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Modular site work examined

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

With a referendum vote on school expansion scheduled for Dec. 10, the Springfield Board of Education watched a presentation on modular, or off-site construction, so that they can make a more educated decision as to how to build the proposed expansion.

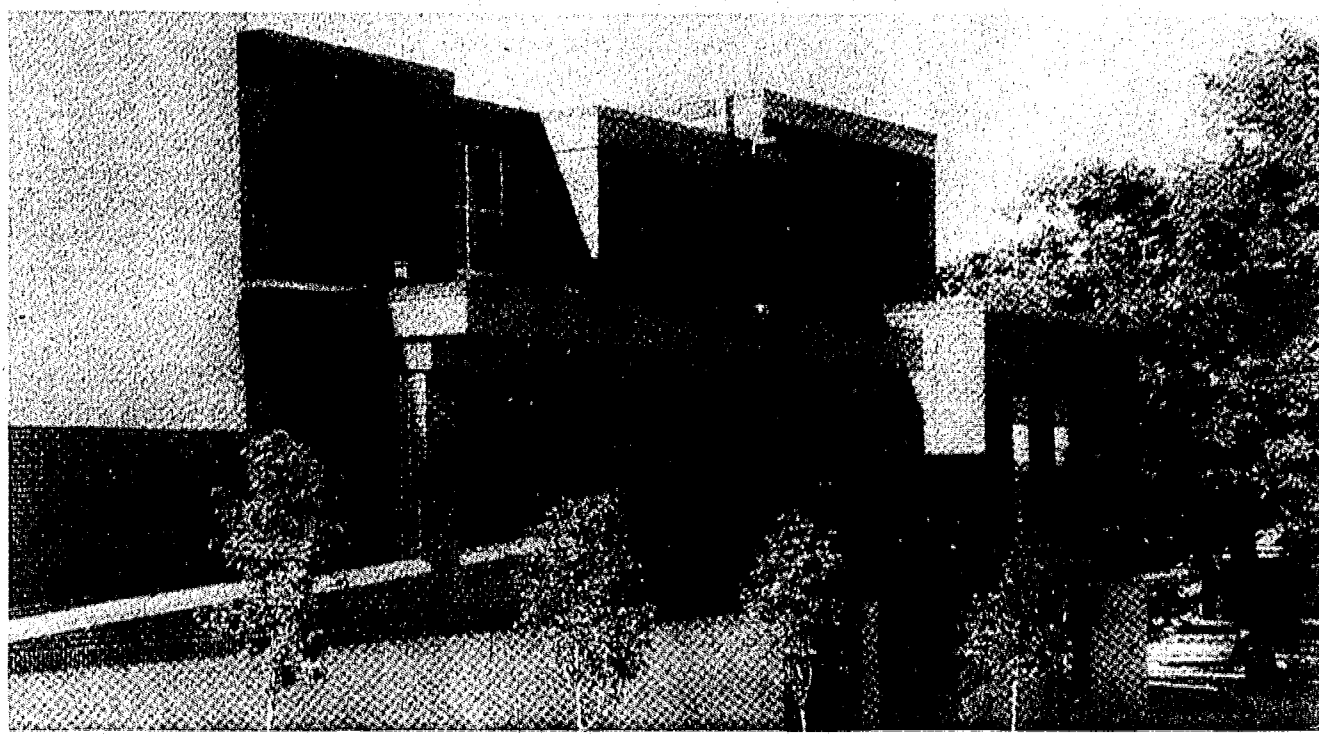
Springfield school officials have said that the district is in desperate need of expansion, as classrooms are already overcrowded and enrollment is projected to increase.

The expansion would most likely result in pre-K through second-graders attending Edward V. Walton School, third- through fifth-graders attending both James Caldwell School and Thelma L. Sandmeier, and sixth- through eighth-graders remaining at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School.

Walton and Sandmeier would be expanded, while sections of other schools would be renovated, including the district's science labs.

To accelerate the completion of construction, and have the schools fully expanded for the start of the 2003-04 school year, the district has been exploring the possibility of using modular construction, rather than traditional on-site construction.

"The term modular is very misused in the construction industry," said Chuck Savage, vice president of the educational division of Lebanon-based Kullman Industries Inc., a company specializing in modular construction. "Probably if I asked everybody here I'd get a different answer as



The George Washington Middle School in North Arlington is one example of what modular construction for schools looks like. As the Springfield Board of Education considers a possible expansion of the township's schools, several examples of this type of construction were examined.

to what they think modular construction is."

