# School time changes pose problems Grade shift, growing enrollment spells busing shortage

#### By Meave Sheehan Staff Writer

At Springfield's Board of Education meeting this Monday at the Jonathan Dayton High School, board members and parents continued the discussion about the board's recent decision to change school times.

Board President Patricia Venezia said that, as a result of parents' concerns at the June meeting, board members had looked at the school time change issue extensively for the past two weeks. In addition to the original time changes that the board had decided on for Springfield's middle school and elementary schools, board members presented parents with four other school time schedules:

The board intends to host a special meeting on Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the high school to vote on which one of these five schedules they will use for the 2005-06 school year.

Venezia explained that the board had decided to change school start and end times because of their difficulties with busing. The district is busing more children to school this year and needed to find a solution that would allow them to accommodate the additional children without buying more buses.

At the June meeting, the board presented the new school time changes, which they said was their final decision.

Parents were notified of Springfield's school time changes on the last

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Staff W Bob Yurochko of Mountainside still owns his first trumper, which his m father gave him at 16. The Bach trum-

day of school, June 23, with letters that were sent home with their children. At the June meeting, several parents showed up to protest the board's decision and discuss the difficulties that the new schedule would present to them.

The board's letter home said that Edward V. Walton School would start at 9 a.m. and end at 3:20 p.m. Thelma L. Sandmeier and James Caldwell. schools would start at 8:50 a.m. and end at 3:10 p.m. Florence M. Gaudineer-would start at 7:50 a.m. and end at 2:35 p.m. The high school's schedule would remain unchanged.

At both the June and July meetings, some parents said the later school start times -would - make - it - difficult - forworking parents to drive their children to school. These parents often need to be at work much earlier than the school start time and they now have to make arrangements for before-school care or leave their children on unsupervised playgrounds. Currently, the district only provides supervision 10 minutes before school begins.

One parent, Rita McNany, collected 200 signatures from residents who were against the original time change decision.

Other parents said board members needed to take traffic flow to and from the schools into greater account.

To accommodate the need for before- and after-school care, the Board of Education is planning to; administer its own before- and after-THE REPORT OF A CARLEND OF

school program this fall. Though the knowing the school times yet, some board has not hired staff yet, it has written a pamphlet outlining the school care program. Parents questioned why the program will not remain open on school holidays and why medication will not be given to children in the after-care program. One parent, Susan Blanco, wanted to know whether the staff would consist of certified teachers. Board members have suggested that some of their staff will include high school students.

Again, some parents criticized what they saw as inadequate communication between board members and parents. One of the meeting attendees called the letter to parents, "badly writ-ten" and pointed out that school starts in less than eight weeks. One parent pointed out that many parents do not know when board meetings are conducted.

Many families had left the area for vacation by the final school day and will not be prepared for the schedule change when their children return to school this fall.

The board members said they had not been able to speak amongst themselves yet due to time constraints. Board member Irwin Sablosky admitted to not knowing about the time changes until upset parents started calling him.

In general, parents were concerned that a handful of important issues for the upcoming school year had not been resolved. In addition to not A BE WIT IN DESCRIPTION

parents who live within two miles of their child's school may not be able to continue to use the district's buses. With more children using the buses and no new buses being added, the board said they plan to do away with subscription busing, which allows parents to purchase yearly seats for their children.

In the past, empty seats on buses have been sold to children who live within two miles of school and are already on a bus route. These seats are sold depending on availability, since children who live more than two miles away from their school are entitled to scats on the buses whether they use them or not. Now that there are no subscription seats available, some parents will have to make new transportation arrangements.

Parents who rely on subscription buying have not been informed of the board's decision yet. The board is considering sending letters to the parents of children who used subscription busing in 2004-05.

**Business** Administrator Matthew Clarke suggested that parents who have used subscription busing organize and find their own bus company. The board said the fact that their budget has not increased is partially to blame for their last-minute indecision. The lack of funds and the laws that legislators in Trenton are making have created a crisis situation for schools, board members said.

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# In a classical mood

Photo By Matthew Me

The August Symphony Orchestra, a new group of classical musicians from the Springfield area, will debut witha concert at Jonathan Dayton High School on Aug. 21 at 3 p.m. For Information, call 973-743-5425.

# **Borough dedicates** two outdoor clocks

By Meave Sheehan Saff Writer A new clock in front of the Police

The bank provided the largest contribution to the project, \$5,000, and deeded the property

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ough Hall was dedicated Saturday to \$40,000 and slightly more than \$40,000 was raised from about 70 resthe memory of Police Capt, Todd B. Turner, who was killed in a car crash idents, businesses and friends. The surplus money will be donated the Mountainside volunteer Rescue Squad and Mountainside volunteer Fire Department. A specific figure as to the surplus was not immediately

et is housed in a Yurochko's studio:

Yurochko has spent his working ife treatin and playing in bands. In the last few years, he has ... devoted much of his time to making the art and selling his work at festivals Now 66. Yurochko began his career as a music teacher in the Cranford elementary school system while he was a graduate student at New York University. Yurochko then taught at Cranford High School for 20 years. After moving on to teach jazz history and performance at Kean University, the retired from teaching in 2000. With more free time. Yurochko began to focus on his interest in art taking classes at the Center for Visual

Arts in Summit Combining a love of music with a passion for art 50b (unchko of Mountainside has spent Merving his interest tin music and inter her began politiking and i drawing -lazz greats upbried Mile Davi uprice Ellington and Dizzy Gillespie Some ... of Yurochko's paintings are done in the art nouvent style and others are done in what he calls a fifther style." field Art Gallery, and he is preparing

where the figures appear flat on the Yurochko has exhibited his art at

the JVC Newport Jazz Reatival, in Rhode Island, the Saratoga Jazz Cestival and, most recently, the Washington

Square Music Festival, This winter, he plans to show his work at the West-

for the Montneal Jazz Festival next SUMMER -In 1993, Yurochko's textbook, "A Short History of Jazz" was published by Nelson-Hall Inc. The book went into a second printing. On its Web site, Amszon.com describes the textbook as a chronolog-ical history that traces (3.2 from its,

early West African and New Orleans roots to the Jazz Age, to the Swing

has devoted much of his time to making art and selling his work at festivals, Era, to the Bebop Era, through the 150s, '60s, '70s and '80s, to the con-

orking-life teaching-music and playing in lazz pands in the last few years Yurochko

temporary scene." When asked to name some of his favorite musicians, along with botterknown jazz musicians, Yuroonko oned Jaco Pastorius, an electric jazz bassist and '70s cult figure. As for his goals, Yurochko said he

wanted to, "see better as an artist That's the most important thing Yurochko is currently chairman of

the Westfield Art Association Sketching Class.

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Yurochko's wife, Patricia, works for the Children's Specialized Hospi-(al and is the coach of Lightning Wheels, a junior wheelchair team made up of children with spinal chord injuries that competes in national and international athletic events. He has

one son. For information about Yurochko's work, visit www.rmyart.com.

traveling east on Wyoming Drive when he was struck by a vehicle traveling north on Cherry Hill Road Tumer was taken to the University Hospital Trauma Center and remained in a coma from Aug. 15, the day of the accident, until his death on Aug. 22. Turner served with the Mountainside Police Department for 24 years. Based on the circumstances surrounding the mid-August accident in --which Turner was killed, 60-year-old Mountainside resident Ivan Andric,

two summers ago.

who was driving the other car, did not face criminal charges.... Turner was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the collision.

Councilman Keith Turner, the brother of Capt. Turner, said the clock is, "a tribute to who my brother was." Councilman Turner thanked the mayor and Borough Council for their efforts. The four-faced clock is green with

gold trim and a white face. The clock is controlled by satellites triggered by a global positioning system. The clock was paid for by friends and residents who donated to the PBA Local 126.

A dedication ceremony for Mountainside's new community clock took place July 9 at the comer of Mountainside and Woodland avenues, in front of Valley National Bank.

available. The Mountainside Clock Trust Fund was opened by Borough Council at Valley National Bank in order to keep track of the funds.

Verdin Design Group designed the clock, which has four main plates located on the base of the clock that bear the names of three companies. The names include Valley National Bank and PSE&C, which has donated \$2,500 toward the clock to bear its name on another plate.

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to turn 100 Local woman is happy

Staff Writer

Springfield resident Sue Ritz celebrated her 100th birthday this Sunday at the Grand Summit Hotel.

Surrounded by friends and family at the birthday party, Ritz's family members told anecdotes about her, her grandchildren sang for her and partygoen watched a slide presentation. about Ritz's life.

A longtime Union County resident Ritz came to Springfield from Hillside in the 1960s, where she raised two sons with first husband, Herb Siegel. Ritz also has two stepchildren from her second marriage to Ruby Ritz. Ritz's family members spoke about

the active and notable life that she has led.

As a volunteer for the Daughters of Israel Senior Day Care Center for 30 years, Ritz worked with the elderly and led a traveling chorale group around northern New Jersey. Granddaughter Emily Cutler said Ritz was,

volunteers for." Ritz earned recognition for her service with a United Way Communi-

ty Volunteer award. Born Sue Nutes on July 10, 1905, on Rivington Street in Manhattan, Ritz studied physical education at Montclair. State. College. and taught gym classes in the 1920s. The daughter of a Newark bayers owner, Ritz van an-Beers County sole sectory called Star.

Beverage. Today, Ritz stays busy, living by herself and traveling for appointments and errands. Sharon Siegel Voelzke,

her granidauginer, and Kitz manifaine a busy social calendar, goes out a few times a day and can still handle the steps that lead to her apartment. Siegel Vociske also said Ritz had only stopped driving two years ago.

The matriarch of her large family, Ritz brings her family together and "keeps everyone in the loop," said Siegel Voelske. Ritz has 14 grandchil-

two marriages and 11 great grandchildren. The family has gotten together

before to celebrate her 90th and 95th birthdays.

Ritz's penchant for high heels was also mentioned by her relatives. For her party, Ritz showed off manicured nails as she watched the slide present tation and blew out the candles on her cake. Ritz said she still makes a point of going to the beauty salon. Joseph Siegel, Ritz's son, said his

mother has been in good health for most of her life. Other relatives spoke of Ritz's pos-

itive attitude and resolve when faced with a recent health issue. Ritz credits her good health to the

apple a day nutritional advice Siegel, a doctor, noted Ritz has out lived two husbands and one son Siegel said he is looking forward to more birthday celebrations for Ritz in the years ahead and called this 100th bithday party a celebration of life.



Sue Ritz of Springfield gets help blowing out her birthday candlas from her family members. while celebrating her 100th birinday during a party at the Grand Summit Hotel on Sunday.

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# Police get report of animal cruelty

Police responded to Timber Line Road on July 12 at 10:43 a.m. on a report of animal cruelty. Police were persons broke an electronic lock on met by the complainant and a member of the Associated Humane Society.

According to police, the com-Old Tote Road has been placing an post office. illegal animal trap in his yard and has been observed killing at least five animals. Police observed the trap, which contained a dead groundhog. Police spoke to the homeowner at Old Tote nal charges for cruelty to animals.

• On Sunday at 3:24 p.m., police Police checked the brook and surresponded to a report of a burglary to rounding area and the bike's owner a motor vehicle on Route 22 west.

According to police, the victim said the break-in occurred during the night. The victim reported that a wheel the driver's side door lock.

• On Saturday at 4:39 p.m., Martin less driving. Milanovic, 20, of Rahway, was arrested for driving with a suspended dri- Meisel Avenue, police responded to a senger window of a vehicle on Route ver's license while he was traveling on report of a motor vehicle that was - 22 cast. Route 22 east, Milanovic was found to damaged during an attempted break-Between 4 p.m. July 9 and 5 p.m. have a warrant out of Weehawken. He in. The driver's door was punched just on July 10, unknown persons burglarwas processed and held on bail.

• On July 14 at 4:02 p.m., an individual reported a missing cell phone. He had lost the cell phone on July 11. 4:18 p.m. on Route 22. Unknown perwhile at Loews Theatre. • Police responded to the U.S. Post

at 7:41 a.m. on a report of criminal from the glove box.

Firefighters respond to accident On Sunday at 6:50 p.m., firefighters responded to S. Springfield and Main avenues for a motor vehicle

accident. • A report of wires down on Ever-

green Avenue near Willow Street on and Proffitt avenues for a motor vehi-Saturday at 6:29 p.m. led firefighters cle accident July 12 at 4:51 p.m. to arrive at the scene. Top Drive residence for an odor of • On July 14 at 10:29 p.m., firefighters responded to a Lyons Place natural gas July 11 at 9:06 p.m.

residence for an odor of natural gas. • Firefighters responded to Moun- ers responded to a Mountain Avenue In Avenue near Shunpike Road for a business for a water condition.

• On July 14 at 4:54 p.m., firefight- ers to respond July 10 at 9:26 p.m. respond to the scene .... ers responded to a South Springfield

Avenue residence for a lock-out. • On July 12 at 10:03 p.m. fire- at 3:17 p.m. fighters responded to a Mountain

Josh Gianas, Carter Dutch, James Ped-

ski and Altay Vigliante.

# POLICE BLOTTER

the rear entrance door. A postal worker said this is the fourth occurrence of damage to the plainant stated that his neighbor on electronic lock, at a cost of \$600 to the beneath it, intended to destroy the

Police bagged and logged the existing surveillance tape, to be turned over to the detective bureau.

• On July 12 at 9:30 p.m., an individual reported an unattended bicycle Road, who was advised to tell the sus- that had been left on Birch Hill Road coats. pect to stop using lethal traps. The for at least four hours. The individual ASPCA representative said the was concerned the owner of the bike, - 11:11 p.m. Saturday, three windows of ASPCA would follow up with crimi- which was a child's bike, might have fallen in the brook near the road. was not found. The bike was taken to headquarters and tagged.

Springfield On July 14 at 7:47 p.m., Lathell lug nut key was taken from the trunk. Blaine, 20, was arrested on Mountain No other items were stolen from the Avenue for possession of marijuana, vehicle. Police observed damage to less than 50 grams, use of marijuana, driving under the influence and care-

> • On Monday at 6:30 p.m. on below the handle.

attempted vehicle break-in Mondav at ter. sons pried the driver's side door lock open, damaging the vehicle and steal-Office at Sherwood Parkway July 13 ing the registration and insurance card

mischief. The supervisor told police . On Monday at 4:12 p.m., police he started his car, he noticed small that, on July 12, between the hours of issued a warrant for the arrest of scratches on the key hole and the igni-6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., unknown George Cooper, 34, of Plainfield. The tion was jammed.

FIRE BLOTTER

Avenue church for an activated fire

Firefighters responded to Morris

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• On July 11 at 8:44 p.m., firefight-

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Firefighters responded to Route

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• -Police responded to Linden Avenue on Monday at 3:15 p.m. to a report of damage to a lawn sign. The "Make Love Not War" lawn sign had been bent, with fireworks placed

• On Sunday at 9:30 p.m., a 2004 Lincoln was stolen from the parking lot of The Holiday Inn on Route 22 west. Also stolen were items inside the vehicle, a digital camera and two

\* Between the hours of 7:30 and a Jeep on Greenbrook Road were broken. Police could not determine how the windows were broken.

• On Saturday at 10:45 p.m., police responded to a report of an attempted vehicle theft on Sheridan Street. The driver's side door lock and handle were damaged.

• On Friday at 9:46 p.m., police responded to a report of ongoing criminal damage to trees on a Jane Meadow property.

• On July 13 at 1:35 p.m., unknown persons removed glass from the pas-

- ized The Bagel Chateau on Mountain • Police responded to a report of an Avenue and stole an empty cash regis-

> • On July 9 at 11:46 p.m., police responded to a report of a suspicious man lingering outside of Taco Bell on Morris Avenue.

The complainant stated that, when

rollover July 9 at 9:12 a.m. Mountainside

On Sunday at 9:51 p.m., firefighters responded to an activated fire alarm at the movie theatre on Route 22

Firefighters determined that a -smoke detector in one of the roof top units malfunctioned and activated the fire alarm. The building manager was advised to contact the fire alarm company. Walter and the state

·· On Sunday at 7:11 p.m., an actimotor vehicle accident July 14 at 5:50 . An activated fire alarm at a vated fire alarm at the movie theater • An activated fire alarm at a value include and firefighters to Meisel Avenue residence led firefight- on Route 22 cast led firefighters to

Drive led firefighters to respond July 9 detector in one of the rooftop HVAC units malfunctioned causing the fire alarm activation

## Firefighters graduate from academy

Springfield graduates from the Springfield graduates from the Also, the following volunteer fire-Union County Fire Academy included Morris County Fire Academy included fighters received awards from the academy and were recognized by the Firefighter Patrick Federico was Springfield Township Committee at

ing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, NJ 07083.

• The Great Books Discussion Group will meet the third Thursday of the month at Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., at 10 a.m. The Great Books compilation may be purchased for \$24 at the Circulation Desk. The discussion group welcomes new members. Participants and invited to come to any or all of the discussions. For information, call 973-376-4930.

• Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will begin its sume a mer International Film Festival with "Monsieur Ibrahim" at noon and the second se Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each

showing. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 973-376-4930 - Monday -

• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a workshop ses sion in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave. at 7:30 p.m. • The Mother Goose Group promotes the enjoyment of language through nursery rhymes, simple stories, songs and activities for toddlers ages 11/2 to 3 years old and their parent or caregiver at the Springfielo Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. from 11 to 11:20 a.m.

Plan to stay and play afterward. No advance registration. Tuesday \* The Mountainside Board of Education will conduct a special school board meeting in the Beechwood School Media Center, 1497 Woodacres

Drive at 6 p.m. • The Springfield Township Committee will meet in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave. at 8 p.m. Upcoming

July 28 • Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will begin its summer International Film Festival with "Motorcycle Diaries" at noon and Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each

showing. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 973-376-4930.

• Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will begin its summer International Film Festival with "Kitchen Stories" at noon and 7 p.m. Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 973-376-4930.

Aug. 5 • "Shakespeare in the Park...ing Lot" returns to the Mountainside Public Library this summer with the second outdoor production by the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey. "London Assurance," by Irish playwright Dion Boucicault, will be presented on the library grounds at Constitution

Plaza at 7 p.m. The Friends of the Mountainside Public Library are sponsoring the play which is free and open to all and recommended for ages 12 and older. Approximate running time is one hour. Audience members are advised to bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating. For information, call 908-233-0115. In case of rain, the production will

· The Sisterhood of Temple Sha'arey Shalom will conduct their annual rummage sale in the temple's social hall, at 78 S. Springfield Ave. in Springfield, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. "Bag Night" takes place from 5 to 8 p.m." Items for sale include housewares, clothing, furniture, toys and more. The public is invited. For information, call the temple at 973-379-5387 or send a message via e-mail to office@shaarey.org or visit the temple Web site

at www.shaarey.org.

PGA office at 973-921-1034.

Aug. 9 . "Movies in the Park" is a program offered by The Union County Freeders at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside Adr films will be shown only if the weather is good.

"Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" will be shown at 9 p.m. Aug. 18 · Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will begin its sum-International Film Festival with "Magdelene Sisters" at noon and 7 mer p.m. Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. Refreshments will be served.

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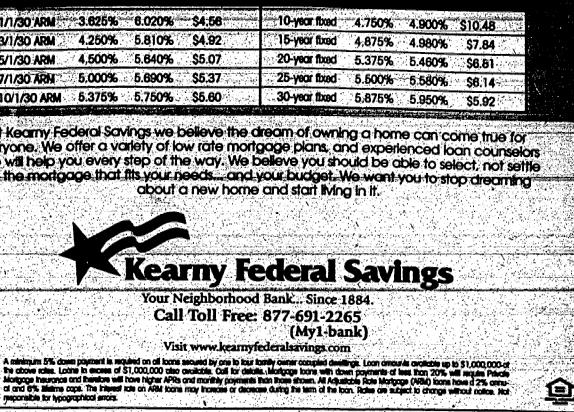
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be moved to the Community Room of Mountainside Borough Hall. Aug. 7

Aug. 8 • The 87th PGA championship will kick off at Baltusrol Golf Club in ' Springfield and conclude on Aug. 15. For tickets and information, call the



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## ECHO LEADER Donor keeps on giving

#### By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer

Everybody is aware of the urgent need for blood donors; no one is more aware than David Conte of Spring-

He has the distinction of being a 70-time platelet donor and spoke at the recent dinner celebrating the first year of Overlook and Morristown Memorial Hospitals alliance with New Jersey Blood Services. It was July 14 at Morristown Hospital and Conte was an honored guest speaker.

A Springfield resident and Bayonne police officer, Conte spoke about his giving. "It is just an hour of my time; it is

very convenient, and besides, my body is built for this," said Conte. "I have large veins and I produce large amounts of platelets - it is meant to be, I think."

There is another story behind this, however; his wife, Debra, was the Summit police officer who, back in 2000, was hit by a car and had terrible

"She is back on her feet now. It is a miracle she survived, but she cannot work as a police officer again," said Conte. "We are very thankful, and I want to give because of what it does for others who need the platelets."

Conte has A-Positive blood and, on the day of the dinner, he again gave blood.

The American Red Cross West-

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· A chapter blood drive will take

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Course Schedule.

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the one-year celebration of the Morristown Memorial/Overlook Blood Banks' alliance with New Jersey Blood Services, a division of New York Blood Center. Conte has donated platelets at Overlook Hospital 70 times. This alliance between the hospitals pital donor programs and blood centers to build a community-based pro-

gram. It focuses primarily on platelets, the specific blood component used for banks, said he is very excited about of blood that helps with blood clotting cancer, open heart and trauma the collection progress they have and preventing excessive bleeding. "I usually go every two weeks," he patients, featuring state-of-the-art made in this past year. automated collection technology pro- "We are pleased to report that 475 and there is a known nationwide shortvided by New Jersey Blood Services. platelet products collected at Morris- age.

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breathing and cardiac emergencies in

infants from birth to 12 months old

and children ages 1 to 8. The fee is

At the same dinner, Sheila Klehm, town Memorial and 335 at Overlook and the blood service center was creat- mother of a teenage platelet recipient Hospital have been added in the first ed to meet the community blood sup- who is battling leukemia; also spoke. half of this year." said Katz. "This is a ply needs, a new model between hos- Her son, Hank, has received more than dramatic increase at both facilities and 100 platelet transfusions at Morris- several people will cheat death in the town Memorial in the past year. Dr. Robert Katz, medical director ty of these platelets on site."

for the Atlantic Health System blood

infants from birth to 12 months old. summer 2005 Health and Safety teaches how to recognize and care for 2:15 p.m.

Dates are today, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. and Aug. 4, from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Aug. 2, from 9:15 to 11:30 12:45 p.m. • The Child CPR course teaches

p.m., and Aug. 7, from 12:30 to 5:30 dren ages 1 to 8. The fee is \$35.

tion training. The fee is \$45. Dates include Tuesday, from 6 to \$30.

coming year because of the availabili-

Platelets are a specific component

Having adequate supplies is critical

Dates offered are July 28, from p.m. Family Caregiving Program
 Infant CPR is a course that teach-6:30 to 10:30 p.m. and Aug. 26, from Workshop for Providers takes place es how to recognize and care for 9:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Aug. 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. breathing and cardiac emergencies in • Acult CPR teaches how to recog-ระการการประการประการประการประการสาวารสาวารการประการการประการการประการ ALTERNA RETRATOR REPORTS and a second second

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# **Borough applies for** 'Safe Corridor' funds

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By Mark Hrywna **Regional Editor** 

Motorists on Route 22 are warned that they are entering a "Safe Corridor" in Mountainside and Springfield, where traffic fines are doubled. Those added fines now will be disbursed to eligible towns that apply for gran funding

The borough of Mountainside filed a grant application requesting funding for three radar units, three mobile vision units for patrol cars and a surveillance camera for the footbridge spanning Route 22.

