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Uncovering our colonial past

By Keith Shaw
 Correspondent

Students at James Caldwell School were treated to an exciting presentation about the historical Battle of Springfield on Monday.

The town will be celebrating the 225th anniversary of the battle later this month with a series of events on June 25 and June 26. Students in first-through fourth-grade were all able to learn about the domestic life in the 18th century, and also how soldiers prepared for battle, what type of weapons they used and how they came across James Caldwell during the war.

Conducting the presentation were Springfield residents Margaret Bandrowski and Mark Hurwitz. Bandrowski is president of the Springfield Historical Society and Hurwitz is one of the reenactors in the group "New Jersey Blues."

Bandrowski kicked off the presentation with a display of the typical 18th-century dress worn during the Revolutionary War. She explained to the children that life was "very primitive" back then and how people lived without water and electricity.

She showed them different cooking utensils, writing utensils, candle makers and also different types of games kids played. One of the students' favorites was *Go Fish*, which is still used by children today.

Hurwitz, who dressed as a soldier, explained the importance of the battle and how it affected the lives of the people who lived in the area.

"History happened in the backyards," said Hurwitz.

He explained the famous story

behind James Caldwell and his involvement in the war. After the historical lesson, Hurwitz went on to show the different weapons used by soldiers and demonstrated how they used them during battle. Hurwitz's modified version of a musket and bayonet were good enough to steal the show and the audience thoroughly enjoyed his demonstration.

Zachary Hicks, a first-grader at James Caldwell, said his favorite part was "the musket" and that he "already knew about some of the battle." Hicks said he learned a lot about the battle from a computer game that he plays which reenacts certain historical battles.

Jordyn Fekete, also a first-grader, said her favorite part of the demonstration was "the bayonet." Fekete said she didn't know too much about the battle, but did "know about James Caldwell already." Both students said they liked the presentation and are looking forward to going to the events later this month.

Kenneth Bernabe, principal at James Caldwell, said the school had been looking forward to the program and the opportunity to view history as it can be localized to Springfield and the historical events which occurred in this geographical area.

Bernabe said the second-grade students' studies about communities and how they live include a review of New Jersey, its history and how the state developed.

After the presentation, the students' raised hands when they were told they could ask questions.

Some students even stayed a little



Margaret Bandrowski, president of the Springfield Historical Society, shows Caroline Haskins and first-grader Riley McGregor a hood game colonial dress. Bandrowski was one of two guests who visited James Caldwell School on Monday in preparation for the upcoming Battle of Springfield. Bandrowski, who is dressed in 18th-century costume, was one of two guests who visited James Caldwell School on Monday in preparation for the upcoming Battle of Springfield.

Planners share proposals

By Brian Pedersen
 Managing Editor

In an effort to take the first steps toward defining an area in need of redevelopment, the Township Committee met with two planners at their workshop session on Tuesday.

Lester Nebenzahl, president of THP Inc., and Joseph Layton of Maser Consulting came before the Township Committee to give two brief separate proposals on what each would do if hired to perform the planning work necessary for a redevelopment plan.

Layton said he would help the town seek money through smart growth and transit village grants once a redevelopment plan is established. He emphasized that the township has to be firmly behind it.

Clarifying his proposal, Layton said the Foodtown shopping center area is underutilized and represents a good resource for possible redevelopment. He cited the center as a place where development could possibly include structured parking and buildings with apartments on the second floor and retail establishments on the first level.

At roughly five acres, Layton said the current status of the Foodtown area doesn't represent the highest return the town could have.

He called the corner where the Presbyterian Church sits at Church Hill and Morris Avenue as the focal point for redevelopment.

A gift for future readers



Matthew Rice, a kindergarten student at Beachwood School in Mountainside, gets his name posted on a book he donated as part of the Birthday Book Club by Suzanne Streeter, the club's committee woman. The donated books will be added to the school library collection.

Borough dedicates community clock

By Mark Hryman
 Regional Editor

Mountainside's new community clock will be dedicated at a ceremony on July 2 at 2 p.m.

Mayor Robert Vigilant made the announcement during Tuesday's Borough Council Executive Session, adding that the base of the clock already is under construction.

The clock will be located at the corner of Mountain and Valley National Banks. The clock is expected to cost \$20,000, all of which would come from private contributions and donations.

The borough has been soliciting donations at the beginning of this year following the loss of the clock from Valley National Bank, PSE&G and another firm that was an anonymous donor.

The idea of constructing a clock after seeing similar timepieces in neighboring towns, including Garwood and Clark, and first thought of by the borough's Centennial Celebration Committee.

The clock's manufacturer based in Union County, designed the clock. The main photos located on the base of the clock will bear the names of the borough and the borough itself.

The clock, which is a two-faced model, is of a traditional design.

Classified moves to Union

Effective today, the Classified Department of Worrall Community Newspapers will be operating from its new base in the company's Union office.

The department's new telephone number is 908-686-7850.

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The change in location of the department is part of the company's service to the customers we serve in Essex and Union counties, as well as those in areas outside those boundaries.

For more information, call the Classified Department at 908-686-7850.

Superintendent touts benefits of new math program in borough

By Joan M. Devlin
 Staff Writer

The highlight of the Mountainside Board of Education meeting on Tuesday was a special presentation by the new chief school administrator, Richard O'Malley, titled "Everyday Math and Connective Math."

O'Malley presented the two math programs he was recommending to the school board. Everyday math is for kindergarten through fifth grade and connective math is for sixth through eighth grade.

O'Malley stressed the new concept is in current use in all the top scholastic school districts, such as Summit, Westfield and Berkeley Heights.

"It is not something new; it has been tried and tested and we know that it works," said O'Malley. "It has been researched and is standards-based and the results are proven."

He projected a map of the United States and it showed the entire northeastern area of states used the innovative programs more than the rest of the

country. "We aim with this new approach to move students up and over in their achievements."

With this program, deeper meaning of math is introduced as early as kindergarten and sustained throughout the child's education, although they will still learn the basics.

"We start with the student and then build the curriculum around them, in the other way around," said O'Malley. The connective math is in the middle school. He stressed, "When our students reach high school, they should

be equal or better than those other schools."

Another chart showed Mountainside behind both Westfield and Berkeley Heights in math achievement at this time.

He said there is a very important national component to the program and that that component would be essential to the success of the program.

O'Malley said the program is a professional development plan — training for our teachers — and we have included consultants from outside the district; out-

side teachers who brought this to help us fill in the gaps," said O'Malley.

Referring to his past experience, O'Malley said he had implemented everyday math in two districts and it was highly successful. "We will create meetings with parents and make a sound background for teachers," he added.

The main program will be posted on the Mountainside Web site for all to view.

Questions from the board came

first. Board of Education member Carmine Venes asked how the program will be implemented, whether it would be all at once, or gradually for the kindergarten through fifth-graders.

"All in one shot," said O'Malley. "Results show that it is best if kids are exposed from the beginning to its concepts."

Later, several teachers said they were comfortable with this, as long as they were assured of training and supplies, which O'Malley promised would be forthcoming.

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Road rage results in assault

A road rage incident was reported by Mountaintop Police on June 7 at 5:19 p.m. The incident started in Union and ended with an assault in Mountaintop.

An officer was dispatched to the area of Route 22 West and New Providence Road after hearing a report of a fight. When the officer arrived, the police chief and other officers were on the scene.

The officer spoke with two witnesses to find out what happened. Due to the circumstances and violence involved in the assault, both witnesses refused to remain confidential.

One witness said the incident started at the Red Lobster Restaurant in Union. She said both vehicles began speeding down the shoulder area through heavy traffic at a high rate of speed. At around the Springfield line, the vehicles were stopped in traffic and two young women exited the chase car and ran toward the first vehicle, which picked up speed before the women got to it.

The cars were again stopped in heavy traffic and the two women got out again and ran toward the first car. The women went to the passenger side of the car and began assaulting the passenger. They dragged her out of the car and beat her with their hands.

The driver got out of the car and went to his wife's aid, when one of the women punched him in the face. The women then beat the husband with sticks and threw bottles at him and his car.

The police officers then arrived and broke up the situation.

The second witness said her vehicle was cut off by the car driven by the women pursuing the first car. The two women then jumped out of the car and ran up to the first vehicle where the fight broke out.

The husband reported being punched in the mouth by one of the women while the other two assaulted his wife.

The four females in the pursuing vehicle each reported the same story, that the husband was trying to cut into their lane on Route 22 without waiting his turn.

The four suspects include Latesha Souder, 18, of Irvington, Shaniqua Baker, 20, of Edison, Natasha Fullwood, 19, of Orange and one juvenile.

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Police step up pedestrian safety efforts

Over the past few years, the Springfield Police Department has seen an increase in pedestrian accidents and fatalities.

In an effort to improve pedestrian safety, the Police Department will continue its Pedestrian Information and Enforcement Program this year. The program will target those pedestrians who fail to use crosswalks or sidewalks when they are available.

The Police Department, as well as AAA, advise pedestrians to 1.) Cross at crosswalks, keep to the right in the crosswalk, 2.) Before crossing look all ways, 3.) At signalized

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with a summons.

David Oxenford, 31, of Union, was arrested at 9:27 a.m. at Route 22 West Sunday. Police said he was stopped for having tinted windows on his vehicle.

On Sunday at 8:10 p.m., Johnnie Middleton, 55, of Plainfield, was arrested for driving under the influence at Route 22 west/Robin Hood Road.

Police said a cellular call reported Middleton was driving erratic on Route 22. Middleton was spotted and observed driving partially on the shoulder of the roadway. He was stopped and subsequently charged with driving while intoxicated.

Daryl Goff, 28, of Iselin, was arrested at the Route 22 east border with Springfield on Friday at 8:10 p.m. Police said he was arrested for suspended vehicle registration and was later arrested for possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana.

On Friday at 4:34 p.m., Regine Charles, 31, of Iselin, was arrested at the Route 22 east border with Springfield.

The suspect was issued a summons for a suspended vehicle registration and arrested for possession of less than fifty grams of marijuana, police said.

Yllyses Hampton, 37, of Newark, was arrested at Summit Road/Route 22 west on June 9 at 10:41 a.m.

Police said Hampton was stopped for making an improper turn. A computer check revealed a suspended license and multiple warrants.

Adrena Chanoine, 25, of E. Stroudsburg, Pa., was arrested at Route 22 east/Locust Avenue at 8:40 a.m. on June 9.

Police said Chanoine was stopped for a suspended vehicle registration. A summons was issued to the owner and the vehicle was impounded.

Pascal Lemaire, 39, of Fort Lee, was arrested for burglary, possession of a weapon for unlawful purpose, criminal mischief of more than \$500 and simple assault on Sunday at 11:10 p.m. Police said.

On Monday, a Deer group officer was reported stolen from a Hillborough resident's vehicle while it was parked at 305 Route 22 east.

The estimated value is unknown, police said.

A GE Profile microwave, valued at \$550 and a circular saw, valued at \$100 were reported stolen from a Woodcrest Circle garage between Saturday and Sunday, police said.

Nathaniel Lora-Fortunato, 37, of Newark, was arrested in Metuchen on

Saturday at 5:56 p.m. for a Springfield warrant.

A Springfield resident reported the theft of her Function 4 bicycle from the front of the Springfield Public Library on Friday at 5:01 p.m.