Modular construction is a design/build construction method allowing project completion to occur in two simultaneous building phases. One phase is the actual site development which includes excavation, foundations and site utilities. The other phase is the building of the structure off-site in an enclosed construction plant. This simultaneous on- and off-site building reduces the overall project schedule by as much as 50 percent.

"Anywhere between 80 and 90 percent of the actual building is built off-site in a construction operation and it's then transported, in individual sections, to the job site," said Savage. "It's then erected onto a standard foundation that any building sits on. There's no difference, as far as how it's erected onto the foundation."

Modular construction uses the same building materials and labor found on any project site with the added advantage of building in a controlled environment, where construction does not stop for inclement weather.

"According to Savage, the cost of modular construction is the same, if not less expensive, than standard on-site construction.

The cost of the expansion has not been determined yet, as the district waits to hear how much funding will be received from the state.

The state considers elementary schools as grades K-5. Springfield's elementary schools qualify for 22,750 square feet of additions, according to the state. The state can fund up to \$133 for each square foot; an approximate total of \$1.255 million.

The state will only supply funds to

help offset the cost of the original 22,750 square feet. If the district decides to expand its school beyond that figure, and most likely they will, any additional square footage will be paid solely by the district. For renovations, the state will pay up to 40 percent of the cost.

"Having him come here to educate us on this kind of construction in no way guarantees that Kullman will be the company we will use," said Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler. "We will still go through the public bidding process."

If the referendum passes on Dec. 10, Springfield will have to have all its architectural decisions made and plans submitted to the modular construction company by February, so the expansion can be completed, and in place, by September 2003.

Testimony expected to end for Stop & Shop

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

With a vote to either approve or disapprove the Stop & Shop application expected to be taken next month, lawyers arguing both sides of the application made their closing remarks in front of the Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment last week.

The proposed supermarket would reside at 90 Millburn Ave. in Springfield, with a portion of the property located in Millburn.

James Delia, one of several attorneys arguing against the Stop & Shop application, said a significant portion of the application is based on the testimony of Stop & Shop's real estate development manager, Melissa Mintz.

"What she said was that Stop & Shop had this very unique delivery system and as a result they don't use the type, or number, of loading docks that other supermarkets need," said Delia.

Delia asked the board to rule on Mintz's credibility and find that she had none.

"She is their only direct employee to appear at these hearings and she is a reflection of Stop & Shop and she does not have respect for the oath, respect for the board, respect for the truth," said Delia. "They really can't rely on her for anything and without her credibility this whole unique delivery system is out the door."

James Segreto, attorney for Royal Ahold, the parent company of Stop & Shop, said the state Supreme Court said they have a right to have their supermarket with no variances and no waivers.

"All of the requests for site plan modifications made by the board we've adhered to," said Segreto.

Delia said there are problems with the site plan. The loading area is a disaster and will never work, he said. "It will result in tractor-trailers coming through a neighborhood that they shouldn't be coming through," said Delia.

"We've had positive testimony to support our site plan," said Segreto.

Delia said if the trucks cannot get into the property because of a back-up at the loading dock, then the truck is forced to proceed east along Millburn Avenue, eventually turning right, driving along roads with weight restrictions that are less than the trucks, only to head back to the Stop & Shop location.

"We have more loading docks than the ordinance requires," said Segreto. "The configuration of the loading dock area was testified to be adequate. The engineer to the board agreed."

According to Delia, the westerly entrance/exit to the site, where Stop & Shop proposed to put a traffic light which the county rejected, the level of service is rated as an F.

A level of service looks at the function of a particular intersection, ranking them A through F. A is very good and and F is failing.

"What it means is that cars trying to get out of the property, are going to be waiting an excess of 45 seconds or longer to try to get out," said Delia. "There's going to be a traffic jam on the property. You're going to have cars backed up."

Borough begins bids for third cell tower

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Mountainside is set to advertise for bids to construct and lease a third cell tower behind Borough Hall on Route 22.

"The way the borough did it the last time we did this kind of project was that the initial bidder was required to undertake the entire cost of constructing the tower with a provision that as additional users came online, with regard to that tower, they would be required to reimburse the company that won the initial bid with a proration of the cost," said Borough Attorney John Post.

For example, the first tower Mountainside erected, roughly seven years ago, now has three companies using it. The company which constructed the tower was able to recoup two-thirds of what it cost to construct it, from the other two companies.