Communities can purchase almost any type of police equipment, as long as it is to be used with the Safe Corridor. The grant application was due last week. The nine radar units the borough has are about 15 years old and, although they are working fine, it "would be a good time to upgrade," said Police Chief/Borough Administrator James Debbie.

The surveillance camera would allow police to view traffic in both directions on Route 22. Debbie was not sure when the state would notify municipalities of the grant awards, but he was hoping before the end of the year. Fines within the Safe Corridors are collected by the state, which then will distribute the funding to Safe Corridor towns. Communities eligible for Safe Cor-

ridor funds locally are Mountainside, Springfield, Hillside and part of Scotch Plains. In Mountainside, the Safe Corridor runs locally from the Springfield border to New Providence Road. It continues east into Hillside. Of the 48 eligible towns, about 18 filed applications for the grant, which will come from a pool of about \$450,000 to \$500,000 collected in fines, according to

Marc Lavorgna, a spokesman for the state Department of Transportation. Every grant won't be uniform, he added, as the grants will be distributed on a competitive basis. Applications are "relatively flexible" in terms of what can be requested, but a timeline on when towns will be notified has not yet been determined, he said.

The grant "will be a good windfall for towns for enforcement." Lavorgna said The Safe Corridors law doubling fines on almost 130 miles of st. te roadways took effect Feb. 15, 2004. Signed into law by Gov. James McGreevey in July 2003, the measure dou-

bles fines for a variety of driving offenses, including speeding and aggressive driving. Parts of Routes 1, 9, 22, 40, 46, 47, 73 and 206 were designated as Safe Cor-

ridors based on statistics showing a crash rate 50 percent more than the state rate and 1.000 or more crashes over three years. According to the state Department of Transportation, there were almost 3,000

car crashes along Route 22, six of which resulted in fatalities, during that three-

American Red Cross courses offer training in lifesaving skills nize and care for breathing and cardiac and Aug. 25, from 9:15 a.m. to 1:45 from 9:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; First Aid,

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The fee is \$35. This class will also emergencies in adults. The course p.m. Participants taking the re-certifi- Aug. 17, from 9:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. include first aid at a cost of \$50 until includes automated external defibrilla- cation course must hold current certification and need to renew. The fee is pants how to check a conscious and

> a.m. for a re-certification class; Aug. Cross certification classes but geared sudden illness and injuries. 8, from 6 to 10:30 p.m.; Aug. 16, from towards teen's ages 12 and older.

class; Aug. 22, from 6 to 10:30 p.m., a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; First Aid, July 29, a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

unconscious victim, how to recognize • Teen Classes are regular Red and care for life-threatening bleeding,

The fee is \$35. Dates are Sunday Dates include Monday, from 6 to how to recognize and care for breath-10:45 p.m.; July 30, from 9 a.m. to 2 ing and cardiac emergencies in chil-9:15 to 11:30 a.m. for a re-certification These include: Child CPR, today, 9:15 10:30 p.m., and Aug. 19, from 9:15



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## EDITORIALS

## Start taping

Now that the Springfield Board of Education has recent ly come under fire for its last-minute notification to parents of the district's upcoming school time changes, it would be a good time for the school board to consider televising and making video-recordings of public meetings. With the quarterly newsletter being cut from the budget for the 2005-06 school year, the already meager amount of communication that the board currently does will be drastically reduced.

Televising meetings has many benefits for the community. Chief among them is the need to provide an accurate, readily accessible document of the meeting that can be reviewed. More importantly, it allows people who are unable to attend the meeting to watch it on TV and stay informed about what is happening in the district. In this way, school board meetings can be a powerful tool for the board to get information to the public.

This would also help every audience member accurately hear each board member speak clearly and help facilitate a more orderly, efficient meeting, something that is desperately needed. It's important to note that the use of a TV camera would be beneficial not only in capturing the passionate and. at times, heated discussions that occur, but also the good, proud moments, including the awards and significant commendations. And, with these broadcasts coming in addition to the coverage of school meetings by the Echo Leader and localsource.com, residents would be even more informed.

While it would be great if every resident in town could attend a school board meeting, the reality of life makes this highly unlikely. It's unfair for residents who cannot attend meetings, for whatever reason, to not be informed as a result. The school board has an obligation to inform residents about its actions and has the ability to do a better job of this by televising meetings. With video equipment available at the high school, where meetings take place every month, it would be fairly easy to arrange.

After years of requests from the community, the nearby Mountainside district finally started taping meetings once they began meeting in Beechwood School. Springfield can do it, too.

# A proud leader

After 31 years of service to the community of Mountainside. Recreation Director Susan Winans will be retiring in the fall.

The news comes as a surprise to some who see her as a fixture in the borough, having grown up in Mountainside. playing a wide variety of sports. In the past, she had an active role in coaching town teams such as soccer, football and tennis

During her tenure, she has seen recreation programs coninue to grow during the past three decades, having remembered a time when towns did not even have recreation pro-

Today, Mountainside offers a host of recreation programs for all ages, from computer classes for seniors to a summer playground program for children as young as first grade. The Mountainside Community Pool, which has been operating for 40 years, continues to be a strong draw for the community, with membership that consistently rises each year.

Winans has also overseen other recent successful additions to the department, including a five-day multi-sport children's camp, yoga classes and non-sports related activities such as greeting card and jewelry-making classes and a bus tour program for seniors.

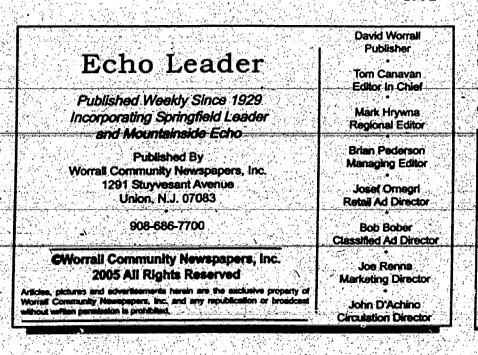
The Recreation Department's plans for 2005 include installing new playground equipment, restructuring the youth basketball league and offering flag football.

-To oversee a staff of three full-time employees and 50 to-75 part-time employees takes a lot of work. To ensure that the department changes with the times and continues to grow and expand takes exceptional planning and management skills.

Winans has demonstrated a strong dedication and commitment to serving the community of Mountainside. We wish her well on her future path of life, which most likely won't stray too far from recreation.

"Why is it so important, this endless battle for freedom of the press? Because the truth is so important. This is what the people need. This is what the people deserve. This is what we journalists are put on this earth to discover."







# Protect constituents before taking their money

Every few years an issue along in Washington that is so clear cut you can tell which politicians care about their constituents and which care more about special interests by the way they vote on the issue. This year that issue is U.S. Rep. Pete Sessions, R-Texas, "Preserving Innovation in Telecom Act."

The proposed bill, filed as HR-2726, would ban state and local governments from offering low-cost broadband Internet access to residents in areas where cable and telephone. companies already offer such services. Sessions argues that private com- account. You don't know that finding What its passage will do is eliminate the world. One of the companies panies have better resources to research materials on complicated, upgrade Internet access as technology highly specific issues takes 10 sec- er way to bring the Internet into Amer- Communications, which employed evolves. He also states municipal tax onds. You don't know that life could ican homes. It would make any alter- Sessions for 16 years in its marketing dollars could be better spent in other be easier. You don't know that the native to the way things are done now department. SBC has also contributed

I have to agree with Sessions on his last point. There are many munic- nomically, educationally and socially. Union County avoided saying if to executive director of the organization ipalities in New Jersey with the potential to abuse a Department of Internet companies have better resources for but said they will oppose any measure Services by stuffing it with more technology upgrades, may be the truth that would take affordable Internet us all a favor and rejects this bill soon employees than necessary to do the now, but there's no reason to think access away from their constituents, so they can get back to one of the tob. It wouldn't be long before the government will be left so far behind U.S. Rep. Donald Payne, D.N.J., thousands of more important things Assistant's Assistant to the Assistant by technology that they can't offer replied to my query with such a state- they have to work on, such as insur-Internet Affairs Relation Manager quality access. Cities can't afford to ment, through his press secretary Jor- ance reform, Social Security reform was on the municipal payroll for buy a top-of-the-line street sweeper . dan Rowan. / \$50,000 per year.

Sessions' point, however, is no reason to devote an entire bill to stop- clean the streets. ping a city or county from offering Internet access en masse if it chooses. In some towns, especially those with nies never have more competition than creates jobs for Americans, However, not a fossil fuel. Please protect the low-income neighborhoods, munici- they do now. Those companies will he will continue to work to ensure that people who live in my country before pal Internet access makes sense. It find a way to provide more efficient, all New Jerseyans have affordable, you decide who's going to make would be a way for people who can't afford to spend \$60 per month to still use the tool that makes the lives of so same. Their profits will increase dra- impede that goal," Rowan said. many Americane easier.

## As the World Burns By Dan Burns

The Internet is one of those things. you don't fully appreciate until you have access to it. If the only electronlonger you are without the Internet, illegal. the more you will fall behind eco-

Sessions' first point, that private they'll vote for or against the measure. tion Free Press Josh Silven every time a new part or a more powerful broom is invented, but they still

is ensure cable and telephone compa- advances, stimulates the economy, and less-costly Internet access as technology evolves, but prices will remain the would oppose any measure that would matically. Your savings, will not. U.S. Rep. Robert Menendez's, D. risl@thelocalsource.com.

Stockholders and employees of com- N.J., spokesman Matt Miller echoed a in future business from this bill

Well, not much for now, which is why

Most Congressmen who represent "Congressman Payne

innovation and competition in the telecommunications sector, which reliable access to Internet services and money from them.

# Attention\_to\_railroad\_regulations\_is\_a\_must=

It's a sad day when public officials vote against their own constituents 1 Point question whether state Sen. Raymond Of Lesniak is in public service or self service regarding the reactivation to the Rahway Valley rail line.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and their manager, By Arlene Murphy George Devanney, Lesniak's nephew, set into motion this railroading of the citizens of eight towns along the tracks by signing a no bid, sweetheart crossing safety contract with the M&E Railway in 2002. Lesniak put the final seal on the deal with his recent vote in the Senate. Before M&E President Gordon Fuller starts his engine pulling unspecified freight through Roselle, however, I would like to remind him of a number of things which he disregarded in the past. I recently received a response and protective measures, i.e., piles opinion pages. to an Environmental Justice Petition

on behalf of Roselle, The Environmental Task Force areas of concern, have committed to Environmental Protection's Pesticide ber for verification. the following:

• To hold M&E accountable for the May 2002 operating agreement and the borough of Roselle.

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reach to schools regarding railroad . That the DOT continue to answer- Pennsylvania.

comments and correspondence of concerned citizens from the community related to the crossings and reactivation of the line must be covered and stored for a min-

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county of Union and the M&E to pro- them before the spraying is to occur. Advertising will not be accepted by e-mail.

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ruman health.

The task force response concludes.

community without public notification tor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the This opportunity also is open to all residents, officials and employees of both imum amount of time at a given loca- Springfield and Mountainside and the county of Union. The Echo Leader reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content members, with authority in several • That the state Department of and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone num

Control Program will reach out to Letters must be no more than 500 words long; longer pieces must be arranged M&E to ensure that future spraying in advance with the editor. The Echo Leader / ccepts letters to the editor and episodes along the rail line right-of- guest columns via e-mail. The address is editorial@thelocalsource.com. subsequent agreements pertaining to way will be performed in accordance Letters and essays also may be sent via U.S. mail to 1291 Stuyvesant Ave.,

the quality-of-life and safety issues in with all applicable state and federal Union, 07083. For publication, all letters and guest columns must be received by laws; there is a provision that allows 9 a.m. Mondays to be considered for publication in Thursday's edition. • That the state Department of residents to individually request a 12- Letters received via e-mail must be on topics of interest, preferably-Transportation strongly encourage the hour advanced notification directly to response to content that appeared in the newspaper.

> Respond to letters and columns that appear on our Community Forum pages and take part in discussion of local issues each week.

BANKING ON A GOOD TIME - Employees of Kearny Federal the Savings Bank in Springfield participate in the parade that marked the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Springfield. Joining in the fun are from left. Radhee Nagassar, Lilla Branch Moralewski, Manager Donna Queiroz, Marv Arndt. Solowinski Julianna Kalen Kaveberg and Nafisa Aliea Rayappen As a platinum sponsor. Kearny Federal Savings' Springfield branch pledged \$5,000 to sup-

celebration.

port the weekend-long

munications companies, like Sessions' similar sentiment and said Menender wife Nete, who is director of Cingular hadn't decided which way to vote on Wireless, stand to make a lot of money the bill. U.S. Rep. Mike Ferguson's office didn't return two phone calls What will this bill change for you? seeking a position on the matter.

The major problem with this bill is it has a chance of succeeding. The that it recks of special interest. In thepublic tends to be apathetic on issues ory, this bill could be characterized as that won't immediately alter anything an effort to reduce government waste. ic devices you have in your home are in their lives. This bill is about pre- but what it is actually doing is detera television, a stereo and an alarm venting future change, not making any mining who will control access to the clock, you don't go to hundreds of direct change to something American modern world's greatest technological Web sites where you can post job citizens are used to, so it will likely be resource in the future and thus, who resumes. You don't have a free e-mail given little exposure in the media, will be the most powerful people in any potential for a better, much cheap- which stands to gain in power is SBC more than \$75,000 to Sessions' campaign throughout the years, according

I sincerely hope that Congress does and ending the conflict in Iraq. Heck, propose a bill to protect public Internet access, such as U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Frank Lauten-What HR-2726 will do in practice ultimately fosters technological berg, D-N.J., recently did in the Sen-

Dan Burns can be reached at edito-

• That the DEP will provide period- Rail Security Act of 2005, dealing ic oversight during upcoming pesti- with the transportation of hazardous cide applications to ensure they are materials. Residents in the towns performed in a manner protective of along the M&E freight line should follow this proposed security act in the U.S. Senate We lost woefully in our with a section titled "Additional state Senate.

Actions" about proposed federal legis-Let's take make our health, safety, lation to make railways and surroundwelfare and security concerns known ing towns safer from chemical acci- to the federal government because dents and terrorism after recent freight they are the ones who exempt railtrain accidents in South Carolina and roads from most state regulations.

The response highlights a proposed Arlene Murphy is a resident of bill in the U.S. Senate, the Chemical Roselle.

## • That the DOT will ensure no Our policy on letters and columns additional creosote ties are piled in the The Echo Leader welcomes submissions from its readers. Letters to the edi

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Will royalty reveal their real identity? To the Editor

Will the British royal family please make up their minds as to what their last. name really is? When Prince William graduated from St. Andrew, he was introduced as "William Wales." His brother, Prince Harry, at Sandhurst is known as "Officer Cadet Wales." The true maiden name of the Queen's Elizabeth II is yon Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, after Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert. In 1917, King George V decided this was inappropriate and adopted the name "Windsor" after a prominent nearby castle and a very distant ancestor.

The true surname of the Queen's husband, Prince Phillip, is von Battenberg. after which the name "Mountbatten" was derived as a English translation. So we have: von Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, von Battenberg, Windsor, Mountbatten, and now. Wales. If the rest of us did this, we would be suspected of identity theft! Springfield

#### Now I can work toward my dream To the Editor

Editor's note: This letter was originally addressed to Dan Kalem, president of the Springfield Rotary Club.

My name is Genevieve Ciullo. I was recently awarded the Springfield Rotary Scholarship and I would like to take this time to thank you and the entire Rotary Club. Financial aid has been a concern of mine and my families ever since the start of my application process. I have an older brother and an older sister who are also continuing their education; highly priced endeavors for my parents. Since then, I have applied for several scholarships to help alleviate the financial burden on my family. I am honored to have received this scholarship from a local organization such as the Rotary Club.

I will attend Pennsylvania State University at University Park campus for the fall semester of 2005, I am very excited to be attending college and beginning my studies at the collegiate level. I have been accepted into the School of Health and Human Development. I will concentrate my studies on hotel restaurant and institutional management. I dream of graduating from the university and working for a large corporation such as Marriott or Hilton. My long-term goal, however, is to open my own hotel at the beach. I am very excited to start a new chapter of my life and begin to work toward my dream,

Thank you and the entire Rotary Club for your generosity and for consider ing me worthy of your scholarship; it means a great deal to me and my family. Genevieve Ciullo Springfield

#### State must end 'pork barrel' spending To the Editor

The budget process in Trenton was an example of why taxpayers are decoly concerned about the future. The Democrats, who have control of both houses of the Legislature and the Office of the Governor, did not release the details of the budget until the late hours of Friday evening before the July 4 weekend. The debate began after midnight when most media representatives had left Trenton and legislators were exhausted from marathon sessions.

During the late night, it was slowly revealed that special pet projects, totaling hundreds of millions of dollars were carefully weaved into the budget document. At approximately 3 a.m. I respectfully asked the chairman of the Assembly Budget Committee and all legislators to end the "pork barrel" spending. In the past four years, spending has increased by \$6 billion, from \$22.5 billion to \$28.5 billion appropriated for fiscal year 2006. I ask for the help of the media to carefully review the special projects and call for the end of this special spending.

I have listed below examples of these projects. • \$37 million to Special Management Aid to balance Camden City's budget • \$500,000 to Montclair Board of Education --- Desegregation Aid . \$1 million to Montclair Board of Education -- Minority Student Achieveme

- \$1 million to Collingswood School District
- \$300,000 for Alcyon Lake Dredging
   \$200,000 for Lambertville Municipal Assistance

• \$1.2 million for Jersey City Armory • \$20 million for Abbott Bordered Districts - Bayonne, North Bergen, Clifton, Hillside and Weehawken

The property crisis in New Jersey has reached epidemic proportions. We must With 2005 Masters Champion Tiger Woods and golf's greatest field of interna tional players descending upon the famed Lower Course at Baltusrol Golf Club in join together to speak out against "political spending." I hope this will be the last and final year of "special spending." Springfield for the 87th PGA Championship from Aug. 8-14, the PGA of America has officially started construction on hospitality villages, a merchandise pavilion and a Assemblyman Jon M. Bramnick media center, along with other facilities, in preparation for golf's final major of 2005. Westfield Editor's note: The writer, who is up for re-election in the fall, repre-Among the most complex of construction tasks is the creation of host itality vilsents the 21st Legislative District, which includes Springfield and Mounlages that total more than 400,000 square feet. The Nicklaus Village, named after the legendary Jack Nicklaus, will be located along the 18th fairway, while the Tillinghast Village, named after Baltusrol course designer A.W. Tillinghast. will be News of time changes spells trouble located along the 17th fairway. The Keller Village, named after Louis Keller, founder of Baltusrol Golf Club, will be located between the fifth and sixth holes. John P. Hyde To the Editor: The PGA Championship has achieved record-setting hospitality sales for the Currently, one of the biggest problems in the Springfield school system is the changing of school start times. This issue came as a surprise to parents when 87th PGA Championship, which requires an expansive area for the three hospitality villages that will entertain more than 60,000 corporate guests during PGA Cham-Michael Davino, superintendent of schools, had a note sent home via the elemenpionship Week.

tary school children. The paper message arrived on June 23, which was the last day of school, and was not previously discussed at a public Board of Education Meeting or even at a Parent-Teacher Association meeting At the June 27 Board of Education meeting, many parents questioned this sud-

den announcement and voiced their opinions. Basically, the new starting times will be changed from 8:30 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. because more students will have to be bused as the result of the transfers of first- and second-grade students from James Caldwell School and Thelma Sandmeier School to Walton School: and there is a scarcity of buses. Students who could walk to school will now have to be taken by bus.

With the addition of 24 classrooms still being built and behind schedule at Walton School, the school population will be more than doubled. In June, there were 319 pupils, and in September, the total number of students will be 639 at Walton School

So, why didn't the paid administrators, the architect, or the nine Board of Education members at that time, while plans were being made in 2002 and 2003. everthink of any anticipated transportation problems of the vast construction project before the referendum of Jan. 28, 2003 which was won by only 81 votes? In the Jan. 23, 2003 issue of the Echo Leader was my letter to the editor which contained the following parser,.

"In order to spend more measy, Mahler - superintendent of schools changing the configuration of the elementary schools. Currently, James Caldwell and Thelma Sandmeier Schools house grades one, two, three and four. If this bond passes, he will move grades one and two to the Walton School. He will also move the fifth-grades from Gaudineer back to Caldwell and Sandmeier. This means the building of more classrooms, and more transportation costs."

Apparently, not one board member or any paid administrator or the overseer fo the state Board of Education serving in the years of 2002 and 2003 ever used simple arithmetic to calculate that the number of pupils being switched around would overburden bus facilities, and add to the inconvenience of students and their parents.

When will the Board of Education members start asking questions and stop voting as one full body on major topics? When will they start being practical and looking ahead to visualize the future results? When will they share dates on issues of universal interest with the parents and taxpayers? With a little creativity, some changes might be possible to alleviate the busing problem at Walton School. However, it is most unfortunate that everyone in the education power grid - paid or unpaid --- missed taking into consideration a major problem involving school populations and student transportation for this building project.

Although the superintendent of schools and the 2002-03 Board of Education members were asked several times, as published in the Echo Leader and Star-Ledger, to have a townwide public forum before the Jan. 28, 2003 referendum, they all neglected to do so.

Perhaps in the future, the current school board, which contains some of those 2002-03 members would consider having townwide public forums for information and suggestions on the more controversial topics such as school hour changes,

laptops, curriculum innovations, bus transportation. etc. Hazel Hardgrove Springfield and the second s

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"The 87th PGA Championship will see our greatest number of hospitality patrons ever," said Andy Bush, tournament director, 87th PGA Championship. "To accommodate our guests, we've created three hospitality villages that will be strategically located adjacent to holes 17, 18, 5 and 6, and which provide the best opporunity to see up-close, championship golf."

Among the other preparations under way for the 87th PGA Championship, the PGA of America is constructing a 26,000-square-foot media center to house the more than 1,000 International media outlets that will cover the Championship. Also, to accommodate the more than 240,000 spectators expected to attend the Championship, the PGA of America is building a 25,000-square-foot merchandise tent, where attendees can purchase an array of PGA Championship logo hats, shirts, bags and other mementos

While Sunday tickets for the 87th PGA Championship are virtually sold-out, Thursday through Saturday daily, weekly and practice round tickets remain available to see golf's greatest field of International players compete for the coveted Wanamaker Trophy. The PGA Championship, the last leg of golf's Grand Slam, returns to New Jersey for the first time in 63 years, and tickets can be purchased online at www.pga2005.com, or by calling 1-800-PGA-TCKT.

During its 109-year history, Baltusrol Golf Club has hosted 15 national golf championships, including seven U.S. Open Championships, four U.S. Amateur Championships, two Women's U.S. Open Championship and two U.S. Women's Amateur Championships. The championships at Baltusrol, which have been some of golf's most memorable, are highlighted by Nicklaus who captured two major championships at Baltusrol.

The PGA Championship is one of four premier golf events conducted by the PGA of America. Others include the Ryder Cup Matches, the Senior PGA Championship and the PGA Grand Slam of Golf, which brings together winners of golf's four major championships. Since 1916, golf's top professionals have been competing for the PGA Championship's coveted Wanamaker Trophy. Past champions include Nick-laus, Woods, David Love III, Sam Snead and Walter Hagen, among others.

