Mountain avenues.

At 10 a.m., camp opens at Jonathan Dayton High School, including demonstrations and displays of life in the 18th century.

At 11:30 a.m., a parade will kick off, starting at Echo Plaza on Mountain Avenue and ending at Jonathan Dayton High School.

### Trip to Atlantic City planned by B'nai B'rith

B'nai B'rith of Springfield plans a trip to Atlantic City at the Claridge Casino Hotel on June 26.

The package includes breakfast and brunch at Bagel Chateau, 222 Mountain Ave., Springfield, next to the post office at 11:30 a.m.

The bus will leave from Echo Plaza Mall at 1 p.m. between Mountain Avenue, and Route 22, Springfield. The bus will take guests down to the Claridge Casino where they will receive \$16 Bally Bucks and a show ticket to "Legends in Concert" at 7:30 p.m. in the Palace Theater. The cost per person is \$35.

For reservations and information call Jerry Kamen at 908-687-9120 days or 908-277-1953 evenings. RSVP by Monday; mail checks to 2824 Morris Ave., Union, NJ 07083. Limited to bus capacity. First come basis. No reserve early.

### Adult swing dance offered at Trailside

Adults, 18 and older, are invited to join Jim Reiter, director of Swing Dance Plus in Madison, for an evening of music and dance under the stars at the Skytop pavilion in the heart of the Watchung Reservation at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road in Montclair on June 18 from 8 to 10 p.m.

Practice steps to popular swing and Latin music and then dance the night away. Partners are not necessary. Light refreshments will be served. Pre-registration is required and the fee is \$15 per person for Union County residents and \$20 per person for non-county residents.

Trailside is a facility of the Union County Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities.

Call 908-789-3670 for information.

### Shopping spree July 19

St. James Roman Catholic Church will sponsor a shopping spree at Vanities Fair Reading outlets on July 19.

### Church Mall street fair coming in September

The second Church Mall Street Fair will be in Springfield on Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Vendors and service organizations are encouraged to reserve a space at the Fair now. Space is limited so the event can move indoors in case of inclement weather. Approximately 20, 10x10 spaces are still available.

This street fair is different from most in that the focus is on encouraging stronger, healthier communities as a way of honoring the lives of those persons who died on Sept. 11, 2001.

The community groups represent a wide array of non-profit and social service organizations that help people, animals and the environment in our area. Not only can the public learn about services available to them in Union County, they can also learn about ways they can help their community!

Admission to the Fair is free. The Kid's Zone will offer old fashioned carnival type games and make-your-own-craft tables. Food, music, a community stage and a brief time of remembrance for 9/11 will be featured during the day. Vendors and community group displays are spaced along Church Mall and Academy Green Street in Springfield. Community organizations and local businesses interested in performing on the stage are also asked to respond to this invitation. Organizers are hoping to draw dance troupes, youth or college performers, martial arts, scouts and other groups who may wish to demonstrate their skill onstage.

Call Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church at 973-376-1695 for more information.

The Church Mall street fair is co-sponsored by the United Methodist and First Presbyterian Church of Springfield. Event leaders reserve the right to decline participation by organizations or individuals whose product or services are not in keeping with the overall goal of building healthy, strong and respectful communities.

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Coffee and bottled water will be provided.

The cost of the workshop is \$12.

For information, call Athan at 973-912-0790 or send a message by e-mail to Lathan208@aol.com.

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### LIFESTYLE



David Aaron Lewis and Sheri Lee DeRonde

### DeRonde to wed Lewis

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. DeRonde Sr. of Springfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheri Lee DeRonde, to David Aaron Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Lewis of Lake Hopatcong.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School from the Class of 1991. She has an associate's degree in early childhood education from Union County College and is employed by Schema Inc. of Rochelle Park as an office manager.

The future groom is a graduate of Jefferson Township Regional High School, from the Class of 1996. He has an automotive degree from Lincoln Technical Institute and is employed by Bruce's Speed Shop of Rockaway as an automotive specialist.

A June 10, 2006 wedding is planned.

### Proceeds from concert benefit Junior League

Tickets are on sale now for "Cam Jansen," a new children's musical coming to Millburn Middle School on Oct. 2 at 3 p.m. Tickets purchased before July 4 are \$10 per person. Regular advance sale tickets will be \$12 per person, \$15 at the door. Children younger than age 2 will be admitted free.

All proceeds from this event will benefit the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills, serving the community of Springfield.

"The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills is proud to once again work with Theatreworks USA to present Cam Jansen," said Mary Lou Conway, chairwoman of the Junior League's Children's Concert Committee. Last season's Theatreworks USA production of "Junie B. Jones" sold out weeks in advance, and was the Junior League's highest grossing children's event to date.

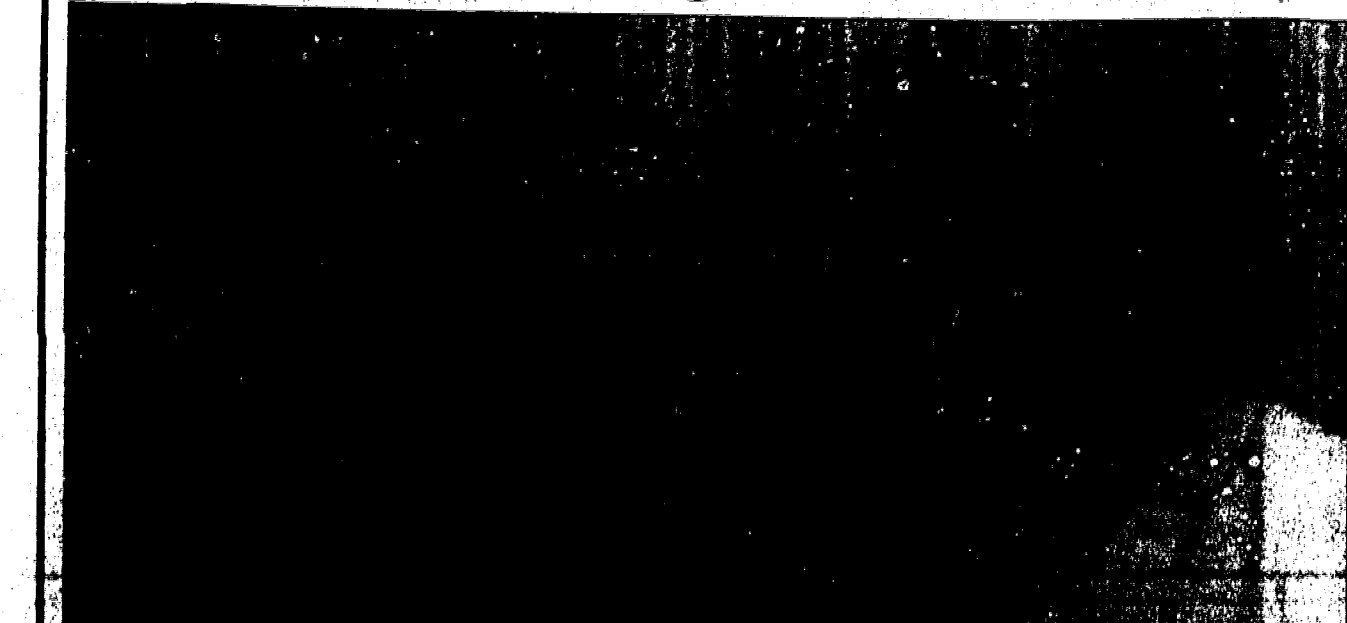
"Profits from our children's concerts and other fund-raising events allow us to expand our volunteer efforts and to distribute much needed grants to local students and foundations," said Conway. "The generous support of presenting sponsor Burgdorff Realtors and additional support from Walz Construction will allow us to donate 100 percent of our ticket sales to charity."

For ticket or membership information, call the Junior League office at 973-379-9655, or contact them via e-mail at [JLOSH1913@aol.com](mailto:JLOSH1913@aol.com) or online at [JLOSH.org](http://JLOSH.org).

The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills was founded in 1913 to serve the communities of Livingston, Maplewood, Millburn-Short Hills, the Oranges, and Springfield. Its members are committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The Junior League reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

Theatreworks USA is a non-profit corporation funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

### Scholarship for Vega



John Cyrus, left, and Helen Cyrus congratulate Melanie Vega, center, of Summit, a senior psychology major at Rider University, on receiving the Virginia J. Cyrus Scholarship in Women's Studies.

The scholarship was established for students who show potential to improve the status of women through scholarship and/or activism and was awarded during the spring senior awards banquet.

Overlook Hospital, a member of Atlantic Health System, is breaking ground for a 75,000 square foot outpatient facility.

The groundbreaking took place on Wednesday in front of the Medical Arts Center on Overlook Road, adjacent to the hospital.

The new outpatient facility, "Medical Arts Center II" — MAC II, is a \$14 million project that will house physician outpatient offices and a full service radiology center on three and a half floors. MAC II will be the largest outpatient facility in Summit and will provide needed extra space to many new physicians and physicians with expanding practices.

The MAC II will be linked to the existing MAC I and will have access to the main hospital via an underground corridor.

Site preparation for MAC II has begun, with pre-construction scheduled for summer 2006.

The project is designed by NK Architects of Montclair, the developer is Brenner and Wiley, and the general contractor is Duke Construction, both in Indianapolis.

NK Architects is New Jersey's largest healthcare design firm and one of the top 45 health care firms in the United States. NK is a leading architectural firm in New Jersey, with offices in Morris and New York City. The firm has won numerous awards for clients in healthcare, education, corporate research and scientific and senior markets.