Part of Mountainside's agreement with the companies constructing the towers is that the borough can lease space on the towers to other companies who need a cell tower.

Mountainside generates more than \$130,000 a year from leasing space on the towers.

"It's positive to Mountainside residents in regards to income," said Mayor Robert Vigilanti. "You figure \$130,000 a year, that's three and a half tax points for the taxpayer."

The two towers the borough already has standing have run out of space for companies to lease.

"We have another company wishing to put up a third tower with several people wanting to go on it," said Vigilanti. Companies lease the tower space from the borough at a rate of \$35,000 to \$40,000 per year.

According to Vigilanti, approximately seven years ago, one of the wireless companies came to Mountainside and said they had a dead spot somewhere along the two-mile strip on Route 22 because of the configuration of the mountain radio waves.

The company constructed a temporary structure to determine if the borough's location met the company's needs, which Mountainside did.

Vigilanti said that constructing the cell towers behind Borough Hall was advantageous to the borough for several reasons.

"Our location is non-offensive to everyone in town," he said. "It's well concealed. It's a source of revenue for the town and part of our agreement was that they would include the fire department, rescue squad and police antennas on top of the structure free of charge."

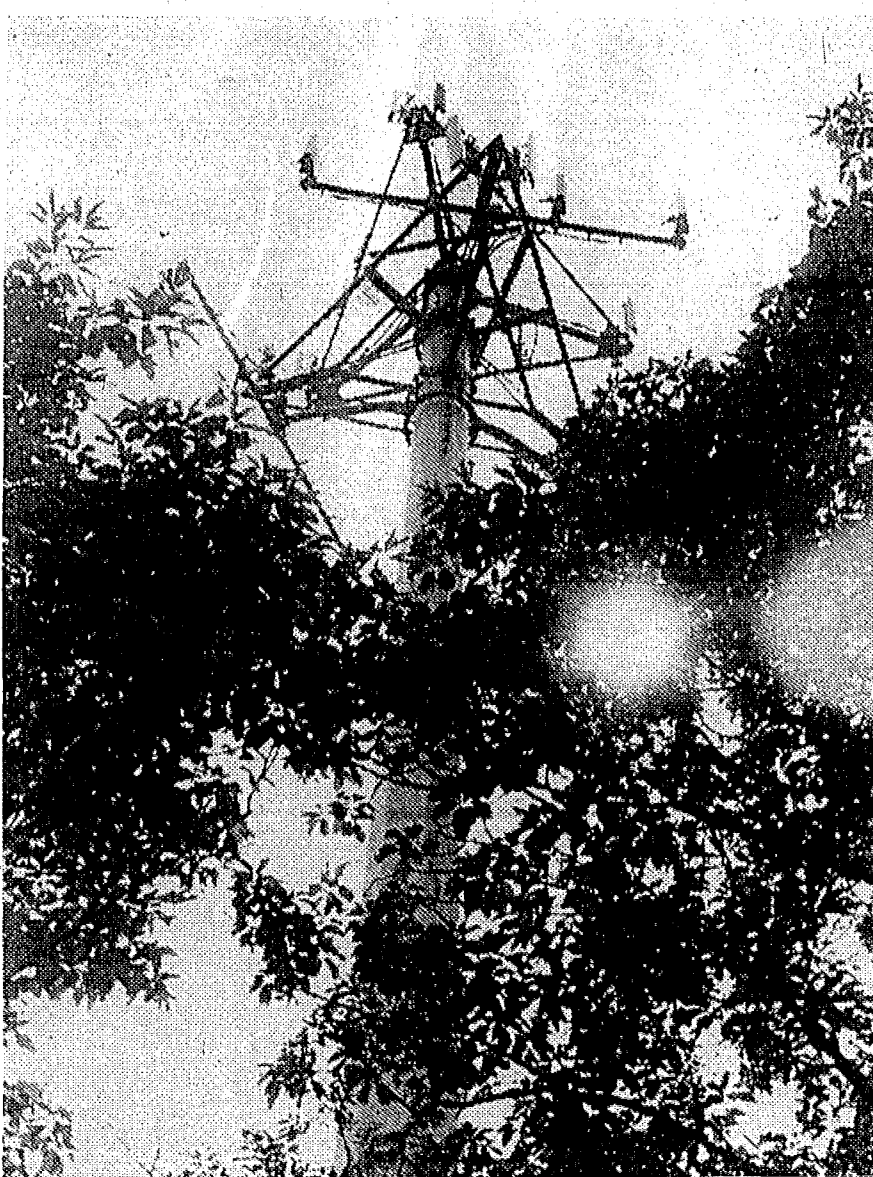


Photo By Bob Helfrich

Mountainside currently has two cellular towers near Borough Hall and a third one is planned to be built near the others. The borough will advertise for bids to construct and lease the tower.