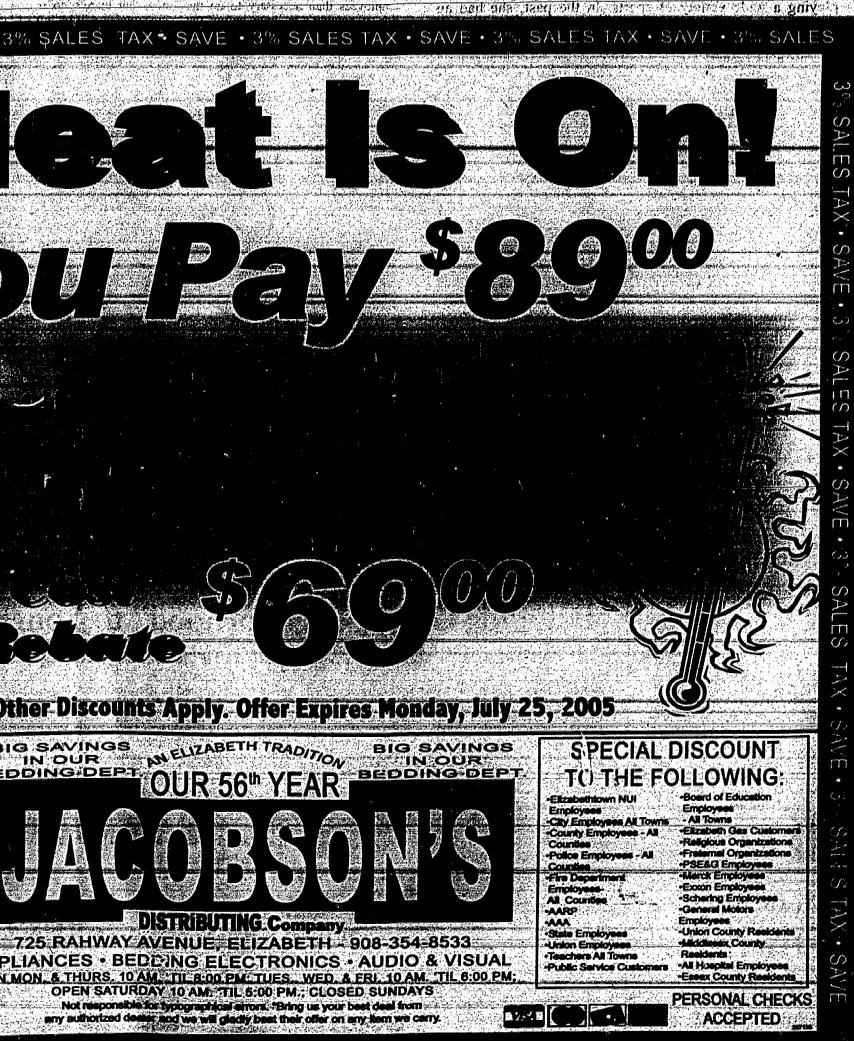
## Health Department offers free child immunizations, physicals The Westfield Regional Health The Child Health Clinic is for

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ment's Child Health Clinic. Thisclinic is conducted twice a month by appointment only. The department's pediatrician performs the public health nurse, at 908-789immunizations and physicals. we had ana takenally algests

who are well. The clinic does not This is done through the depart- offer medical treatment to children who are suffering from any illness. For information or to make an

appointment, call Anne Travisano, 4070, Ext. 4073.





Women's Association of Community Presbyterian Church of Mountainside recently presented Janet Weston, volunteer director for Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, with fleece blankets which members of the Handcrafter Group made for the patients at the hospital.

#### **Residents graduate** Seton Hall Prep

Five Springfield residents and two Mountainside residents received their diplomas at Scion Hall Preparatory School's 145th commencement

exercises on June Joseph  $-\mathbf{G}$ Mitarotonda was honored as a member of the Peer Leadership

Program and as a member of the Ambassadors Program. He will attend University of Delaware ir September.

Moriello Anthony Moriello was honored with the Msgr. Thomas J. Tuohy Medallion, which is presented to those graduating seniors PUBLIC NOTICE

Mitarotonda

NOTICE OF BID Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Mountainside for: POTHOLE REPAIRS CONTRACT 2005-5

Bids will be opened and read in public at Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22,

Infy. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of PL 1975 C 127 (NJAC. 17(27) The Borough of Mountainside hereby, reserves that right to reject any and all bids and to award the contract to any bid-der whose proposal, in the Borough's judgement, best serves its interest, Judith E. Osty, Borough Clark -U118412 ECL July 21, 2005 (\$20,63)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY TOOKER AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that seeled bids for TOOKER AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS in the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, UNION COUNTY NEW JERSEY will be received at the TOWNSHIP OF SPRING-FIELD, Municipal Clerkta Offics, 100 Mouriain Avenue, Springfield, New Jessey on Wednesday August 3, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time. The work generally consists of granite block curb, reset manholes, new inlets





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## STUDENT UPDATE will attend Vir-

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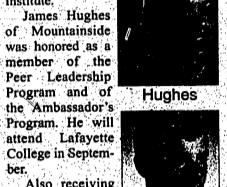
Louis A. Puopoo IV was honored as a member of the Ambassadors Program and will attend University of Scranton in Sep-Dela Cuestatember. Alsc receiving the r diplomas were Jean-Paul Dela Cuesta, who will attend Monmouth University

## Mark Czarny, who Czarny PUBLIC NOTICE

in September, and

and inlet grates, driveway apron repair, application of hot mix asphalt pavement and other incidental work; all in accor-dance with the form of proposal, contract and specifications prepared by Keller & Kirkpatrick, Consulting Engineers - Sur-veyors - Planners - Landscape Acchitects, 900 Lanidex Plaza, Parsippany, New Jer-Township of Springfield, Municipal Clerk a Office 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey during business hours. Bid-ders will be furnis-ed with a copy of the Contract Documents, Plans, and Specifi-cations at the office of Keller & Kirk-patrick or the Municipal Clerk's Office on proper notice. A non-refundable charge of \$50.00 per set shall be paid to Keller & Kirkpatrick. Rinkpatrick. Bidders are notified that they must com-ply with the New Jersey Provaiing Wage Act. (Chapter: 150 of the Lews of 1963, sa-amended) and that award will not be made to any bidder whom the Commis-sioner of Labor and Industry does not cerlify. Bids shall be submitted on the forms provided, in the mannet designated there-in and required by the Specifications. They must be enclosed in sealed envelopes, bearing the name of the project on the bidder and he name of the project on the outside, addressed to the Munici-pal Circk. TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD. UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, and must be accompanied by a certified check.

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Also receiving his diploma was Anthony J. DeRose of Mountainside, DeRose who will attend St. Joseph's University.

Kurzner on dean's list Jill Kurzner, a graduate of Springfield's Jonathan Dayton High School, is among the students at Muhlenberg College who earned dean's list for the

PUBLIC NOTICE cashier's check, or bid bond in the form, provided of not less than 10% of the amount of bid. Said check or bid bond may not be less than 5500 nor shall it be more than \$20,000 and must be accompa-nied by a Consent of Surety statement in the form provided from a Surety Company stating that the Surety Company will pro-vide the bidder with a bond for 100% of the Contract amount to the swent that the Contract is awarded to the bidder. A Non-Collusion Affidavit and a Record of Recent Contract Awards must alac accompany the proposal on the forms pro-VIDED. PROPOSAL FORMS SHALL NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE FORM OF PRO-POSAL. PROPOSALS MUST BE MADE UPON THE BLANK FORMS PROVIDED AND SUBMITTED IN THE BOUND BOOK WHICH SHALL BE LEFT WHOLE AND INTACT IN EVERY RESPECT. BID BID HAVE A THE TIME OF DID, A BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIficate Issued by the New Jersey Department of Tres-sury.

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If swarded s contract, your company/ firm will be required to comply with the requirements of PL1975\_C127 (NJAC 17:27) Bidders must also comply with the requirements of PL1977, Chapter 33 emending the Local Public Contracts Law, Bidders must submit a statement setting forth the names and addresses of all stockholders in the corporation or mem-bers of the partnership who own ten per-

Temple Sha'arey

Shalom rummage sale The Sisterhood of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, will conduct their annual rummage sale in the temple's social hall Aug. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a "Bag Night" from 5 to 8 p.m.

Sisterhood Co-Presidents Pam Webb and liene Rottenberg and event co-chairpersons Marcia Gincel and Kim Krupp announced that this year's rummage sale will be the largest and best ever. Items for sale include housewares, clothing, furniture, toys and more. Additionally, Sunday evening will be "Bag Night." A brown grocery bag can be filled up with assorted items for \$5.

Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform Jewish congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. Membership is from many communities within Union. Essex and Morris counties, including Cranford, Elizabeth, Millburn, Springfield. Union. Westfield and the Oranges. The temple serves as a social, educational and religious focal center for the communities, with an outreach program, active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Renaissance and a strong Social Action

Program

spring semester. Students who achieve a 3.4 or higher grade point average are named to the list. Kurzner, who is majoring in theater, has just completed her freshman year and has achieved this honor both semesters.

#### Weiss recognized with **Best Buy scholarship**

Jarred S. Weiss, a 2005 graduate o Jonathan Dayton High School, has been recognized as a Best Buy Scholarship recipient. This award was based on his diverse and extensive volunteer time to his community, excellence in academics, and participation in extra curricular activities. The scholarship will be used to defray his educational expenses at Monmouth University.

He is the son of Randy and Neil Weiss of Springfield. Weiss was one of three students chosen in his U.S. Congressional District and was personally recognized for his achievements from Congressman Mike Ferguson and U.S. Sen. Jon Corzine.

PUBLIC NOTICE cent (10%) or more of its stock, or have a ten percent (10%) or greater interest in the case of parinership, No bid may be withdrawn for sixty (60) days effer the opening of bids. A Contract will be awarded to the towest responsible bidder or all proposals will be rejected within sixty (60) days after the opening of bids. the TOWNSHIP C reserves the right to reject unbalanced bid

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that deci lons were made at a public meeting b he Mountainside Planning Board on Juni 2005 at the Mountainside Municipa Paxson, 1139 Route 22, Block 23. C. 3.B - Change of Tenancy and Change with variances, to permit the oper-of a spray-on truck bed liner. James Rovello, 1350 Stony Brook L Georgia Varcarolia, 342. Old-Gr Road, Block 7.K, Lot 44. Gazebo

Road, Block 7.K. Lot 145. Gazebo variances. Gazebo was constructed v out permits. Ruth M. Rees. Sacretary U118187 ECL July 21, 2005. (\$9,00)

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The public is invited to attend the rummage sale. For information, call the emple at 973-379-5387 or send a message via e-mail to office@shaarey.org or visit the temple Web site at www.shaarey.org.

#### Church Mall street fair coming in September

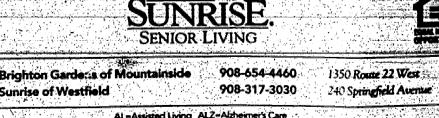
The second Church Mall street fair will be in Springfield on Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

This street fair is different from most in that the focus is on encouraging stronger, healthier communities as a way of honoring the lives of those persons who died on Sept. 11, 2001. The community groups represent a wide array of non-profit and social service organizations that help people, animals and the environment in our area. Not only can the public learn about services available to them in Union County, they can also learn about ways they can help their community.



Bringing Our "Neighborhood" to Yours Innovative Alzheimer's Care at Sunrise Senior Living Sunrise Senior Living provides specially designed residents involved in the familiar routines th Alzheimer's care based on each resident's rich marked their lives: gardening, sewing, office history and individual needs. The result is work, setting the dinner table, and even folding laundry. It's all designed to focus on each a personalized environment as loving as it is resident's strengths and abilities as well as to innovative. We call it the Reminiscence help them return to the comfort of a time that brought them much joy. It's a unique approach within our communit And because each senior is gently guided along created to stimulate the memories and senses in a place that looks and feels like home, every of seniors with memory impairment. Supportive dav can be a pleasant day ---and nurruring staff, interactive Reminiscence kits and multi-sensory experiences keep our a contravin 



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#### ECHO LEADER

Admission to the fair is free. The Kid's Zone will offer old-fashioned carnival type games and make-yourown-craft tables. Food, music, a community stage and a brief time of remembrance for Sept. 11 will be featured during the day. Vendors and community group displays are spaced along Church Mall and Academy Green Street in Springfield.

Community organizations and local businesses interested in performing on the stage are also asked to respond to this invitation. Organizers are hoping to draw dance troupes, youth or college performers, martial arts, scouts and other groups who may wish to demonstrate their skill

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

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



Preparing for the Komen North Jersey Affiliate's upcoming Style for the Cure breast cancer fund-raiser are, from left, Janet Cesario, marketing and sponsorship director at The Mall at Short Hills; Veronica Bonnet, Style chairwoman; Deb Belfatto, Komen North Jersey-Affiliate executive director; Laura Brown, Style chairwoman, and Leslie Trifone, marketing specialist at The Mall at Short Hills.

## Affiliate hosts breast cancer fund-raiser

For the third consecutive year, the ern New Jersey providing breast was established in 1997 and serves G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, screening and treatment services for - Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Cure, a week-long education, aware- sured. ness and fund-raising event from Sept. 19-25.

cent of their sales for the week to the Summit-based Affiliate as well as at the age of 36. Today, the foundation Affiliate Grant Program which funds community-based agencies in north-The Komen North Jersey Affiliate 908-277-2904.

Komen, who died from breast cancer G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation research.

Mall at Short Hills will host the Susan health education, and breast cancer nine counties in northern New Jersey North Jersey Affiliate's Style for the the medically underserved and unin- Passaic, Sussex, Somerset, Union and Warren. Since its inception, the Affili-The Susan G Komen Breast Can- ate has granted more than \$6.2 million cer Foundation was established in to community-based programs in its More than 60 Mall stores will par- 1982 by Nancy Brinker to honor the service region as well as contributing ticipate in the event, donating 10 per- memory of her sister, Susan G. an additional \$2,7 million to the Susan Award and Research Grant Program. hosting a variety of special events. is a global leader in the fight against For information on the Komen Monies raised during Style for the breast cancer and is the nation's North Jersey Affiliate and Style for the Cure will support the North Jersey largest private funder of breast cancer Cure, visit the affiliate Web site at www.njakomen.org or call them at

eral admission is \$10 in advance or

care executive director.

# Music director leads master class in Summit

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from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. John's choir of Summit Chorale singers. Gen- served.

Richard Garrin, music director of Lutheran Church in Summit.

Summit Chorale, will lead a conduct- Garrin will help several previously. \$15 at the door. For more information, ing master class for vocal music teach- selected Conducting Fellows improve call 973-762-8486 or visit www.sumers and choral conductors on Aug. 6 their technique while leading a lab- mitchorale.org. Refreshments will be



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SAGE Eldercare, a major community resource for 10:30 a.m. A continental breakfast is provided. For infor Hour" sessions with Jacqueline Vogelmann, SAGE Elder- 908-273-5942.

'Coffee & Conversation' brewing

Started in late spring, these sessions provide a rare in the establishment and delivery of innovative services for opportunity to meet with the SAGE executive director to older adults and their caregivers; providing them with diglearn more about the programs and services of the agency, nity and choice. allow for questions/answers and finish with a quick tour of These services allow the elderly to remain independen the new building at 290 Broad St. in Summit.

Sessions are free and intended for those in the commutheir lives comfortably in their homes.

and living in their own homes. Present SAGE programs include HomeCare, Meals-on-Wheels, State Health Insur-

eldercare, now offers monthly "Coffee & Conversation mation or to reserve your spot for one of the fall dates, call SAGE Eldercare serves as a major community resource

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nity interested in learning more about SAGE Eldercare, a ance Assistance Program of Union County, Bill Paving, a nonprofit agency founded in 1954, whose mission is to pro- Shopping Service, InfoCare, a Resale Shop, Chore Service vide programs and services that allow seniors to live out and Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center. SAGE serves 5,000 older people and their families Dates for the fall include Sept. 14, Oct. 19 and Nov. 16. annually in Essex, Morris, Somerset and Union counties. The program begins promptly at 9:30 a.m. and ends at For information, log onto www.sageeldercare.org.

Attending one of the June 'Coffee and Conversation' events are, seated. Mary Moser of Summit and Jerri Tanella. Standing are Bob Parsons, Ed Ryan, Penny Barth of Summit Lenore Ford, Elizabeth and Frank Boye of Summit, SAGE Eldercare Executive Director Jacqueline Vogelmann, Sue Edmendson of Summit, Henny Augustinus and SAGE Eldercare Director of Development and Public Relations Hilary Brown-Kruchowy.

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## **Red Cross:** Be prepared

Hurricane season 2004 was unprecedented, with four major hurricanes wreaking havoc within a six- River. week period.

A new hurricane season began June 1, and hurricane forecasters are predicting another above-normal hurricane season, with the possibility of at least 12 to 15 tropical storms, and seven to nine of them becoming hurricanes. In anticipation of this year's hurricane season, the Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross encourages people to be prepared now. Every year, communities suffer loss of life and property because of hurricanes, which can devastate a region with destructive winds, heavy rains and flooding, storm surges and tornadoes.

Hurricanes can affect the communities served by the Summit Area Chapter, including Springfield and Summit and many vacationers from this area head to coastal communities and more hurricane prone states.

-- "It is vital that we all start preparing now in order to stay safe this hurricane season," said Dan Iradi, emergency services director. "Hurricane Dennis pounded the Gulf Coast this weekend, and is still affecting states inland. Dennis is the carliest Category 4 hurricane in recorded history."

"It's important to remember that just because you were safe last year. doesn't mean you shouldn't be prepared for emergencies this year. The Mountainside. time to prepare is now. Create your personal disaster and evacuation plan and make sure you build a disaster supplies kit. Knowing what to do in an emergency situation is your best protection."

The American Red Cross, the National Weather Service and the Fed- buses for Campton Bus Co., Newark. cral Emergency Management Agency urge each and every family to develop a family disaster plan.

For information regarding how individuals and families can prepare for disasters, visit www.redcross.org or call the Summit Area Chapter at 908-273-2076.

Meet with your family to create a plan. Discuss the information you. Church and St. Mark's AME Church, have gathered and why it is important to prepare for a disaster.

#### **James D. Turlev** James D. Turley of Mountainside.

formerly of Summit, died July 4 in Community Medical Center, Toms

Born in Summit, Mr. Turley lived there until moving to Mountainside 45 years ago. He was selected as a first team All-State Group 3 football player in 1949 for his performance as guard. for the Summit High School football

Mr. Turley received a bachelor of science in business from Seton Hall University, South Orange, and a master's degree in business from New York University, New York, He served as a medic in the Army from 1952 to 1954 and was discharged with the rank of corporal.

Mr. Turley worked as a computer analyst for Prudential Insurance Co., Newark and Roseland, for more than 37 years before retiring in 1993. He was a volunteer at Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Mr. Turley was issued an award for accumulating 1,100 hours of volunteer service to the hospital. He also was a volunteer at Eucharistic Chapel in Mountainside.

Surviving are his wife. Jeanette: two daughters, Cindy Ecay and allison Madden; a brother. Richard Turley, and five grandchildren.

#### Hardy Lee Smart

Hardy Lee Smart, 87, of Spring field, died July 2 in the Manor Care,

Born in Newark, Mr. Smart lived in Commercial Wiper Supply Co., Hillside, where he worked for 60 years. Mr. Smart was a part-time travel

agent with St. George Travel Agency, Linden. He also drove long-distance

Mr. Smart directed the Pilgrim Baptist Church choir in Summit for 53 years before retiring 12 years ago. After retirement, he continued to direct the church choirs at the Aenon Baptist Church, the Bethel AME Bapfist Church and the Calvary Baptist Church, all in the Vauxhall section of Union, and the Peaceful Zion Baptist both in East Orange.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years.

two daughters. Evangelist Estelle and LaGrenion Campbell; two stepdaughters, Virginia Younge and Vi Bowman: a brother, George; 12 grandchildren. 23 great-grandchildren and six greatgreat-grandchildren

#### Rav Blacksburg

Ray Ann Blacksburg, 83, of Springfield died July 6 in St. Barnabas. Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Blacksburg lived in Jackson Heights, Queens, before moving to Springfield last December. She was a secretary for Sam Friedlander in the garment center in New York City before retiring 14 years ago. Before that, Mrs. Blacksburg worked in bridal retail in New York City.

Surviving are a daughter, Rosalyn Feuer; two grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren

#### William F. Dermody

William F. Dermody, 77, of Annandale. formerly of Mountainside, died July 9 in Hunterdon Care Center, Raritan Townshin

Mr. Dermody was a marketing executive with Exxon International in New York City for many years before retiring. He was a graduate of St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, Pa., where he received a bachelor's degree in philos-

A Navy veteran, he served during World War II. During the Korean War. he was an Army intelligence officer.

Mr. Dermody was named an allstate baseball player at St. Benedict's Springfield. He was the manager of Prep School in Newark many years

Born in Elizabeth, he lived in Roselle and Mountainside before moving to Annandale three years ago. Surviving are Grace, his wife of 53

years; sons, Bill and Michael: a daughter, Mary Jorgensen; a sister, Mary; and seven grandchildren.

## Sir D. Peabody-Smidt

New York City, a longtime resident of Springfield, died June 18 at home, Born in Newark, Sir Peabody-Smidt lived most of his life in Springfield before moving to New York City. two years ago. He was a businessman, philanthropist and chairman of the

New York City-based Peace Angels Earlier. Sir Peabody-Smidt created

the International- Center for Educational Advancement and was the founder of the Peabody Fund, an organization dedicated to helping the He was knighted by the King of

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Nubia and helped to develop Xelat and the Center for International Advancement in Newark. Surviving are his wife. Lin Evola-

Smidt: two sons, Blake and Christopher; a daughter, Norma; his mother, Jeanette Levine; a stepson, Jason Warnke, and several grandchildren.

#### **Concetta Santucci**

Concetta Santucci, 87, of the Holiday City West section of Berkeley Township, formerly of Mountainside. died July 2 in Community Medical Center, Toms River.

Born in Monroe, N.Y., Mrs. Santucci lived in Mountainside before moving to Berkeley Township 21 years ago.

Surviving are a son, Richard; a daughter, Constance; two sisters, Rose Scarano and Maric Giorella; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## Henry G. Heimstaedt

Henry G. Heimstaedt, 77, of Summit, died July 10 in Overlook Hospi-

tal. Summit. Mr. Heimstaedt was a reinsurance vice president with the Atlantic Companies in Madison, where he worked for 42 years before retiring in 1992. He received a bachelors degree

from Queens College and a CPCU degree from the College of Insurance. both in New York City. Mr. Heimstaedt served in the Navy during World War II.

He volunteered with Habitat for

sons, Russell and Donald, and a daughter. Lorraine.

**Robert W. Smith** Mr. Robert W. Smith, 85, of Hamburg. Pa., a former Springfield resident, died July 11 in the Laurel Nurs-

ing Home, Hamburg. Employed as a machinist at Potter Aeronautical in Union, he built flow meters for the Mercury Space Mission, which John Glenn piloted for the first manned orbital mission. He was given a commendation from President Kennedy for his work on the project. Mr. Smith also owned Smith Greennouses in Springfield. Born in Springfield, he lived in Long Beach Island before moving to Hamburg in 1999. Surviving are his wife. Martha: two grandchildren and four great-grandhildren

#### Jean Barr

Mrs. Jean Barr, 94, of Summit died Friday in Overlook Hospital.

Mrs. Barr was an English teacher with the Maplewood-South Orange school system for many years before retiring in 1975.

She graduated from Syracuse University with a bachelor of arts degree and from Montclair University with a masters degree in education. She was

Surviving are a son, William W.: a

daughter, Alice Barr Kuchta, and two Florence Piccione grandchildren.

Summit died July 14 at her home. Mrs. Thole was a noted equestrian 1928 with her horse Gaytimes. She was also a polo player in Bedminster.

to Summit 72 years ago. Nancy Marie Torsney, Josephine Ann McNally and Barbara Ann Finley: 15 Paul; a daughter, Tina Ungerman; grandchildren and 30 great-grandchil- brothers, Emery and James Husvar,

a member of the Phi Beta Kappa. Born in Montclair, she lived in Millburn be moving to Summit two years ago.