The estimated value is unknown, police said.

Simba Thomas, 20, of Irvington, was arrested at the 100 Block of Mountain Avenue for disorderly conduct at 10:25 a.m. on Friday.

Police arrested Daniel Campbell, 30, of Middletown, at 275 Route 22 east for driving while intoxicated and driving an uninsured vehicle at 12:41 p.m. on Friday.

Police received a report of a stolen vehicle parked at 304 Route 22 east on June 8 at 1:11 p.m.

Police said the Audi A4 silver 4 door vehicle was stolen, along with a set of golf clubs, a pullover, a pair of golf shoes, a pair of Ralph Lauren prescription sunglasses, a compact disc case containing miscellaneous CD's and the driver's registration and insurance card. The vehicle was owned by a Glen Ridge resident.

The estimated value is \$15,000.

Damage to the driver's side door of a 2005 Nissan was reported at 6:51 p.m. on June 8 at 304 Route 22 west.

The items taken from the vehicle included a Nike gym bag and a Ravello suit. Police said the estimated value of the stolen items is unknown.

Police said a resident on the 500 Block of Ashwood Road reported June 6 that the sunroof his 2002 blue, four-door Lexus ES300 was smashed by a beer bottle.

According to the report, the victim told the responding officer that a group of juveniles were having a party at a residence on Staffie Center, and he believes they are to blame for the broken beer bottle.

The party reportedly took place between 12 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Police said the incident is under investigation.

Township police said they are searching for any information regarding the theft of two Domino's Pizazzas that magnetically adhere to motor vehicle roofs that were subsequently recovered.

The theft took place at 11:30 p.m. on June 4 from a residence on the 200 Block of Morris Avenue, police said. Although the time and date of the signs' recovery was not publicized, police said their investigations are ongoing.

A refrigerator valued between \$500 and \$800 was stolen from the basement of a hotel on Route 22 West, police said, but the culprits were caught in the act on videotape.

Police said they are searching for two hotel employees in connection with the theft that took place on May 23.

The incident was reported on June 3, police said.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To mail a schedule, send it to Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave. at 8:01 p.m.

The Mountaintop Borough Council will conduct a regular meeting in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east at 8 p.m.

Jim Cottage, an 18-year-old student at Jonathan Dayton High School, recently self-published a fictional novel, "Sigmond." He will present a program at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. at 3 p.m. about the process of developing the book, including the creation of characters and the timeline needed to finish.

A lucky attendee will win a copy of the book in a drawing. For information, call 973-376-4930.

The graduating Class of 2005 at Governor Livingston High School will begin their commencement exercises at Frey Field on the grounds of the high school at 175 Watchung Blvd., Berkeley Heights at 6:45 p.m.

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

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 re-enactment. 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 raffle date set for next clear night.

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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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.

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.

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

B'Nai B'rith of Springfield plans a trip to Atlantic City at the Claridge casino hotel. 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 also guests down to the Claridge Casino where they will receive \$100 in complimentary Bucks and show ticket to "Legends in Concert" at 7:30 p.m. in the Palace Theater. The cost per person is \$35.

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School officials find NCLB falls short of improvement goals

By Alexander George Correspondent

The federal government policy "No Child Left Behind" seeks to improve education through American but has been met with both appreciation and criticism in the Springfield school system.

According to Hillary Corburn, assistant superintendent of schools, NCLB, which was passed in 2002, breaks down into five titles, each directing funds to different areas in need of improvement.

Title One funds students considered "at risk," those lacking rudimentary learning skills such as literacy; Title Two, the most popular for Springfield schools, pays for "professional development," meaning hiring consultants to help improve school programs; Title Three funds English as a Second Language students but is often redistributed as few Springfield students require ESL aide; Title Four sponsors drug free and safety programs; Title Five funds "innovative programs," to create extracurricular and "extended day," activities.

Board of Education member Jackie Shanes faults the program for its financial policies.

"The state and federal government mandate change but doesn't fund it," said Shanes. "It limits how much can

be spent and the surplus we can have," she said.

Shanes also said that NCLB's non-core policies would not hold up to sudden changes requiring large funding.

She said, "If our boiler were to go out in the middle of winter, we may not have sufficient funds to repair it."

Board member Irwin Sablosky has been optimistic take on NCLB. He said he appreciates how NCLB has forced school systems to be accountable to adhere to certain standards.

But Sablosky maintains that the program cannot mandate without funding. "The government needs to give the schools more money and more time," said Sablosky.

Corburn looks past the program's shortcomings, saying she is grateful for the funding. "We use every dollar we receive," she said.

The spending is heavily regulated by documentation.

"Each instance of spending is carefully monitored. If we wanted to use funds to help students to pass the High School Proficiency Assessment, we would carefully document any transaction," Corburn said.

Corburn said she is grateful for the "just under \$100,000" schools receive annually from the program.

So far, the Springfield Board of Education has not issued any formal resolution opposing NCLB, according to Michael Davino, superintendent of schools.

He said the impact of NCLB has been a point of discussion for the school board, along with the restrictions imposed on school budgets as a result of Senate Bill S1701, which imposes a limit on how much districts can spend and the amount of their surplus.

Overall, he said districts across the state will be impacted as the budgetary implications attached to the mandates of NCLB begin to merge and converge on each other.

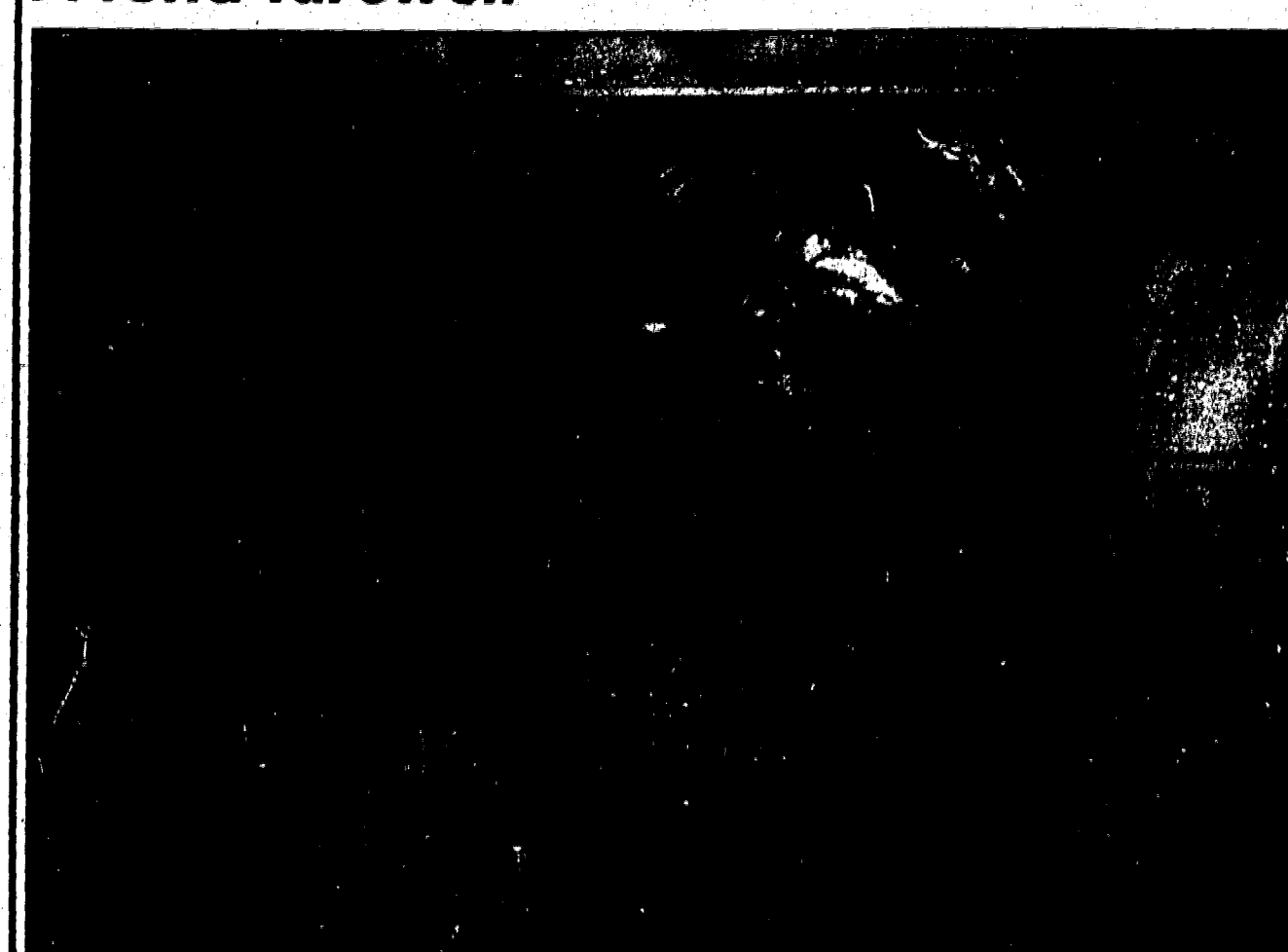
"At this point, the issues of NCLB are difficult to disagree with but to be honest, what NCLB is abolishing is the bell shape curve, but you can't just do it by saying it," said Davino. "We have to start taking a look at how we are going to fund and effectuate these mandates."

He supported the idea of having a statewide discussion on how the mandates of NCLB can be funded.

The goals of NCLB include raising standardized test scores and providing highly qualified teachers for all students.

Managing Editor Brian Pedersen contributed to this report.

A fond farewell



One parent's bulletin board gave a warm farewell to James Caldwell School Principal Ken Bernabe, who will retire at the end of the school year. Gathering with Bernabe before the poster are students Elizabeth Giambattista, Christian Roman, Lewis Balfour and Hailey Clinton.

Preparations pick up as PGA Championship draws near

By Keith Shaw Correspondent

It's been a long 63 years, but the PGA Championship is finally returning to New Jersey.

The 87th PGA Championship will be conducted at the Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, from Aug. 11-14. Coverage of the event starts with a preview show Aug. 6 on CBS, and the tournament can be seen the following Thursday on TNT at 1 p.m.

Not since 1942 at the Seaview Golf Club in Atlantic City has a PGA Championship been played in New Jersey, and this long wait has golf lovers counting down the days until Aug. 11 when the championship will once again hit New Jersey turf.

The 7,392 yard, par-70 Baltusrol lower course will serve as host to the PGA Championship. The event will be an even bigger deal for the town of Springfield.

The town of Springfield is hoping a successful PGA Championship will help Baltusrol become a more prominent golf course in the area.

that will be playing the event is Tiger Woods, the No. 1 ranked golfer in the world and also the game's biggest attraction since Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer. This will be Wood's first time playing competitive golf in New Jersey and his presence alone is likely to create an unprecedented excitement around Baltusrol.

Another notable golfer expected to be playing are Vijay Singh — last year's champion, Phil Mickelson and Ernie Els. The golfers will be competing for the prestigious Wanamaker Trophy, which has been won by only 60 individuals throughout the tournament's history.

"With Vijay Singh defending his title at Baltusrol Golf Club, and Tiger Woods making his first professional appearance in New Jersey, the 87th PGA Championship will be an even bigger deal for the town of Springfield."