Local leaders speak out on Pledge ruling

By Joan M. Devlin
and Joshua Zaitz

The controversy over the words "Under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance has stirred up some strong feelings locally, besides the ones in Congress and from President George W. Bush.

Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti minced no words. "I think the whole issue is ridiculous. I think the people that feel that 'Under God' should be removed should consider going to Afghanistan, where they don't have to worry about saying it." He said further, regarding Mountainside Borough Hall meetings, "We are leaving everything exactly as it has always been in our tradition. This has gone too far."

Over at Deerfield School, Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller felt much the same. "I think there is nothing wrong with the way in which we say the Pledge of Allegiance at the current time, and we are going to do nothing to change it at this time."

Bob Farley is head of Public Works for the Borough of Mountainside, and he is also a Navy veteran who served six years in Vietnam, aboard the USS Kittyhawk. Farley is also the new District Commander of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"Basically, I am for leaving it the way it is. The Pledge of Allegiance does not specifically mention any particular religion and I believe most people believe in some God. The founding fathers organized this coun-

try that way and to change it now is ludicrous."

Farley had no objection to people remaining silent if they disagreed. "I don't believe anybody should be forced to say it, but they could just keep quiet if they disagreed. The vast majority wants the Pledge of Allegiance just the way it is."

"It's not going to have an effect on us whatsoever," said Springfield Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler. "We fully intend to continue the practice of having the students recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of school."

Mahler said the ruling was mainly for the districts out west and if the ruling took place in the New Jersey area, it would have been appealed.

"I think it's a ridiculous ruling," said Mahler. "The country should be spending its time on real problems and not this kind of nonsense. We will continue to do whatever we can to make sure that our students fully appreciate their country's history, culture and what a wonderful place they're actually able to live in."

Springfield Mayor Steven Goldstein said the ruling does not really affect Springfield either but if it goes to the U.S. Supreme Court, they might rule that the words "Under God" are unconstitutional.

"From a legal standpoint, if you're a strict interpreter of the Constitution then they probably made the right decision," he said. "But I was never offended by it."

Committee members count the cost of creating unused documents

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

The Springfield Township Committee may be wasting taxpayer money as they pay for the township attorney to draft ordinances and resolutions that never get approved, according to certain committee members.

Township Attorney Bruce Bergen bills the township at a rate of \$100 per hour. It takes Bergen less than an hour to write most resolutions and less than 90 minutes to write most ordinances.

"We can have him drawing up stuff all day long," said Committeeman Sy Mullman. "If we don't act on it we're throwing away a ton of money."

Bergen's normal hourly rate to private clients is \$210 per hour.

"I think the Township Committee should

discuss it first before we give him a working order to get something together," said Mullman. "We don't have to pay him to do it until we discuss it. Maybe we didn't want it done."

Bergen said attorneys who work for the County of Union get \$125 an hour and that paying attorneys \$100 an hour is typical for municipalities in this area.

"To me it's almost like me telling somebody to spend \$100 without asking any of you," said Mayor Steven Goldstein. "Whether it's paying the lawyer \$100 or I say to Marie Sedlak, Springfield's finance officer, 'I want you to go buy something that costs a \$100 and I don't ask anybody else, in essence what you're doing is you're spending money without anybody else approving it.'"

A typical township attorney rate for local

municipalities tends to be between \$90 to \$125 an hour.

"If you look at state Assembly, state Legislature, which I know is different than a municipal body, each assemblyman has a right to introduce an ordinance or resolution, regardless of if it's voted down 100 to one, they have that right," said Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld. "In essence somebody pays for that."

Bergen has been Springfield's township attorney for nine years.

"We can set our own ground rules," said Goldstein. "Do we want to operate as a committee or as individuals?"

Hirschfeld asked how the committee would draw a line between needing the committee's approval to have Bergen do something and not needing approval. He said that in the past

he has had Bergen write letters on behalf of the township.

"Wouldn't that create a real problem if each member wants to have a letter written on a particular interest and would have to go before the committee on a whole to get approval?" said Hirschfeld.

"If everybody wants to operate as their own sort of little chieftom, that's fine with me if that's what the ground rules are," said Goldstein. "It seems to be distorted depending on who's doing it and how it's being done."