#### Nancy Poulson Thole Mrs. Nancy Poulson Thole, 101, of

who won ribbons in horse shows at Madison Square Garden from 1920 to

A graduate of St. Elizabeth College in Convent Station, she was a member of the Christ Child Society of Oak Church, a volunteer at Overlook Hos-Born in Keokuk, Iowa, she moved

Surviving are sons, Charles P.,

Humanity and was a member of the Old Guard and the American Associa- Knoll School. Summit and a the Junior tion of Retired Persons, both in Sum- Essex Troop of West Orange. Sir Daniel Peabody-Smidt, 59, of mit. Born in New York City, he lived in Willow Grove, Pa., Allentown, Pa., and New York City before moving to \_\_\_\_\_ Bernard J. Jr. and William; daughters, Summit 36 years ago. Surviving are his wife, Eleanor;



#### Doris V. Holton

Mrs. Doris V. Helton, 81, of North Plainfield, a member of the American Legion Auxiliaries of Summit and New Providence, died July 11 in Overlook Hospital. Summit. Mrs. Holton was a food service

cashier at Bell Labs. Murray Hill, before retiring many years ago. Born in Irvington, she lived in New

Providence before moving to North Plainfield. Surviving are daughters. Virginia

Young and Georgeann Smith; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchil-

#### Karvn E. Oros-Tate

Ms. Karyn E. Oros-Tate, 56, of Mountainside died July 9 in the Robert Wood Johnson University Hos-

pital. New Brunswick She was a member and past president of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived in Westfield for 21 years before moving to Mountainside

Surviving are daughters, Greta Borowicz and Elsie and Ashley Tate; her mother. Louise Oros; a sister, Patricia Whitehead, and a brother. L. Robert Oros

Mrs. Florence Piccione, 80, of Summit died July 11 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Mrs. Piccione was a registered nurse who worked for the Summit Medical Group for 25 years. Earlier, she worked for Overlook Hospital

Summit, for five years. She was a graduate of the Overlook Hospital School of Nursing.

Mrs. Piccione was a member of the Rosary Society at St. Teresa of Avila pital, a member of the Golden Age of Summit, and a member of the Knights of Columbus Columbiettes of Spring-

Born in Pennsylvania, she lived in Summit for 60 years.

Surviving are sons, Phillip and and a grandchild.

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Summit's Toney; GL's Egan, Bergeski, Maxwell-All-Stars

Sports Editor Going for three in a row.

University in Union. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

Union County leads the series for the first time at 6-5 after having won the last two and four of the last five. Union County will attempt to become the first team in the series to win three straight.

Union County won 19-7 last year and 13-0 the year before, both games played at East Brunswick High School. The shutout two years ago is the only so far in the series. Both Union County victories were sparked by MVP performances from quarterbacks Jan Cocozziello of Westfield last year and Mike Vicci of Johnson two years ago.

This will be the second Snapple Bowl to be played at Kean. The first was a Middlesex 28-20 victory in 2002, sparked by MVP running back Zack Earvin of South River.

The Union squad will have Matt Melody of Union and Shawn Gibson of Hillside at quarterback. Melody guided Union to another playoff appearance in North 2, Group 4, while Gibson-almost directed Hillside to one in North 2 Group 2.

Melody will continue his baseball playing days at NJIT. UHS and All-Star teammate Ken Lang will continue his football playing days at Montclair State University. UC All-Star Chris Bergeski of Governor Livingston, a

Mountainside resident, will continue at Southern Connecticut State.

The last time Cranford's Chris Drechsel, Jamar Ingram and Steve Caprio faced Rahway's Damell Butler, Bradley Jones and Joel Pierre was in last year's Central Jersey, Group 2 playoffs. They are all teammates now in the Snapnle Bowl

NOTES: All proceeds from the charity event benefit Children's Specialized Hospital of Mountainside and the Lakeview School for Cerebral Palsy in Edison. The Middlesex County All-Stars practiced at East

Brunswick High School and the Union County All-Stars at Union High School. Practice for the Middlesex County All-Stars was moved

to Monroe High School for two days because that playing surface is FieldTurf, the same used at Kean University. The Middlesex County coaching staff hoped the move will help their players make the transition come game time. All players and coacher were were to visit their respec-

tive charities Monday for a pre-game pep rally with the kids. Union County participants were to go to the Fany ood facility of the Children's Specialized Hospital, while Middiesex County participants were to visit the Lakeview School for Cerebral Palsy in Edison

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He was honored as an athlete in the Faces in the Crowd

Two weeks earlier, he won the shot put competition

Scott helped the FSU men capture the 2005 ACC Out-

Scott set a new ACC championship meet record with a

listance of 64-04.00 (19.61m) in the men's shot put.

Senior defenseman John Tammaro of Summit

ember of the 2005 Hobart College men's lacrosse team.

Summit's Tammaro competes

for Hobart men's lacrosse

ection of Sports Illustrated this past spring season.

Scol-men-no-no-comer poker 20-year.

Freitas of J.P. Stevens, Nicole Galuchie of East Brunswick Sara Garbarini of Monroe. Andrea Grasso of Dunellen, Tara Hapstack of Carteret, Gayle Jacobson of Metuchen, That's what the Union County All-Stars will be doing Jaime Krukas of North Brunswick, Lindsay Magee of Editonight when they clash with the Middlesex County All- son, Vicki Malko of Piscataway, Melissa Marques of Colo-Stars in the Home News Tribune Snapple Bowl 12 at Kean nia. Christine Martinez, Laura McNally of Bishop Ahr, Michelle Meyer of J.F. Kennedy, Monique Robinson of-South Brunswick, Dominique Williams of Woodbridge.

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MVPs FROM 11 DIFFERENT SCHOOLS There have been 11 MVPs from 11 different schools in the first 11 Snapple Bowls. Union County MVPs have come from Summit, Rahway,

lizabeth Linden Johnson and Westfield Middlesex County MVPs have come from Monroe. South Brunswick, Dunellen, Perth Amboy and South River. Here's the list of scores, MVPs and the positions they played: 2004: Union 19, Middlesex 7

MVP - Jan Cocozziello, Westfield, quarterback

2003: Union 13. Middlesex 0 MVP - Mike Vicci, Johnson, guarterback 2002: Middlesex 28, Union 20

MVP - Zack Earvin, South River, running back 2001: Union 17, Middlesex 16

MVP - Brandon Bracey, Linden, defensive back

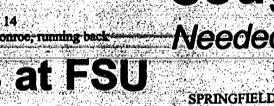
MVP - Billy Gilbert, Elizabeth, running back 1999: Middlesex 28, Union 7

MVP - Jeff LeSeur, Perth Amboy, wide receiver 1998: Middlesex 33, Union 7

MVP: Luke Cianello, Dunellen, quarterback 1997: Union 28, Middlesex 7

MVP - Louis Campbell, Rahway, quarterback 1996: Middlesex 21, Union 6

MVP: Khamisi Jackson, Monroe, running back



aseball team was one win shy from fulfilling one of its reseason goals. Every team in the league sets its sights on the district layoffs when the season begins, but only four from Union

County qualify. Union Roselle and Cranford claimed the first ta leaving only one post-season both at large Four teams - Watchung Hills, Westfield, Scotch Plains,

On Monday afternoon, Westfield defeated Scotch Plains and Springfield defeated Watchung Hills to set up a meeting between Westfield and Springfield Tuesday in the final of the mini-tournament.

If Springfield was able to defeat Westfield Tuesday, the Bulldogs would play at least two games this weekend in the first round of the district double-climination event.

with a 7-3 win over Cranford to improve to 12-6-1. Prior to that victory, Springfield downed Union 15-1 at Ruby Field last Friday, taking advantage of a depleted

Springfield's Scott excels at FSU Dorian Scott of Springfield, who attended Thelma Sand-The Statesmen compiled a 7-7 overall meier and F.M. Gaudineer schools and then Seton Hall Prep ished fifth in the ECAC Lacrosse League with a 2-4 record Tammaro played in and started 13 games this season. He in West Orange, had a stellar track and field career at Flori-

icked up 25 ground balls, including a season-high five in a 12-6 triumph over Canisius. Temmaro completed his career with 79 ground balls in record with a throw of 64-4 to win the Atlantic Coast Con-Wearing No. 6, Tammaro started in all 13 games he

crence outdoor championship, helping the seminoles to the played i Summit's McAuley. Kagdis

honored at Morristown-Beard Summit residents Jeremy McAuley and Dan Kagdis

McAuley, a junior, earned the boys' lacrosse Coaches Kagdia a junior, carned the junior varsity boys' lacrosse Coaches Award:

The students, who will be seniors in the fall, were himored at the Morristown-Beard spring sports awards ceremony back in May.

Brunswick.

MVP: Kenny Rogers, South Brunswick, running back 1995: Union 17, Middlesex 15 MVP - Jamie Allen, Summit, wide receiver

1994: Middlesex 35, Union 14

By JR Parachini



"In addition to his fielding abilities, he is also a ver good hitter.'

## PAGE B2 --- THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2005-

## Homeless council nets \$150K donation

Interfaith Council.

Interfaith Connerl for The Homeless of Union County - children will now have the gift of stability and safety that received a donation of \$150,000 for the second year in a - a home of ones own provides. row, from a Springfield individual who wishes to remain ationymous. Their goal is to make a significant invest- poverty - it's the first rung on the ladder to jobs, educament and contribution towards ending homelessness in tion, health-care and self-sufficiency. With the support of Union County in partnership with IFC. Jerry Bongiovanni, a Springfield resident and deacon the lives of children and their families as well as future

at St. James Church in Springfield, delivered the check generations," said Barbara Aaronoff, executive director of for \$150,000 on behalf of his friends. Bongiovanni, an IFC board member, said, "The

donors are so impressed with the work Interfaith is doing less population in the United States is comprised of workin the area of affordable housing for extremely lowincome and disabled individuals and families.

"The before and after pictures of formerly abandoned old. or dilapidated houses into beautiful affordable housing will take your breath away."

Interfaith Council is one of the top providers of affordable housing-in Union County. It is the only affordable housing program in Western Union County for extremely headquartered at 905 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield, is a lew-income families that also provides comprehensive non-profit organization dedicated to improving the qualisupport services and case management for its residents. Housing programs without accompanying support services makes it very difficult for families to become self Hospitality Network, transitional and permanent housing.

sufficient and independent. IFC Director of Finance & Housing, Anthony Buon- motes personal development, independence, self-suffipane, said the donation would provide the final funding ciency, and community building for safe and stable neighneeded to complete the rehabilitation of eight units of borhoods. housing IFC acquired in 2004.

This includes a beautiful three-family Victorian home www.interfaith-council.org or call Mary Robinson, direcin the historic district of Plainfield. Eight families with tor of external affairs, at 908-753-4001. Ext. 20.

information for the vouchers. Bilingual staff will be available. For more information, call the Union County Division on Aging at 1- corresponding secretary. 888-280-8226. The office can also be

908-527-4872. Vouchers will be distributed for the and Herran. Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Prosites in the coming weeks:

- Today: Hillside War Memorial Building, Liberty Avenue and Memor- UCC Foundation elects ial Drive, Hillside, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. • Friday: First Baptist Church, 402 Union Ave., Elizabeth, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. -• Tuesday: Ann Ferguson Towers,

1601 Dill Ave., Linden, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m • July 29: Garwood Seniors, 403

South Ave, Municipal Building, Garwood, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. • Aug. 2: Bethel A.M.E. Church,

245 Hilton Ave., Union, 9 a.m. to 1 • Aug. 3: Rahway Senior Center,

- Aug. 16: Pinewood Hall, 250

• Aug. 23: Westfield Community

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## New officers for UCC

Alumni Association

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icaid Card, or proof of annual income Vouchers will be distributed and farmers will be available at several locations throughout the county during the months of July and August. Union County representatives from the Division on Aging will be available to assist seniors in filling out the

Online at

vice president. New board members include

Donna Herran of Roselle and Katie Kleissler of Landing.

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"Housing is one of the basic ways to break the cycle of

its loval, committed donors, IFC is literally transforming

Aaronoff pointed out that more than half of the home-

ing women with children, adding that the average age of a person served by IFC in its shelter program is nine years

"I think if more people realized this, they would be

Interfaith Council for The Homeless of Union County,

motivated to join us in our mission to ensure every indi-

ty of life for the homeless and those at risk of homeless-

education, and other supportive services. IFC also pro-

For more information about Interfaith Council, visit

ness. It provides emergency shelter through the Interfaith.

vidual has a home to call their own," said Aaronoff.

The Union County College Foundation Board of Directors has announced the election of Lawrence D. Bashe as its new chairman. Bashe, a longtime resident of Plainfield, is managing director of Advest Inc. Also elected were Thomas J. Sharkey Jr. of Watchung, president of Bank of Amerman and Carol A. Hertling of New ork City as treasurer.

County College and former chief financial officer of Kelso & Co. Outgoing President Bruno E. "Bud" Ziolkowski of Berkeley Heights will remain on the Executive Committee as minediate past chairman.

d to the UCCF board. They are Summit resident and community volunteer Barbara Enmeier Bunting, outgoing chairwoman of the Board of Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey, treasurer of the Summit Area Public Foundation, and member of the board of Summit Helping Its People; and Elizabeth "Beth" Ealie of Union, vice president, government banking for Wachovia Bank. Ealle At its final meeting of the 2004-05 serves on the boards of the Union academic year, the Union County Col- County Economic Development lege Alumni Association inducted its Authority and the United Way of Clerk elected director

Other officers appointed are ed was Plainfield resident Rober's L. Treasurers at the organization's annual and Charles Shallcross, an Elizabeth Suzanne S. Covine of Westfield, treas- Smith, a home mortgage consultant conference earlier this month. urer, and Jeff Chait of Springfield, with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage in Cranford, and Timothy A. Williams of pi sits on the IACREOT Board of County Historical Society; Shallcross

in Union County.

Current board member Mary M. grams and services, among other Below each postcard is a short

dation, a 501 (c)(3) independent non- which would provide a forum for the abeth over the past 100 years, said profit organization, raises funds to free exchange of information, result- Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, support students and innovative pro- ing in improved standards for serving chairwoman of the Union County grams at Union County College.

campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth, records, courts, and elections. Plainfield and Scotch Plains, where it enrolls over 35,000 credit and non- pi was elected Union County Clerk in 1933. credit students.

#### Blue 7th picnic Aug. 6

Blue 7th, a nonprofit political organization dedicated to electing a democratic member of Congress from New Jersey's 7th Congressional District, will sponsor a barbeque picnic fund-raiser 4 p.m. until dark Aug. 6 at the Watchung Reservation in Mountainside.

The gathering will be at the Oak Grove picnic area at the loop above Surprise Lake. Admission costs \$15 for adults and younger than 18 free. Come enjoy camaraderie, games, and Clerk. the park itself with a playground, hik- Poster of vintage ing trails, etc. BYOB.

Tickets can be purchased . at http://www.blue7th.com. For more information, contact pic-

nic@blue7th.com or call 908-561-6387.

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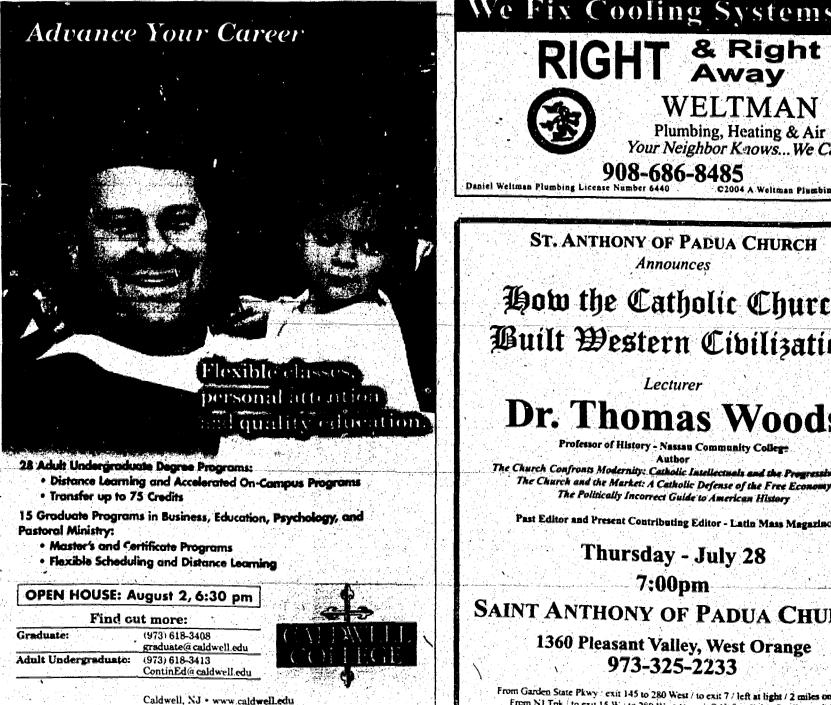
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appointed offices for the past 30 years. floor, Elizabeth, 07207, She served as the first female mayor Payment may be made by cash or a woman to hold the position of County \$2.25.

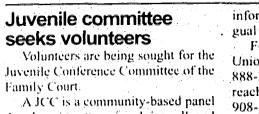
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Centennial Committee.

for the Union County Sheriff's Office Union County.







A JCC is a community-based panel that hears matters involving alleged juvenile offenders. The juvenile, parents/guardians, and complainant are invited to discuss the offense and related matters with the committee.

The JCC considers the facts and makes recommendations to the judge for a resolution that would aid in the juvenile's rehabilitation. The program is designed to divert juveniles charged with minor offenses to their local JCC instead of a court proceeding.

For more information, contact the Juvenile Conference Committee, Office of the Court Administrator, Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad Sr. Elizabeth.

#### Senior Farmers' Market

The Union County Division on Aging in the Department of Human 1306 Esterbrook Ave., Rahway, 9 a.m. Services is continuing the Senior to I p.m. Farmers' Market Nutrition Program to • Aug. 9: Elizabeth Presbyterian help senior citizens enjoy the fruits Center. First Street and Magnolia and vegetables of the Garden State's Avenue, Elizabeth, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. summertime harvest. The Union County Board of Cho- West Second Ave., Roselle, 9 a.m. to 1

sen Freeholders and the Union County p.m. Division on Aging in the Department of Human Services will once again Center, 558 W. Broad St., Westfield, participate in New Jersey senior farm- from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. ers' market.

This year senior citizens will be required to bring proof of annual programs for senior citizens, call 888income when they register for the 280-8226. vouchers. Applicants must meet the following guidelines:

• Be a resident of Union County of Union • Be 60 years of age or older • Have an annual income under

\$20,989 for an individual or under \$25,735 for a married couple

new officers and board members. Nancy J. Benz of Cranford was named the new president: Gina Hamilton, of Plainfield, operator of Clerk Joanne Rajoppi their New Jer-Caivano of Roselle Park, first vice Scottish Wild Harvest LLC and a five- sey delegation director to the Internapresident, and Linda I. Kurdilla of year member of the Hotel Industry tional Association of Clerks, Inion, recording secretary and second Training Board in London. Also elect- Recorders. Election Officials and

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This year's alumni representatives Rahway, a UCC alumnus and manag- Directors. Over her four-year term, is a past president. The poster was reached by dialing 908-527-4870 or to the UCC Board of Governors are er of community outreach, Mid- Rajoppi will be responsible for keep- designed by Matthew DiRado, direc-Karen Edwards of Scotch Plains, Benz Atlantic Region, Elizabethtown Gas ing the state membership informed tor of Special Projects and Graphic Company, For more information on the Union gram and farmers will be available- County College Alumni Association, Zimmermann of Summit was elected duties. with their produce at the following or to join, call Sue Marchelitis at 908- to a three-year term as a UCCF IACREOT was founded in 1971 by graph and its place in history. The 709-7505. Trustee.

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Hertling is an alumna of Union

Five new members were also elect-

Greater Union County. Also joining the board is Andrew New Jersey elected Union County



Jerry Bongiovanni, a Springfield resident and deacon at St. James Church in Springfield, presents a check for \$150,000 from an annonymous Springfield donor to Barbara Aaronoff, executive director of Interfaith Counci for the Homeless of Union County and Mary Robinson, director of external affairs for Interfaith. The donation will be used for the matching funds required for the acquisition and rehabilition of four more units of affordable housing

resident

Sargent is president of the Union about the organization's events, pro- Compliance for Union County.

informative description of the photoa group of government officials who postcards show the evolution of the The Union County College Foun- wanted a professional organization county complex and of Midtown Eliz-Courthouse Centennial Committee.

The earliest photo is an 1890 shot New Jersey's system of nineteen cials whose responsibilities fall into of the previous courthouse, which was county colleges and operates major one of four areas: finance, land built in 1811. Other photos include the current courthouse, which opened in A Union Township resident, Rajop- 1905 and saw additions in 1927 and

The posters are available for \$10 for re-election to another five-year each, with proceeds going to pay for term this year. She is past president of Courthouse Centennial programs and the Women's Political Caucus of New the preservation of historic artifacts. Jersey, the Constitutional Officers Posters can be obtained by calling Association of New Jersev and the 908-527-4787 or in person at the New Jersey Association of Counties. Union County Clerk's Office, Union Rajoppi has served in elected and County Courthouse, Old Annex, first

of Springfield; the first female Union personal check made out to Union County freeholder chairwoman; the County Courthouse Centennial Comfirst female Union County Register of mittee. To have the poster shipped, Deeds & Mortgages, and the first include a postage and handling fee of

The Courthouse Centennial Committee and the Board of Chosen Freeholders are hosting an ongoing series of activities celebrating the Union A deluxe poster of vintage postcard County Courthouse's 100 years as a scenes of the Union County Court- center of law, justice and government house and Midtown Elizabeth dating in Union County. A Courthouse Cenback to the 1890s is now available tennial and Cornerstone Cansule from the Union County Courthouse exhibit will be on display through Dec. 9.

The 24x36-inch poster includes 18 The exhibit includes unique artinistoric scenes, taken from vintage facts from a time capsule buried in postcards in the private collections of 1903 as well as memorabilia celebrat-Lester Sargent, chief warrant officer ing the past 100 years of history in

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Above left, 'To Market, To Market,' and above right, 'Ring Around Rosie,' two of the watercolor paintings by Judy Martindale that will be on display, along with the work of Jack Mas-

# Watercolor paintings shown at Mountainside hospital

By Jeff Cummins Associate Editor

WORRALL NEWSPAPERS

Judy Martindale took a slight. detour before returning to her art. Martindale, whose father was a photographer, trained as a painter and studied art in college.

But after school, she became a psychologist, and spent 40 years in to painting.

ed in oil, now I only paint in water- shows an old model T Ford. color."

Her work is straightforward, and speak about it in a way that showed he work is a painting titled "So Many "A lot of unexpected things happen dale's work, call 908-301-5463, or log that field, before finding her way back there's almost an optimistic quality to enjoyed that car. It showed he had a Shoes." "Women like shoes, they give "I just returned to painting about

six years ago," said Martindale, see old cars, shoes, legs ... each with a life. I'm not into 'angst' kind of paint- truck and is titled, "Pale Brew."

whose work will be on display at the different meaning, often something ing. I think my work is kind of upbeat, Children's Specialized Hospital in. close to her heart. A classic example maybe whimsical, at times." Mountainside. "Initially, I only paint- of her work is "Cruisin' in 26," which One painting by Martindale, "Ring

A quick glance at some of Martin- enjoy people enjoying life," said Mar- bride in a yellow dress, while all the why the switch to watercolor paint- the Children's Specialized Hospital. dale's work makes it clear that she tindale. "There's a model T Ford on bridesmaids are dressed in green. ing? doesn't focus on depressing topics. my Web site, and my father used to Another example of Martindale's fuller life. I like things that give you a women enjoyment," noted Martindale. Look at her paintings and you'll fuller life, that show people enjoying Still another painting shows an old ative, a lot of spontaneity. It gives me For more information on the show.