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Atlantic Health Care System, one of the largest non-profit health care systems in New Jersey, includes Morristown Memorial Hospital, Overlook Hospital in Summit, and Mountain-side Hospital in Montclair/Glen Ridge.

Summit Music Festival continues at CPC

The fourth annual Summit Music Festival will be conducted on July 23 in the air-conditioned sanctuary of Central Presbyterian Church, 90 Maple St. in Summit.

Titled "Romantics in Prayer" and conducted by Festival Music Director Jason C. Tramm, this year's concert will feature a professional orchestra and soloists performing Schubert's magnificent Mass in A flat and Mendelssohn's triumphant Lobosung.

Rehearsals for the local-auditioned choir will be Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings beginning July 2. To schedule an audition appointment or for information, call 908-918-0788.

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OBITUARIES

John Gallagher
John E. Gallagher, 65, of Springfield died May 26 at home.
Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Gallagher lived in Jersey City, Bayonne, West Windsor and Washington Township before moving to Springfield in 1986.

Dominic Sarno
Dominic Joseph Sarno, 80, of Springfield died May 26 at home.
Born in Vauxhall, Mr. Sarno lived in Springfield for many years. He was a carpenter with the Carpenters Union Local 620 in Madison for 45 years before retiring.

John Moldovan
John J. Moldovan, 88, of Springfield died May 28 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.
Born in Manifold, Pa., Mr. Moldovan lived in Halcottville, N.Y., before moving to Springfield many years ago.

John Reheis
John W. Reheis, 93, of Summit died May 28 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.
Born in Newark, Mr. Reheis lived in Maplewood before moving to Summit. He worked in the group sales department of the Meadowlands Race Track in East Rutherford before retiring four years ago.

Gerald Stavisky Jr.
Gerald Stavisky Jr., 35, of East Orange, formerly of Summit, died June 1 in East Orange General Hospital.
Born in Summit, Mr. Stavisky lived in East Orange for three years. He worked for the Department of Public Works in Roselle Park.

Sister Maria Duffy
Sister Maria Bernadette Duffy, 80, of the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station, who taught in Summit, died June 2 in St. Anne Villa, Convent Station.
Born in Elizabeth, Sister Bernadette entered the Sisters of Charity on Sept. 8, 1944 and was a member for 60 years. She was congregational director of social security for the Sisters of Charity, Convent Station, where she served as the provincial treasurer of the Southern Province from 1971 to 1999.

Aida Aleman
Aida Aleman, 72, of Barnegat, formerly of Summit and Union, died May 31 at home.
Born in Cuba, Mrs. Aleman lived in Summit and Union before moving to Barnegat two years ago. She was a housekeeper at Ciba-Geigy, Toms River, for 10 years before retiring seven years ago.

Donald Marantz
Donald Maranta, 74, of Bayville, formerly of Summit, retired owner of a company in Springfield, died June 4 at home.
Born in Newark, Mr. Marantz lived in Livingston for 30 years, Summit and Gillette before moving to Bayville in 1991. He also spent summers in Island Heights for many years.

Phyllis Rothfeld
Phyllis Ruth Rothfeld, 82, of Mountainside died May 31 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.
Born in Newark, Mrs. Rothfeld lived in North Plainfield, Cherry Hill, Daytona Beach, Fla., and Millburn before moving to Mountainside 25 years ago. She had been the owner, with her husband, Emanuel, and son, Steven, of Caring Transportation of Kenilworth and Door to Door Transportation of Union for more than 20 years.

Virginia Ziobro
Virginia Lynn Ziobro, 71, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., formerly of Mountainside, died March 16 at home.
Born in Evanston, Ill., Mrs. Ziobro lived in Havana, Cuba, and Mountainside before moving to Fort Lauderdale. She was employed by the Westfield school system for 25 years before retiring. During her tenure, Mrs. Ziobro taught English and Spanish at the Edison Junior High School and Roosevelt Junior High School and later, Spanish, at Westfield High School.

Franklin Marcelli
Franklin Marcelli, 72, of Springfield died June 4 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.
Born in Newark, Mr. Marcelli lived in Irvington before moving to Springfield eight years ago. He was a produce manager for Kings Supermarket, Short Hills, where he worked for 35 years before retiring 10 years ago.

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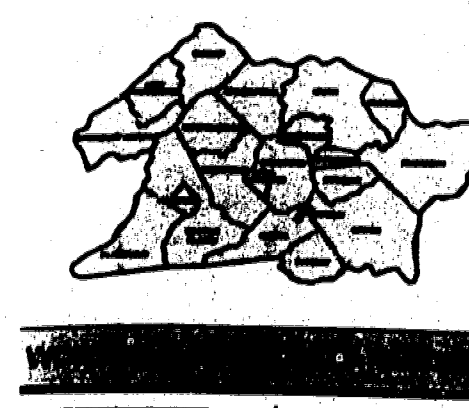
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When does it end?

The green Volvo parked in front of the Bel Pase Gourmet eatery in downtown Cranford had money in the meter on Saturday afternoon. Hopefully visitors knew to eat a little quicker. It costs more for the privilege of parking. Tony Mack, a major real estate owner in town, explained earlier that day to a breakfast group the rise in costs.

Left Out

Mack also notes that the Cranford Township Committee had raised the cost of an overtime parking ticket from \$12 to \$18. Also, the nine-hour stickers for parking downtown was jacked up from \$330 to \$480 a year. "They say those are the costs in Westfield. But what do I care about Westfield?" Mack adds.

The parking in Cranford is compounded by the perky meter maid who relies on aggressive posture in giving tickets. That includes tickets to the chief of police and township administrator. While the conduct of meter maids is not the subject of this column, it is a source of frustration for the town's residents.

What does it end? is the question he often asks about the rising cost in municipal government. He predicts "astronomical increases" next year when costs associated with the new parking deck, flooding, and the Railway Valley Sewerage Authority bill really kick in to residents.

When Deputy Chief Joseph Doolley of the Linden Fire Department, who also serves as the chairman of the Training Committee for Union County, had his turn at the podium, he also included some sobering points about the future of the industry.

Michael Pinsky is congratulated by his graduate, Lerle Mason, upon graduating the Union County Fire Academy on Tuesday night.

An attorney, Frank Capone is a resident of Cranford.

New facility honors sheriff

By Lauren DeFilippo
Staff Writer
He has run into burning buildings, seen colleagues shot at, and helped Union County maintain order during the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

"This building is something special. I'm glad to see it's not a memorial and that it's a testimonial," the prosecutor said during his remarks at the dedication June 2 of the new Ralph J. Froehlich Public Safety Building. He said it was probably only the second time in his life he had been scared about what he was going to say or do.

It was at the end of March that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders voted unanimously to commemorate nearly 50 years of public service by dedicating the new Public Safety building to the longtime sheriff. "Look what you did Mom," Froehlich said to his mother, 100-year-old westerner, as he pointed to the new structure that now bears his name.

Work on the project began in December 2002, but talks for the structure began nearly six years earlier. Inside the three-story structure will be a command center for the County Division of Police, a headquarters for the county's Emergency Management personnel, and a forensics laboratory for the Prosecutor's Office.

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COUNTY NEWS

Recycling event at Lucent on Saturday

The County of Union will sponsor a recycling event for electronics, auto-mobile tires and household special waste on Saturday, so that Union County residents can get rid of unwanted tires, toxic household products, computers and other electronic equipment in an environmentally proper manner.

Latex, water-based, paint and empty cans will not be accepted. This will be accepted on June 11 is available at the Union County Environmental Services Web site, www.ucnj.org/sem. The household chemicals and electronics collection and tire recycling will be held rain or shine, for Union County residents only and not for businesses. Proof of Union County eligibility to participate at no cost.

For more information, call the Union County Bureau of Environmental Services Hotline at 908-654-9889. Mothers & More The Union County Chapter of Mothers & More will host Chief Mary F. Rabadea, retired from EdCon Press, who will be discussing what everyone needs to know in the event of a terrorist attack or a violent act of nature on Wednesday. Rabadea will also explain what precautions the state of New Jersey takes to keep children safe.

The meeting is open to the public and will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St., Westfield. Mothers & More, is a national, nonprofit organization that champions the value and necessity of all mothers' work to our society, paid and unpaid, within and outside of the home. The local chapter offers support to both working and stay-at-home moms through mom and tot outings, moms' nights out, playgroups, craft groups, and more. The Union County chapter holds meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield YMCA. For more information, call Stacy at 908-928-9841 or Kim at 908-889-2286 or log on to the Union County Chapter's Web site at www.geocities.com/mothersandmore10.