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EDITORIALS

A change is needed

For some reason, residents who live and pay taxes in Springfield may go to public meetings of the Springfield Township Committee on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, but these same residents cannot speak about issues that are going to be voted on that night by the Township Committee.

In most towns, residents may speak during the public portion of a government meeting about any topic, including those issues that are going to be considered. This is something that makes perfect, logical sense. The informed citizen is showing a genuine interest in the workings of his or her town, and is making an effort to get involved by attending a public meeting and asking questions, something most governing bodies should want and encourage.

As an example, the Springfield Board of Education allows public input and discussion regarding agenda items before they are voted on at the beginning of their regular meeting and also offers time for public discussion before going into new business toward the end of the meeting.

But at Springfield Township Committee meetings, this same sense of open dialogue is not given a chance to take place. Adopting a policy that does not allow public comment before voting on resolutions, particularly when committee members are expending public funds, does a disservice to the public. Residents should be given the chance to speak before decisions are made; otherwise, what is the point of having people come to meetings, if all they can do is sit and listen or discuss issues that have already been decided?

Having a say in the decision-making policies of local government is a right every citizen should exercise, but they cannot do this if they are not given that opportunity. Speaking about agenda items after they have already been voted on is a perfunctory action. It offers residents no potential to share in meaningful dialogue that has any real effect on the decisions made by the Township Committee.

Allowing this to continue devalues the role a citizen plays in the community if they are given little chance to help direct and shape its future. This policy should be changed.

Happy Father's Day

Summer's here, or at least it officially begins Tuesday, although more people might observe it as running from Memorial Day to Labor Day than June 21 to Sept. 22. A sure sign the season is upon us is this Sunday when, across our great nation, people will be out in force at picnics and barbecues in celebration of Father's Day. So, whether dad's decked out in an apron flipping burgers or ordering hot dogs and sodas from a vendor at the ball game, summer and Father's Day go hand in hand.

The idea of Father's Day was conceived by Sonora Dodd of Spokane, Wash., while she listened to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart, a widowed Civil War veteran who was left to raise his six children by himself on a rural farm. June was chosen for the first Father's Day celebration — proclaimed for June 19, 1910, by Spokane's mayor — because it was the month of William Smart's birth.

The first presidential proclamation honoring fathers was issued in 1966, when President Lyndon Johnson designated the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Father's Day has been celebrated annually since 1972, when President Richard Nixon signed the public law that made it permanent.

Parenthood means that each individual is no longer responsible for just himself or herself. Now they have to keep the best interests in mind of their children, as well as their spouse. And, just as the role of fathers has changed much in the last hundred years, so has the depth of their responsibility. Today's fathers need to be more involved with their children's education, after-school activities and upbringing, just as an increasing number of mothers are working full-time jobs. It's a careful balancing act requiring a great deal of effort and attention.

So take this day to thank dad for all he does: For working overtime so you could afford summer camp or those music lessons; for those long hours he tutored you in your studies until you actually understood what you were being taught; for being there to cheer for your successes and support you through your failures and for just being there whenever you needed him to lend a hand, an ear or a hug. This Father's Day, thank him for doing the most important thing he could do: thank him for being a great father.

We wish all fathers a very happy Father's Day.

"The secret of Happiness is Freedom, and the secret of Freedom is Courage."

— **Thucydides**
Greek philosopher, historian
c. 400 A.D.

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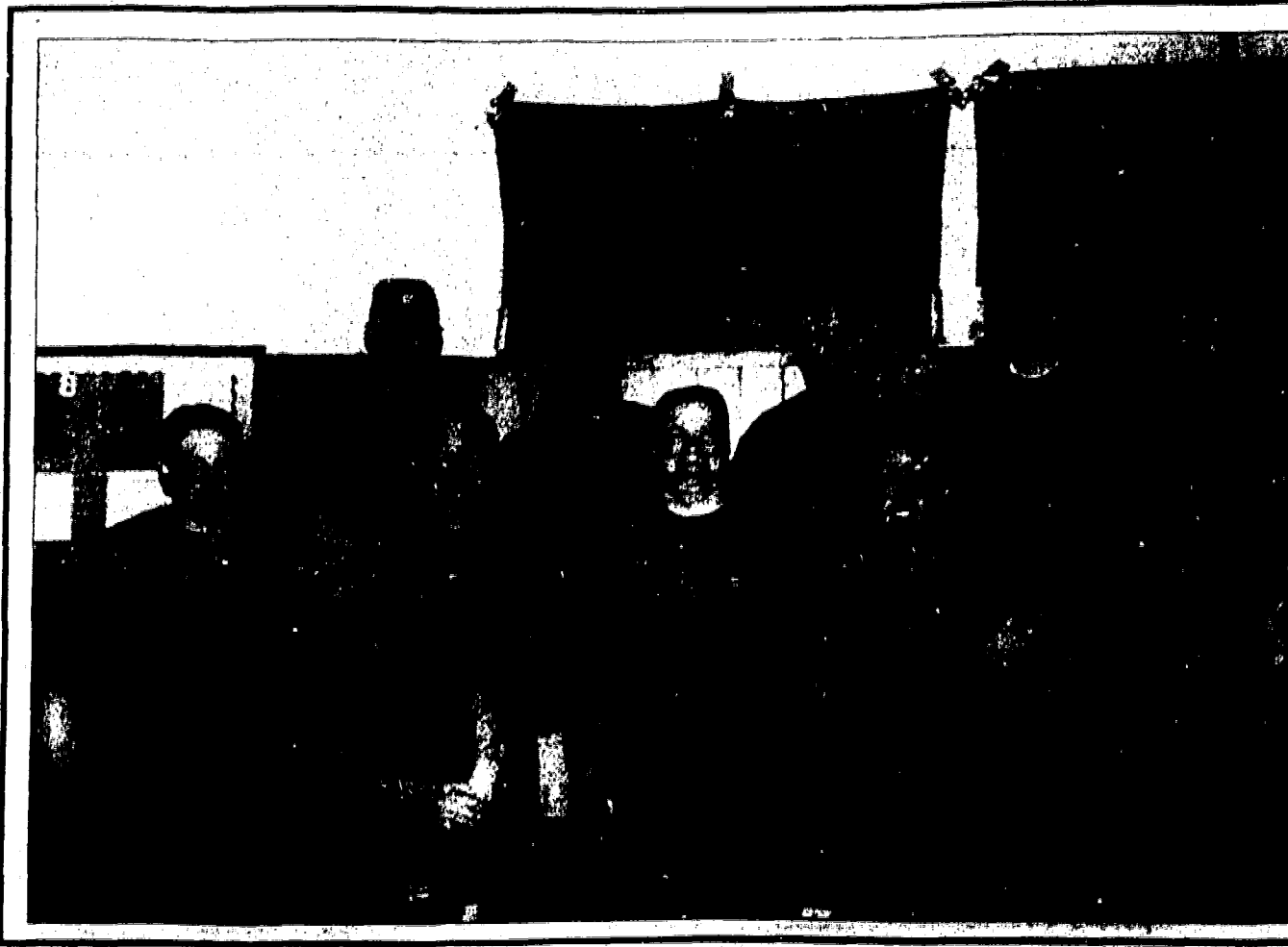
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A WINNING TEAM — The Mountaineer police and fire departments recently squared off in a charity basketball game to raise money to help pay medical bills for Frankie Rubino, a seventh-grader at Deerfield School who was diagnosed with an orbital rhabdomyosarcoma. He has been going for treatment at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. More than \$14,000 was raised.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The ends do not justify the means

To the Editor:
I am writing this letter in response to the ongoing correspondence regarding the passage of the reduced school budget by the Township Committee. As a taxpayer in Springfield and father of two school-aged children utilizing the Springfield public school system, I voted in favor of the school budget. I was disappointed when the majority of our residents voted against the proposed budget, but accepted it as part of the democratic process. Now, after the Township Committee passed the amended budget, reducing it by only a little more than half of 1 percent, I'm torn.

While I don't appreciate Mr. Pappas's antics during his attacks on our elected officials, I can appreciate his frustration with the manner in which the committee has pushed through a remarkably unchanged version — at least dollar-wise — of the same budget. Why give the residents of Springfield the impression that this is a democratic process and that our votes count? Even if they operated within the guidelines of the law, they disregarded the desires of a majority of our citizens. And they did it behind closed doors, commenting on the final budget only after they cast their votes and closed the issue without giving any of our residents a voice.

I am reminded of a Platonic society, where the few ruling officials feel that the masses don't know what's best for them and therefore should not be given the right to vote. On the other hand, I do believe that investing in our schools will pay off for all of our homeowners down the road. Investing in our schools, if it translates into better test scores, will increase the desirability of home ownership in Springfield to young, upwardly mobile couples with children attending public schools.

Ultimately, I am thrilled that we are investing in our children with the new-passed school budget. The ends, however, do not justify the means, and I will not be voting for these committee members in future elections.

Thomas Ebert
Springfield

Local businesses came to the rescue

To the Editor:
I'd like to share with you a recent and wonderful experience in the Springfield community. On June 6, the Edward V. Walton PTA hosted its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. With our PTA short on funds and trying to save for a new playground, we almost had to forgo the "dinner" part of our ceremony. Instead, our volunteers enjoyed a fantastic and delicious meal, all provided by local establishments.

On behalf of all of the Walton parents, children and staff, I'd like to thank the following businesses for their generous food donations: Outback Steakhouse, Sam's Farms, Cioffi's, Bennigans, Fresh Squeezed Cafe, Echoquo and Panera.

As a community, let's remember to support local businesses. So many of them donate to the various fund-raisers by the schools, churches, temples and sports teams. Show your appreciation by patronizing them.

President Kristen Schachter
Edward V. Walton PTA

Thank you for your comfort, support

To the Editor:
On behalf of myself, my family and my beloved mother I would like to thank Father Jack Hollan and the entire Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and Rosary Altar Society for their kind expressions of sympathy, beautiful cards and masses, comforting words, support and understanding which was displayed for the loss of our mom.

It is truly a reflection of the kindness, compassion and love she showed to others.

Evelyn Leshko
Springfield

Budgets need more public scrutiny

To the Editor:
The Springfield municipal budget was passed at a recent Township Committee meeting by a 4-1 vote by its five elected members. It totaled \$10,875,673, which represents the amount that the taxpayers will have to pay to keep the township running. Of course, your entire property tax bill is based on the combined budgets of the municipality, the local school board and the Union County government budget.

There were 11 persons in the audience, including the *Echo Leader* reporter, of whom only five residents asked questions about the budget. The population of Springfield is about 14,200, including children, but not all of the adult voters could have been ill or had car trouble or possibly could not bear to miss their favorite situation comedy or sports event on television or even had to work overtime.

The tax budget for municipal purposes alone is \$20,875,673, the school budget is at \$30,892,541 and the Union County Operating Budget for Springfield's share being \$9,134,451 plus the county's Open Space assessments to this town of \$376,148. Thus making a total tax commitment from Springfield for \$61,278,813. In recent years, all of these budgets have escalated by leaps and bounds. Despite voters asking for relief, as was demonstrated by the defeated

school budget at the April 19 school board election, many were discouraged when the total reduction as mandated by the Springfield Township Committee was only a tiny \$200,000 out of a total school budget of \$30,892,541. Perhaps the legislators in the state of New Jersey should allow the voters to vote their approval or disapproval on the municipal government budget and the county government budget also.