Committeeman Gregory Clarke said that sometimes he gets a document drafted before the rest of the committee requests it because he's learned that if it stays in discussion it never gets anywhere.

"I think I have an obligation to the people to bring up things that I think are important, even

if the four of you don't agree with that," said Clarke.

Goldstein said that if a question on an issue arises that, maybe, members of the Township Committee should go to Township Administrator Richard Sheola and ask him before going to Bergen and having to be billed.

Hirschfeld said he might not be able to consult Sheola if the problem that arises is a legal issue and Bergen would be better suited to answer it.

"There's nothing wrong with calling Bruce and asking him a question if there's a legal issue," said Mullman. "I'm just talking about going ahead and drawing up papers and proceeding with something before we discuss it."

"I think when you present it in writing with all the details it has more potency rather than a discussion," said Hirschfeld.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., begins its summer international film festival with "Amelie" at noon and 7 p.m. Admission is free.

The Mountaintop Public Library, Constitution Plaza, sponsors Summer-time Stories and Crafts Thursdays through Aug. 8 from 2 to 2:45 p.m. for kindergartners through fourth-graders.

For more information, call the Summit Area Chapter Red Cross at 908-273-2076.

The Mountaintop Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in the conference room at the Mountaintop Public Library, Constitution Plaza.

Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road, Mountaintop, provides free child car seat safety checks in collaboration with the Comprehensive Traffic Safety Program of the Union County Police Department from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Mountaintop Public Library, Constitution Plaza, hosts Bedtime Stories for young children Tuesdays through July at 7 p.m.

As part of summer adult computer classes at the Mountaintop Public Library, Constitution Plaza, a question-and-answer session about word processing takes place from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

The Gadabout Senior Group of Mountaintop sponsors a trip to the Blue Velvet Theatre in Westbury, Long Island, to see Bobby Vinton. A dinner at the Millidge Inn is included.

For information and reservations, call Loretta at 908-232-1404.

Suspended license brings arrest

Mountaintop On July 16 at 2:38 p.m., Jihad Spearman, 21, of Elizabeth was arrested for driving with a suspended license on Route 22 East.

Mountaintop police officers responded to an illegal dumping on Route 22 East on July 17 at 5:27 p.m.

On Friday at 10:43 a.m., Jasper Douglas, 50, of Newark was arrested for driving with a suspended license on Route 22 East.

A Carteret resident reported that his vehicle was stolen from the Loews Theatre parking lot, Route 22 East, on Sunday at 1:27 a.m.

On Sunday at 11:41 p.m., a Berkeley Heights resident reported that her pocket book disappeared while she was at her friend's house on Birch Hill Road.

Springfield On July 13 at 10:30 p.m., three bicycles, valued at a combined total of \$470, were stolen from the rear parking lot of The Olive Garden, Route 22 East.

John Makris, 38, was arrested for theft by deception on Milltown Road on July 11 at 4:30 p.m.

POLICE BLOTTER

On July 12 at 7:45 a.m., it was reported that approximately five paintball stains were found on the door of a Commerce Road residence.

On July 14 at 8:30 a.m., there was a reported motor vehicle theft at the Holiday Inn parking lot on Route 22 West.

A 1998 Jeep was reported stolen from Balfusol Avenue on Sunday at 7:23 a.m.

On Sunday at 5 p.m., Linen 'N' Things, Route 22 West, reported that eight to 10 beach towels, valued at a combined \$80, were stolen.

On Morris Turnpike, a wallet containing \$200 cash, a debit card, gas card, and personal papers, was reported stolen on Sunday at 4:10 p.m.

On Sunday at 9:15 p.m., the driver's side door lock was broken on a 2002 Audi that was parked on Maple Avenue.

On July 17 at 6:30 p.m., Sam Goody, Route 22 East, reported that several Playstation 2 items were stolen with a total estimated value of \$429.

On Morris Avenue, a Foodtown patron reported that her wallet, containing a social security card, driver's license, Medicare card, and \$40 cash, was stolen on July 18.

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Springfield seniors stay active

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer Springfield has several activities and trips for its senior citizens to participate in.

There are six different groups of seniors, who each meet at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center at 37 Church Mall. "Each group meets twice a month," said Senior Coordinator Theresa Herkalo.

"We have a raffle at every meeting," said Beiswinger. "The members donate different things that they no longer need or want and then we sell raffle tickets. We bring in money that way."