'Your Stake in Social Security' on Friday Congress is debating the fate of Social Security. The young ask, "What's in it for me?" The elders ask, "Will my benefits be cut?" "Your Stake in Social Security" will be discussed at a public information meeting sponsored by the Senior Legislative Issues Coalition of Union County Friday at 1 p.m. at the New Providence Senior Center, 15 4th Ave., New Providence. Marilyn Askin, state president of the New Jersey AARP and a leader in the field of aging for over 20 years, will explain the proposals to privatize Social Security and how that will impact on current retirees, the disabled, and surviving spouses and children. Robert Vitolo, field representative for the Elizabeth Social Security District Office, will speak about the role of Social Security in determining eligibility of low-income beneficiaries of Social Security for the Medicare Part D new prescription drug benefit subsidy that starts in 2006.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Spirit of Life ensemble brings a bluesy sound to the courthouse

By Doug McNamara Staff Writer Pouring out of the Hillside Courthouse weren't the usual cries of "Sustained" and "Not Guilty." Courthouse visitors were instead greeted by the bluesy moans of a tenor saxophone, the smooth, crisp ring of a drummer's ride cymbal and the warm, reassuring "THUMP, THUMP, THUMP" of an acoustic bass. Sponsored by The Mayor's Council of the Arts and the Hillside Public Library, the packed concert featured the Spirit of Life Ensemble. For the free concert, the ensemble brought seven musicians. The rhythm section consisted of Daoud-David Williams — the group's founder and bandleader — on percussion, Calvin Hill on bass, Michael Cochrane on piano and Greg Searvance on drums. The horn players were Ray Blue on tenor sax, Bradford Hayes on alto sax and Cornell McGee on trombone. Augmenting these seven was guest vibraphonist Jason "Malletman" Taylor. Under Williams' skillful leadership, the SLE is something of an anomaly in today's jazz scene. In an era when even small groups don't stay together for longer than an album and a few subsequent club gigs, the ensemble is now celebrating its 30th anniversary. Williams explained that the ensemble is a multicultural collective of many musicians throughout the world, some of whom have been with the group since its inception. This diversity of musicians is perhaps the group's greatest asset. Every night, older players — having performed with jazz greats such as bassist Charles Mingus, pianist McCoy Tyner and drummer Max Roach — sit beside younger musi-

cians, creating a bridge between jazz's history and its future. The ensemble's other great strength is its flexibility, ensuring an evening of eclectic music with — to just name a few — bebop, funk, African and Latin elements. The group certainly didn't disappoint. The musicians adeptly navigated a program that included an interesting mix of original pieces by band members and traditional jazz standards. To their credit, the musicians didn't merely serve us warmed-over licks from bygone eras, a trap many of today's jazz musicians fall into. Instead, they weren't afraid to push the music in new directions, while simultaneously acknowledging the rich history of jazz. Of the five original pieces, Cochrane's "Samba 2 Step" and "Mixing It Up" were the most intriguing. The samba brought to mind drummer

enthusiastically clapping and stomping along. It was just plain fun. I would be remiss if I didn't single out Blue, who particularly impressed me. He played with maturity and sensitivity, allowing the music to come to him. He wasn't afraid of letting space into his solos, taking time to develop his ideas. I also must mention the wonderful job Hillside did to make this event possible. As "America's art form," very few Americans actually listen to jazz. Part of the problem is that recordings simply can't capture the experience of a jazz concert in person. The music relies on intimacy and creating a connection with the audience, which is lost on CDs. Hopefully, by making the concert free to the entire community, at least some of the audience members connected with the music. Following Cochrane's pieces was Hayes' "Our Fathers," an upbeat piece that reminded me of those great collaborations between vocalist Leon Thomas and saxophonist Pharoah Sanders. Blue's "Work," a South African inspired piece, began in a slow free-form before launching into an infectious, upbeat melody. To end the evening, McGee and Williams were featured on "124th and Ruiz" by ensemble member trombonist Augie Rivera. McGee deftly navigated through his solo on the up-tempo samba, showing a technical

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'42nd Street' kicks up its feet at NJPAC

By Ariana Argiris and Helen Argiris Correspondents If you get a kick out of dancing spectacles, and the Rockettes are your kind of entertainment, NJPAC's tour version of "42nd Street" will have you kicking up your heels. If you've moved on to more dramatic story-musicals such as "La, Miserables," you'll want more. Yet, after a while, you'll find yourself caught up in the rhythm and enjoying the enthusiasm, the spirit, the life of the show. "42nd Street" is a revival of a revival that began in 1980, which won a Tony and ran for 3,486 performances. But its real beginning was the '30s, the era of Busby Berkeley, who created the pace and passion of nonstop dancing and forming triangles and stomping up and down staircases in glittering costumes of sequins, marabou or gold. It was all there in a 1933 movie starring Ruby Keeler and Dick Powell. So watching this version was much like time-traveling. When the time came to sing, the songs were all that was required. They say Keeler couldn't act her way out of a shoe box. But she was what was called then, a hooper. Who needed more? Yes, these are spectacular movies, featuring performed, golden-haired heroines and handsome, long-haired heroes. It's just a few shouted lines of plot between dance numbers. Those musicals graduated to slightly more sophisticated with the Ginger-and-Fred musicals. But Broadway was advancing to Rodgers and Hammerstein, Lerner and Lowe and on to classic novel sources and semi-opera singing — such as in "Phantom of the Opera" and "Les Miserables." But blink and Broadway has now reverted to jukebox musicals, such as "Vibrations," with nary a plot nor deep character whose only purpose is to show off the Beach Boys' music, and little else, with ironic views of life such as in "Spamalot." So, in short, every kind of show goes on Broadway — as long as there's rhythmic and exuberance and memorable songs. "42nd Street" set that model and continues to demonstrate that it has all those requirements in leaps and bounds. The songs by Harry Warren and Al Dubin are from the past but memorable, including "You've Got to Be a Habit With Me," "Dames," "I Only Have Eyes For You," "About a Quarter To Nine," to the tap-friendly: "We're in the Money," "Lullaby of Broadway," "Shuffle Off to Buffalo" and, beginning and ending with the title song. All these songs and accompanying numbers hit the audience, if not tapping their toes, at least moving them a bit under their chairs. The scenery is glitter, the costumes sequin-litter and the choreography a four-bag hitter. Credit, respectively, for all that goes to Douglas W. Schmidt, Kym Purling, Roger Kirk and lastly, a combination of "Champion-Composer" and "Ready in Skinner." The cast sings and dances its chorus heart out. Acting? So-so. But in this production, only a musician is needed to give them a chance to catch a breath between numbers. Deserving special salutes were the leads who captured the rhythm of the show and deserved every clap. Tribute to Maroon-Vorones-Ill-mensee who gave both a strong performance and equally dynamic rendering of her songs in the role of Maggie Jones. The role of the reigning star, Dorothy Brock, was played by Natalie Buster who had the best songs and did them at her best. Show-stopping dancing was Mara Davi's contribution to her ingenious role. All in all, everyone shines. In sum, it was like a frothy, sweet, delicious to eat and enjoyable to remember with its lavish costumes, glittered sets and free-flowing, tase-catching songs. Incidentally, several show business mottoes have come from this

OSPAC set to deliver a red-hot summer

By Francine Cohen Correspondent It's time to mark your calendars, get set for some culture, and go to as many performances as you can this summer as the Oskar Schindler Performing Arts Center kicks off its third season. Set on the life of the great Impressionist hero. Also in this season's diverse lineup: a tribute to the great American composers such as Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, Harold Arlen, Cole Porter and others on July 7 at 8 p.m.; an evening of big band era music with the Grammy Award-winning Bob Mintzer Big Band; The West Orange Actor's Theater presentation of "Aladdin," including such memorable numbers as "A Whole New World," which opens July 21 at 8 p.m. and closes July 24, on July 28 at 8 p.m., Jan Chasin and KJ Deebert rock the OSPAC audience with their uniquely fused sound that combines urban folk and jazz with roots in funk and R&B. These renowned singing-writers bring a taste of the New York music club scene to the mountain in an exciting way. OSPAC's summer 2003 season certainly offers something for listeners of every genre, but for those who want to be more hands-on with the music, OSPAC provides even more in the form of the third annual Jazz and World Music Workshop. This jewel of the season is what sets OSPAC apart from other performing arts centers. Students will study music theory, performance techniques and improvisation with jazz musicians and singers. The week-long workshop will take place from Aug. 8 through 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with evening jam sessions, and it will give novice and experienced musicians an opportunity to learn from and play with some of the best musicians and educators in the music world. Baker explained, "The workshop brings together the best of the best that jazz music has to offer to pass along their knowledge and passion for music. The students build their confidence, which is the greatest step toward success. The Jazz and World Music Workshop puts the students in a non-competitive but challenging environment where they are able to excel and develop their musical skills and their love for music. That love will stay with them for life." Students of all ages and skill levels from the tri-state area are encouraged to audition for this welcoming musical environment. The non-competitive auditions help place budding musicians in small groups with varying degrees of experience. See OSPAC, Page 9