Around Rosie," shows the scene after it's called 'Pale Brew,'" "I enjoy painting people, but I a wedding has taken place, with the

# Union singer wows Manor crowd

By Francine Cohen Correspondent

it their local lockup, the Bastille. es."

been told, "Let them eat cake" and promise. He and Russell were accom- softly sang along to her emotional weren't offered cake, much less any panied by Matt Perry on piano and interpretation of "On My Own" and thing else, patrons of The Manor were joined by special guest singers Natalie wiped away a few tears when she fintreated to a generous and tasty four- Toro and Union County native Alex ished. Natalie Toro not only has the course meal.

beets.

reduction. rested on top of a tender, filler-free crab cake that was surrounded by sautéed spinach, pearl vegetables and awash in a subtle emulsified lobster sauce.

Those craving chicken or meat had chicken roulade with portobello mushrooms and the herb-crusted filet mignon rounding out the first three courses of the menu.

The final course was totally unnecessary, as dinner had been so filling. And it's a good thing that we weren't berries, white chocolate ice cream and generous form, provided the always- nearly as good as Sharpe. delightful box of petit fours to round out the meal, still sending diners away

ing experience. If dinner was a great experience, were just about to hear a fabulous Broadway caliber concert, right in

their own backvard. of Broadway." has become something produce it ourselves.

Bastille Day 2005. For those who and Barbra Russell, have performed at so we said to ourselves, well, we'll traveled last Thursday evening to The Manor a number of times. Sharpe just have to find people who sing as enjoy dinner and Cabaret Soirce at noted, "We're very excited to come well as us, or better. And we found West Orange's own chateaux, known back to The Manor, it's our fifth year Alex and Natalie who fit the bill and as The Manor, their experience was a here. We're often here for Bastille Day round out our ensemble cast for the lot more promising that what some and this year we're looking forward to show, and we're thrilled they could be tered 216 years ago a great show with some nice surpris- at the Manor with us, too."

While those poor Frenchmen had And the show lived up to Sharpe's also glad Natalie was there, as they Santoriello.

Once again executive chef Michael While most of this evening's cast Russell were looking for when they Weisshaupt proved himself an inven- either lived in or currently lives in cast her in "A Tale of Two Cities," but, tive force in the kitchen. Weisshaupt's New Jersey they have all honed their like Santoriello, she managed to menu reflected the best of the season talent on Broadway. Ron Sharpe is the inhabit her character for each piece as his offerings included an appetizer only actor to have played both Marius and, without the benefit of props or

from the upcoming show, "A Tale of "Phantom of the Opera," Sharpe

producers of this show, set to preview ning animals. in Chicago in January before it moves All this to prepare us for the clear. to Broadway in the spring. "The Best beautiful, operatic voice of his wife musicals as old and beloved as "West of this song. With great pride, Sharpe Side Story," "Man of La Mancha" and explained that usually during the "Carousel" up through the next gener- Broadway show the actress singing

from the table with very happy taste interpretation of "The Impossible. It's this love for the music they buds and great memories of their din- Dream" from the classic show, "Man sing, and the joy they receive from dentally, rhymes with meter — has to successfully fight a ticket, and, if neously search for that conventient, of La Mancha." Santoriello's passion sharing their passion with the audi- just published "Where to Park Your you are still obligated to pay the tick- and legal space. People miss plenty of for the music resonates as he inhabits ence, that made this a perfect Bastille Car in Manhattan and Where Not to et, how to take care of that. How crit- signs and spots as much as anything then the rest of the night was a grand - each character whose songs he sings, Day celebration. Well, it was almost Park it." It's the consummate guide to ical is the ability to avoid a ticket if else simply because they don't have experience! Le Dome, was packed from Don Quixote to the defecting perfect. with music lovers who knew they Russian player from the short-lived musical "Chess." Sharpe commented, encore, a sing-along of "You'll Never conflicting parking regulations posted think it was pretty substantial. • actually a legal spot at that time. I rec-"When Barbra and I were casting for Walk Alone" from Rodgers and Ham- throughout Manhattan. Armed with "I actually drive my car into Man- ommend that you take a few minutes. our new show. 'A Tale of Two Cities,' merstein's classic, "Carousel." The this book you'll now feel confident hattan again," said McGlynn, when before you go out to go through the

of a tradition as the show's headliners We also knew this show needed big and real-life sweethearts, Ron Sharpe voices, with big ranges like we have,

It was evident the audience was big, full range voice that Sharpe and

plement each other in every way and the ease with which they draw each other out makes one wonder whether

Sharpe chuckled, "The kids don warned the audience to hold onto thei Sharpe and Russell are the lead glasses and watch out for small run-

Not Barbra Russell! She's got the

are filled with super heroes. Superman. Batman. Wonder Woman. Spiderman. And now comes the top Laughter. Four." The purpose of a super hero is By Helen Argers to stop crime. Purse about to be snatched? They'll appear and snatch you mention. The company repreback. About to be kidnapped? They'll nip-nap you back. But think assemble. The directions are in And fly away, leaving you lost about it — how often in your daily there." Valiantly, you tackle the among the pieces. life are you kidnapped? When is the directions. "Step one: assemble your Other times super people would last time you fell off a building and a tools." Tools? No mention of tools come in handy: when the dentist superman-spiderman type scooped - even in the asterisk. You peruse says, "This won't hurt a bit" while you up and landed you safely? Last the directions carefully for more coming at you with a pliers-typeweek? Last month? Last lifetime? asterisks. Find one! A bold-faced thing aimed at your mouth. Superthey'd just be shadowing you walk- screws, and knobs should be tight- and demand: "It better not hurt, or ing to the supermarket and back, ened to avoid accident." Great! You I'll zap back double pain to you! getting annoyed that you have no... not only have to assemble the chair Pow!" need for their special-talents, whis- but keep assembling it over after. A That one threat will assure your

standing around here in this hot suit you spread out the parts all over your pain-free and no more hour waits in just to watch you strolling! Do living room floor. Next, you assem- a small room with old magazines and look down. Now, lean waaay you used it to open a paint can a few "Prompt payment required." Your over! Take a flying leap!" you don't need help from anyone, a "Step two: Check whether chair is that's another handy time to turn to a

large cardboard package is delivered manual or pneumatic." The all-pur- super person who can fly around and holding the computer chair you pose directions don't specify. How report back. "Found Jimmy, He's ordered. Happily, you tear open the are you supposed to know? You look fine. He and his friends are mall box and look inside. No chair. Just at the scattered chair pieces, but shopping in 'Victoria's Secret.'" Oh. parts of a chair that look like a they're not talking. You skip ahead Of course, a cell phone would butcher cut it up so you could better to "Step three: Insert casters into have done just as well, if your loved serve the chair's main section on a base. There will be some resistance one remembered to report in. Actuplatter with nuts and bolts as deco- before you hear a snap." Okay, you ally, we don't really need super guys rating touches. Outraged, you call push one rolling wheel, or caster, or gals at all. Because we are the the company. They refer you to the into a base hole. It resists. Well, they ones who eventually assemble our catalogue page. "Yes," you acknowl- did warn you. You push harder. chairs, face the dentist, wait for chiledge, "There is a tiny asterisk." And More resistance. Harder. The caster dren or mates to come home. In on the bottom of the next page, you rolls away and hides under the sofa. show, each one of us is pretty super sov another asterisk before two You find it. Push again. It resists on our own. We're Super Us. words in mini-type: "Assembly again. You wait for the snap in place, required." No mention of that aster- but the only thing that finally snaps Helen Argers is an award-winning isk point during your phone order, is you!

## By Francine Cohen

only small disappointment. The blue- that maybe, with some practice and from "West Side Story." In addition to life. No, this isn't how much you'll parking spot knowing you won't the book. He explained, "Planning berries were bathed in an overly sweet coaching from Sharpe, they might just their playfulness, there is a richness get when you win the lottery. It's how return to find one of those garish ahead is what this book is all about. I glaze that masked their bright flavor sound this good in their own living and depth to both their voices that illu- much New York City collects in traffic orange tickets on your windshield. Or really is a little bit of insurance. It can and competed with the sweetness of rooms. Perhaps with a lot of practice, minate the strength of their talent, and violations and equals the amount we worse, come back to where you be harrowing when you're driving the cake. But the Manor, true to its but it's doubtful one would sound as even beyond the enjoyment of their all lose at the parking game. So, if you thought you parked your car and not around, and you're late, and people talented voices, Sharpe and Russell are in it, you might as well know how find it there any more because it's are behind you honking and you're

Parking guru Erik Feder — coinci- ticketed; how to collect your car, how by aggressive cab drivers and simultasuccessfully navigating the head- you park in New York City? Plainfield the time to stop and read and deter-The evening ended with just one scratchingly unfathomabie, seemingly resident Frank McGlynn seemed to mine whether or not an empty spot is This evening's program, "The Best we knew we couldn't do the show and only problem? The audience left want- about parking on the street. And also discussing the book. book and note a few streets ing more. book and note a few streets ing more. book and note a few streets ing more. book and note a few streets book and note a few streets ing more. book and note a few streets ing more invaluable tips about "It's already helped me find free streets ing more. book and note a few streets ing more invaluable tips about a few streets ing more invaluable t

## toasted pine nuts and an arugula pesto Shop of Horrors," "Oklahoma" and married couple overlaps with the lives and another appetizer composed of "Les Miserables," where she met her Ron Sharpe and Barbra Russell lead as Montrachet goat cheese and summer husband, Ron. Alex Santoriello creat- performers. Their singing talents combed of spaghetti squash enhanced with and Natalie Toro is well known for her they sing out loud in the car. orange zest and served with baby car- role as Eponine in "Les Miserables" Sharpe chuckled, "The kids

Seafood lovers also had the ortion their charming patter, introducing an would have to disagree with those kids of digging into an extraordinarily gen- extensive selection of Broadway because their parents can sing! In

erous serving of seared flounder that blockbusters, and soon-to-be hit songs introducing the theme song from Two Cities." delectable options as well with the of Broadway" highlighted hits from who hit the high E above C at the end

ed roles in three original Broadway rots and snow peas in a thyme beurre and as Grizabella in the tour of "Cats." like us to sing, they tell us we can't. blanc and drizzled with a burgundy The talented group of five regaled They like to sing instead." Well, the audience for over an hour with everyone at The Manor certainly

of San Danielle prosciutto with mari- and Jean Valjean in "Les Miserables." sets, brought each story to life. nated artichokes, roasted peppers, Barbra Russell was seen in "Little Interestingly, the life they lead as a Dinner selections ranged from a companies, "Les Miserables." farm-raised striped bass served on a "Chess," and "Three Penny Opera,"

ation of musicals we've all come to the role uses a pre-recorded version of embrace, such as "Cats," "Phantom of that note rather than attempt it herself. the Opera" and "Miss Saigon." hankering for dessert before the show - Moment" from the 1997 musical it comes across as seemingly effortas the Charlotte raspberry with blue- Jekyll & Hyde, Sharpe belts out this less. gem in his rich, yet approachable Effortless, too, is the way Sharpe a passion fruit coulis, was dinner's voice, leaving the audience to think and Russell's voices blended on songs



terson and Deborah Anne Nero. at the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. For more information, call 908-301-5463

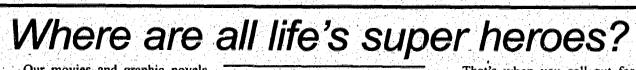
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"It's very free," noted Martindale.

any other medium, I feel it's very cre- dale.com. a great deal of pleasure. I like the call 908-301-5463.

ooseness that you can't obtain in any Martindale's work will be show-

cased along with the works of Jack Masterson and Deborah Anne Nero at 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For more information on Martinwith watercolors that you can't get in on to her Web site, www.ilmartin-



That's when you call out for superman who wouldn't take resistance from anyone, especially not a caster. But if Spiderman, Superman or even Wonder Woman appear, they'll look at the directions, and contemptuously announce: "We do killers. We don't do assembling. scattarive assures, "It's easy to Assembling is beneath our leve

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playwright and novelist.



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of 1975, 30-year reunion, 2005, Union High School, Class 1985, 20-year reunion, 2005. · Union High School, Class

1995, 10-year reunion, 2005. . Union Hill High School, Class of 1975, 30-year reunion, 2005. - Union High School, Class of

1976, 30-year reunion, 2006. • Union High School, Class of 1981, 25-year reunion, 2006

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town 07726 or call 732-617-1000. · Lind n High School will hold an all-graduates picnic reunion on Aug.

27 from 1 p.m. to dusk at Memorial Park on South Wood Avenue, Bring your own chairs. For more information, call Jim

Kupcho at 732-634-8674, or send an e-mail to LP63044@comcast.net. • Union High School, class of

July 30 at the Spring Lake Manor, 415 - St., Orange, Highway 71, Spring Lake Heights. Tickets cost \$65 per person.

more information, or call Fran Whitney at 732-382-5593. Fran will also take information

about missing classmates. · Hillside High School, class of Costa's Restaurant, Roselle Park on Nov. 26.

Anyone with information about missing classmates may contact two men. Shirley Anne at 908-241-8298, or send an e-mail to hhsclassof1975@com- Editorial deadlines cast.net.

 Linden High School, Class 1955, will have a 50th reunion celebration dinner on Oct. 29 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road; Clark. For more information, contact

Janet Melleky Patrick at 732-458-8843, or Janice Cabarly Wenk at 732- a.m. 370-4103 · Orange High School Class of

1950 is having its 55th reunion on Sept. 28 at the Essex House on Northfield Road in West Orange. Contact Bob Rizzo for information at 973-736-

Cost is \$32 per person. · South Side High School Class of 1935 will hold its 70th reunion on Sept. 28 from noon to 4 p.m. at the 1970, will hold its 35th reunion on Appian Way Restaurant, 619 Langdon

There will be a cash bar, Reservations are \$30 per person. Make checks Write to Reunions Unlimited Inc., payable to South Side High School P.O. Box 150, Englishtown 07726, for Alumni and mail them to Allan G.

Katz. 170 Forest Hill Road, West Orange, NJ 07052-3921. All graduates from the 1930s are welcome to attend.

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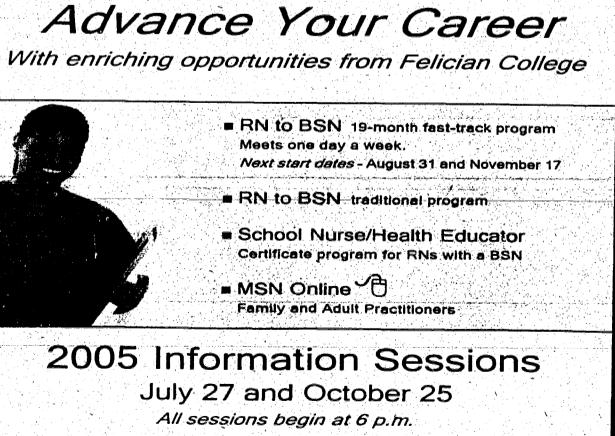
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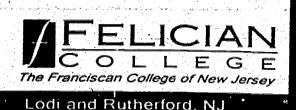
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MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

July 25th-29th, 2005

PLACE: Faith United Church of Christ

ORGANIZATION: Board of Christian

1340 Burnet Avenue, Union, NJ 07083

EVENT: Bible Adventure Camp

TIME: 9:00AM - 12:30PM

PRICE: Donations

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in knowing who you are, where you and launch your dreams. are going and what you are about. VIRGO, Aug. 23 to Sept. 22: It

feels good to be able to help others who cannot help themselves. Do not hesitate to give generously from the heart to a favorite charity or institu-

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: Look for an outlet to express your creativity. Sign up and join a new club or group that is made up of an unusual assortment of people. SCORPIC Oct. 24 to Nov. 21: Lis-

ten to advice from an elder or mentor and turn a business opportunity into a successful venture. Ask questions, take notes and follow instructions.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 22 to Dec. 21: Brilliant ideas are useless or ordi- ative experience this coming year.

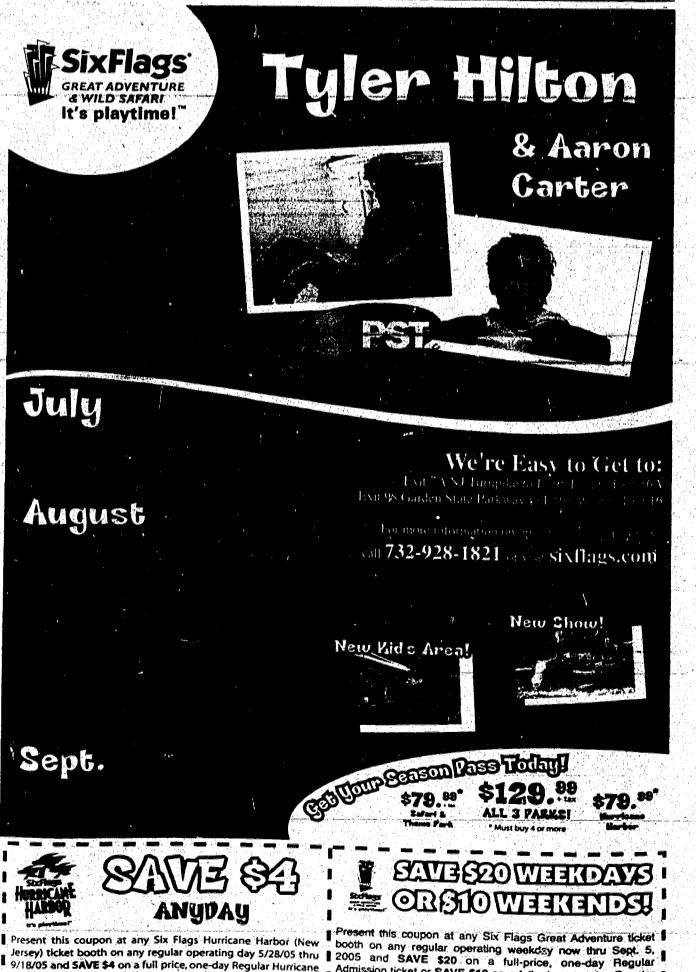
# Summer concerts return to Echo Lake

concerts are conducted on Wednesday the park. evenings in Echo Lake Park at 7:30 D.m.

Attendees can bring their blanket Anyone with information on miss- or lawn chair and picnic basket for an ing classmates should contact these evening of music beneath the stars. roll

 Aug. 3 -- Philadelphia Funk At thority, funk/jazz/pop Aug. 10 — The Nerds, rock 1

Rock 'n' roll entertainment returns The refreshment stand and-restrooms this summer at the 2005 Union Coun- are both open. The concerts are con- band ty Summer Arts Festival. The free ducted near the Mill Lane section of • Aug. 24 - Ed Palermo Big Band Wednesday — Mustang Sally



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# July

August



TIME: 12 noon - 10:00PM DETAILS: Honorees: Mayor Mims Hack ett, Jr. Rosario Farro & Carmine Carn-

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CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 19 Distance yourself from someone who riticizes or judges your every move Spend some quality time alone and pay attention to your inner needs. AQUARIUS, Jan. 20 to Feb. 18: A

loved one or partner has some unusual or unconventional insights to share Stretch beyond the norm and reach a new plateau of understanding. PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20

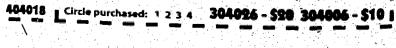
Adaptive is your key word this week Do your best to be considerate of others and to go along with the changes that are requested of you.

If your birthday is this week uncover a unique way to express your individuality and heighten your cre-

• Aug. 17 - The Fabulous Grease with Rob Paparozzi

• Aug. 31 -- The Party Dolls The rain site will be Cranford High School. Call the Parks and Recreation hot line at 908-352-8410 after 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.

admissions per coupon. See Park for restrictions.



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# NYC parking guru's book fights tickets

(Continued from Page 3) take it because you'll know, without it's yours."

Inspired by his own painful experiences with New York City's expecting to park right in the middle arcane parking regulations, Feder of town, drift cast or west a bit set out to write this book as a public where you're much more likely to service. He commented, "I know it find something. Also, bring somesounds cliched but I really did have thing to read in the car. If you land this light-bulb moment. I was taking in a neighborhood where there's job and ran outside for a breath of you can sit and read until it's time to fresh air. In just a few minutes I saw a traffic cop walking down the street, hitting people with parking tickets. Seven in a row! I thought it was amazing that nobody knew the parking regulations and therefore got tickets when they could have been avoided. People obviously needed a tool to help avoid stress and plan ahead. Then I thought someone should put together a guide, someone really should do this. So I looked around to see if will be a snap. In "Where to Park anyone had, and there were a few there are smiley face icons next Web sites and pamphlets but nothing comprehensive. So I wrote my book.'

Writing the book was an intense and time-consuming experience. There are more than 5,100 blocks in 42nd Street and near all the bridg Manhattan. This first Federguide and tunnel entrances. Feder noted covers the downtown\_area, starting "People ask me how exhausting the in Battery Park and climbing up to was and how much driving I did. 30th Street, going from river to drove the entire island, tip to tip, f river. A second guide, covering the months. Up and down every street uptown area from 30th Street to in Manhattan, and there's parking 124th Street, also stretching from on both sides of the street. ofte the Hudson to the East River, is due with different parking regulations out later this year. "Where to Park in So there was a lot to note. I would Manhattan" readers will reap the drive around and jot down all these benefit of Feder's exhaustive parking regulations by hand and research and comprehension of New then had to come back and do the tions. He discovered that there are designed. The driving was fine, bu actually just 30 to 40 major cate- what was really grueling was the gories for parking from alternate data entry. In the middle of that I side rules to no-standing zones but thought it would never get done. multiple variations on each rule

Feder emphasizes taking the carry comprehend them while driving and hunting for a spot. He explained that signs are never contradictory; they just need to be read closely to make sense. He said, "Of course it's good to plan ahead, but if you don't make the time beforehand, make sure you actually they do make sense if you over. legal but everyone else left alone www.wheretoparkmanhattan.com. understand what the sign says. For call 877-412-7275.

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instance, a sign might say 'No park near to where you have to go that ing except commercial parking 11-7 you know will have legal spots at p.m., 3 hr. limit, M.F. That parking the time you arrive. I can't promise space under the sign might sound there will be anything open on the like a guaranteed ticket unless you street where you want to park, but I stop and realize that you are there on can promise that if you're prepared a Saturday and so the sign doesn' and you know where it is legal to apply and it's a perfectly legal place park because you've done your to park. And isn't it great that research, all the honking traffic you're just a block away from won't bother you once you come where you need to go? He offers across an empty spot, and you won't other tips for drivers who may not nanic about whether or not you can make the time to sit down with the guide before heading into the city. having to stop and read the sign, that Feder suggests if you want street -parking leave a little extra time and plan for a little walking. Rather than a quick five-minute break from my alternate side of the street parking leave your car parked legally "Where to Park in Manhattan" additionally a great source of infor mation regarding how to work the muni-meters, feed the regular meter --- legally of course --- and where to park and save when you'd rather put the car in a garage.

Whether you decide to park of the street or in a garage, the thorough guide is easy to use and well designed so that finding a good spot places/streets which are good and frowny face icons next to bad streets where there's no parking anytime or no standing, like in and around the Times Square area particularly o York's 200 various parking regula- data entry into a program I had

Thank goodness it did get findepending on where you are in the ished and the next edition is on the way. For drivers who don't want to around a huge volum time to understand the signs as a "Where to Park in Manhattan" is successful way to avoid getting tick-. available as an e-book and Fede eted. He admits that deciphering plans a smaller Federguide with multiple signs hung together can be general parking tips to come out as daunting. Especially when trying to well. Additionally, Federguides for other cities are in the planning stages. Feder's efforts on behalf of his fellow parkers shouldn't go unheralded. The book sells for \$17.95 and if you avoid just one ticket it has already paid for itself six times over. If using the knowlthoroughly read the signs before edge gleaned from the book saves you leave your car. They might you from getting towed, the guide look conflicting and confusing but has paid for itself almost 14 times

read carefully and often times you To get your copy stop into your can find a space which actually is local bookstore or order online, at because they didn't take the time to \_\_ For additional parking questions,

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nors, brings its 93rd season of summer laby," "Syncopated Clock," and "The Pirates of Penzance." concerts to a conclusion in Min- "Sleigh Ride." dowaskin Park tonight at 7:30 p.m. The finale brings music that is both review of the music of Gilbert and familiar and new to concertgoers in Sullivan with the selection "Gilbert

the park. A feature for the evening will be son, well known for his music embrac- at the end of the 19th century. ing American popular culture. In the early 1930s, Anderson was serving as finest musical theater productions to ty band when he was first noticed by and Sullivan operettas continue to be Arthur Fiedler, conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra.