Group 1 recently celebrated its 40th anniversary. Beiswinger has been the group's president the last two years.

"We have a general meeting, we follow procedures and then most of the time we have outside speakers coming in, speaking on something towards seniors' interests," said Group 3 President Laura Franklin.

The groups take trips to various plays in the local area as well as to the shore. They go to Atlantic City every month, paying \$18 for transportation but they get some of the money back from the casino.

Springfield's biggest group is Group 1, which has 43 members enrolled.

"We have our usual salute to the flag, our prayer and the business meeting goes on," said Group 1 President Helen Beiswinger, going over the group's meeting itinerary.

Plans to install a filtering system on the computers in the children's section of the Springfield Free Public Library.

The library's network will be completely recabled and the new hardware, enabling the filtering software to be loaded, will be installed shortly after.

"We have already ordered the new software that we're going to be using," said Library Director Susan Peralmas.

"The filters will only be installed on the computers in the children's section."

"The software that we have purchased is going to do multiple things for us," said Peralmas. "It's going to filter, whether they want to go back and try again."

For instance, a library patron will sign onto a machine for 30 minutes. They will be told that their time is running out. If there's nobody waiting to use the computer, they will be allowed to stay on longer.

"The software will also provide print management, which will also, hopefully, decrease the number of people who wish to print objectionable material because now they'll have to go to a central printer to pick it up rather than being able to print right at their work station," said Peralmas.

Grads can give out gowns to help campers

For graduating seniors and alumni, graduation gowns need not hang idly in closets after the big day has passed.

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Library will close to get ready for installation of Internet filtering

Mayor Steven Goldstein has said that he has been in the library and has seen people looking up objectionable material on the Internet.

He said he has nothing against people looking up what they want on the Internet, he just feels not all of it is appropriate in a library setting.

"It's inappropriate for an adult to be on a computer in the children's section to begin with," said Goldstein.

There has been some legislation passed by Congress regarding Internet access in libraries. The Children's Internet Protection Act and the Neighborhood Internet Protection Act went into effect in April of last year.

Congress has basically said that if a library receives federal funding, then they must filter their internet services. However, those acts were challenged and knocked down in federal court.

"At this point Congress has to make a decision as to whether they want to go back and try again," said Peralmas.

"They've already had two of these things declared unconstitutional."

There is state legislation, similar to the other two acts, that might move forward now that the others were rejected.

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Members of the Springfield Senior Citizens show the arts and crafts projects they created, including, from left, Jane Hadley of Group One, who was the instructor for the project; Helen Beiswinger of Group One; Ernestine Gierman, also of Group One; Josephine Zentz, of Group Six and Freda Knapp also of Group Six. The Senior Citizens Group meets the second and fourth Mondays at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center from 1 to 3 p.m.

Seniors can go on the trips regardless of whether they are a member of one of the Springfield senior groups or not.

"It seems that everybody is very interested in whatever trips do come up," said Beiswinger. "It seems that

everybody participates in it which is good. We have quite an active group."

On Sept. 4 at 11 a.m., all the senior groups will be attending a catered pool picnic at the Springfield Municipal Pool.

"We have a couple of people who

are in their 90s and they come out and they're really on the ball," said Franklin.

Seniors interested in attending one of the trips or joining one of the township's groups can call Theresa Herkalo at 973-912-2227.

Some of what we heard was going to be included was that all monitors must face the direction of an adult at all times," said Peralmas.

"That would be very difficult for a lot of libraries. You'd have to reconfigure your whole setup. The computers would also have to be monitored by an adult at all times, which means dedicating staff to just walking around and looking at the computers."

In a pamphlet the library provides to its patrons it reads, "The Springfield Free Public Library does not endorse the

viewpoints or vouch for the accuracy, authenticity, or timeliness of material accessed via the Internet. It is left to each user to determine what material is appropriate. Parents or guardians of minors using the Internet, not the library staff, are responsible for providing guidance to the children under their care."

"We're going to have much more control over our network and we're very anxious and happy about it," said Peralmas.

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James Moses

James "Jimmy" Moses of Summit died July 5 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

He was a machinist at Allen Industries, Rahway, for 25 years before retiring several years ago.

Mrs. Moses was an Army veteran of World War II. He served on the steward board and the usher board of the Wallace Chapel of the Zion AME Church, where he also sang in the chorus.

Mr. Moses was a member of the Hill City Lodge 18 F&AM Prince Hall Affiliation and the Sunbeam Chapter 46 Order of the Eastern Star, both of Summit.