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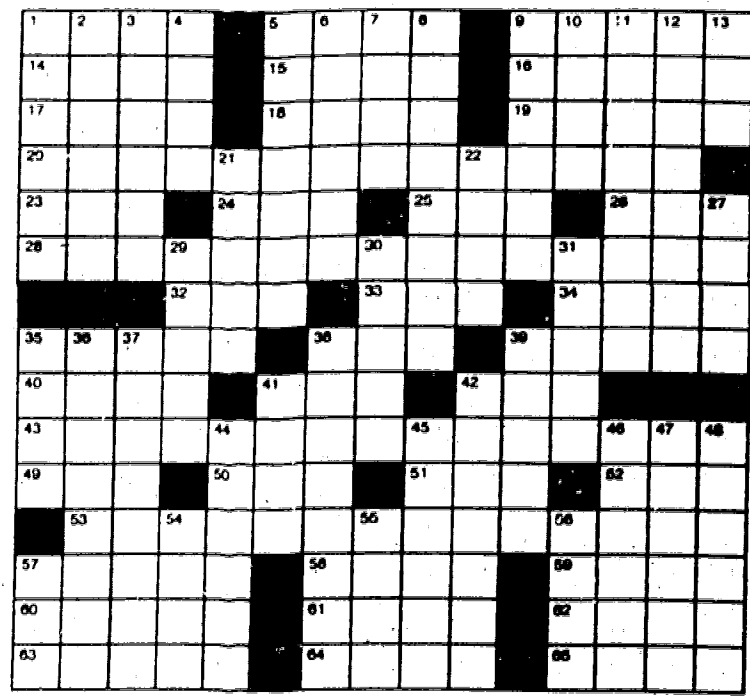
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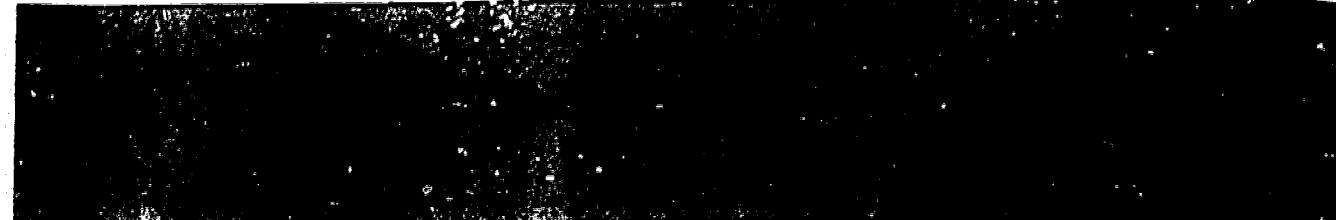
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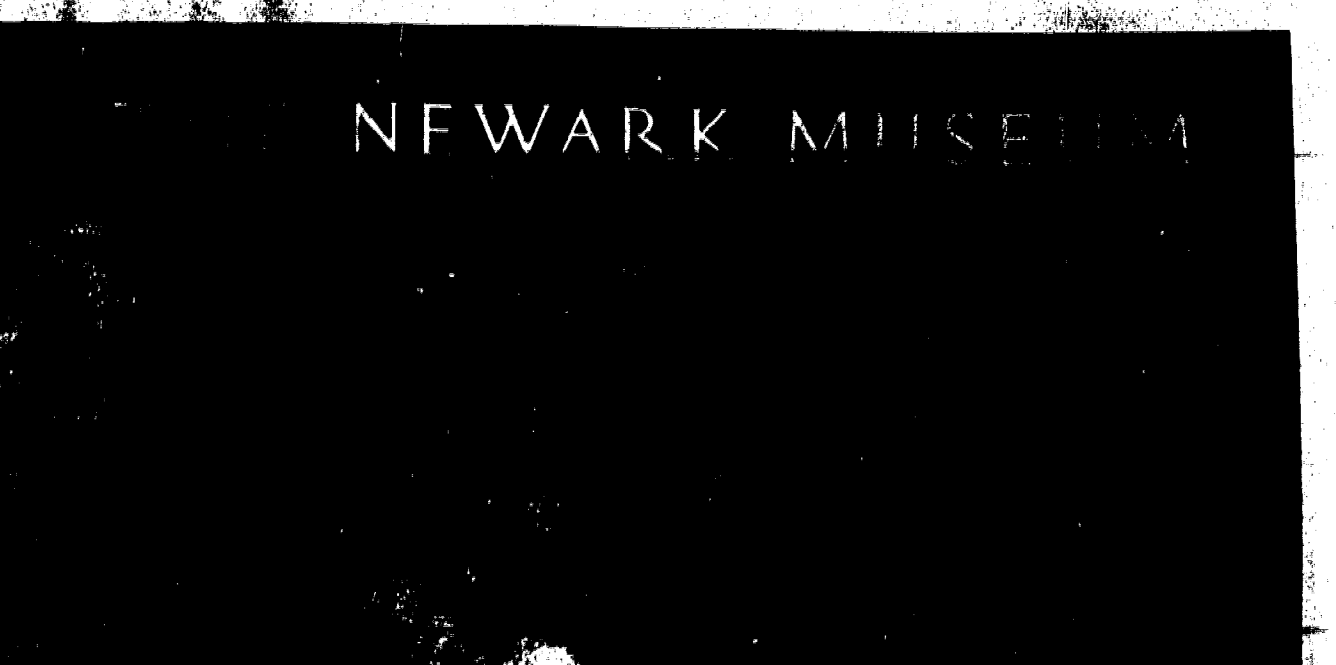
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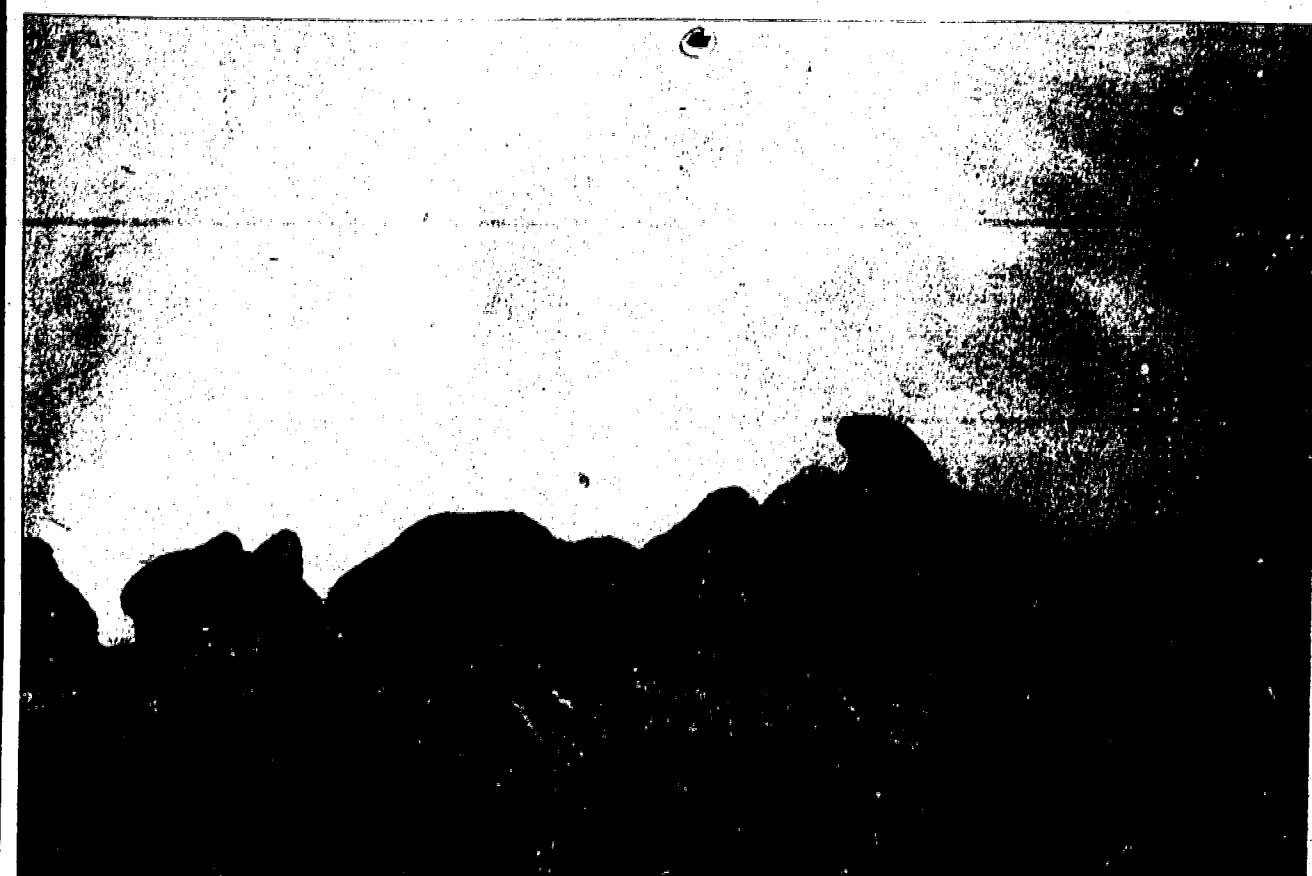
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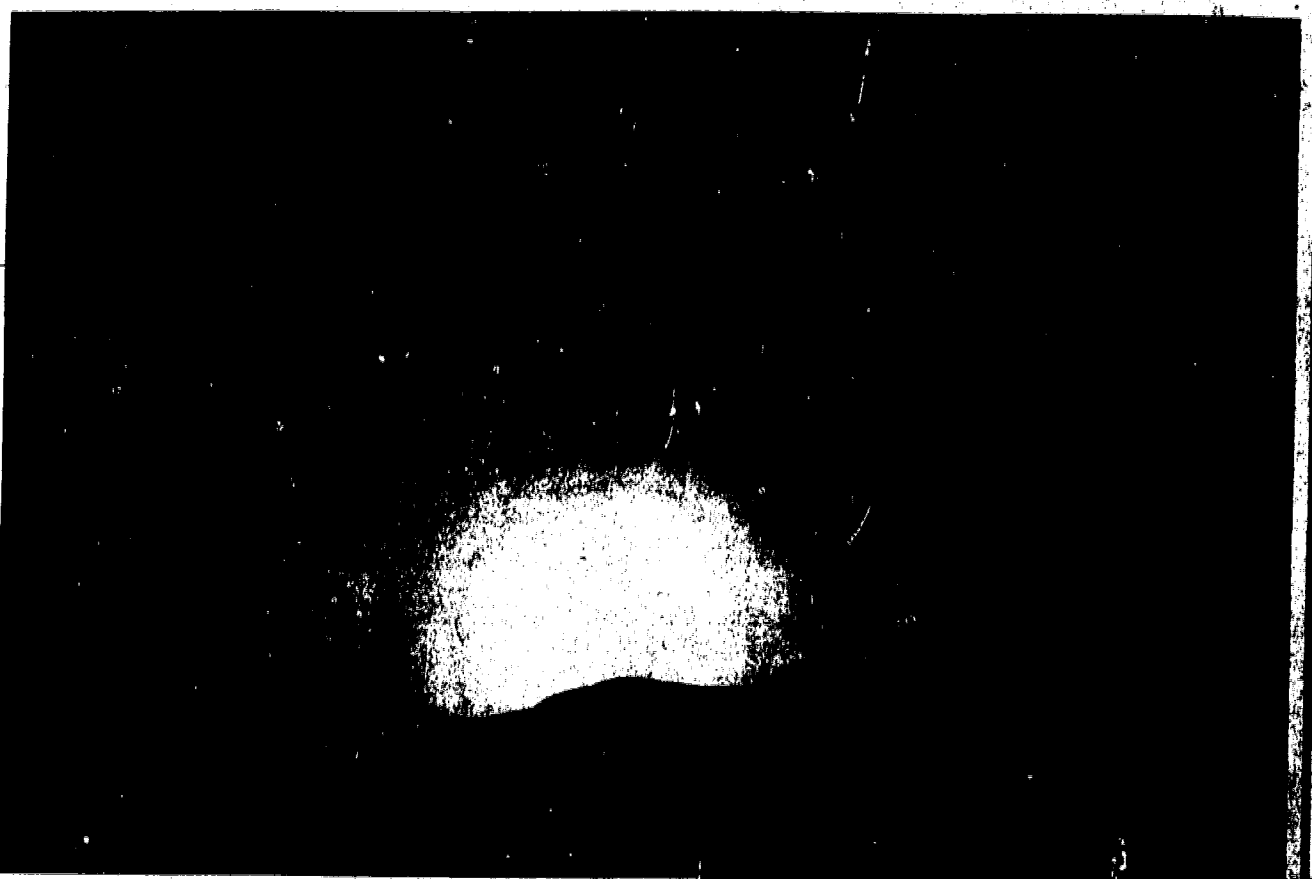
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### Art at the museum