The band will continue their and Sullivan: Symphonic Suite." "Belle of the Ball" by Leroy Ander- of the light opera; known as operetta.

> With more than a dozen of the immensely popular.

The "Gilbert and Sullivan: Sym- Strand" by Percy Grainger. Fiedler encouraged him to write phonic Suite" includes excerpts from.

# **Union County resident leads art workshop**

pant's reactions to light, heighten per- digital. I handled the photo classes and sonal vision and expend the creative hired specific instructors to teach their our borders. Tuition is \$675. The ways that I never would have expectworkshop given October 15 to 22, is ed. The experience was so great for rienced painter.

Participants will focus on formal and informal architecture that will be found in the small country towns of Abiquiu, Cerrillo, Chimayo, Tranpas and Truchas as well as the large cities of Santa Fe and Taos. While in Chipaintings, await each participant.

learn from each other."

Joining Nancy on this workshop will be Jan Hart, a New Mexico resi-Hart and Ori will also lead a critique lage of Taos Pueblo that has stood is Sept. 1.





The Westfield Community Band, novelty pieces for the orchestra, which three of their best known shows, to the Westfield Municipal Building a under the direction of Thomas Con- brought such hits as "Trumpeter's Lul- "H.M.S. Pinafore," "The Mikado" and 425 E. Broad St. in Westfield.

> Music that will be welcome to the young and young at heart will be selections from "Star Wars."

With the recent release of cpisode three of "Star Wars." the saga is com-Gilbert and Sullivan were the masters plete. While John Williams has composed music for dozens of movies, he s best known for his work on the "Star Wars" movies.

- Additional selections for the band director of the Harvard Universi- come from the Victorian era. Gilbert evening include "Sea Songs" by Ralph Vaughan Williams, "El Capitan" by John Philip Sousa, and "Handel in the Mindowaskin Park is located next

Nancy J. Ori of Berkeley Heights, a "I run a workshop series each session of the work created in the unchanged for centuries, explore his well-known New Jersey artist and spring in Cape May. In 2004, I offered workshop by all participants. They are toric Taos Plaza and its side streets educator, will lead a group of photog- nine workshops on a variety of topics caring, positive, constructive and non- filled with old adobe buildings that raphers and painters to Santa Fe, N. such as plein aire oil paintings, pas- judgmental and will challenge your now house shops, galleries and artist M. for a workshop designed to help tels, sketching and of course a variety potential as a beginner or professional discover and fine-tune each partici- of photography sessions including artist to produce more dramatic paintings and photographs.

process. It is important for every artist specialty in the other arts. I had the emphasize time for careful study of that they can express their vision when to understand in practical terms how privilege of listening to all of them the relationship between environment, they return home. There will be plenty the behavior of light defines the and was absolutely impressed with light architecture, and people, espe- of time at each location for painters to nuances of form, color, space and learning how the other artists see light cially time for recognizing those ele- complete sketches, small works or atmosphere in all mediums. This and color. It has changed my, life and ments, which may effectively lead to vignettes. Painting and sketching parworkshop is being offered to all fine my photography, which is no small paintings or photographs of insight ticipants should be somewhat experiartists who are excited to find new doing after being a professional pho- and emotional value, while always enced in their medium. The only forinspiration and experience the fun of a tographer for 30 years. I have learned being aware of the effect that light mal instruction on painting techniques different culture and cuisine within to see and react to my subjects in new plays in capturing the illusion of will be by Hart at the evening critique value, form, color and space.

designed for all levels of experience in me that I want to share this opportuni- will also explore some special sites ticipants must travel light so that they photography as well as the more expe- ty with others. We have so much to along the Chama River with a visit to are ready and able to move about Ghost Ranch where Georgia O'Keeffe unencumbered by excessive equipfirst explored the landscape.

dent artist, who possesses a rare com- Santa Fe, a city that embraces it natu- their own air and ground transportabination of outstanding watercolor ral environment unlike any other in tion, meals and lodging. Those experience and extraordinary teaching the United States, a city whose beauti- enrolling in the workshop will receive ability. Hart has invited the group to ful, adobe architecture blends with the a complete itinerary and recommendamayo, the group will visit the Santu- her teaching studio in Espanola for an high desert landscape. Another day tion for lodging. All are encouraged to ario de Chimayo, one of the most pop- illustrated lecture and discussion on will be spent discovering the delights bring a significant other, non-artist, at ular churches in N.M., famous for its "Capturing the Light of the South- of the Taos area. Taos is actually a a reduced rate of \$150 to share this miraculous healing mud, and the west." She will go into detail on how blend of several close-knit communi- rewarding experience overflowing numerous shops filled with fine tradi- light reflects, how it relates to artistic ties that, together, provide a world of with history, culture, beauty, warmth tional Chimayo weavings. History, art, vision, how it changes with the sea- infinitely varied experiences. Students and lots of shopping. architecture and the opportunity to sons and time of day, its directional will visit the famous Ranchos De Taos For registration and questions, call make incredible photographs and movement and color. During this visit, Church, the ancient living Indian Vil- 908-790-8820. Registration deadline

The event is free to the public audience members are encouraged to

bring blankets or chairs. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the Presbyterian Church on the corner of Eas Broad Street and Mountain Avenue.

The next performance in the series will be by the Westfield Community Swing Band on July 28. The Westfield Community Band i

sponsored by the Westfield Recreation Department, Bruce Kaufmann, director. For further information. contact 908-789-4080 or go to the band's Web site at westfieldcommunityband.com



studios.

While enjoying the autumn air, painters will be encouraged to photo-The schedule of this workshop will graph the compositions and color so and morning demonstration. Photog-On the day trip in Abiquiu, students raphers may be at any level. All par-

One day will be spent in the city of Participants are responsible for

#### PAGE B6 --- THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2005

Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area. The calen dar is open to all groups and organizations in the Union County area. To place your free listing, send information to: Worrall Community Newspapers, 463 Valley St., P.O. Box 158, Maplewood, 07040, Faxes may be sent to 973-763-2557.

## **ART SHOWS**

"LARGE SCALE WORKS FROM Union County College, 1033 Spring- popular Lunch and Learn series, which field Ave., Cranford. For more informa- is free to members of the public who tion, call 908-709-9155.

AN EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS by award-winning realist artist Paul Casale will run through Aug. 31 at The Framing Center, 9 Eastman St., Cranford. Casale's art combines a 19th century approach to painting with contemporary subject matter. Recent paintings in oils, pastels and watercolors of landscapes, cityscapes, beach scenes and figurative work will be on display.

## BOOKS

THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN BOOK GROUP will meet at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, For-

information, call 732-574-1818 BOOKS BY WOMEN. ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544

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

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

http://www.nj.com/worldofwonder. WRITERS' DISCUSSION GROUP will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. to discuss,

evaluate and offer constructive feedback on various written materials submitted by its members. Submissions cover a wide range of written work. including novels, short stories, poetry and nonfiction works and meets in the quiet Children's Department at Barnes & Noble, located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-6581.

CHILDREN ARE INVITED to Take The Stade with Molly at Barnes & Noble on Friday at 4:30 p.m. "American Girl: Take the Stage with Molly" is for children ages 6 to 12. It's a special hourlong American Girl event. Features of the event include a craft activity to create a sparkly crown and putting together a variety show reminiscent of the shows in the 1940s. Pre-registration is required in the Children's Department and space is limited. Located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-6581.

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR LINCOLN CHILD will sign copies of his collaborate effort with Douglas Preston, "Dance of Death," on Sunday at 2 p.m., at the Barnes & Noble in Springfield. Child will reveal details on FBI Special Agent Pendergast's most personal foe: his brother, Diogenes. Don't miss this exciting afternoon with this enthralling author. Located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-6581.

IN THIS MONTH'S "DISCOVER' BOOK GROUP on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Barnes & Noble in Springfield, "Metropolis," Elizabeth Gaffney captures the splendor and violence of America's greatest city in the years after the Civil War as young immigrants climb out of urban chaos and into the American dream. Join this enlightening discussion group and help select its upcoming months' selections. Located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-6581.

ROBERT KAPLOW will sign copies of his book, "Me & Orson Welles," on July 30 at 4 p.m. at the Barnes & Noble in Springfield. The book features a star-struck New Jersey boy and promises to provide an entertaining afternoon for young and old. Located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-6581.

DR. VANITA BRAVER will sign copies of her books, "Party Princess" and "Pinky Promise: A Book About Telling The Truth," at the Barnes & Noble in Springfield today at 11:30 a.m. These books are part of the Teach Your Children Well Series, a unique tool to help young children develop moral values and confidence. Located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, For information, call 973-376-6581.

HAROLD AND THE PURPLE CRAY-ON will appear at the Barnes & Noble in Springfield on Monday and July 28 at 11:30 a.m. Coloring fun follows a reading of "Harold and the Purple Crayon" by Crockett Johnson. Children are invited for a very "colorful" day. Located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-6581.

## CLASSES

THE DUCRET SCHOOL OF ART is THE COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE located at 1030 Central Ave. and is sit- CONCERT SERIES OF SPRINGFIELD uated on a seven-acre campus in a will take place at Springfield Emanuel historic residential area of Plainfield. United Methodist Church, 40 Church

The school offers full-time and part- Mall, Springfield, Doors open at 7:30 To request HEART Grant information. To learn more about Sweet Adelines, time day and evening classes in fine p.m., shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is contact the Union County Division of Hickory Tree and its quartets, women art, graphic design/computer graphics \$14. and illustration. For information about-the spring

term call 908-757-7171, fax: 908-757-2626, or visit the Web site at www.duCret.edu for details. 1990-1994" by Gayle Ruskin-White LIBERTY HALL MUSEUM on Morris will be on exhibit through July 28 at Avenue in Union has scheduled its

are invited to bring their lunch and

908-412-9105 and press 2, or send an 2550, Relay users dial 711; or send rus.org., send an e-mail to info@hickoe-mail to concerts4causes@aol.com. inquiries via e-mail to rytreechorus.org., or call 973-966-Also, visit the Web site, http://www.cof- culturalinfo@ucnj.org. feewithconscience.com. The fall concert series will begin on the third weekend of September

CROSSROADS IN GARWOOD will feature the following: Every Monday, Open Mic Night.

FILMS

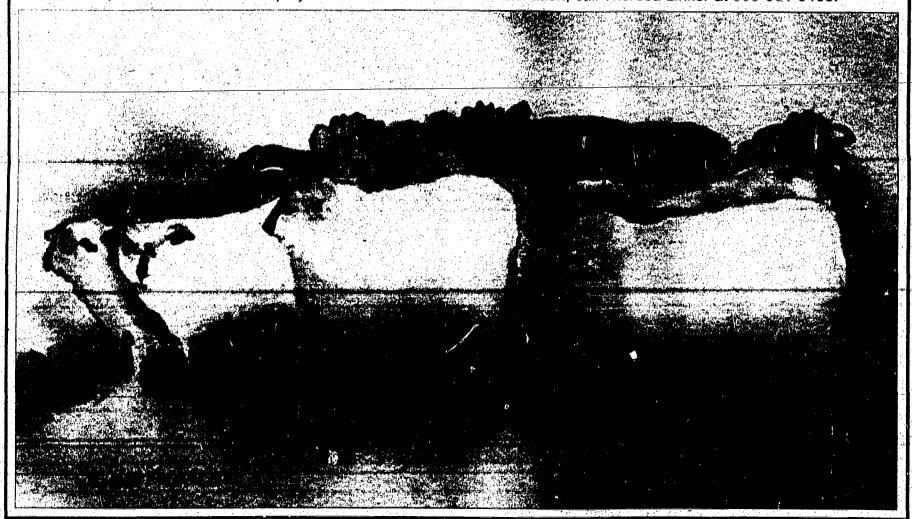
Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl and teen-aged girls who sing are urged For information and reservations, call St., Elizabeth, 07202; call 908-558- to visit the Web site, hickorytreecho-

## INTERNET

THE INTERNET LOUNGE, 256 South THE PURPLE VIOLET FILM FESTI- Ave., Fanwood, hosts an Open Mic/ VAL, an innovative event established Karaoke Night on Sundays at 7 p.m.

Stepping Out

WATERCOLORS - Above is 'Cool Plaids," and below Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, along with the is 'Different Ewes,' both watercolor paintings by Judy work of Jack Masterson and Deborah Anne Nero. For Martindale, whose work is on display at the Children's information, call Theresa Linker at 908-301-5463.



learn. Lunch and Learn takes place on a Tuesday from 12:15 to 1 p.m. Space limited, so call 908-527-0400, for your reservation

Liberty Hall Museum, 1003 Morris Ave., Union, chronicles more than 200 years of New Jersey and U.S. history. The museum is open to the public Wednesdays through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m., April through December. For more information about upcoming Liberty Hall events or for reservations call 908-527-0400. THE NEW SCULPTURE STUDIO of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts has prepared an expanded curriculum. The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts will be offering a new stone carving course for the fall 2005 semester Classes start Sept. 12. Call 908-273-

**CONCERTS** 

MEET THE ORCHESTRA concert

series continues at the Suburban Com-

munity Music Center, 570 Central Ave.,

Murray Hill. For the 18th year, the Sub-

urban Community Music Center, in

cooperation with the New Jersey Sym-

phony Orchestra, will host the Meet the

For more information, call 908-790-

Orchestra senes for children ages 3 to 8.

THE WATCHUNG ART CENTER

ACOUSTIC-FOLK SERIES has begun

at Watchung Art Center, 18 Sterling

Road, Watchung, Doors open at 7:30

p.m., and the shows start at 8 p.m.

Admission is \$15. For information and

reservations, call 908-753-0190 or send

the Web

an e-mail to WACenter@aol.com.

http://www.watchungarts.org/Afolk.ht.

9121 for information.

## Every Tuesday, Jazz Jam

North Ave., Garwood. For information. call Lee at 908-232-5666, or visit the Web site, www.xxroads.com. WESTFIELD COMMUNITY THE BAND, under the direction of Thomas Connors continues its 93rd summer of concerts performing on the gazebo in Mindowaskin Park in Westfield tonight at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Westfield Community Swing Band on July 28. The Westfield Community Band is sponsored by the Westfield Recreation Department, Bruce Kaufmann, director. For further information, contact 908-789-

and embraced by a large audience. Selected works will be presented in the O'Meara Auditorium, located in films showcased will be selected for a more formal viewing in the 950-seat day of the festival. Winners will be selected in three categories: feature, documentary and student, and each of those individuals will be awarded a prize of \$1,000. A reception for the film- LANA'S RESTAURANT in Clark will makers follows the screening. To receive more information about

download an application, visit 9024. www.kean.edu/premierestages.

## HOBBIES

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

information, call 908-964-9724 or 908-964-8808, send inquiries via email to TMRCInc@aol.com or visit the Web site at www.tmrci.com. KNITTING GROUP meets every Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. Knitters are encouraged to bring a favorite project to the Springfield Barnes & Noble Café. For more information, call 973-376-

HICKORY TREE CHORUS, an awardwinning women's chorus singing fourpart a cappella harmony in barbershop style meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the New Jersey Youth Symphony Music Center, 570 Central Ave., New Providence. Open to residents of both Essex and Union counties

by Kean University, will provide profes- Join the group for a cup of gourmet cofsional and studen; minimakers with an fee and a wide variety of organic foods \$2. opportunity to have their work seen and participate in an original poetry reading, a stand-up comedy routine or a musical number. There's no cover charge, and patrons can come in, Hutchinson Hall at Kean University make new friends, surf the Web. or over two days in October. Three of the play a game of Diablo2. NeverWinterNights, WarCraft or Counter-Strike. To ask about a schedule of events, call Wilkins Theatre on the third and final 908-490-1234 or visit its Web site: www.theinternetlounge.com.

## JAZZ

offer dinner and live jazz with Warren Vache every Thursday, beginning at 7 the Purple Violet Film Festival and to p.m. For information, call 732-669-

## **KIDS**

TALES FOR TOTS PRESCHOOL STORYTIME will be offered at Barnes and Noble, Route 22 West, Springfield, Mondavs and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m., and the Kids' Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m. For information, call 973-376-8544.

## RADIO

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

## **SCRIPTS**

PREMIERE STAGES, the new Actors' Equity Association theater program at Kean University, is currently accepting play submissions for the Premiere Stages Play Festival from professional playwrights born or currently residing in New Jersey, as well as in the surrounding areas of New York, Connecti-

Every Wednesday, karaoke night. The Crossroads is located at 78

4080 or go to the band's Web site a ieldcommunityband.com

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

THE SUMMIT INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS group has begun a new season with sessions on Fridays at 8 p.m. at the Connection, Morris Ave. at Maple St.; in Summit. Beginners are welcome, no partners are needed. All sessions begin at 8 p.m.; newcomers may arrive at 7:30 p.m. for extra help. Admission is \$2 for the evening. Call 973-467-8278 for information and a flier listing the season schedule.

## DISCUSSION

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

DANCE Y-SQUARES, a local square dance

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cut and Pennsylvania. There is no fee required to submit a play to the Premiera Stages Play Festival. To request entry guidelines, send a selfaddressed, stamped envelope to Laura Kelly, producing assistant, Premiere Stages at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union, N.J. 07083.

## SINGLES

**DINNERMATES** and Entrepreneurs Group invites business and professional singles to dinner at a local restaurant; wine and mingling is at 8 p.m., dinner is at 9 p.m. Two age groups are available. For information on dates and locations, call 732-822-9796 or visit www.dinnermates.com.

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Donation is \$2. For nformation, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751.

SOCIAL SINGLES DANCING, for 45year-olds and older, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Yankee Buffet Grand Ballroom, 2660 Morris Ave., Union, Admission is \$7. For Information, call 908-688-8816.

## THEATER

KENILWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY will present its second annual "The Bard on the Boulevard" outdoor summer Shakespeare festival. Performances in the series include "Richard III" on July 31 and "Love's Labours Lost" on Aug. 14. All performances are free and open to all member of the general public. Because seating will not be provided, the public is encouraged to bring lawn chairs or other portable seating. Blankets and beach towels are not recommended. In the event of rain, the performance will be moved indoors to the Kenilworth Public Library at 548 Boulevard, For more information, call the Kenilworth Public

Library at 908-276-2451. THE THEATER PROJECT IN CRAN-FORD will present "Jackie, An American Life" which continues through July 31, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. General admission is \$20. On Thursdays, tickets are \$12. Student tickets are always \$10. Reservations are recommended, and can be made by calling 908-659-5189.

THE WESTFIELD SUMMER WORK-SHOP will present "My Fair Lady." on Wednesday and July 28 at 1 and 7:30 o.m. at Roosevelt Intermediate School. 301 Clark St., Westfield. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors, students and children. For information, call 908-518-1551

## VARIETY

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mic Night every Thursday night, a disc jockey every Friday night and solo artists and bands on Saturdays.

Happy Hour is 4 to 7 p.m. Mondays o Fridays, with \$1 drafts and \$3 Long Island iced teas. Mondays are Mexican Mondays with \$2 shot specials, \$2 Coronas, \$2 margaritas and \$1 tacos. Nednesdays are Ladies Nights and karaoke.

The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-6544. CROSSROADS, 78 North Ave., Garwood, presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts; as well as foot-

ball-themed nights. Every Sunday: Live comedy, funk and poetry; Live at instant Coffee, 8

ö.m. Every Monday: Open Mic Night, lappy Hour all night.

Every Tuesday: Jazz Jam; all pints Every Wednesday: Karaoke Night:

Miller Lite and MGD, \$2 all night. Every Thursday: Fiesta Night; Corona, Cuervo and margaritas, \$2 all i night.

For information, call 908-232-5666 or visit www.xxroads.com. MOLLY MAGUIRE'S IRISH PUB in Clark will present entertainment in the coming weeks. Molly Maguire's is

located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call 732-388-6511. SECOND SATURDAYS COFFEE-

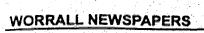
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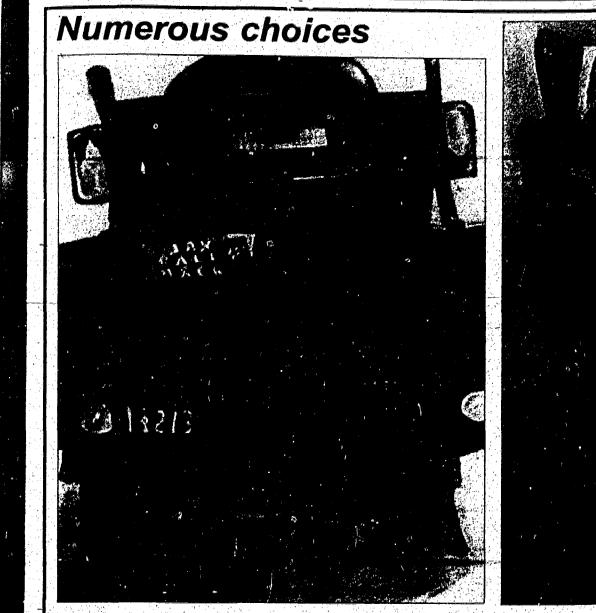
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Three watercolor paintings by Judy Martindale, which will be on display at the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside beginning in early August, are, from left, 'Pale Brew,'

## **THE ARTS**

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

Through July 28, Union County College will be host to an exhibition by Gayle Ruskin-White titled, "Large Scale Works from 1990-1994." This exhibition will hang in the Commons on the College's Cranford campus at 1033 Springfield Ave. Due to extensive renovations being made to the MacKay Library, the Tomasulo's offerings are being moved from the gallery space to various venues on the Cranford campus.

Ruskin-White describes her works as abstractions, using a combination of organic, painterly gestures with line. She works on five or more paintings at incredible 2004-05 season: Tom Pax- nurture and encourage the work of stua time, which allows her to create a ton, John Gorka, a Steve Goodman dents, introduce children to the arts, wonderful dialogue between the memorial celebration, Patty Larkin, attract high-profile artists to the insti-

them to manifest a sense of depth.

This allows the viewer to establish their own dialogue with each painting: there is no correct interpretation of what is seen. The paintings in this 240 Southern Blvd., Chatham, Scott. Premiere Stages at Kean University, or honor to receive an NEA grant, and we canvas, wood panels, and steel. They "We chose the Chatham location 6397, ext. 4410, or send an e-mail to brown, and white, with hints of color. The paintings have an urgency of life and death to them, not in an ominous. way, but instead, they reach out to a universal acknowledgement of the human condition

Ruskin-White lives and works in New York City. She studied art as a child in school and was enrolled in a special college art program for high school students.

She went on to study, with the ncouragement from her teachers, at Prätt Institute in New York City, receiving a BFA in drawing. Following graduation, she lived in Mexico for a while, working in a lithography

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The Sanctuary Concerts are mov- through readings, workshops, and ing. The new home is the 400-seat fully-produced world-premiere pro-Presbyterian Church of the Chathams, ductions. For more information on exhibition are oil paint on unstretched Sheldon, concert coordinator, said to get on the mailing list, call 908-737incorporate tonal works of black; gray, because it is only two miles from the jwooten@kean.edu. downtowns of Summit, Chatham, and Madison: the 400-seut sanctuary is intimate, only 17 rows, and 75 of the seats are in a balcony. The acoustics are excellent, and there are acres of convenient parking."