Born in Newberry, S.C., Mr. Moses moved to Summit 36 years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Viola; daughters, Dorothy and Marilyn Jones and Monique; sons, Maurice and Michael Jones and brothers, Lazarus and Clifford.

Joseph V. Tanzola

Joseph V. Tanzola, 89, of Lakewood died July 12 in the Laurelton Village Nursing Home, Brick.

Mr. Tanzola was a microbiologist for the Ciba Corp. in Summit for 19 years before retiring in 1968.

In 1937, he graduated from Villanova University in Villanova, Pa., with a bachelor's degree. He earned a master's degree from Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., in 1939.

Mr. Tanzola served in the Army during World War II.

Born in New York City, he lived in Lyndhurst, Teaneck and Summit before moving to Lakewood in 1997.

Surviving are his wife, Edileen; a son Vincent; daughter, Judith Ann; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ralph Scrocca

Ralph Scrocca, 81, of Summit died July 12 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

He was a dental technician with the Dental Studio, Springfield, for 10 years before retiring 16 years ago.

Mr. Scrocca served in the Army during World War II.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 433, New Providence, and a past president of the Casa Col-

ombio Civic Association, Millburn. Born in the Bronx, he lived in Millburn before moving to Summit 47 years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Velia; sons, Anthony and Vincent; a daughter, Carmella L'Homme-deau, and four grandchildren.

Lillian A. Camparo

Lillian A. Camparo, 90, of Summit died July 15 in Glenside Nursing Home, New Providence.

She was an auditor with the Internal Revenue Service in Brooklyn for many years before retiring.

Born in Newark, she lived in Summit for 20 years.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary J. Chaggaris; a son, George P.; a brother, Peter Sadimas; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Ester 'Tony' Everett

Ester "Tony" Everett, 64, of Vauxhall, formerly of Summit, died July 15 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Panama City, Fla., Mr. Everett lived in Summit before moving to Vauxhall in 1983. He was employed in the maintenance department of the Newark school system since 1980 and was director of maintenance for two years until 2000.

Mr. Everett also owned and operated E. Everett Electrical Contractor, Vauxhall. He served in the Army during peacetime.

In 1995, Mr. Everett received an associate's degree in engineering from Essex County College, Newark. He also was a 1979 graduate of the Union County Vocational Technical School, Scotch Plains, where he became a licensed electrician.

Mr. Everett was president of the Summit Housing Tenants Association from 1973 through 1977 and also served as vice president of the Urban League of Summit for seven years until 1975. He was the affirmative action officer of the Newark Board of Education from 1998 through this year. Mr. Everett also was president of the Coalition of Minority Contractors for three years until 1997.

Surviving are his wife, Melnie; three sons, Mark A., Roderic W. and Troy T.; a daughter, Esther M.; eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Georgene Kooluris

Georgene Kooluris, 81, of Springfield died July 17 in Overlook Hospi-

tal, Summit. Born in New York City, she lived in Springfield since 1957. Mrs. Kooluris was a sales associate at Lord & Taylor, Westfield, for 10 years before retiring. Before that, she had been a sales associate at B. Altman & Co., Short Hills, for 10 years and owned the Stage House Inn, Scotch Plains, with her late husband, Peter.

Mrs. Kooluris was a member of the Philoptochos Society and Trinity Circle, both of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. She was also a volunteer at Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary J. Chaggaris; a son, George P.; a brother, Peter Sadimas; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Jule M. Kutsop

Jule M. Kutsop of Mountaineire died July 21 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Kutsop lived in Mountaineire since 1952. She was assistant librarian in Mountaineire Public Library for 20 years and retired in 1977. During the 1940s, Mrs. Kutsop worked for Prudential, Newark.

She graduated from Barringer Evening High School, Newark, in 1939. She served as president of the senior class and received the Bamberger Scholarship medal, which was presented to the student with the highest academic ranking. Mrs. Kutsop also attended Rutgers University.

Surviving are her husband of 60 years, Walter Kutsop Sr.; a son, Walter Kutsop Jr.; a daughter, Joyce Kennedy; a sister, Nina Herzog; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Richard Pawelek

Richard Pawelek, 66, of Mountaineire died July 19 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Pawelek lived in Warren before moving to Mountaineire 11 years ago. He was a stationary engineer at Lucent Technologies, Murray Hill, and, before that, at Bell Labs, for a total of 46 years before retiring.