Above, 'Grain Dove,' and below, 'Red Hills,' both part of 'In the American Grain: Dove, Hartley, Marin, O'Keeffe and Stieglitz,' a display that will be at the Newark Museum through Sept. 4. For information, call 973-596-6550.



### Arima gives 'Ragtime' fresh flair

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer  
There's a whole new feel to the Tony Award-winning musical production of "Ragtime," which opened yesterday at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn. Thanks to Stafford Arima, who directed the London version of "Ragtime" at the West End Theater, and for which he received a 2004 Olivier Award nomination, there's a "new energy, creativity and enthusiasm" among the cast and crew. During a chat midway through the final rehearsals in New York of "Ragtime," Arima explained that "everything is going splendidly. It just feeds the artistic soul, and it's been an incredible journey so far." The Canadian-born director excitedly reminded "in many ways, I'm keeping the conception of the musical intact. But with a new cast and new inspiration, one always tends to re-explore and re-examine and obviously make some readjustments

for this production at the Paper Mill." Arima said that the musical ran for 21 or 22 weeks in London. And when he was nominated for the Olivier Award, "I was incredibly honored and blessed by this recognition for the musical." He said that the authors, Terrence McNally, who wrote the book; Stephen Flaherty, the music; and Lynn Ahrens, the lyrics, "all went back to their original scripts and made adjustments to the script and score. The show has been completely reconceptualized for its North American premiere, and we're bringing a new production at the Paper Mill stage." Arima's infectious excitement about this new production included the choreographer, Liza Gennaro, musical director David Loud, the entire cast and crew. "The cast," he exclaimed, "is fantastic. The level of artistry in the room is inspiring and a wonderful piece of theater that is both entertaining and energizing for the soul. I really have been blessed to be working under the artistic guidance of Michael Gennaro, the producer, and his vision and his passion for the theater is incredibly moving and inspiring." Arima added that "The craftspeople, those in charge of scenery and the sets, and the administrative staff are all so wonderfully supportive. Their belief in the theater has the potential to heal." Arima, who was born in Toronto, came to New York City in 1997 "to begin my professional career as a theater director. When I was much younger, I did have the acting itch, but I found that my strength was in directing." He graduated from York University in Canada, where he received a Bachelor of Arts honors degree in theater studies. After "Ragtime" at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Arima will be working on "A Star Boyz." "It's now playing on off-Broadway stages.

### Musician makes debut as singer

By Jeff Cummins  
Associate Editor  
Some people just have a natural sense of occasion. That might be one of Rachel Z's biggest strengths. Having toured extensively with Peter Gabriel, primarily as a piano player, she's making her debut as a singer with her new album titled, "Grace," which is set to be released by Chesky Records on June 28. She'll also perform with her band, the Rachel Z Trip, in two shows at the Dancing Goat in South Orange, at 9:30 and 10:45 p.m. on Saturday. Z sings a mix of songs on the CD, including John Lennon's "Imagine," as well as other songs by U2, Nirvana, Kate Bush, Bjork and her own compositions. Rachel Z composed the first two songs on the CD "Protect This Child," and "Moon In Your Hair," and both have a mysterious, almost mystical quality about them. Z's trio has a seductive feel to its music, invoking images of night and wonder. Clearly, Z and her band have plenty of experience in jazz. The fourth song on the CD, "Grace," has the sultry sound of a jazz classic. Throughout the CD, Rachel Z's mastery of the piano is evident, establishing a consistently steamy feel to the music. Percussionist/drummer Bobbie Rae and bass player Chris J. Luard set a pace for the music that tempts the listener to linger. The fifth song, "Pain," another Rachel Z composition, begins with a feel that's not quite as inviting, though the group quickly regroups and the song improves markedly. The sixth song might just be the most fascinating song on the album.

The band covers Nirvana's "Come As You Are," and adds a new touch to the song — so much so, in fact, that most listeners won't recognize the song. The trio performs an instrumental version of the song, which is enticing, but it bears little similarity to the original. That theme is continued with John Lennon's "Imagine," which the band covers as well. Z uses her seductive voice on the old Lennon classic, but it may not be readily apparent that this is the same song. In all, the band has a tremendous jazz sound, and Rachel Z manipulates the piano wonderfully. Her voice is dark and soulful, just what the music calls for. For information on Rachel Z's appearance at The Dancing Goat, located at 21 South Orange Ave. in South Orange, call 973-275-9000. Information on the Rachel Z Trio can be found at www.rachelz.com.

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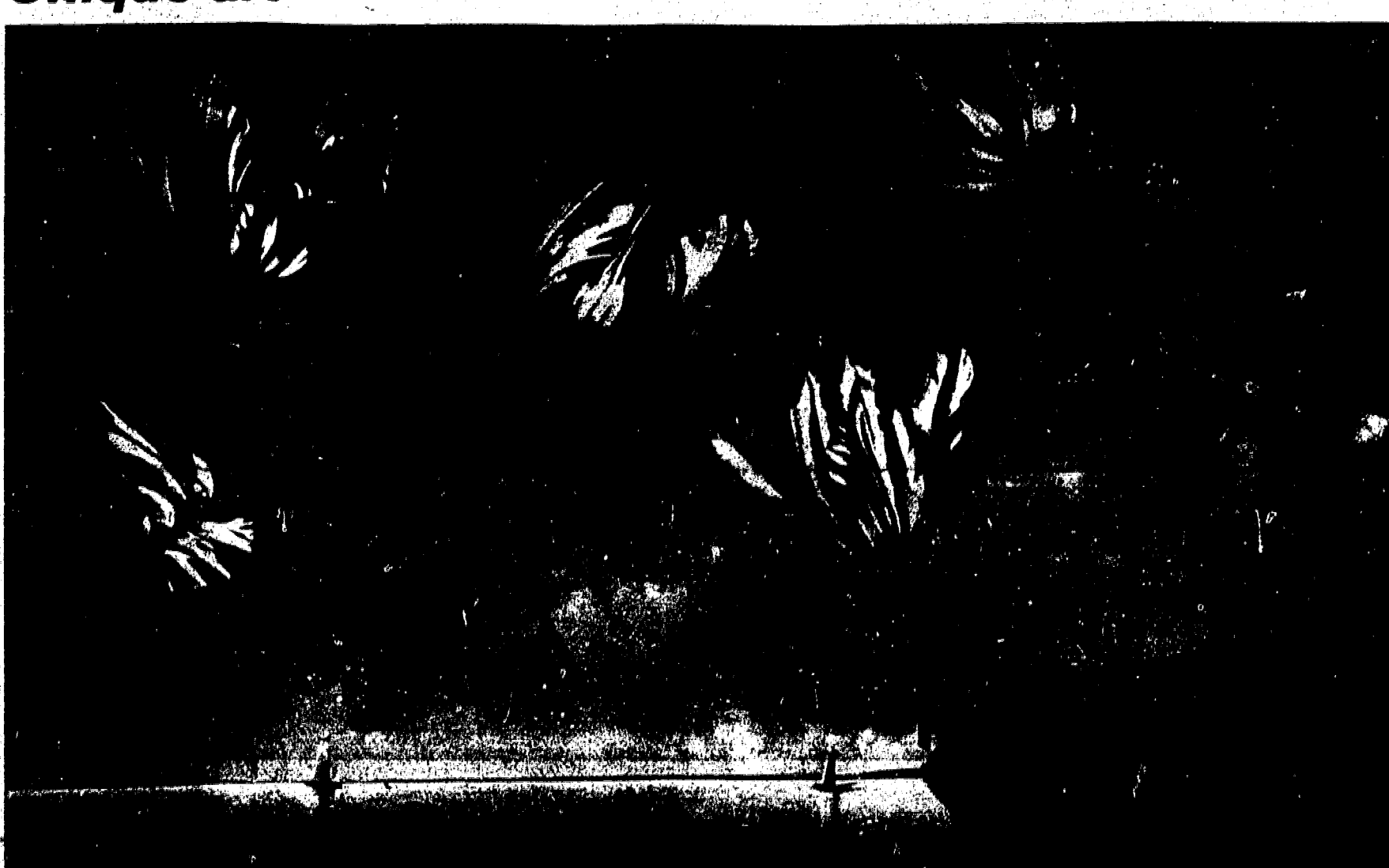
#### Kean will present a new theater program