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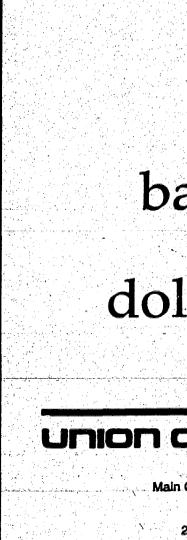
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work throughout the nation, across a and societal issues." full spectrum of artistic disciplines. ble to all Americans," said NEA chairman Dana Gioia.

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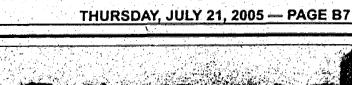
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'Steppin' Out,' and 'Decisions, Decisions.' For additional information on the show or other artists who will be featured. call 908-301-5463.

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studio. Ruskin-White has exhibited in Havens, and Aztec Two-Step perform- play will be presented on the compa- support our production of 'Julius Cae- world situation. The initiative began in ny's Main Stage in Madison from Oct. sar,' a show which represents the real 2003 with "King John," followed in 11 through Nov. 13, with 35 public core of our mission is so many ways. 2004 with "Richard II" and "Macperformances and seven on school- It will serve more students than any beth" as well as the 2004 Biennial time student matinee series perform- other Main Stage show this season, Colloquium, The Ethics of Power and through our Student Matinee Series, Kingship in Shakespeare's Universe

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## Museum prize goes to Westfield student

days in her young life.

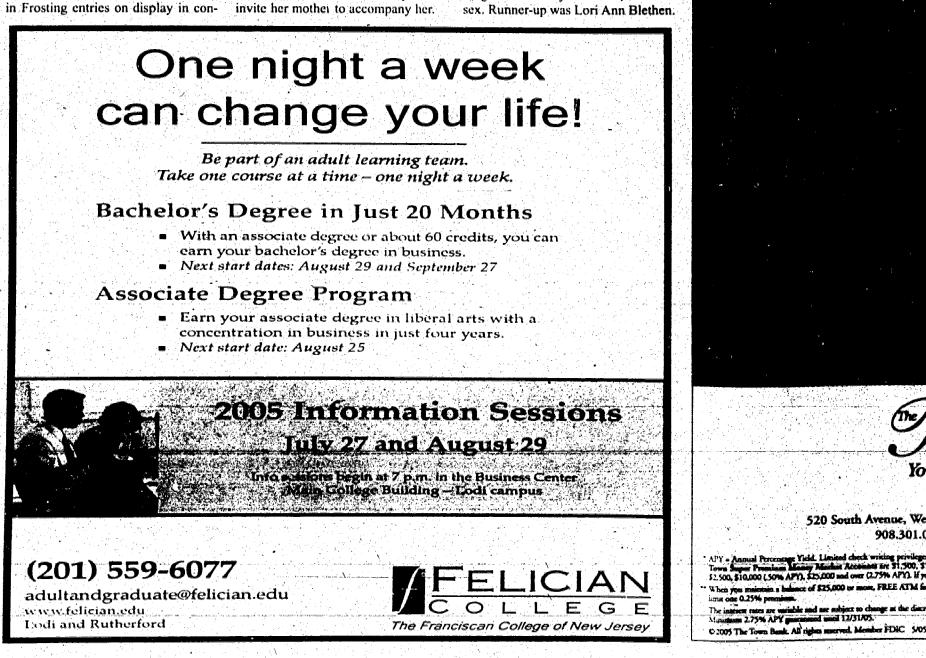
versity majoring in graphic design, in Hawaii courtesy of Continental Air- Heights, an annual membership in The participated in class trip to the state's lines and Hilton's Hawaiian Village Newark Museum. largest museum and while there cast a Beach Resort and Spa in Honolulu, ballot to select the "Ultimate Wedding Emily's ballot was drawn from among Cake design was Suzanne Kovacs of Cake" design from among 10 Fantasy more than 3,500 others. She plans to Elegant Cakes by Suzanne, Middle-

A Westfield resident's first visit to nection with the museum's exhibition turned out to be one of the luckiest Folklore and Wedding Traditions,"

Other winners in the raffle and The Newark Museum in Newark "Here Come the Brides: Fairytales, their prizes include Rosalyn Sydell of Watchung, a full-day spa experience All ballots were entered in a raffle for two at The Spa at The Short Hills Emily, a senior at Monmouth Uni- to win a seven-day, six-night vacation Hilton; and Katrina Stout of Berkeley

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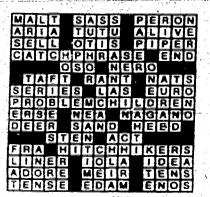
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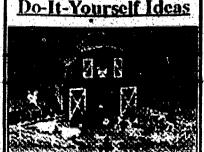
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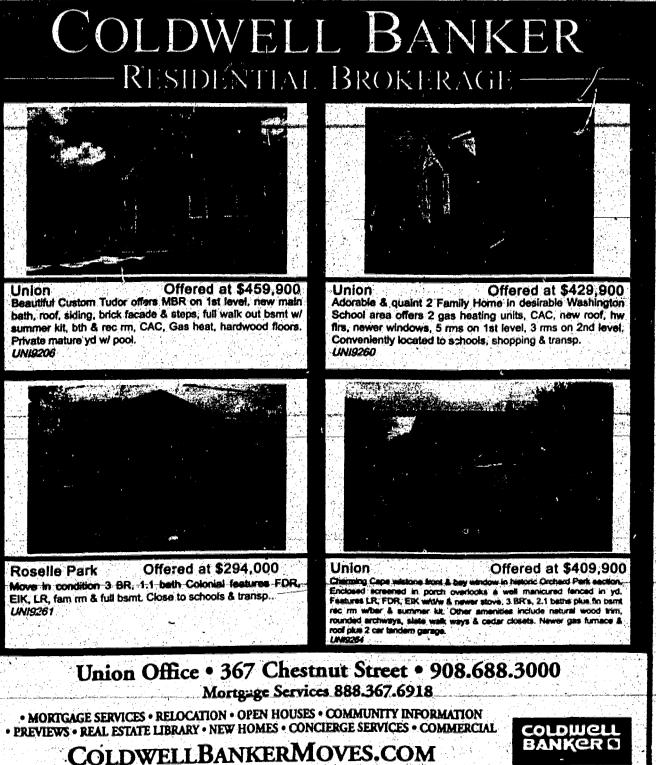
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# Baris report: second quarter good for sellers

Northern New Jersey single-family up in the counties around Newark: home prices posted strong gains during higher interest rates and talk of a "realestate bubble," according to statistics released today by Jordan Baris luc. Realtors, an independent real estate brokerage based in West Orange

posted the biggest gains, with the average price of a single-family home jumping 29.47 percent to \$202,173 during \$156,159 during the 2004 period;

fidence in Newark." Prices were also Homes in Morris, Essex and Union Essex County," said Baris. "That's a Web site at www.jordanbaris.com.

 Essex County's single-family the second quarter of 2005, shaking off homes sold for an average of \$525,622 during the three months ended June 30. 2005, up 14.87 percent from \$457,583 during the 2004 quarter; Morris, County's average single-

family home price rose \$13.92 percent favorably to historical averages. The newly resurgent city of Newark year-to-year to average \$576,899 during the second quarter;

"Newark has simply been off the market falling apart. If anything, we ris, Essex and Union counties." charts," said Baris, "Prices in Newark - could see the market having a correc-

counties, on average, sold in less than two months - a blistering-fast pace reflecting buyers' eagerness to make inventory and days-on-market in peroffers and close quickly. And even in spective: "The market has been Newark, where the average number of extremely strong during the past few days-on-market rose by 12 to 88 days, years and it has to level off sometime. this is still a fast pace that compares This might be the start of a return to a

Total sales were down slightly yearto-year in northern New Jersey and • And Union County prices aver- inventories rose a little bit during the Inc; is one of the premier full-service aged \$414,615 during the second quar- second quarter, but Baris said these hints real estate brokerages in New Jersey and the second quarter of 2005 from ter, up 7.94 percent from a year earlier. of weakness were offset by continued the New York metropolitan area. The "The market continues to be very demand for high-end homes. Sales of firm operates offices in West Orange and according to Garden State Multiple strong," said Baris. "You hear all this homes costing more than \$1 million are South Orange and has a team of 235. Listing Service data analyzed by Ken talk about bubble-bubble, but a often the first to decline when the real Jordan Baris Inc. provides real estate Baris, president of Jordan Baris Real- bubble gives the connotation of burst- estate market peaks, but Baris said high- brokerage services to buyers and sellers ing and we simply do not anticipate the end sales continued to be strong in Mor- of residential and commercial properties.

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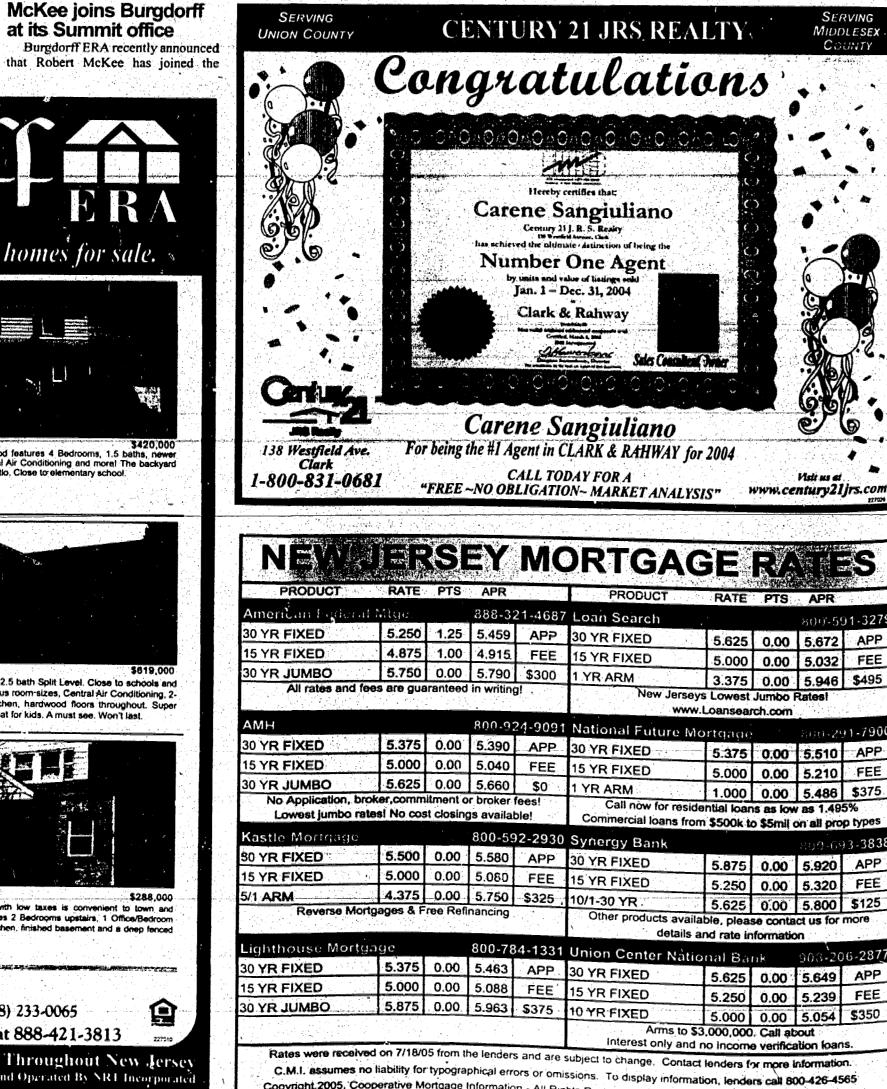
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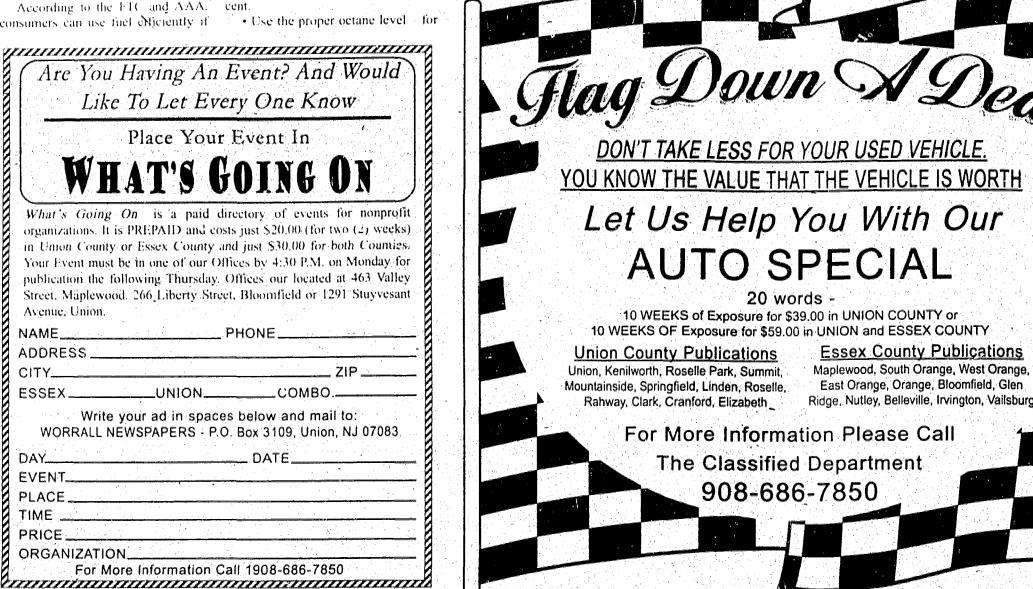
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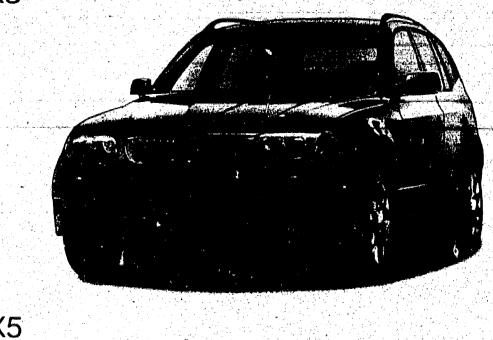
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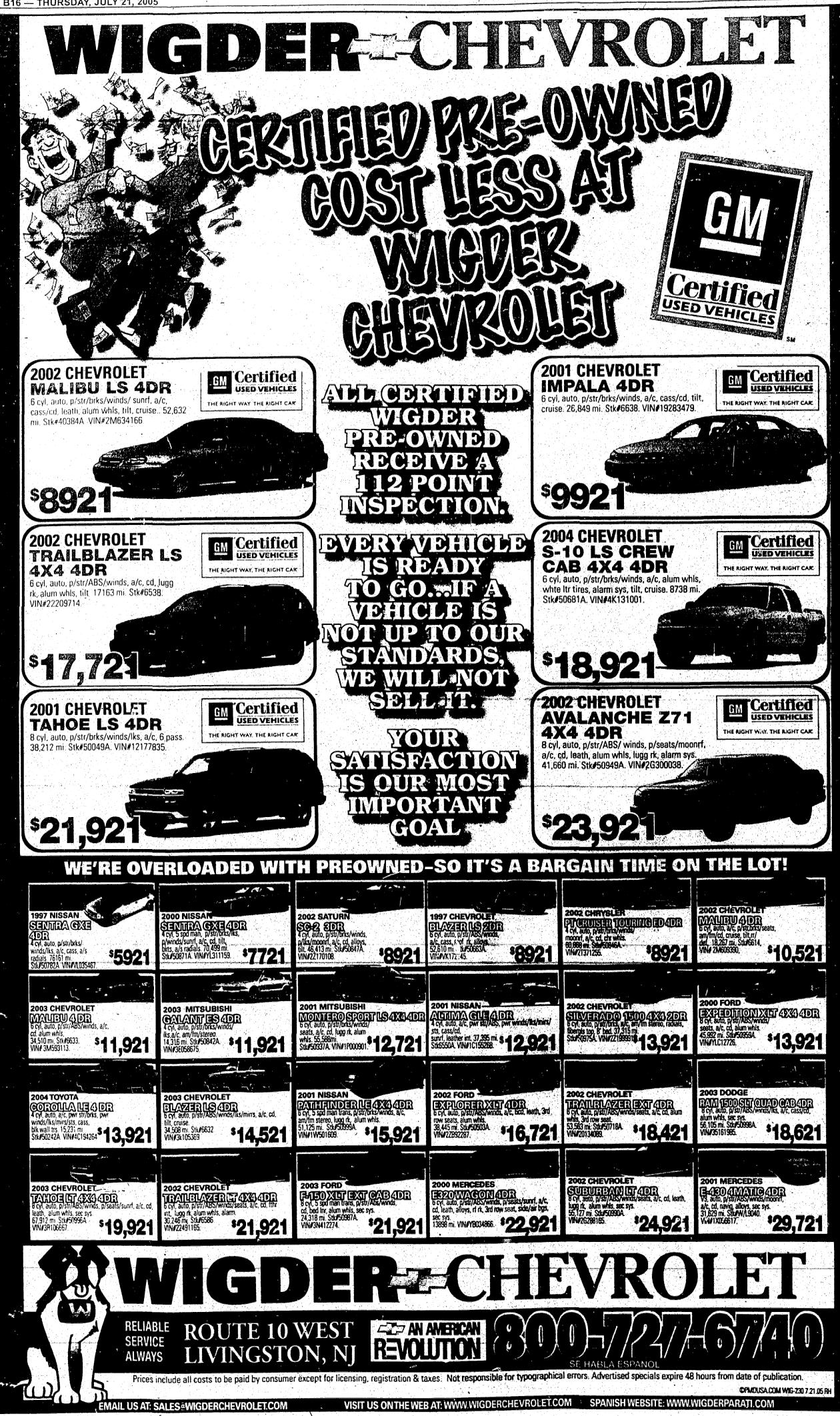




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# **Special education schools change** to meet students' needs

While most schools are struggling to keep class sizes small, the Victory School in Union County has been forced to close its doors to its special education students because it was too small.

As the landscape for students requiring a range of special education services changes, private and public schools are changing to meet those needs. The latest trend for special education is to keep students with special needs as close to their home district as possible and have them integrated into as many regular classroom settings as they can handle.

But for students with severe disabilities, a separate school setting is often the only alternative, and the Victory School in Roselle, operated by the Occupational Center of Union County, was a good alternative for some until this year. In operation for 19 years, the school graduated 170 students, including the last four graduates who received their diplomas in June.

Victory School served 16 to 21 year olds who were severely disabled but able to benefit from some job training. They attended class for a half day and then received job training for a half day. Four years ago the state Department of Education ruled schools must have 16 full-time students to maintain state licensing. For Victory, that meant a required student enrollment of at least 32. This year there were eight students.

Lengthy attempts to obtain a waiver from the size requirement were unsuccessful, said Mark Lasky, Occupational Center president. Tuition for students was paid by their home district after the home district determined it could not meet the students' needs. But without the state's seal of approval, public school districts will not be able to send students to Victory School and so the school has to be shut down.

"Students came to us when they needed much more concentrated support than their districts could provide," said Lasky. "Here they could get their diploma and job skills and then move into the world. For some of these youngsters, this was their only opportunity. We kept the school small on purpose to give the students the attention they needed. If it is not for our program, many will have nothing - no training - but we needed a waiver of the administrative code, and the state would not grant it."

The Victory School was one of a handful of public and private schools in the Union County area that cater to the specialized needs of disabled students. Current thinking in educational circles is that disabled students should spend as much time as possible in the regular classroom setting, with individual support if needed. But many also neer the special tutoring and counseling and smaller class size available in separate settings.

New Jersey has approximately 230,000 special education students, or slightly more than 16 percent of the student population. Of that number, nearly 9 percent receive educational instruction in settings outside the regular classroom. Advocates for the disabled are trying to change that and integrate as many special education students into mainstream classrooms as possible. The trend has been fostered in part because of a raised awareness that all students, including special education youngsters, have certain rights guaranteed by law, including a right to the most appropriate education.

"The thinking is that they are going to have to live in regular society, so, as much as possible, they should be educated in regular schools," said Edward M. Hartnett, superintendent of the Union County Educational Services Commission. Mainstreaming students with special needs also helps other students learn to accept their peers who have different needs, educators say.

Most services in both public and private special education schools are paid for by the school district that the special education student would have normally attended. School districts receive state and federal money to make up some of the difference in he cost of mainstream education and special education, although

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Elinore Stempniewicz (left), teacher at the Victor years, is seen participating in the graduation ceremonies with the four members (each wearing a mortarboard) of the school's last graduating class.

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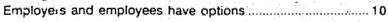
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# Gateway to Growth The Gift

By John L. Picard

You can see a lot just by looking - Yogi Berra

Everyone we meet has the potential to offer us a unique gift. My father-in-law, among the many gifts he gave me, showed me how to truly cherish the moment. He had the ability to sense a pivotal life event and, without stopping or missing a beat, could acknowledge it as it was occurring. He called these times 'memory days', 1 often remember him stopping briefly in some activity with his granddaughter, grinning as he recognized the power of the moment, telling us all: "This was a memory day" and going right back to play with her.

The gift of focus Recognizing and being "present in the moment" is all too rare, as we rush through our lives, relationships and business dealings. We have all felt this sense of richer experience praying in a church or temple, hearing our child laugh on a beach." or being part of a business relationship that is critically important. These moments of joy, opportunity and power occur often but can be missed because our minds are already somewhere else.

A growing field of study Medicine and psychology have recently popularized a technique called mindfulness. This is simply the practice of being present in your current activity. The work of Herbert Benson and Jon Kabat-Zinn have shown us the power of getting into "your zone" and achieving a level of connection with ourselves. with others and with the moment, that is fundamentally different from anything we are laught in schools.

Bringing yourself to the situation - There is nothing more fundamental to your success than your ability to bring all of you to the opportunity at hand. In our gadget driven business world, we each need to insure that the whole of our presence is brought to each selling, communications and, most importantly, listening opportunity

Nine quick suggestions to be "mindful" in business and marketing:

1. Pay attention. Concentrate on what is happening at the moment. Don't judge, simply observe.

2. Use all of your senses Sight, touch, smell, taste and hearing

3 Reach out and into the other person- Look at and think about the customer's needs, business objectives and style of working and commun-icating

J. See them in context. Notice where you are and its impact on the dialogue, Understand the environment, the timing and the broader context of the corporate eulture, the part of the country of the industry,

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5 Look below the surface - Observe and connect across the hidden dimensions of the relationship and dialogue. Balance the surface needs with the intangibles.

6 Listen to what is said and unsaid in the conversation - How many times has a pause of a faised cycbrow told you more than the words?

\* Be flexible to the unfolding of new opportunity. When we raise our awareness, we gain new information that requires us to adapt in the moment.

A Feel and don't ignore what your emotions are telling you Don't be afraid of trusting your intuition and gut about the situation.

9 Wake up Decide here and now, that in this meeting you are going to wake up and bring everything you have to the opportunity.

Like those moments in prayer or at the beach, you have the opportunity to gain real and tangible benefits from being mindful. When you are "in the moment," you will: Find new solutions for customers (sometimes out of thin air), build more successful relationships (based on a trust you just can't buy) and feel more rewarded in surprising ways People will sense the difference in you and will react positively, re-enforcing your success. In the end, these powerful techniques will turn more of your business days into memory days.

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## Local hospitals rise to the challenge of helping children and the elderly with mental health problems

"For the entire spectrum of autism disorders, it used to occur in one in 10,000 births. Now it is one in 166," said Dr. Jill Harris, director of psychology for Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. Nationally, the number of autistic children between the ages of 6 and 22 receiving service under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act grew by more than 500 percent between 1993 and 2002, according to the U.S. Government Accounting Office.

"One of the questions that needs to be answered is: Is autism increasing or are our diagnostic techniques getting better?" she added. "Maybe it is a combination of both

For those who believe the real number is increasing, many blame it on the use of mercury to preserve children's vaccines. The number of required vaccines were drastically increased in recent years and only recently was mercury banned from use in the vaccines. Whatever the cause, hospitals and schools are dealing with the results. Children's Specialized Hospital also has seen an increase in the number of children diagnosed with bipolar disorders.