The act of spending other people's money should be tempered with some kind of prudent and thrifty control, or at least with the thought that not everything on the wish lists can be had immediately, no matter how good it is, or how badly it is needed, or how frivolous or duplicated it is. Salaries and wages should be scrutinized also, particularly with an eye to having employees pay part of their health benefits just as is being done in many large corporations due to double-digit increases by insurance companies offering such coverage. Also, part-time employees should not be supplied with health benefits out of revenues collected from property taxpayers.

In the case of Springfield, many persons do not know that a special 40-page budget synopsis is produced and is available each year at no charge at the office of the Springfield township clerk weeks before the municipal budget hearing. Although this is only a sampling of the entire budget, anyone with a knowledge of simple arithmetic such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division would be able to deal with the totals and ask for further breakdowns. It is not necessary to be a certified public accountant or to be well-versed in algebra, geometry, calculus or any kind of higher mathematics.

It is most important that residents in each community should attend all kinds of governmental meetings to observe what is going on. Of course, it would help if the Springfield Township Committee and the Springfield Board of Education would permit their meetings to be televised. It would provide more interest in their meetings, serve for the betterment of the community, and perhaps produce thrifty budgets.

As far as this year's municipal budget is concerned, it has been passed with very little input from the many concerned residents who are complaining about higher tax bills. Mark your calendars now for the next municipal budget hearing which will be conducted on May 23, 2006.

Hazel Hardgrove
Springfield

Find ways to cut, not hike spending

To the Editor:
I fully agree with the disapproval over my use of the nickname "Bubbe" or "cocoona" when referring to the members of the Board of Education or the Township Committee as expressed by Ms. Friedman and Ms. Delia. However, I offer no apology. The nickname, "Bubbe" was used to express my disdain over the fact that Mayor Sy Mallman, at a public meeting of the committee and before my letter was published, stated the decision to cut \$200,000 was not made until the entire committee met.

However, I had been advised of the \$200,000 "cut number" and so advised the editor of the *Echo Leader*, Brian Pedersen, the morning before the meeting. Someone blinked or was less than truthful not to admit that perhaps a deal was made between the two governmental entities. Be assured that I am not clairvoyant or running around with a crystal ball. This point is clear: "Bubbe" was cut on \$200,000 and there is still a long way to go to what I call "circle of life" or "circle of life" — using the nickname "cocoona" is most fitting when one realizes the bitter refusal of our governing body not to allow a taxpayer to question any item on the official agenda of a public township meeting before the governing body takes any official action. Rather, the current policy is only to hear questions or dissatisfaction after the fact. I liken that to someone purposely running someone over with their car and then offering them a ride to the hospital! On this subject, I will continue to voice my opinion in any way that I choose especially when our elected officials say or take reprehensible actions that go against the best interest of the taxpayers of Springfield.

Costs are expected to climb yearly with increases in services, utilities, health benefits, etc., which all impact our taxes. However, building the Tj Mahal of firehouses, looking to do the same with a \$3-\$6 million police station and even considering closing off Caldwell Place is foolish and the hiring of a \$100,000-plus township administrator is irresponsible. All these high-priced and grand structures with all their bells and whistles cause our taxes to go into orbit. Finding ways to cut spending is the answer and I have not heard one proposal from anyone on the committee to do so!

Lastly, with reference to Ms. Delia's comments over budgets when I served on the Township Committee, please be advised of the following: In 1992, the first year I served on the committee, our municipal budget in Springfield was \$6,187,958.65. The 2005 budget, our municipal budget in Springfield was \$15,607,714.40 or a full 252 percent since 1992. Over the past 10-plus years, the rate of inflation has averaged 2 to 2.5 percent. This is not a "Circle of Life," as Ms. Delia stated in her letter last week.

And, to add insult to injury, the taxpayers of Springfield have not yet begun to pay for the new bonded firehouse. Those are taxes yet to come as is the full tax point if the committee hires its \$100,000-plus administrator or builds Tj Mahal two in the form of a new police station. The best goes on and this is supposed to be the "Circle of Life" for taxpayers in Springfield? I don't think so.

Harry Pappas
Springfield

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Contributions far and wide head to Plainfield

County Seat

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The Union County Democratic Committee put in quite an effort to get Plainfield Mayor Albert McWilliams out of office, stuffing \$64,000 into the campaign, at last count, including \$14,000 the final weekend before the primary.

Democrats from across the state also came to the aid of Assemblyman Jerry Green's candidate for mayor, with contributions from Assembly Speaker Albio Sires, D-Hudson, \$2,500; Sen. Stephen Sweeney, D-Gloucester, \$8,200; Assemblyman Bob Smith, D-Gloucester, Assemblyman Peter Eagler, D-Passaic, \$8,200; Assemblywoman Nilus Cruz-Perez, D-Camden, \$8,200, and Assembly Majority Leader Joe Roberts, D-Camden, \$8,200.

The primary win ended a recent stretch of challenges for county Democratic Chairwoman Charlotte DeFilippo. In April, the Democratic-backed ticket for Hillside school board scored two seats to take a 4-4 advantage on the board and in May, Hillside's incumbent mayor narrowly escaped election defeat. Add that to winning every countywide election since 1994 and it's no wonder she was expected to be re-elected Tuesday night to another two-year term as the county committee's chairwoman.

And wherever DeFilippo is on election night, Pat Politano usually isn't far behind. Strategic Message Management, his Cranford-based political consulting firm, handled the Democrats' campaign in the Hillside Township Council race for \$60,000 and then was hired to run the campaign of Sharon Robinson-Briggs, who toppled McWilliams in last week's primary. At last count, the firm was paid \$105,000 for work on the Plainfield campaign, according to documents filed with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission 10 days before the election.

Bret Schindler carried Union County by a slim margin over Doug Forrester in the primary, even though Forrester had won the organization

line in March. It wasn't even Schindler who forced a second ballot at the county convention, but Morris County Freeholder John Murphy, who finished third in the county and statewide.

Though Forrester won the primary, Murphy's 11-point showing was enough to label him a winner on many scorecards, increasing his name recognition and viability as a candidate in the future. Union County was the only county in the state where Doug Forrester was on the GOP organization line but failed to carry the county. Likewise, the line did not come through for other party-backed candidates in Bergen, Middlesex, Ocean, Passaic, Sussex and Warren counties.

It's not often that a superintendent makes contributions to campaigns, be it school board races or campaigns. In Elizabeth, former Superintendent of Schools Tom Dunn Jr. regularly made a donation to incumbent candidates for school board.

Union Superintendent of Schools Ted Jakubowski made a contribution last month but it wasn't in the school board race. He gave \$500 to the committee to re-elect Assemblyman Neil

Cohen and Joseph Cryan, who withstood a challenge from Roselle Mayor Garrett Smith.

Cryan is chairman of the Union Democratic Committee, which has backed most of the members of the local school board.

In the latest edition of Union County Directions, a publication of the Union County Alliance, state Sen. Raymond Lesiak, D-Union, waxes about how government serves many purposes in everyday life and promotes economic development.

He cites the Jersey Gardens mall in Elizabeth as one of the valuable government programs. That's true, as the mall once was home to a landfill and city officials cite it as the reason the city's bond rating has improved dramatically.

While there's no question the mall is a benefit to the region, and especially Elizabeth, what the senator didn't mention was that his law firm, Parsippany-based Weiner Lesiak, made millions of dollars in legal fees during planning of the megamall.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Education costs encompass all

To the Editor:
Publicly funded education has become an article of faith and public law. Public education is also the single largest income transfer program I can think of. Divide the cost of educating a single student by the school taxes paid by parents and it is easy to see the true level of community subsidy; the more children in a family the greater the benefit/subsidy. The cost of education is borne by parents, empty nesters, those who never have had children and the businesses that reside in our community.

Formulas determining the methods of funding public education is about the most controversial issue in New Jersey. Ironically, we complain about our tax dollars going to fund students in poor districts, but many don't see the parallel at the local level.

So, when we think about public school spending, do we see it simply as an absolute entitlement or should we recognize the broader context of community involvement?

Somewhere along the line, individual student achievement became the responsibility of the schools, not the students. Testing has morphed into judging schools as much or more than measuring student development. And with that notion has come a requirement to lift all, whether they need the pull or are willing to work for it.

Those of us who oppose programs like the laptop experiment are not against education or investment in technology. We are not against the idea of having high-tech classrooms. We are not against the idea of having high-tech classrooms. We are not against the idea of having high-tech classrooms.

Springfield has not failed its students and will not fail its students if it does not adopt every new "educational" concept. If, as we were told, laptops are not the answer, then why do we spend so much money on them? Why do we spend so much money on them? Why do we spend so much money on them?

The argument that there is no money to spend on education is a hard one to argue; sometimes it means that they might have to go without necessities or the very things they have to provide to others.

Quality education is a general community benefit and affordability decisions are one standard that defines quality or that cost/benefit and affordability decisions don't have to be made. As for the red-barring of property values, higher taxes are a drag on property values. Why should the objective of those who move to or live in Springfield for the schools be paramount over every other reason people have to live here?

There seems to be this notion among many that, if you don't show up for school board meetings then you should shut up. There seems to be a notion that, if you give citizens the opportunity to voice their questions, concerns and ideas after decisions have been made that democracy has been served. There seems to be a notion that, if we are told boards have heated deliberations during the decision-making process, the rest of us don't have the need or right to know the substance of those deliberations.

Laptops are a lightning rod issue which, like every other controversial public program that enters the blender, is never critically reviewed but will nonetheless be declared a success by the who benefit at the expense of others. But then again, maybe not. Why should we recognize that the many public expenditures that benefit some groups but are paid for by the whole should at least be debated and decided with more transparency and that individuals and public officials might also look at the values and needs of those neighbors who experience the world through a different prism than their own.

Steve Eisenberg
Springfield

Students brighten Walton play area

The Jonathan Dayton High School Art Honor Society students, under the leadership of Barbara Dellkars, have fun painting the floor games on the pavement of the play area outside the Edward V. Walton School. The younger students at Walton enjoy seeing the bright colors and creative, original designs.



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Moore graduates MSU

Shannon Marie Moore, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Moore of Mountaineer, graduated May 13 from Montclair State University with a bachelor of science degree. She will begin her career in marketing/communications.

Glassman receives architecture degree

Elliot Glassman, son of Debra Gelb

Zimmerman earns honor roll at GL

Matthew Zimmerman, a 10th-grader at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, made the honor roll for the third marking period.

Zipkin awarded degree from Haverford

Springfield resident Jonathan David Zipkin was among 27 students who participated in Haverford College's commencement exercises on May 15. The son of Adriana Parkel, Zipkin received a bachelor of science degree in biology.

Grushevsky graduates

Anna Grushevsky of Springfield was among the 76 graduates of Morristown-Beard School.

GL graduates plan to attend FDU

Governor Livingston High School graduate Tara Graziano and Morgan Swain were among Fairleigh Dickinson University's College at Rutherford Campus this September. Graziano, daughter of Joseph and Janet, resides in Berkeley Heights. Swain is the son of Mark and Dina and lives in Mountaineer.

Common Misconceptions in Estate Planning

By Naim Bulbulia, Esq.

"I have a Will that was drafted five years ago, so I am finished with my estate planning."