Kean University has announced the creation of Premier Stages, a new professional Actor's Equity Association theater program. Actively engaging and enhancing the professional theater academic programs at Kean, Premier Stages will also serve a culturally diverse audience, children-at-risk, and a broad pool of artists. Premier Stages features four uniquely conceived projects that will nurture and encourage the work of students, introduce children to the arts, and provide a forum for the development of new plays. The Premier Stages Play Festival will present the work of emerging dramatists living in the greater metropolitan area through readings, workshops, and fully-produced world-premiere productions. For more information on Premier Stages at Kean University, or to get on the mailing list, call 908-737-6397, ext. 4-410, or send an e-mail to jwooten@kean.edu.

#### Ruskin-White's art at Union County College

Through July 28, Union County College will be host to an exhibition by Gayle Ruskin-White titled, "Large Scale Works from 1990-1994." This exhibition will be hung in the Commons on the College's Cranford campus at 1033 Springfield Ave. Due to extensive renovations being made to the MacKay Library, the Tomasulo's offerings are being moved from the gallery space to various venues on the Cranford campus. Ruskin-White describes her works as abstractions, using a combination of organic, painterly gestures with line. She works on five or more paintings at a time, which allows her to create a wonderful dialogue between the pieces. The paintings all seem to come together at the same time. The paintings are worked on in layers, allowing them to manifest a sense of depth. The paintings have an urgency of life and death to them, not in an ominous way, but instead, they reach out to a universal acknowledgement of the human condition. Ruskin-White lives and works in New York City. She studied art as a child in school and was enrolled in a special college art program for high

### Unique art



Pictured above is 'Requiem for Navasink,' by Cheryl Reischbach, and below is 'A Little Souvenir,' two works shown during 'First Look 2005 Emerging Artist Series Photography: Montage, Collage and Surrealist,' which runs through tomorrow at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. For information, call 908-273-9121.

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**ART SHOWS**

**FIRSTLOOK 2005 EMERGING ARTISTS SERIES** will continue at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, Maple Street Gallery, 34 Maple St., Summit. Call 908-273-9121 for more information.

**"LARGE SCALE WORKS FROM 1990-1994"** by Gayle Ruskin-White will be on exhibit at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For more information, call 908-709-9165.

**AN EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS** by award-winning artist Paul Casale will begin with an opening reception on Friday, from 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday from 1 to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. at The Framing Center, 9 Eastman St., Cranford. Casale's art combines a 19th century approach to painting with contemporary subject matter. Recent paintings in oils, pastels and watercolors of landscapes, cityscapes, beach scenes and figurative work will be on display. The show will run through Aug. 31.

**BOOKS**

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

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

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

**KEAN UNIVERSITY'S OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS** and The Star-Ledger have partnered to publish a new book titled "World of Wonder: Exploring the 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 at <http://www.nj.com/worldofwonder>.

**BOB KRIST** will sign copies of his new coffee-table book, "Down the Shore: A Photo Tour of the Jersey Coast," at the Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 908-233-3535.

**LISA MARTELL** will sign copies of her book, "Unlikely Suspect," at the Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 908-233-3535.

**DOG BEHAVIORIST KATHY SANTO** will sign copies of her book, "DOG SENSE: Everything You Need to Know About Raising, Training, and Understanding the Dog in Your Life," on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For more information, call 973-376-6581.

**WRITER'S DISCUSSION GROUP** will discuss, evaluate and offer constructive feedback on various written materials submitted by its members on June 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For more information, call 973-376-6581.

**FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION WITH SPOT THE DOG!** Spend a fun-filled afternoon with Spot the Dog in honor of Father's Day on June 19 at 2 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield.

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**DIANE GOODSPEED** will present a baking book geared specifically toward families with young children on June 22 at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For more information, call 973-376-6581.

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**SPORTS COLUMNIST MAURY ALLEN** will discuss the 1955 Brooklyn Dodgers' World Series win over the New York Yankees on June 23 at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield.

For more information, call 973-376-6581.

**LOVE A GOOD MYSTERY!** Get a sneak peek at the new American Girl Mysteries on June 24 at 4:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield.

**Future song writers**



Pictured is a scene from the AIS Songwriting Workshop for Kids, which is run by the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121, or visit the group's Web site, [www.njcv.org](http://www.njcv.org).

**ACUSTIC-FOLK SERIES** has begun at Watching Art, 18 Starling Road, Watchung. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$15. For information and reservations, call 908-783-0190 or send an e-mail to [WAcenter@aol.com](mailto:WAcenter@aol.com).

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**THE COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE CONCERT SERIES OF WESTFIELD** will take place at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Hill, Springfield. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$14. For information and reservations, call 908-522-1501 or send an e-mail to [concerts4causes@aol.com](mailto:concerts4causes@aol.com). Also, visit the Web site, <http://www.coffewithconscience.com>.

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**CONCERTS**

**SANCTUARY CONCERTS** in Berkeley Heights will show its appreciation by presenting an End-of-Year Party, Ice-Cream Social and Concert, open to the public, for only \$10 on June 18.

The party will take place at 7 p.m. Those who desire may bring not-licked dinner to share. All will be treated to an old-fashioned ice cream social. At 8 p.m. is a full-length concert by the delightfully eccentric Princeton jazz/folk songwriter Zoe Lewis. Lewis is a disarmingly pixie-ish Brit whose mischievous, upbeat songs and incredible charisma won her the Most Wanted Performer vote at the prestigious Falcon Ridge Folk Festival. Concerts are presented at Union Village Methodist Church, 1130 Mountain

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**MEET THE ORCHESTRA** concert series continues at the Suburban Community Music Center, 570 Central Ave., Murray Hill. For the 18th year, the Suburban Community Music Center, in cooperation with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, will host the Meet the Orchestra series for children ages 3 to 8.

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**THE WATCHUNG ART CENTER** presents "Rhythm & Blues by The Brook" on June 11 Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield from noon to 7:30 p.m., showcasing one of Union County's beautiful parks.

For more information on the musicfest, Kids' Kingdom and the "Taste of Spring" food court call 908-436-2900.

**DANCE**

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**DORA THE EXPLORER** will be the subject on Monday and June 16 at 11:30 a.m. at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-6581.

**"SPOT BAKES A CAKE"** will be among the books by Eric Hill that will be read on June 20 and 23 at 11:30 a.m. at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-6581.

**OPERA**

"IL TROVATORE" will be presented by the New Jersey State Opera on Friday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. The hostesses of The Greater Newark Chapter of New Jersey State Opera Guild Luncheon are Lorraine DeBelleis, Jane Rutondo of Bloomfield, Seth Lubin of Newark, Marie Nardo of Newark and Helen Carson of Glen Ridge.

Guest artist for the luncheon entertainment will be Anne Marie Stefanelli, soprano. Anyone interested in attending the luncheon may call President Eugene DeBelleis for further information and directions at 973-482-9051.

**RADIO**

**TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION** will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at the Wild Rose Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-241-5758.

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**SPORTS AMERICA KIDS MONTH** starts today at 11:30 a.m. at the Barnes & Noble on 240 Route 22 West in Springfield. "The Berenstain Bears Go Out for the Team," by Jan Berenstain, will be among the fun books to read.

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**LEARN ABOUT GRADUATION DAY** with Ellen Weiss' "Hello Kitty on Graduation Day," "Happy Graduation" by Namrata Tripathi, and "Black's Graduation Day" by Alyssa Satin Capucini today at 11:30 a.m. at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield.

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Guest artist for the luncheon entertainment will be Anne Marie Stefanelli, soprano. Anyone interested in attending the luncheon may call President Eugene DeBelleis for further information and directions at 973-482-9051.