The hospital provides a range of therapies and counseling programs for both the child suffering from the disorder and the rest of the family. The week of Aug. 8 has been set aside for the first-ever Sib Week, to focus attention on the needs of the brothers and sisters of a child with the problem.

"We want to raise the awareness of the community and of staff members to the fact that the entire family is affected by these disorders, including the siblings. As part of Sib Week, a seminar will be held Aug. 9 for families and for health care professionals. Additional information can be obtained by calling Linda Nordstrom at 908-301-5488 or 1-888-244-5373 ext. 5488.

At Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth, one of the ways of approaching children's mental health and behavioral problems is for the hospital staff to work directly in the schools. said James R. Lape, vice president for psychiatry and long-term care at the hospital.

"This is one of the programs we are very excited about," Lape said. "We cannot assume children are arriving at school willing and able to learn. Many need more support than they are getting at home, particularly in an urban environment. The hospital is trying to help bridge that gap with the home environment."

"Pressure is increasing on children, not just in school, but in life in general. It is harder to grow up now, than it used to be," he added.

Family involvement is as important for treatment of elderly patients as it is for youths, according to Lape and other health professionals. In the case of an elderly person, it is more likely the sons and daughters who need support in caring for aging parents.

Physicians at Union Hospital are always on the lookout for signs of depression in elderly patients, said Charlotte Clark. Less severe cases are treated by the hospital, while more severe cases are referred elsewhere.

Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County, a long-term and acute care county facility, deals with patients with mental illness, psychiatric disorders, bipolar disorders and major depression. In the elderly, these problems are frequently compounded by physical ailments, said Liz Migneco, a licensed clinical social worker who is the psychiatric social work supervisor at Runnells. Runnells has 44 psychiatric beds, a number that was recently moe than doubled from an original 20 beds.

"We try to involve families in treatment," Migneco said. "We want to keep people close to home and return them to their homes. We have weekly family social support groups and the family of a patient can come in at any time and see us.

"Unfortunately, one of the added stresses in these cases is often finding adequate housing, because often there is no family or the family cannot handle the person. But no one ever leaves here until safe, suitable housing has been arranged," she added. "The goal is always to treat them and return them to their homes."

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Mental health problems frequently seem more difficult to treat than physical ailments, and this is particularly true for young people and senior citizens. Local hospitals are devising new programs and approaches to try to tackle the problems facing these two distinct populations, according to hospital representatives.

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## Special education schools change to meet students' needs

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many school officials complain it is not enough. The state provides grants for school districts to build facilities for special needs students and to train staff members, but not every district can meet all the students "needs.

New Jersey, for a variety of reasons, sends more special education students to schools outside the normal school setting than most states. Educators speculate it is partially because of the number of special needs schools that exist in the state and partially because the state is divided into more school districts than almost any other state. Despite its small size. New Jersey has 616 separate school districts, many of them small, and with limited ability to provide special education services, even with state assistance.

Although services in specialized schools cost more than those in mainstream schools, Kenneth Alter, director of the Deron School of New Jersey, said for the services provided the education is very inexpensive.

"If a regular school had the services we provide, it would cost even more," he said. Deron School is a private special education facility for multiply-handicapped students, all of whom have mental handicaps and some of whom also have physical handicaps. "For instance, we have speech classes five times a week and we have a three-to-one ratio of students to staff. All of our students, for one reason or another, have not been able to stay in their home district. They require too much intense supervision."

Deron, which has been in existence for 37 years, has two facilities. Younger students are taught at a school in Union and those 14 to 21 years old go to a facility in Montclair Services for the overwhelming majority of the 300 students are paid for by the sending districts in Union, Essex, Morris, Hudson, Passaic or Middlesex counties.

Alter feels the number of handicapped students is increasing, but only because the population of the area continues to increase. The one exception may be the number of cases of autism, which have skyrocketed across the country in recent years, maybe caused in part by the mercury used in children's vaccines, according to some advocates.

Michele Rieman, director of the High Road School in Somerset, said her school's population is staying high, despite the trend to return handicapped students to regula classrooms.

"I do not know if the number of special education students is increasing but we are maintaining a steady enrollment," she said of the school that teaches learning disable students who also have emotional or social deficits. "But we consider ourselves a regular school. The students just learn differently." High Road has 150 13 to 21year-olds.

In addition to these two private schools, the Union County area also has the Jardin Academy in Union, run by the Cerebral Palsy League of Union County; the Kohler School in Winfield, operated by the Retarded Citizens Association of Union County; and the Children's Specialized Hospital School in Fanwood.

The county also operates public special education schools under the auspices of th Union County Educational Services Commission. In New Jersey, most counties have educational services commission made up of representatives from each of the school districts in the county.

"Every school has a department of special services and one or more hild study teams When a child is having difficulty, the child study team tries to provide the resources necessary. If it is determined the student has a disability, they try to put the child as close to the mainstream classroom as possible," Superintendent Hartnett said.

"But regular school settings may not be appropriate. Our students are with us because their type of disability or the severity of the disability makes it impossible for them to attend public school," he added. The Educational Services Commission operates the Westlake School in Westfield for multiply-handicapped students, the Beadleston High School in Westfield for emotionally disturbed teenagers, the Crossroads School in Westfield for autistic students, and two alternative high schools for Elizabeth students who have not been successful in the regular high school setting for a variety of reasons. The Educational Services Commission also provides training and services for private special education schools.

Often when a student is returned to the regular school district for all or part of the day, he or she has a special assistant assigned to help. The assistants are often trained by the Educational Services Commission, but work for the local district.

"The trend now is to make every effort to educate the student inclusively (in the regular school district) or return them to the regular district as soon as possible," Hartnett said. "We have had reasonable success in this effort."

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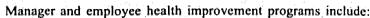
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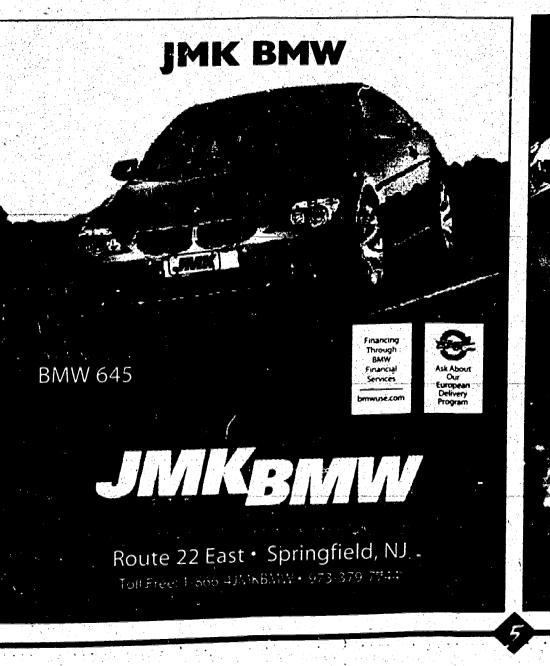
"Since 1992, we have contracted with local businesses to provide their employees and immediate families with a wide range of counseling services for mental health, substance abuse, financial, marital and family issues," said Dave Bencivengo, C.A.R.E. Program director. "The services are provided through the employees' benefits package with most contracts providing for three to six sessions per employee."

The program, which is staffed by certified employee assistance professionals and licensed clinical social workers, also offers training to supervisors for dealing with workers' performance problems.

"The Mental Health Association has noted that 10 to 15 percent of employees have severe personal problems," said Bencivengo. "However, a recent two-year study by McDonald-Douglas showed a four-to-one return on money invested in Employee Assistance Programs."

One specialized program C.A.R.E. provides is evaluation for the state Department of Transportation for commercial licensed drivers to help them meet DOT-mandated requirements.

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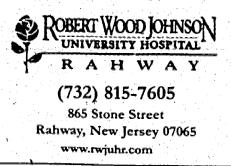


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# President's Message

Well, it is all coming home to roost!

Though discussion has disappeared from the front page for the last couple of weeks, the crisis of defined benefit pension programs continues to grow. It is a harbinger of what is in store for the Social Security System.

Defined benefit pension programs are what we all think of as classic pension programs. You work for a certain number of years, you pay into a program, and when you retire, you are paid a monthly stipend for the rest of your life usually based on your years of service and your final level of compensation.

While this sounds very reasonable, several factors have converged with disastrous implications. First, we are all living a lot longer than anyone expected back in the 1950's and 1960's when these plans became widespread. This means that the obligations are much greater than at first expected.

Second, most businesses have fewer current workers per retiree than when the programs originated. Since these programs, like Social Security, are often funded through current contributions, fewer workers are paying into the program to support those who are on the other side collecting. In the auto industry, it is to the point where there are almost more retirees than there are workers!

Finally, too many of the defined benefit pension programs were negotiated in bad faith. and are much too generous. During many labor negotiations of the late 1970's and early 1980's, the pension program became a key component of the overall contract negotiation between management and labor. Since we all tend to live for today rather than 20 years down the road, it was an easy area to compromise. Many managers were surely more concerned with reducing costs now, well knowing that they probably wouldn't be around in 20 years to worry about the effect the overly generous retirement program would have on the company. Labor representatives, on the other hand, needed to show their membership a major gain, and since that wasn't in salary, it could be in retirement.

The result has been staggering debt. Retirement debt is one of the factors that crippled the US steel industry, depriving tens of thousands of their jobs and retirement programs. Recently, we have seen this with the airline industry, where it is argued that if many carriers don't shed their retirement commitments, like United Airlines did, that they will not remain competitive enough to stay in business.

The situation in the auto industry is worse, largely because it is so much bigger. It is estimated that more than \$1,000 of the cost of an American built car goes to pay retirement obligations. This makes it hard for US manufacturers to compete with foreign competitors who do not incur pension costs. Of course, this makes the US manufacturer less competitive which makes it even harder to pay retirement obligations.

Nor are government employees immune. Runaway generosity in New Jersey's state-run pension system and serious government mismanagement have led to a \$25 billion shortfall in funding. Since it's the government though, they will simply take the money from us at some point or another.

These problems are endemic to defined benefit pension programs. Of course the granddaddy of all defined benefit pension programs is Social Security. It is politically popular, but terribly naive, not to look at serious reform to the Social Security System.

In the meantime, I would advise people to start doing some of their own saving, after all, God helps those who help themselves.



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# Where the Chamber stands...

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## Changes not needed for New Jersey law against discrimination

New Jersey has one of the strongest laws against discrimination in the workplace and in the housing and the rental market. We should be proud of that and fully support it. But the Legislature is now considering several changes that are not needed. The changes would create a hardship for many businesses and would not necessarily benefit employees.

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New Jersey law prohibits discrimination in hiring, firing and promotions and in apartment rentals and housing sales based on a person's race, creed, color, marital status, sex, sexual orientation and several other related categories.

The biggest change proposed by this legislation, which some think was snuck through the Senate in the midst of the complicated and acrimonious budget negotiations on June 23, would make it illegal to make binding arbitration a condition of a labor agreement. Currently, employers can negotiate with individual employees or unions about whether discrimination complaints should go to an arbitrator, whose decision is final. If both sides agree, and the union votes to approve a contract with this provision in it, all complaints of discrimination and harassment go to an arbitrator.

This bill, if it becomes law, would make that illegal. New Jersey would join only one or two other states that have such a prohibition.

The reasoning by labor unions promoting this bill is that arbitrators too frequently side with employers. The reality is that arbitrators more often decide complaints based on the facts in the case, while juries can often be swayed by emotional arguments. However, discrimination and harassment issues should be decided on the facts in the case and the relevant law.

The number of "run away" juries that award ridiculously large settlements to plaintiffs in any type of discrimination or damage law suit is frequently exaggerated. But they do occur. Requiring that discrimination and harassment suits be taken to a jury, and never settled by an arbitrator, gives the plaintiff an unfair advantage. Every employer would feel forced to settle a suit, whether he were guilty or not, for fear of having one of those infamous run away juries take him to the cleaners.

The bill also would prohibit an employer, under most circumstances, from requiring that only English be spoken in the workplace, unless it can be proven it is a business necessity to prohibit other languages. On the contrary, the current law is the standard that should be maintained. Employers should have a right to require English to be spoken in their places of businesses. Efficient communications requires that employees and employers speak a common language.

Another provision that was in the legislation for awhile would have applied the antidiscrimination statute to independent contractors. More and more businesses are now outsourcing work to any number of independent contractors. This provision would have opened employers up to a wide range of spurious new suits by people who only work for them part time. As of now, this provision has been amended out of the bill. Let's hope it stays out.

The bill passed the Senate 37-0 in June as S2522. The Assembly version, A4157, has been released by the Assembly Judiciary Committee. The bill is now in a position for a vote by the full Assembly when the Legislature returns from its budget break. The Senate version is sponsored by Sens. John H. Adler and Wayne R. Bryant and the Assembly bill is sponsored by Assemblyman Neil M. Cohen and Patrick J. Diegnan and Assemblywoman Mary T. Previte, all Democrats.

Arbitration should remain an option for settling discrimination complaints. New Jersey has a strong anti-discrimination law. Complaints under it should be settled on the merits of the case, which is more likely to happen in an arbitration situation. In addition, the courts are already overburdened and most judicial experts are looking for ways to remove cases from the system, not add cases. The backlog in most courts makes complaints drag on for far too long, creating an atmosphere of uncertainty for both the employer and the employee.

This bill, despite its unanimous passage in the upper house, should be allowed to die in the lower house.

What was intended as a safety net for a handful of students who failed New Jersey's High School Proficiency Assessment has exploded over the last decade to become the biggest policy abuse of our state's education system.

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Supporters of the SRA question if any single test can measure if a student is adequately prepared for life after high school. Those same supporters claim that the SRA helps students stay in school who would otherwise drop out. As a member of the Assembly Budget Committee, I say those arguments do not stand up to scutiny. I have heard testimony on higher education from university and county college presidents who have expressed alarm at the rise of incoming freshmen who need remedial classes because they do not meet the most basic requirements. New Jersey high schools are passing on their problems to our institutions of higher learning and New Jersey taxpayers are getting taxed at both ends. New Jersey's citizens are paying property



#### Substitute high scilool test should be abolished

The Specialized Review Assessment (SRA) is a program that was developed to provide students with documented test-taking difficulties with another route to graduation. In 1994-1995 only 5:2 percent of diplomas were earned via the SRA. Today, according to the State Department of Education, the use of the SRA as an alternative to the traditional High School Proficiency Assessment has skyrocketed in the last 3 years. Nearly one in five graduates now need the SRA to graduate, and that number rises to more than half of graduates in some urban districts. Statewide, about 20,000 out of 100,000 graduates each year use the alternative exam to achieve their diplomas.

Currently, students who twice fail either the math or language arts sections of the state's high school exit exam can go through the process of the Specialized Review Assessment to meet state requirements. The SRA is a untimed and far less rigorous test for high school seniors that allow students to graduate even though they cannot pass the state's literacy or math test.

The SRA is creating a watered down diploma that is hurting both students who pass the high school test and the students it was meant to help. Simply put, too many schools are over reliant on the SRA and are using it as a form of social promotion instead of correcting the poor curricula and teaching in their elementary and middle

taxes that are supposed to educate all of our children to the same standard, but then we are paying again to our state colleges to teach students what they failed to learn in high school.

As an Assemblyman, I have written legislation that would eliminate the SRA as a way of fulfilling a high school student's requirement to graduate. I am a vocal critic of this charade which penalizes both children and parents alike. In his effort I have an ally in William Librera, Commissioner of the NJ Department of Education, who first proposed eliminating the SRA in 2003. Commissioner Librera has said that eliminating the SRA would require an alternative to exist, but that the alternative test process should be more rigorous. He proposes changing math lesson plans as early as fifth grade so students can learn the skills needed in order to pass the math portion of the high school test.

He has also proposed that the HSPA should be first given to sophomores, instead of juniors, so teachers would have more time to help students raise their scores by learning the material if they have failed the test. Librera has also suggested that students who fail the HSPA twice and need the alternative test, because they are poor test takers, would have to prove that they attended school 90 percent of the time and teachers would have to present the student's course work to show they mastered the material. Commissioner Librera believes that almost all students could pass the high school tests with the right help from teachers. His proposal, which is currently before the State Board of Education, is to phase out the SRA over a seven year period and must be approved before it can become official policy.

In as much as I agree with Commissioner Librera that I am not convinced one in five high school seniors can't pass the test, I disagree that the phase out period should take seven years. In that period of time almost 150,000 children will graduate using the Specialized Review Assessment and will go on to college or the workforce not understanding the basics of math or language arts. Tell your superintendents and board of education members that you do not want your child's diploma watered down any longer. Tell them that you want the SRA eliminated and the alternative test to be rigorous and given only to those who need it. Tell them for the benefit of all our children. Tell them for the benefit of this great State.

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# Member Moments...

COMPSolutions PEO, one of the tri-state area's leading Professional Employer Organizations, was recently named as the fifth Best Place to Work in New Jersey by NJBIZ and The Best Companies Group. The award identifies the best places of employment in New Jersey based on those that benefit the state's economy, its workforce and business community.

To be considered for this recognition, COMPSolutions PEO entered into a two-part process that included evaluating the company's workplace policies and procedures, practices, philosophy and demographics. The second part involved an employee survey addressing behavioral tendencies rather than company systems.

COMPSolutions PEO President and CEO Thomas J. Cioffe said, "We are delighted to be named as one of the Best Places to Work in New Jersey from the thousands of entries. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated group of professionals who are committed to the core values of COMPSolutions PEO - team building, training, communication, and superior client service. The success of our company is a shining example of the power of people and their ability to achieve the extraordinary through

The COMPSolutions award was among the 25 medium-sized companies.

June Lazaro, regional leader for Primerica Financial Services, Edison; Linden Councilman Tom Boland and Carolyn Pabon, chair of the Linden Chamber of Commerce (left to right) are pictured after Boland was presented with a Special Recognition Award at the Linden Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner. Boland has worked as a liaison with the business community of Linden.





More than 100 golfers recently hit the links at Shackamaxon Golf & Country Club in Scotch Plains to support United Way of Greater Union County's work in improving local lives and addressing critical community needs. The 2005 Golf Classic, sponsored by L'OREAL USA, generated more than \$35,000 to support United Way. L'OREAL USA's Dave Wagner, Pat Cafaro. Jon Needham and Paul DeStefano (left to right) are seen here preparing to tee off.

The first Occupational Center of New Jersey, Orange, was named by the North Essex Chamber of Commerce as the Outstanding Non-profit Organization for its long history of community service and support. The Chamber noted the innovative efforts of the agency in providing employment opportunities to residents of New Jersey. The First Occupational Center of New Jersey is the state's oldest and largest vocational and job placement agency for developmentally disabled, elderly and economically disadvantaged New Jersey residents and their families.

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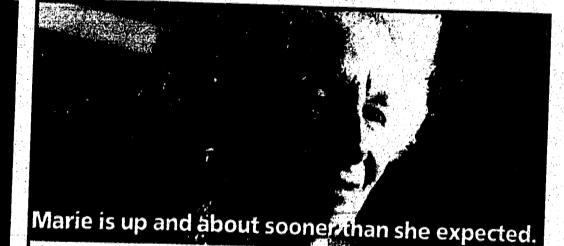
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June Lazaro, Regional Leader of Primerica Financial Services has moved. The new address is 3499 Route 9, Suite 2-A, Freehold, NJ 07728 - 3258. (732) 845-9968

Valley National Bank, Wayne, announced Shelia Leary has joined the bank as senior vice president, director of BAS/AML.

Kearny Federal Savings Bank, Fairfield, announced Michael Pacle Jr., who is mayor Roseland, joined the bank as regional business manager.



left) Cheryl Howard, a law school student of Emory Iniversity, has joined Lindabury, McCormick & Estabrook as a summer associate. Howard, who will enter her third year at Emory in August, will assist with research and special projects at the Westfield law firm.

She previously participated in the summer associate program at the New York law firm Herzfeld & Rubin. PC. She has also worked as a Special Projects Editor and photographer for Jezebel Magazine, an Atlanta lifestyle publication.



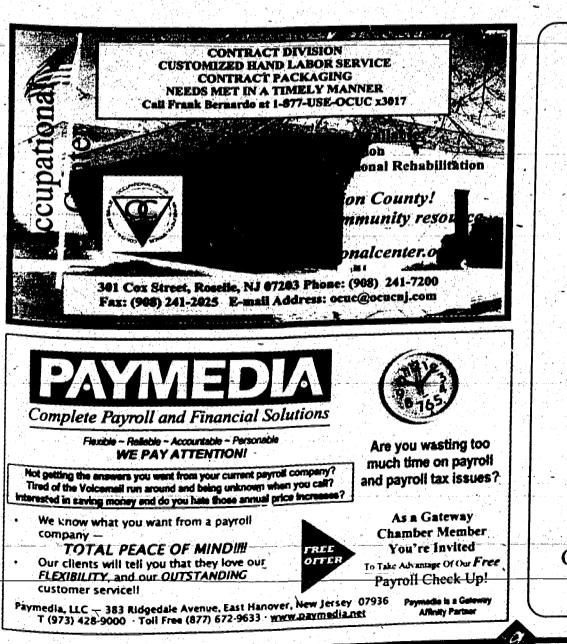
Linden Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Award winners, Joan Arango and Kareem Absolu, listen as Carolyn Pabon, chair of the Linden Chamber of Commerce, introduces them. Both will be attending Rutgers University in the fall.

(below) Leonard Neuringer of LJ Engraving & Signs accepts the Linden Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award from Carolyn Pabon, chair of the Linden Chamber of Commerce.





(above) Carolyn Pabon, chair of the Linden Chamber of Commerce, honored Unity Bank's Carlos Martins (left) and John Kauchak (center) with the Linden Chamber of Commerce Large Business of the Year Award.





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## Did you know... Renting vs. reimbursement: **Employers and employees have options**

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By Woody Erhardt, Regional Vice President Enterprise Rent-A-Car

Reimbursing employees for their mileage when an employee uses his or her own vehicle. has always been a popular practice among companies. However, with gasoline prices rising again to an all time high, the impact on corporate mileage reimbursement programs is becoming a huge burden for companies to bear, and many companies and employees - are looking for another alternative.

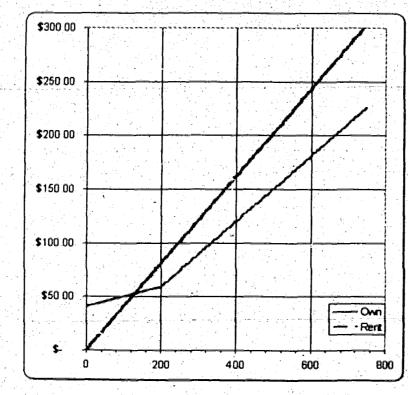
According to AAA, even if employees are paid at the federal reimbursement rate of 40.5 cents a mile, they could still be losing as much as 16.7 cents per mile they drive for the company. Even though reimbursements rates have increased slightly from year to year, they simply haven't kept up with the rapid increases in gasoline prices.

The good news is, companies have options for their employees. Providing rental cars versus mileage reimbursement is not only a cost-saving option for employers; it provides several benefits to employees as well.

Opting to rent over reirnbursement can save an employer up to 20 to 30 percent. For example, a 200-mile trip reimbursed at \$0.405 would cost a company \$81. That same trip renting would cost the company approximately \$60, including the cost of a 1-day rental, taxes and gas.

In the Car Rental vs. Mileage Reimbursement Graph below, it's evident that renting a car will save both businesses and employees money. And the savings only increase with each mile driven. For example, if an employee drove his or her car on a three-day, 600-mile trip, the employer will end up reimbursing a total of \$243. However, if the employer had instead provided a rental car to the employee, it would have cost approximately \$176. When presented with a \$70 savings, one can see that renting a car for employees taking longer trips is certainly more cost effective than reimbursement.

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