- If an individual is married and the combined income of the couple is over \$1.5 million and under their existing Will all property passes directly to the surviving spouse upon the first spouse's death, this couple may unnecessarily be giving an additional \$800,000 to the IRS. This \$800,000 can be saved simply by curving out what is called a "by-pass trust" or "credit shelter trust" for the benefit of the surviving spouse (and for descendants if any are born).
- Due to recent changes in the federal and state estate tax laws, all Wills drafted for each individual prior to 2003 should be reexamined because many Wills drafted in a tax efficient manner then, may, under the new laws, result in the unnecessary payment of an additional \$400,000 to the IRS upon the surviving spouse's death.
- If assets have changed in character or amount, existing Wills should be updated.
- For individuals with net-worths in excess of \$3 million, Wills are only a first step in the estate planning process. Future sophisticated estate planning techniques are often necessary to protect or enhance the beneficiaries of the federal estate tax (top rated tax authority #776).
- Even if Wills are complete, living wills and health care decisions should be drafted to ensure that health care wishes are properly carried out.
- **"I give \$10,000 a year to my children. That is all I can do for them without incurring gift tax."**
- The annual exclusion is actually \$11,000; and together with a spouse, individuals can gift \$22,000 a year to children, grandchildren and other individuals.
- In addition to the annual exclusion, educational and medical expenses can be paid for children and other relatives without incurring gift tax so long as the payments are made directly to the provider (e.g. college tuition can be paid by a grandparent directly to a college or university without incurring gift tax).
- Also, individuals each have a \$1 million exemption from gift tax that they can utilize during their lifetime. Thus, in addition to the above amount, an individual and his or her spouse can gift \$2 million total before incurring gift tax.

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Naim is a graduate of Harvard Law School and Amherst College.

BMW drive pulls into Springfield

BMW's ninth annual Ultimate Drive Program for the Summit-based 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 hundreds of miles in our fight against breast cancer and met with 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 Komen Foundation where two fleets of specially badged BMW's 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 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 Schenble, 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 impor-

tant 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 BMW's 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 BMW's each lead by a Signature Car — a 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. The pink ribbon starts on the driver's side of the hood and wraps around to the side panel of the passenger side, highlighting a side panel that reads: "Drive to Find a Cure. For the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation."

The BMW 645i Signature Vehicles will be signed by thousands of Ultimate Drive participants and will become a difference in the fight against breast cancer.

As in years past, there will be an award presentation at each event honoring a "local hero," a community resident, who has made an outstanding personal effort in the fight against breast cancer. A photograph of each hero will be affixed to one of the two BMW 645i Signature Vehicles.

Now in its ninth year, BMW of North America plans to raise more than \$1 million in this year's Ultimate Drive program, bringing BMW's total contribution to the Komen Foundation to more than \$9 million. There is no purchase necessary to drive the vehicles in the BMW Ultimate Drive, and all proceeds from the test drives are donated to the Komen Foundation.

All administrative costs of the Ultimate Drive Program are underwritten by BMW separately and apart from the funds raised for this program.

A healthy donation



Springfield residents Sam and Sarah Lachs recently donated \$8,000 to the Springfield First Aid Squad for the purchase of a repeater system. Commitwoman Clara Harelik, right, thanked the Lachs on behalf of the Township Committee. On hand to receive the check were, from left, squad members Ray Netschert and Martin Gornstein and Rabbi Chaim Marcus of Congregation Israel of Springfield, spiritual leader to the Lachs family.

Congregation Israel conducts annual dinner

On May 31, Congregation Israel of Springfield hosted its 30th annual dinner at The Crystal Plaza in Livingston. More than 200 guests turned out to honor Eric Strulowitz, Jerry Tarlowe and Marilyn Charles Schiffman.

Longtime member Strulowitz was honored with the Rabbi Israel E. Turner Memorial Award, named for the synagogue's founding rabbi, for his outstanding support and service to the synagogue. Tarlowe was honored with the Edward Konigsberg Memorial Award for his dedicated service and daily attendance to the synagogue's minyan.

Schiffman, recording secretary of the synagogue's board of trustees, was honored with the Woman of Valor Award for her tireless efforts on behalf of Congregation Israel for the past 28 years.

A journal was published and distributed to the guests that evening in tribute to the three honorees.

AT THE LIBRARY

Summer Reading Club sign-ups begin

Summer Reading Club sign-ups will commence at the Springfield Free Public Library on June 27 giving students in preschool through fifth-grade the chance for weekly prizes, exciting drawings and fun happenings.

Young author promotes book

Jim Cottage, an 18-year-old student at Jonathan Dayton High School, recently self-published a fictional novel, "Sigmond."

He will present a program at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. on Tuesday at 3 p.m. about the process of developing the book, including the creation of characters and the timeline needed to finish.

Children's programs continue this month

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues June children's programming for babies, toddlers and young children, as follows:

The Mother Goose Group promotes the enjoyment of language through nursery rhymes, simple stories, songs, and activities for toddlers ages 1 1/2 to 3 years old and their parent or caregiver. Plan to stay and play afterward. The program will be conducted on Tuesdays, and today, 10:30-10:50 a.m. No advance registration.

Babies' Lullaby is designed for the youngest patrons — from birth to 18 months — and will be conducted on Friday and Wednesday from 11 to 11:20 a.m. Babies and their caregivers are invited to the library to socialize with others of their own age, and to sing, rhyme, listen and move.

Registration is required.

P-J Storytime, which invites children to come in their pajamas, is scheduled for Monday and June 30, from 7:30 to 8 p.m.

Intended for children ages 3 and older, the programs include stories and a simple project. Parents are welcome. Registration is not required.

Shakespeare plays performed outdoors

"Shakespeare in the Park...ing Lot" kicks off at Mountaintop Public Library this summer with the first of two outdoor productions by the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey.

"Coriolanus" by William Shakespeare will be presented on June 24 at 7 p.m. on the library grounds. As a special treat, theatre-goers will also have the opportunity to sample ice cream before the performance. Arrive early, between 6 and 6:45 p.m., on June 24 and audience members will receive an ice cream cone courtesy of Uncle Mike's Fresh Made Ice Cream in Kenilworth.

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Home care services earn distinction

The Board of Directors of the Commission on Accreditation for Home Care in New Jersey has recognized SAGE Eldercare with distinction for its homemaker and home health aide services.

This is the sixth year in a row in which the eldercare agency has passed its home care inspection with distinction — without deficiencies in the survey process and with no recommendations for improvement.

The Commission on Accreditation for Home Care was established in 1985 as a major initiative to promote and enforce the quality assurance standards for home care in New Jersey. The commission works on behalf of the public, not only to provide a rigorous accreditation process for agencies, but also to increase public awareness on the importance of using only accredited agencies.

SAGE Eldercare's roots began with the home care program, with eight home health aides working out of Overlook Hospital in 1954.

Since then, the number of SAGE Eldercare home health aides has expanded to 60, who serve approximately 280 people a year. All home health aides are certified by the New Jersey Board of Nursing and must complete in-service training each year for continued certification. All home health aides are bonded.

SAGE Eldercare's Home Care program includes a wide range of personal, medical and homemaking services and is an important alternative to extended hospital stays or nursing home placement for the elderly. Home care can also provide caregivers of the elderly with much needed respite care.

Home care provides flexible scheduling, ranging from one-hour bath service to 24-hour care, including weekends, evenings and live-in service. Home care can tailor a plan of care to meet the elderly client's individual needs. Home care provides compassionate care, encouraging the

elderly client's independence. SAGE Eldercare's Home Care program provides certified home health aides that assist with personal care, meal preparation, laundry, exercise, compliance to therapy and medication schedules, over-escort clients to doctor visits and ensure a safe home environment.

Home Care's Companion Program offers an affordable alternative for the older person who does not require assistance with personal care. Selected for their maturity and positive attitudes, Home Care's companions are trusted friends who offer companionship and help with meals, correspondence and light housekeeping.

Home Care's registered nurses are available for physical, mental and environmental assessments, blood pressure screening, medication dispensing, injections and wound care visits.

Assessments include telephone calls to appropriate professionals to discuss results and to recommend care or follow up.

For a free RN assessment, call 908-273-8400 or send a message by e-mail to homecare@sageeldercare.org.

For information about other SAGE Eldercare programs and services, call 908-273-5550 or visit their Web site at www.sageeldercare.org.

and provide instruction to learn to manage your finances independently and more efficiently. An initial consultation can be arranged in the privacy of your home.

For information on this low-cost program, call Suzanne Lyon, director of volunteers, at 908-598-5514.

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

Squad members speak to Old Guard

Members of the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad will tell the Summit Old Guard about their duties at the Tuesday meeting at 10 a.m. in the New Providence Municipal Center, 360 Ellwood Ave.

David Schempy and Jack Lyness will explain the services provided by the squad and what to do in an emergency medical situation. Schempy has been a member of the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad since 2001. He is a certified emergency technician and a trustee of the squad. Lyness also is a four-year member of the organization and an emergency medical technician. Both men are Summit residents.

Retired men are invited to attend meetings of the Summit Old Guard Tuesday mornings at the New Providence Municipal Center.

A coffee hour starts at 9:15 followed by a 10 a.m. business meeting. Old Guard members participate in sports, bridge, bikes and trips, plays, concerts and other events. The Summit Old Guard was founded on Dec. 2, 1930 and is currently celebrating its 75th year.

SAGE aids seniors with Bill Paving Program

Are you frustrated with balancing your checkbook? Have those bills gotten out of control and you can't decide when to begin? Are you new at managing family finances? SAGE Eldercare's Bill Paving Program can help. Eligible seniors must be 60 years of age or older and a resident of Union County, Short Hills, Millburn or Chatham.

SAGE's trained volunteers can sort mail, review and organize bills, outline budgeting and organizational strategies, reconcile checking accounts, prepare checks for payment

Golden Age Club to mark 50th anniversary

Attention all seniors current and past Golden Age members. The Golden Age Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary. The club, founded in 1955, meets every Friday from September until June at the Summit Recreation Center, 100 Morris Ave.

Under the new leadership of Sue Fiesler, the Golden Age Club will host a 50th anniversary luncheon Friday at noon at the Summit Recreation Center, 100 Morris Ave.

For information on how to register for the luncheon, call the Summit

PREP group gathers

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

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

With others who are caring for their aging loved ones.

For information, call Ellen McNally, SAGE InfoCare director, at 908-273-5550. SAGE Eldercare serves as a major community resource in the establishment and delivery of innovative services for older adults and their caregivers; providing them with dignity and choice.

These services allow the elderly to remain independent and living in their own homes.

Present SAGE programs include HomeCare, Meals-on-Wheels, SHIP — State Health Insurance Assistance Program — of Union County, Bill Paving, a Shopping Service, Chore Service, InfoCare and a Resale Shop and Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health

Process from concert benefit local Junior League

"Tickets from the 'Junkie B. Jones' concert 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 Burgdorf 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 or online at 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.

The organization is funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Botanical exhibit to open at Reeves-Reed

Dutch-born artist Gusta Van Dobbenburgh presents Botanical at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., Summit, starting July 5. The exhibition features graphic, colored pencil, watercolor and gouache pieces of what else? Botanical.