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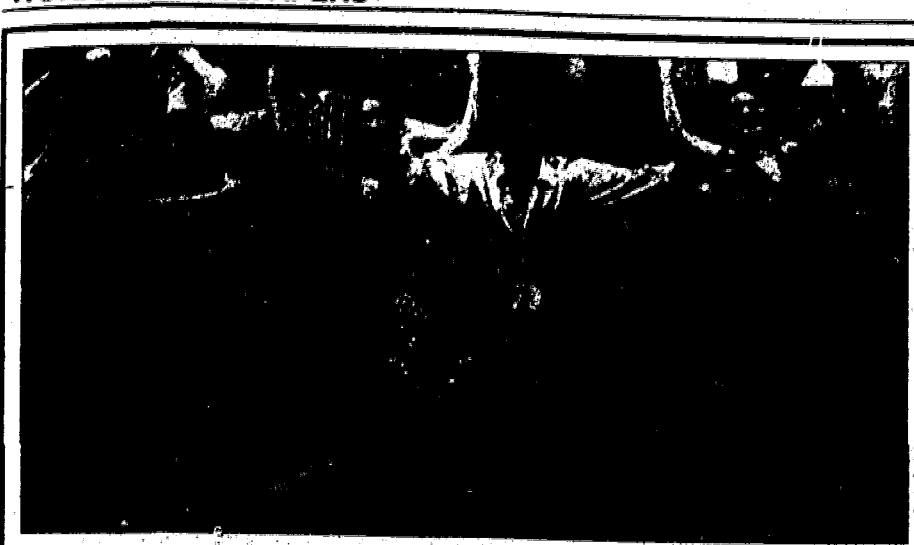
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**Healthy Living**

**Simply exam can determine you are suffering from a hearing loss**

**By Robbi Herhson and Debra Knapp**

Stop and think a moment about the sounds that enrich our lives. The whispered words of a toddler, the singing of birds, the voices of friends and loved ones, the rustling of the wind in the trees, the music of a symphony orchestra. Our ability to hear these sounds is a vital part of enjoying life. Hearing loss inhibits our ability to experience the sounds around us, affecting not only our lives, but also the lives of those around us.

Better understanding of hearing loss begins by understanding how we hear.

Sound waves are collected by the outer ear and channeled along the ear canal to the eardrum. When the sound waves reach the eardrum, the impact creates vibrations, which are transferred to a series of three tiny bones in the middle ear. These vibrations set into motion the fluids and hair cells of the inner ear, stimulating the nerve for hearing. This signal is then sent to the brain where we interpret it as sound. A breakdown anywhere along this route can result in hearing loss.

Most often a hearing loss develops gradually and painlessly, and often is not noticed until it is pointed out by someone. Hearing can be damaged by:

- Exposure to loud or constant noise
- Inherited medical conditions
- Illness
- The natural aging process
- Traumatic injury
- Otitic medications
- Tumors

Conductive hearing loss happens in some people when the sounds that are carried from the ear drum, or the tympanic membrane, are blocked. Ear wax in the ear canal, fluid in the middle ear, abnormal bone growth, or a middle-ear infection can cause this kind of hearing loss. Usually medical or surgical treatment can help correct this hearing loss.

Sensorineural hearing loss happens when there is damage to parts of the inner ear or auditory nerve. The degree of hearing loss can vary from person to person. Sensorineural hearing loss may be caused by birth defects, head injury, illness, certain prescription drugs, poor blood circulation, high blood pressure, stroke or the natural aging process. This is a permanent type of hearing loss which can be corrected with hearing aids.

Mixed hearing loss is a combination of both conductive and sensorineural hearing loss. It is caused by abnormalities in both the middle and/or outer ear and the inner ear. This type of hearing loss may be treated either medically, surgically or with hearing aids.

Common signs of hearing loss are:

- Words are hard to understand
- A person's speech sounds slurred or mumbled
- You have difficulty understanding conversations when there is background noise
- TV shows, concerts, or parties are less enjoyable
- You experience ringing, roaring or hearing other sounds in the ear
- Ways in which we compensate for hearing loss include:
  - Turning up the TV to a volume level that disturbs others.
  - Constantly asking people to repeat themselves, or to speak more loudly.
  - Avoiding social situations such as restaurants or parties, where noise can make it difficult to hear conversation.
  - Turning your head to one side while listening.

Although these habits can help a hearing-impaired person in the early stages of hearing loss, they will eventually become less effective should the hearing loss progress. Remember, even a mild hearing loss deprives you of a wide range of life's sounds.

If you suspect your hearing has changed, the first step is to obtain a complete hearing evaluation by an audiologist. Testing is painless, comfortable and safe. It includes checking your ability to recognize everyday words at different volume levels, your ability to hear various tones, and a test of middle-ear function.

The data from the hearing test will be used to determine the type and severity of your hearing loss, and the kind of treatment you may need. It will help us establish whether you might benefit from medical management or hearing aids.

Hearing loss is especially prevalent in older age groups. As a result, those over age 50 years should consider a yearly hearing evaluation as an important part of their routine healthcare regimen.

Robbi Herhson, A.U.D., CCC-A, and Debra Knapp, A.U.D., CCC-A, are the audiologists of The Hearing Group located at 412 Pleasant Valley Way in West Orange. They are licensed doctors of audiology with 31 years of combined experience. They are specialists in hearing and balance. If you have any questions about hearing loss, contact them at 973-243-8860.

**Children's Specialized Hospital provides care for the youngest patient**

Every mother can attest to the hard work involved in having a newborn and the forever-changing lifestyle that goes along with it. Sleep patterns are instantly changed and there are just some nights when you've had all you can take.

For Michelle Murphy, it was late February when her son, Connor, developed an ear infection that kept his mother up for two days straight.

By the second night of constant crying, Michelle was so exhausted that she fell asleep with her and an accident that every mother unconsciously worries about came a reality.

At 5 a.m. on Feb. 21, Michelle finally was fading off into a deep sleep when Connor began crying. She went upstairs to calm her son and decided it would be a good idea to bring him downstairs to lie down with her. While coming down the stairs, Michelle accidentally slipped and Connor flew out of her arms over four stairs where he landed on his back and banged his head on a doormat. Michelle continued to slip down more stairs and ran to the aid of her son. Connor looked as if he was slowly becoming unconscious. The Murphy's immediately transferred to St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick. They soon found out that he had suffered a skull fracture and some bleeding between the brain and skull. For the next day and a half, Connor was put into a drug-induced coma in order to allow doctors to do various CAT scans.

After spending about two weeks in St. Peter's University Hospital, Connor was referred to Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside where he would receive speech, physical, occupational, and recreational therapies as an inpatient for the next five weeks.

Because he landed on the occipital lobe, the center of the visual perception system, he has predominantly suffered blurry vision. This is expected to clear up in the next three to six months and there is only a possibility that there may be a learning disability or memory loss in the future.

Renee Jadro, Connor's occupational therapist, stated, "In general he has made nice gains in all areas. It has been great to see him visually regarding objects and faces and tracking toys since this is a big area of concern for him."

After a three-week stay at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, Connor and his family will be making the trek home today. Connor will continue receiving therapies at Children's Specialized as a week on an outpatient basis in order to keep up with his rehabilitation.

The Murphy's continue to hope for the best for their son, but most of all accept the fact that accidents do happen to everyone. Since the accident, there has not been a moment that Michelle Murphy has left her son's side. As you sit and observe from afar, you can clearly see through the big smile of a 5-month-old baby, that his mother's arms continue to remain his favorite place in the world.

Children's Specialized Hospital, an affiliate member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System, is New Jersey's largest comprehensive rehabilitation hospital dedicated exclusively to children.

Children's Specialized Hospital treats children and adolescents from birth to 21 years of age through a network of services for young people with a wide array of medical, developmental, educational, and rehabilitative needs.

Services include outpatient services, acute rehabilitation, and long-term care through its sites in Mountainside, Toms River, Fanwood, Hamilton, Newark, Roselle Park, and Freehold as well as outreach programs in many communities.

**If you are caring for an Alzheimer's patient, make their home 'friendly'**

Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease can be overwhelming. For the family member afflicted with Alzheimer's, even routine daily events, such as hearing or seeing the evening newscast, can be truly terrifying. As a result, one of the greatest challenges for the caregiver is creating an environment for the loved one, which is as safe and nurturing as possible.

With toddlers, the term is "child-proofing." For those with Alzheimer's disease, there is no similar term, but the concept is the same. Many things around the house that pose no danger to people in full possession of their mental faculties can be major hazards for people with Alzheimer's. And even though it is impossible to make any home absolutely safe for a person with the disease, there are many steps you can take to reduce the risk of your loved one getting into things they shouldn't, or reduce the risk of injury.

Here are some tips to make your home safe and comfortable:

- Limit distractions and control noise. Play radios softly, and turn the telephone ringer on low. You may want to consider removing telephones and televisions from the individual's room. If your loved one watches television, choose humorous or happy sitcoms, game shows and musical shows. These types of shows can make the individual laugh and/or stimulate positive memories.
- Maintain consistency and organization. Don't rearrange rooms. Instead, maintain consistency by keeping furniture in the same place. Keep the individual's bedroom and living area well organized and keep pathways clear. Remember, space is better than cluttered. The less there is to trip over or break, the better. In addition, clutter may confuse or upset people with Alzheimer's disease. Move decorative knickknacks out of harm's way, secure them, or eliminate them.
- Encourage recreational activities. Encourage activities that are success-oriented and that make the individual feel productive. Many individuals with Alzheimer's enjoy outdoor activities. Encourage walking if your home has a safe, enclosed yard. Gardening is also a good activity. But make sure that the yard is free of toxic plants and that your loved one uses safe gardening tools, but nothing with a point or sharp edge. When the individual is unsupervised, you should avoid activities that involve sharp or hot objects, such as knitting or cooking.
- Lock up hazardous materials. Keep all medicines, cleaning products and sharp utensils up or out of reach. Consider wiring the stove, thermostat and hot water heater with hidden switches or controls. Lower the temperature on your heater to avoid scalding, as accidental scaldings are common among people with Alzheimer's disease.
- Don't forget, everyone needs a little care and affection.

With all the responsibilities and problems involved in caring for people with Alzheimer's disease, it's easy to forget how important a loving touch can be. A pat on the back, back rubs, foot massages, hugging or holding hands are calming, and they communicate love and safety in a way everyone can understand. Several studies show that massage exerts calming influence and minimizes behavior problems in Alzheimer's care.

No one is able to predict the rate at which deterioration associated with Alzheimer's disease will occur. The disease may progress to a certain point and then remain stable for years. In fact, most people with Alzheimer's remain in the community throughout their life. If your relative is diagnosed with the disease, you must face the fact that, as the disease progresses, he or she may not be able to live alone. Home care may become not just a heroic task, but an impossible one.

To receive a free copy of "At the Heart of Alzheimer's: A Complete Guide to Caring for a Person with Alzheimer's Disease," or "How to Select an Alzheimer's Care Center," call Aiden Courts at 973-736-3100. Aiden Courts, which provides Alzheimer's assisted living, is located in West Orange.

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## Good curb appeal can lead to buyer approval

Does your home make a good first impression? Does it make a strong statement to neighbors and to potential buyers? If you want to change the message your home is sending, improving its curb appeal is a great place to start, according to the National Association of the Remodeling Industry. In observance of "Prepare Your Home to Be Sold Month" in March, the association offers homeowners who are planning to sell their homes these tips for readying a home for sale.

- Freshen up the exterior by keeping the lawn trimmed and outdoor areas neat. Paint or wash the exterior of the home, including windows, shutters, siding and doors. Examine the gutters, chimney and driveway and make necessary repairs.
- Clean and brighten rooms with a fresh coat of paint, which will make your home look fresh and new on the inside. Choose colors based on what

would appeal to the widest possible number of buyers. An off-white color will make your rooms appear more bright and spacious. Wash wallpaper, tiles, paneling, floors, carpets, tubs and showers.

- Eliminate squeaky door hinges by oiling them, and be sure that your locks work easily and the keys fit properly. Prospective homebuyers, when looking at a house, often want to test things out, so they flip light switches, open doors, turn on faucets and flush the toilets. Make sure water-faucet knobs are easy to turn and that they don't leak, and replace sink fixtures if they don't look shiny and new. And don't forget to clean and make repairs underneath sinks.
- Eliminate clutter and remove any unnecessary garbage from your closets, garage, attic and basement. Store garbage, debris, lawn mowers and hoses out of sight.
- A homebuyer's first impression is

based on his or her first view of the house. They call that first impression curb appeal. Take a walk across the street and take an objective look at your house. Look at neighboring houses, too, and see how your house compares.

When you look at your house from across the street, does it look faded or worn? If so, a paint job may be what's needed. The front door should be pleasing to the eye, since it is the entryway into the house. If you can't replace the front door, repaint or refinish it, and polish the door hardware so it sparkles.

- If your roof leaks, have it repaired prior to putting it on the market. Repairing the roof is more cost efficient than a buyer demanding an entire new roof. For visual appeal, simply resingling a roof can add visual appeal to your home's exterior, as can adding a window wall, front porch, or replacing siding or shutters.

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## Mortgage insurance is gaining in popularity

Experience shows that the less a homeowner has invested in a home, the greater the probability of default. For this reason, lenders require private mortgage insurance, PMI, on conventional mortgage loans with less than 20 percent down. The primary goal of PMI is to protect the lender in the event the borrower defaults on a loan.

Even though it appears that private mortgage insurance favors the lender, PMI can benefit the borrower as well. In fact, thanks to PMI, lenders are willing to offer loans and make homeowners available to those who can't afford the customary 20-percent down payment.

PMI also benefits those who may want to purchase a larger or more expensive home. For example, a \$20,000 down payment could represent a 20-percent payment on a \$100,000 house or, with PMI, a 10-percent down payment on a \$200,000 house.

PMI premium payments vary based on the size of the down payment, the type of mortgage, and the amount of

insurance coverage. The charges typically amount to 0.5 percent to 1 percent of the loan annually. Generally speaking, the PMI premium for a median-priced home is likely to fall between \$50 and \$100 a month. Shopping around for a lower rate isn't an option since the lender chooses the policy. The premium is usually incorporated into the monthly mortgage payment.

Under the federal Homeowners' Protection Act of 1998, on loans made on or after July 29, 1999, lenders must provide borrowers with certain disclosures concerning PMI. The Act includes provisions for the automatic termination of PMI and the borrower's right to request PMI cancellation. Prior to the Act, some homeowners paid premiums for years after they had reached 20-percent equity in their homes.

Under the Homeowners' Protection Act, for loans closed on or after July 29, 1999, mortgage insurance that is paid directly by the borrower will be canceled automatically when the mortgage balance reaches 78 percent of the

home's original value, provided that the borrower is current on payments. Homeowners, whose mortgages originated prior to the enactment of the law, are protected by the Act's requirement that lenders notify them of their right to cancel PMI.

Borrowers also have the right to request cancellation of PMI when the mortgages is paid down to the point that it reaches 80 percent of the home's value at the time the loan was closed.

Since home appreciations added directly to your equity, even though the amount you owe hasn't changed, you may be eligible to have your private mortgage insurance cancelled if you can demonstrate that the value of your home has increased. To qualify, most lenders require that you have the house appraised at your expense by a lender-approved appraiser. Be aware that, regardless of the increase in value, some lenders require you to have owned your home for a year or two before they will consider dropping PMI.

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To minimize stress, couples should take a comprehensive look at their finances and how their credit histories and scores impact purchasing power.

According to Robin Holland, senior vice president of Consumer Services for Atlanta-based Equifax, "Your credit history may have a serious impact on mortgage rates; low scores can ultimately cost home-buyers thousands of dollars over the lifetime of their loan."

When preparing to buy a home, consumers should take a proactive

approach to ensure that their credit is in the best possible condition. Consumers who do their credit homework will be well-positioned to secure the best loan rates available relative to their situation.

Plan ahead and don't wait until it's time to make a major purchase — now is the time to get serious about your credit.

Follow these helpful steps to make sure your credit is in order before you spot your dream home.

**Five Tips for Managing Credit Scores**

Monitor your credit status. The best time to work on your budget or credit score is before you are ready to buy. Continual credit monitoring will help you ensure that your information is accurate by keeping you informed of any changes in your credit file.

Keep in mind that your credit score is based on your history of borrowing and repaying money and changes do not take effect immediately.

Even if you have a good score, proactively managing your credit is important and may result in a better score in the future. A better score can mean better rates and cost savings when you borrow.

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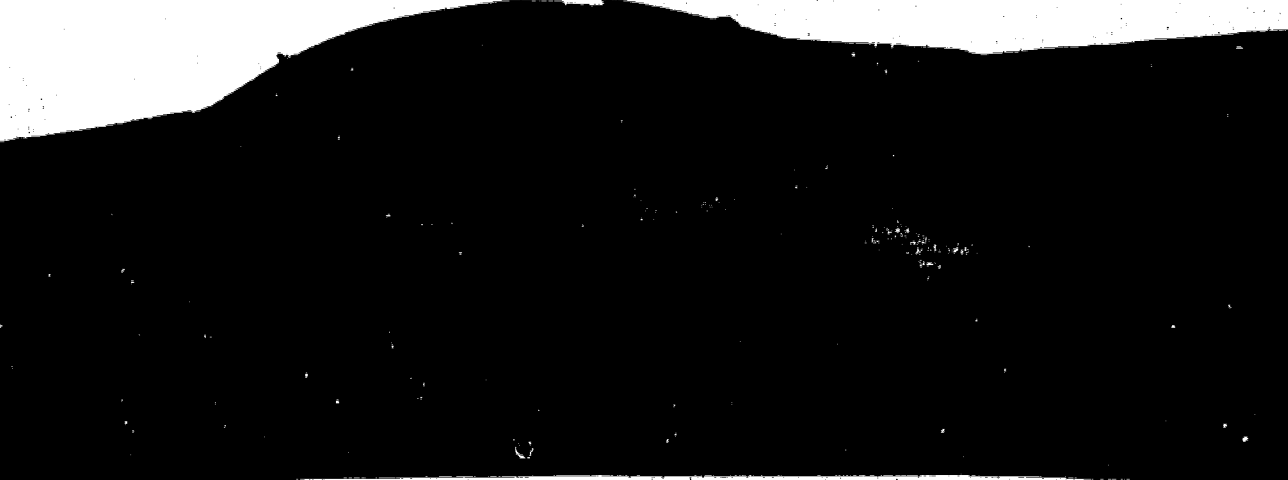
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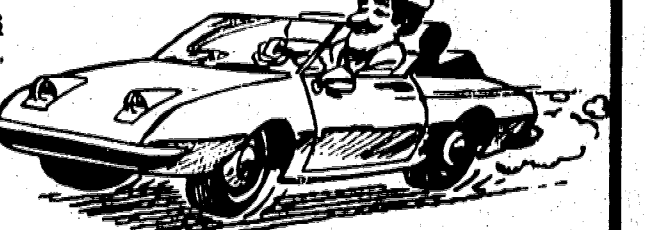
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