Van Dobbenburgh, a Mendham-based artist, has been fascinated with his art form since childhood. At 10 years of age, she was drawing botanical postcards in black and white. Botanical artwork has a strong history in her homeland of Holland, where during the 17th century, the Dutch created a rich legacy of botanical art and floral still lifes. Since its earliest recording, botanical illustration has been used to decorate Egyptian tombs, help identify new species of plants as well as decorate walls.

"I draw for joy," said Van Dobbenburgh. "The botanical tradition is to draw nature the way that it is." Unlike other art forms, botanical art features a single flower rather than a bouquet — form over abundance is the rule. Van Dobbenburgh's work has been described as rich in form, tone and dimension.

For Botanical art, Van Dobbenburgh unveils a study of bulbs, vines and flowers exquisitely executed. A sweet pea gently drapes the canvas, its wispy tendrils dancing with the flower's delicate pink petals. In contrast, a clipping of a vine exposes the artist's inner sensitivity and skill. All of her renderings reflect her personality whether gesturing or poised.

Van Dobbenburgh holds a master's degree in Dutch language and literature from the University of Groningen, The Netherlands, as well as a master's in Italian and Portuguese from the University of Chicago. She is a member of the American Society of Botanical Artists, and belongs to the International Support Group for Artists. Currently she is studying with artists and botanical illustrator Mindy Lightglove of Studio 16, Basking Ridge. The artist has shown her work throughout the tri-state area.

Botanical art runs through Aug. 18. An artist's reception is slated for July 9 from 4 to 6 p.m. Wisner House is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The facility is wheelchair accessible. The grounds at Reeves-Reed are open to the public year-round from dawn to dusk.

For information, call 908-273-8787.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Overlook announces new oncology manager

Overlook Hospital, a member of Atlantic Health System, has announced that Donna Delicio, registered nurse, who has a master's degree in nursing, is the new manager of oncology services at the hospital.

Delicio will oversee the Oncology Infusion Services, Radiation Oncology, Cancer Registry, Cancer Research and the Oncology Support Services. She also is a clinical and administrative liaison for the Oncology Physician Practices at the institution. She will be involved in the development of the new outpatient Cancer Center.

Delicio has a master's degree in nursing from Seton Hall University and is a certified adult nurse practitioner and nurse administrator. She is a board member of the Organization of Nurse Executives of New Jersey and a member of the Oncology Nursing Society. She also has been active in the American Cancer Society and was the former chairperson of the New Jersey Pain Initiative Board.

Delicio comes to Overlook from Somerset Medical Center in Somerville, where she was the director of Oncology Services and vice president of nursing. Delicio has experience in designing an inpatient oncology unit and an outpatient chemotherapy service, implementation of a screening and diagnostic breast cancer center and in developing an oncology research program.

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OBITUARIES

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Ella Speisel, 94, of Summit died May 27 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.
Born in Linden, Mrs. Speisel lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Summit four years ago. She was a member of the United Jewish Appeal of New Jersey and the Union County chapter of Hadassah.

Thomas Mullaney Jr.
Thomas Mullaney Jr., 76, of Westfield, a Mountaintop executive, died June 4 at home.
Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Mullaney lived in Woodbridge before moving to Westfield 39 years ago. He was founder and president of Wall Chemical Corp., Mountaintop, where he worked for 30 years. Before that, Mr. Mullaney worked in sales at Carborundum Corp., Publisher Industries and Millmaster Onyx.

Minna Schulte
Minna Schulte, 86, of Summit, formerly of Springfield, died June 6 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.
Born in Cincinnati, Mrs. Schulte lived in Newark, Irvington and Springfield before moving to Summit five years ago. She was an office manager for Viewnet Advertising Co., Union, where she worked for 25 years before retiring.

Edward Koszowski
Edward Koszowski, 82, of Roselle, formerly of Mountaintop, died June 6 in the Medford home of his son, Kenneth.
Born in Jersey City, Mr. Koszowski lived in Mountaintop before moving to Roselle 10 years ago. He owned K & K Collision Works, Hillsdale, for many years before retiring 15 years ago.

Elizabeth Hogan
Elizabeth T. Hogan, 84, of Summit died June 9 in the Father Hudson House, Elizabeth.
Born in Chicago, Miss Hogan lived in Sun City West, Ariz., for 19 years before moving to Summit four years ago.
She was a teacher in the Chicago public schools for 28 years before retiring 23 years ago.

Herbert Spielman
Herbert Spielman, 92, of Princeton, formerly of Springfield, died June 10 in the Pavilions at Forrestal, Princeton.
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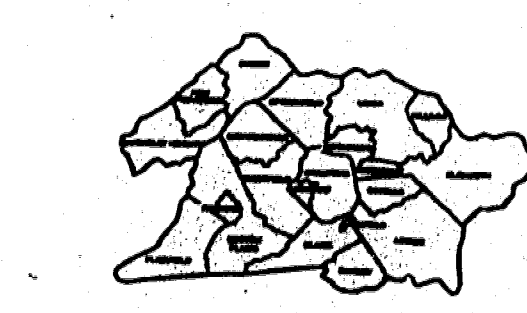
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Making choices

Assemblyman William Payne, who represents Hillside, listened to the testimony provided by his State Federal Relations Committee in Trenton last week. The speakers summarized the cost from the flooding in early April. They also bemoaned the decision of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to deny the state's application for \$7.4 million in aid.

Left Out

A letter from the state's Congressional delegation focused on the wrong choice made by the Department of Homeland Security which considers these matters. The letter from the New Jersey reps said, "We are concerned that our state's model of emergency response has not been adequately considered in determining the level of federal reimbursement."

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Addition at county jail to begin next month

In the coming weeks the first floor of the Oriscello Correctional Facility in Elizabeth will be getting a multimillion-dollar face-lift.
At its meeting May 26, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders voted unanimously to approve a \$6.3 million contract with Cobra Construction of North Arlington for the work.

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COUNTY NEWS

Legacy of Revolution subject of conference

The American Revolution: Its Legacy in Union County will be the subject of a conference on Friday in Downs Hall at Kean University...

Plans are visible reminders of the crucial role that Union County played in the American Revolution...

Rader elected president

Andrew Rader of Randolph has been elected president of the Union County Chapter of the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants...

Mothers & More will sponsor rummage sale

The Union County Chapter of Mothers & More will hold its second annual rummage sale June 25 at the home of one of its members...

Senior farmers' market

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Division on Aging in the Department of Human Services will once again participate in New Jersey senior farmers' market.

Parenting experiences the topic of workshop

Parenting classes can be helpful, but some children present extreme challenges. Jane Nash is an experienced social work professional who will share her own parenting experiences...

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Veteran sportswriter has written book on the Brooklyn Dodgers

Forget about all the books he's written, Maury Allen finally confessed the real secret of his success: He never smoked.

Allen had done the necessary leg work, having applied to the Post several times, but he still hadn't gotten a job at the paper.

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'Merry Wives' offers much humor

These housewives on Wisteria Lane wouldn't be so desperate if they followed the examples of the Mistresses Page and Ford, those merry wives of Windsor in Shakespeare's comedy of the same name now playing at the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey in Madison.

As Falstaff, Eric Hoffman has the physical and dramatic heft to play the man as an aging blowhard while evoking some sympathy for an old man overfull of pride in his physical attractiveness.

Further hilarity is provided by the wooing of Mistress Page's lovely daughter Anne by the pompous gentleman Abraham Slender, attracted to Anne for her father's money.

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Old pals start blues jam series

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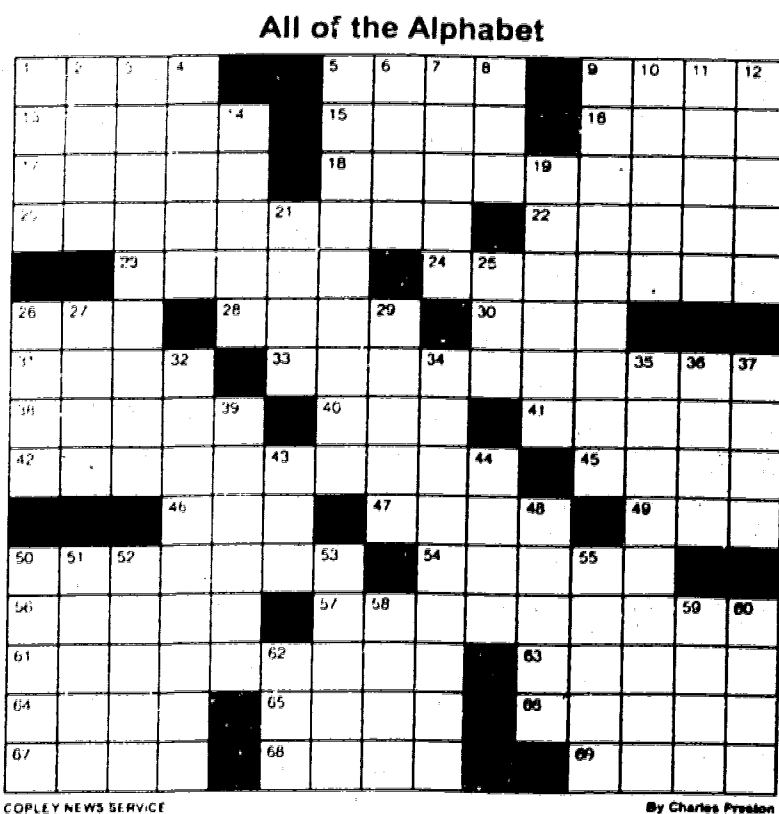
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SATURDAY June 18th, 2005
 EVENT: Flea Market and Collectible Show
 PLACE: Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, 667 Westfield Road (off North Ave. E.), Scotch Plains
 TIME: 9-5PM Outdoors
 DETAILS: New merchandise, crafts, collectibles, and garage/sale items.
 ORGANIZATION: Sponsor By: SPFH Fanscotian

SUNDAY June 19th, 2005
 EVENT: Flea Market and Collectible Show
 PLACE: Frank Vincent Marina, Passaic Ave. (next to Burger King), Kearny
 TIME: 9-5PM Outdoors
 DETAILS: New merchandise, crafts, collectibles, and garage/sale items.
 ORGANIZATION: Sponsor By: Kearny Rotary

SATURDAY June 18th, 2005
 EVENT: Flea Market
 PLACE: Bethel AME Church, 241 Hilton Ave., Vauxhall, NJ 07088
 TIME: 8AM-5PM
 INFORMATION: VENDORS WELCOME. Call for tickets 908-964-7282
 ORGANIZATION: Bethel AME Church.

GARAGE/YARD SALES

SATURDAY June 18th, 2005
 EVENT: Giant Multi-family Yard Sale
 TIME: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 PLACE: 211 West Grand Avenue
 DETAILS: Appliances, furniture, antiques, kitchenware, clothing, baby items and more. For information call 732-382-8844
 ORGANIZATION: St. John's Russian Orthodox Church

SATURDAY June 25th, 2005
 EVENT: Video Festival
 PLACE: 174 South Valley Road (corner of Meeker Street, near bottom of Walker Road), West Orange
 TIME: 7:30p.m.
 DETAILS: Nationally known competition and traveling exhibition of cutting-edge contemporary film by independent filmmakers. A program of diverse, energetic film, from documentary to powerful, uplifting animations, including "Ryan," a visually stunning portrayal of an artist that won the 2005 Academy Award for short animation (97'31"-6486).
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Maestro Silipigni's 'Il Trovatore' dazzles

By Helen Argers Correspondent
 Hurrah to Giuseppe Verdi for creating an opera that no opera lover can forget. And hurrah to the New Jersey State Opera's rendition of Verdi's "Il Trovatore" for its performance at NJPAC's Prudential Hall. Two high points: The glorious voice of Olga Romanko as Leonora and the tightly controlled yet passionate conducting of maestro Alfredo Silipigni. All and all, Verdi and Silipigni are always perfect together.

The libretto by Salvatore Cammarano has long been regarded as one of the most convoluted. First, to clue in the audience about what happened before the opera began, the captain of the guard does a Liz Smith and gives a crowd of his soldiers the following dir. Count di Luna had a younger brother who, supposedly, was made ill by a gypsy's glance. Ergo, she was burned at the stake. In revenge, her daughter kidnapped the child and threw it into the same fire. The opera begins with the Count grown up and in love with Leonora, the girl next door in her own castle. But she, Juliet-like, has fallen for a guy who, Romeo-like, jumped over her castle garden walls and sang to her. That explains the title of "Il Trovatore," or the troubadour. When the Count discovers Leonora is fooling around with a lowly troubadour, he challenges him to a duel and Leonora, like the old-time Hollywood movie heroines, stands around or passes out.

And all this is just in Act I! Aw, forget what happens. I'll save it to say, the gypsy daughter should have sung an aria with the words, "Oogie, I burned the wrong kid." For she threw in her own child and raised the Count's brother, Manrico, as her son, who then became a part-time revolutionary and part-time troubadour. Or the man Leonora loves and the Count's real life brother. Oh what a tangled web we weave when first we attempt a plot to conceive! At the end, the Count captures both the gypsy daughter and her son, Manrico, and sentences them to death. Leonora makes a deal for her troubadour's freedom: "Me for him." The Count agrees, but she fools him. After her orders Manrico freed, she takes poison and dies, and Manrico is executed.

How could such a great opera have you need in an opera is music, grand voices and some degree of passion in the performances. At the New Jersey State Opera's presentation, Olga Romanko, the great Russian diva, not only supplied the voice, but the beauty. Dressed in opulent costumes of the period, her voice, whether pleading her love and vowing to die, expressed every emotion and did Verdi proud. Eugenie Grunewald as Azucena, the gypsy woman, gave a forceful performance, especially during her aria "Condotta all'era in cappa," in which she confesses throwing her own child into the flames by mistake. Her voice is powerful and she acts hypnotized by the firm images that make the mistake somewhat believable. Also, Grunewald has the last word at the ending of the opera when she cries out from the heart, "He was your brother. O mother, thou art avenged!" Lando Bartolini, as Manrico, the troubadour, has a compelling voice, especially in the difficult aria "Di quella pira," when he defies tyrants.

His love duets with Olga were convincing. Again, Romanko makes it easy to believe two men could lose their heads over her.

McNany judges United Nations film festival

By Jeff Cummins Associate Editor
 Maplewood resident Tim McNany recently hosted a film festival, "What's Going On," a series produced with different celebrities hosting in different areas of the world," said McNany. "It's the story of a 12-year-old boy kidnapped at age 6, drugged and forced into the Sierra Leone military. What was scary was that Michael interviewed him, and the kid replied that they were taught to kill everything in front of them as if they were chickens. I guess being drugged up and coerced, they lost all sense of reality."

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"The audience award went to 'Child Soldiers in Sierra Leone,' that was produced by the UN in partnership with RCN entertainment, in 'What's Going On,' a series produced with different celebrities hosting in different areas of the world," said McNany. "It's the story of a 12-year-old boy kidnapped at age 6, drugged and forced into the Sierra Leone military. What was scary was that Michael interviewed him, and the kid replied that they were taught to kill everything in front of them as if they were chickens. I guess being drugged up and coerced, they lost all sense of reality."

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During the VIP reception at the New School University, Corinna Sager, president of MCAI-NY, interviews Linda Lopez, chairwoman of communications for MCAI-NY, while filmmaker Tim McNany documents the event.

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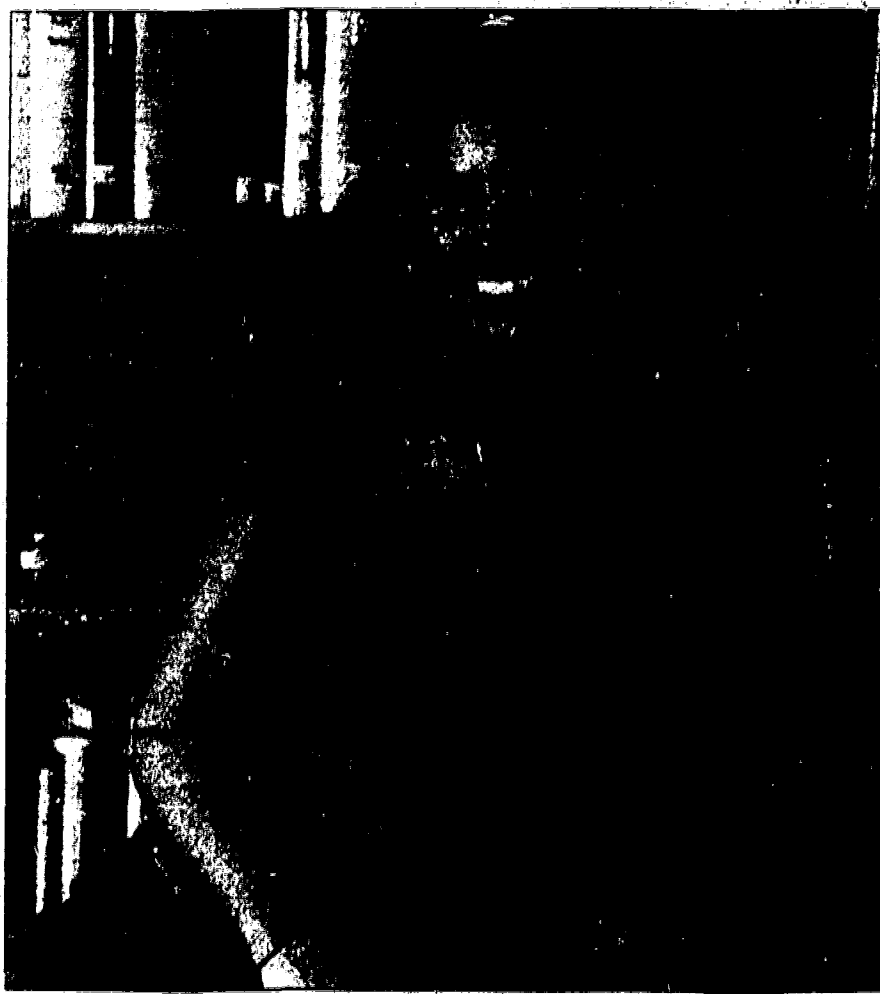
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Elizabeth High School
Rank: 1 SAT: 1540
College: Rutgers-Newark
Honors: Outstanding Leadership in Science Award, Fellowships with the NJ Association for Biomedical Research and NJ Institute of Technology, Edward J. Bloustein Scholar, Nominated for Robert C. Byrd, Superintendent's Scholar, Outstanding Leadership in Science, Second Place 2004 Model U.N., First Place 2005 Model U.N., Youth of the Year. Activities: Science Club, Science League, Math League, Mosque Volunteer, Extemporaneous Speaking Team, Model U.N., Political Science Club, EHS Newspaper, Key Club, Hospital Volunteer, National Honor Society, Seniors for Success, American Red Cross, Peer Tutoring, Varsity Tennis.



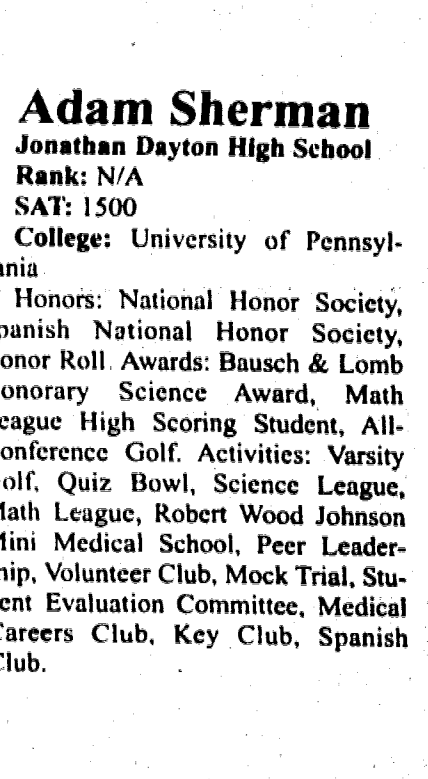
Rebecca Rothstein
Rahway High School
Rank: 2 SAT: 1290
College: Bryn Mawr
Honors: Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Vagelos Scholar, R.W. Johnson Medical School Program for High Schoolers, National Honor Roll, High Honor Roll Scholar, and a participant in Merck & Co. Inc. State Science Day, Rutgers University Merit Award; National Honor Society, Multi-Ethnic Cultural Club President, Pen Pal Program, Academic Decathlon, Key Club, Principal's Roundtable, Spanish Honor Society President, Italian National Honor Society. Activities: Dance Ensemble and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Volunteer.



Emily Clader
Cranford High School
Rank: 1 SAT: 1540
College: Columbia
Honors: Tri-M Music Honor Society, National Honor Society, Math Honor Society, French Honor Society, Awards: National Merit Finalist, Science Department Award, Math Department Award, Society of Women Engineers Award, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal. Activities: NJ Governor's School in the Science, Tutoring Program Peer Tutor, Scholar's Circle, All State Choir, Academic Decathlon, Math & Science League, Regional Choir, Gold Band, Concert Choir Women's Ensemble, Community Theater, Volunteer at Children's Specialized Hospital.



Erica Pimenta
Mother Seton Regional
Rank: 3 SAT: 1430
College: Rutgers
Honors: National Honor Society; Awards: Math League Award; Activities: Forensics Team, National Honor Society, Student Council, Seton Leadership Team, Rutgers Challenge Academic Team, Varsity Soccer, Math League, Science League, Science Olympiad, William Paterson University Oratorical Contest, Guarnieri Oratorical Contest, Teen Arts Festival, Peer Tutoring, Talent Show, Spirit Week, Leadership Seminar at The College of St. Elizabeth, American Cancer Society, Kamen Foundation, Rahway Soccer, Cranford Soccer, Seton Outreach, Office Assistant with private physician.



Adam Sherman
Jonathan Dayton High School
Rank: N/A SAT: 1500
College: University of Pennsylvania
Honors: National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Honor Roll Awards: Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award, Math League High Scoring Student, All-Conference Golf. Activities: Varsity Golf, Quiz Bowl, Science League, Math League, Robert Wood Johnson Mini Medical School, Peer Leadership, Volunteer Club, Mock Trial, Student Evaluation Committee, Medical Careers Club, Key Club, Spanish Club.



Dablia Safar
Hillside High School
Rank: 1 SAT: 1400
College: Seton Hall University
Honors: National Honor Society, High Honor Roll, Superintendent's List, National Honor Roll. Awards: School Counts, Young Science Achievers, Who's Who Among American High School Students. Activities: Hillside Student Federation, Yearbook Committee, Peer Tutoring, Voting with Purpose, Academic Decathlon (Grades 9 and 10).



Alexander Peyser
Jonathan Dayton High School
Rank: N/A SAT: 1540
College: Brown University
Honors: AP Scholar with Honor, National Merit Scholarship Commended Scholar. Awards: American Mathematics Competition Finalist, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar Award, Science League High Scorer. Activities: American Mathematics Competition, Italian Club, Italian National Honor Society, Jazz Band, Jonathan Dayton Student Emergency Response Team, Junior States of America, Math League, Medical Careers Club, Mock Trial, National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl, Science League, Ski Club.

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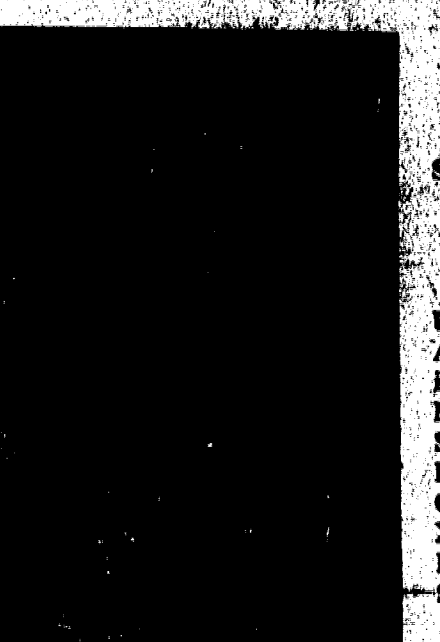
Vishal Gandhi
Roselle Park High School
Class Rank: 1 SAT: 1350
College: New York University
Honors: National Honor Society, French Honor Society, Anytown, Close-Up, Governor's School of Public Issues and the Future of NJ, Global Young Leaders Conference, Rotary Student of the Month. Awards: Edward J. Bloustein Scholar, ALA NJ Scholar, 1st Place FBLA State Business Plan Competition, 2004 All-Conference for Tennis, Second Place Union County Expo Stock Market Competition, Scholar Athlete; Varsity Football, Varsity Tennis, FBLA, French Club, Student Council Representative, Hospital Volunteer, RP Television, NHS Tutoring, Big Brother.



Michael Monagle
Arthur L. Johnson High School
Rank: 2 SAT: 1440
College: Princeton University
Honors: Windy's High School Heisman Nominee, Prudential Spirit of Community State Honoree, AP Scholar, Jersey Boys State Delegate, Peer Leader, HOBY Delegate, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Awards: N.J. State Finalist — Windy's High School Heisman Scholar Athlete, Herb Jones Principal's Leadership Award, Crusader Award for Service. Activities: Key Club International, CCA for Cancer, Building with Blocks, Student Council, Drama, Varsity Tennis, Speech and Debate, Youth Ministry, Board of Education.



Alexandra Brooke Pederson
David Brearley High School
Rank: 1 SAT: 1340
College: Davidson College
Honors: Distinguished Honor Roll, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar. Awards: Perfect Attendance Award. Activities: Varsity Soccer, Varsity Track & Field, Basketball, Softball, David Brearley Players, Community Actors Student Theater, David Brearley Mastersingers, David Brearley Concert Choir, David Brearley Chorus, Student Council, Peer Tutoring, Peer Leadership Initiative, International Club, Yearbook Committee, Teacher of the Month Committee, Prom Committee, Cafeteria Committee.



Veena Venkatachalam
Governor Livingston High School
Rank: N/A SAT: 1600
College: Undecided
Honors: Star-Ledger Scholar for Union County. Awards: Siemens Award for Advanced Placement, President's Volunteer Service Award, Materials Science Award, Partners in Science Award. Activities: Marching Band, Piano, Concert Band, Student Council, Computer Club, Tech XPlore, National Honor Society, French Club, JSA, Student Outreach, Science League, Varsity Track.

Second Team

Berry, Jeff: Summit High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1480, College: Undecided. Honors: Dartmouth Book Award, Rensselaer Award, Summa Cum Laude, Soccer JV Coaches Award, Governor's School for the Sciences, National Merit Commended Student.

Carroll, Robert: Roselle Catholic, Rank: 1, SAT: 1500, College: University of Notre Dame. Honors: National Merit Commended Scholar, Senior Class President, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Union County Scholarship, Star-Ledger Scholar, George Washington University, Science & Engineering Award, Edward J. Bloustein Scholarship.

Catalano, Andrew: Roselle Catholic High School, Rank: 4, SAT: 1450, College: U.S. Military Academy. Honors: National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, National Merit Scholar, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar.

DeLuca, Paul: Hillside High School, Rank: 1, SAT: 1330, College: New Jersey Institute of Technology. Honors: AP Scholar, National Honor Society, NJIT Team's Competition, Chemistry Olympiad, Merck Biology Competition, Bloustein Scholar, U.S. Achievement Academy.

Gosani, Varun: Summit High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1570, College: Duke or Cornell. Honors: Summa Cum Laude 2002-2004, National Merit Scholar, William Book Award, National Spanish Honor Society.

Jenkins, Matt: Roselle Park High School, Rank: 2, SAT: 1360, College: University of Pennsylvania. Honors: NJ Governor's School on the Environment 2004, Rotary Youth Leadership Award 2004, Anytown, NJ 2003, Rotary Student of the Month, University of Rochester Humanities and Social Sciences Award, RPBS Chemistry, Biology and French Awards, National Honor Society (President).

Kedra, Christian: Arthur L. Johnson High School, Rank: 3, SAT: 1370, College: New York University. Honors: High Honor Roll, New Jersey District Key Club Distinguished Service Award, Columbia Scholastic Press Association Gold Medalist, Columbia Scholastic Press Association Silver Medalist, National Merit Scholarship, Key Club Platinum Award.

Lagana, Almaz: Hillside High School, Rank: 6, SAT: 1300, College: Rutgers University. Honors: National Honor Society, Honor Roll, Student of the Month, Varsity Soccer Award, UMDNJ Math and Science Award, Chamber of Commerce Award, Mock Board of Education Recognition Award.

McCarty, Charles: Governor Livingston High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1390, College: Johns Hopkins University. Honors: Governor Livingston Honor in Sports Representative, Governor Livingston representative to Douglass College, Girls' Career Institute, elected to Student Council Executive Board, Athletic Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society.

Mendez, Essat: Rahway High School, Rank: 1, SAT: 1290, Princeton University. Honors: Vagelos Scholar, National Honor Society, United States Achievement Academy International Foreign Language Award.

Schachter, Ariela: Summit High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1530, College: Rice. Honors: Summa Cum Laude 2002-2004, Band Director's Award, Mt. Holyoke Book Award-11, Allene Johnson Chemistry Award, Tristramberg, Alyson, Jonathan Dayton High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1340, College: University of Delaware. Honors: Nominee for New Jersey Scholar Program, Nominee for Governor's School (Engineering), Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society, Math League, Science League, Model UN.

Trivedi, Jashelle: Mother Seton Regional High School, Rank: 3, SAT: 1400, College: Rutgers University. Honors: First Honor Roll, National Honor Society; Outstanding Achievement Award, Current Events Award, Distinction Award, Certificate of Educational Development, Certificate of Award, Certificate of Participation, Excellence Award, National Merit Commended.


Van Syckle, Megan: Summit High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1490, College: University of Virginia. Honors: High Honor Roll, Summa Cum Laude, University of Richmond Book Award, Who's Who, National Merit Commendation, Bloustein Scholar.

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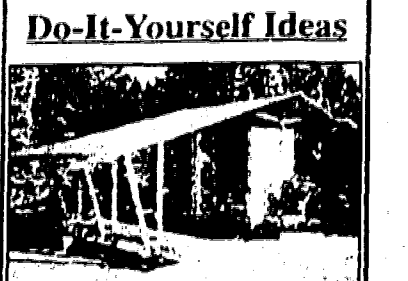
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<p>2002 CHEVROLET BLAZER LS 4DR</p> <p>4 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/winds/lks, a/c, cd, tilt, cruise. Stk#50350. VIN#52197645.</p> <p>\$14,516</p>	<p>2002 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4DR</p> <p>4 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/winds/lks, a/c, cd, alum whls, 17,163 mi. Stk#50350. VIN#52197645.</p> <p>\$16,716</p>	<p>2004 GMC CANYON SLE EXT CAB</p> <p>4 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/winds/lks, a/c, cd, alum whls, tilt, cruise. 7130 mi. Stk#50350. VIN#52197645.</p> <p>\$16,816</p>	<p>2004 GMC CANYON SLE EXT CAB</p> <p>4 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/winds/lks, a/c, cd, alum whls, tilt, cruise. 7130 mi. Stk#50350. VIN#52197645.</p> <p>\$17,716</p>	<p>2004 GMC CANYON SLE EXT CAB</p> <p>4 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/winds/lks, a/c, cd, alum whls, tilt, cruise. 7130 mi. Stk#50350. VIN#52197645.</p> <p>\$17,716</p>
<p>2002 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER LT EXT 4DR</p> <p>8 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/winds/lks, a/c, cd, tilt, cruise. Stk#50350. VIN#52197645.</p> <p>\$17,916</p>	<p>2004 CHEVROLET S-10 CHEVY CAB 4DR</p> <p>4 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/winds/lks, a/c, cd, alum whls, 17,163 mi. Stk#50350. VIN#52197645.</p> <p>\$18,916</p>	<p>2002 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER LS 4DR</p> <p>4 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/winds/lks, a/c, cd, tilt, cruise. Stk#50350. VIN#52197645.</p> <p>\$19,916</p>	<p>2001 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER LS 4DR</p> <p>4 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/winds/lks, a/c, cd, tilt, cruise. Stk#50350. VIN#52197645.</p> <p>\$21,916</p>	<p>2004 CHEVROLET S-10 CHEVY CAB 4DR</p> <p>4 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/winds/lks, a/c, cd, alum whls, 17,163 mi. Stk#50350. VIN#52197645.</p> <p>\$26,816</p>
<p>2004 CHEVROLET S-10 CHEVY CAB 4DR</p> <p>4 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/winds/lks, a/c, cd, alum whls, 17,163 mi. Stk#50350. VIN#52197645.</p> <p>\$27,516</p>	<p>2004 CHEVROLET S-10 CHEVY CAB 4DR</p> <p>4 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/winds/lks, a/c, cd, alum whls, 17,163 mi. Stk#50350. VIN#52197645.</p> <p>\$27,516</p>	<p>2004 CHEVROLET S-10 CHEVY CAB 4DR</p> <p>4 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/winds/lks, a/c, cd, alum whls, 17,163 mi. Stk#50350. VIN#52197645.</p> <p>\$27,516</p>	<p>2004 CHEVROLET S-10 CHEVY CAB 4DR</p> <p>4 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/winds/lks, a/c, cd, alum whls, 17,163 mi. Stk#50350. VIN#52197645.</p> <p>\$27,516</p>	<p>2004 CHEVROLET S-10 CHEVY CAB 4DR</p> <p>4 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/winds/lks, a/c, cd, alum whls, 17,163 mi. Stk#50350. VIN#52197645.</p> <p>\$27,516</p>



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