Surviving are his wife, Dolores; a son, Ken; a daughter, Karen Graham; a sister, Patricia Huschle, and four grandchildren.

Alfred Parker III

Alfred Parker III, 62, of Berkeley Heights, formerly of Springfield, died July 17 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Parker lived in Springfield before moving to Berkeley Heights 26 years ago. He was an officer with the Springfield Police Department for many years before retiring. Mr. Parker also was a security guard at Bell Labs, Murray Hill, for seven years. He was a Little League coach in Springfield. Mr. Parker was active with Antioch Baptist Church, Springfield, and was a past president of the senior choir, an usher and a member of the trustee board.

Surviving are two sons, Ted A. and Tyrone G.; a sister, Lulu Owens, and nine grandchildren.

John F. Grabowy

John F. Grabowy, 88, of Springfield died July 19 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Newark, Mr. Grabowy moved to Springfield 45 years ago. He was a technician with Westinghouse, Newark, for 37 years before retiring. Mr. Grabowy was a bingo worker and a member of the Holy Name Society, both of St. Stanislaus

Church, Newark. He also was a member of the Polish Cultural Foundation of Clark.

Surviving are a son, Joseph; a daughter, Ann Granzel; two brothers, Stanley and Walter; a sister, Aniela Wroblewski, and a grandchild.

Louise Arangis

Louise Arangis, 93, of West Caldwell, formerly of Springfield, died July 21 in Mountaineire Hospital, Glen Ridge.

Born in Newark, Miss Arangis lived in Maplewood and Springfield before moving to West Caldwell in 1998. She was principal of the Seth Boyden Elementary School, Maplewood, for 25 years and retired in 1976.

Miss Arangis also wrote "A Treasury of Creative Handcraft Activities for Elementary Teachers" and "The Red, White and Blue Art Ideas Handbook," both published by Parker Publications, West Nyack, N.Y., and several articles for Arts and Crafts Crochet magazine.

Miss Arangis received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in elementary education from New York University. She was a past president of the New Jersey Division of the American Camping Association and

served as camp director of Old First Church Dennis Memorial Camp in Stillwater for more than 20 years. Miss Arangis also was a member of the New Jersey Education Association and the Elementary Principals' Association of Maplewood and South Orange. She was a member of the Young Men's Christian Association and Reeves-Reeves Arboretum, both of Summit, and the Friends of the Library, Springfield.

Blanche L. Keller

Blanche L. Keller, 86, of Berkeley Township, formerly of Mountaineire, died July 21 in Community Medical Center, Toms River.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Keller lived in Mountaineire before moving to Berkeley Township in 1978. She was a school secretary for the Mountaineire school system for 12 years and retired 30 years ago.

Mrs. Keller was a member of the Order of Eastern Star Atlas Chapter, Westfield, the Berkeley Star District 14 of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Modern Muses Women's Club of Toms River.

Surviving are a son, Raymond; a daughter, Beverly Healy, and four grandchildren.

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The Mountaineire 10-year-old All-Star baseball team captured the Roselle Park Tournament championship and had an outstanding record of 10-1 as of last week. Kneeling, from left, are Justin Catalano, Michael Miller, Gerard Fenn, Chris Trimmer, Steven Schauberg, Dylan Turner and Frank Rubino. Standing, from left, Jake Lataurette, Bobby Hilongus, Josh Thompson, Paul Mirabelli, Zach Worswick and Matt Cataldo. Coaches, from left, are Bob Hilongus, Scott Worswick, Doug Trimmer and manager Mark Cantagallo.

Mountaineire All-Stars are at the top of their game

Baseball team captures RP Tournament

The Mountaineire age 10 All-Star baseball team continues to dominate the opposition as it sported a 10-1 record as of last week.

Mountaineire also went 5-0 to capture the Roselle Park Tournament.

Here's a look at regular season results:

Florham Park 6, Mountaineire 2: Gerard Fenn and Chris Trimmer produced runs with hits for Mountaineire in the third.

Mountaineire 12, Millburn 6: Justin Catalano, Gerard Fenn, Chris Trimmer, Frank Rubino, Paul Mirabelli and Josh Thompson hit safely in the third inning. A double play by Trimmer and Mirabelli ended the game.

Mountaineire 20, Cranford 4: Aggressive baserunning by Gerard Fenn, Chris Trimmer and Frank Rubino and hits by Justin Catalano, Michael Miller, Jake Lataurette and Bobby Hilongus sparked Mountaineire.

Mountaineire 17, Madison 5: Paul Mirabelli, Bobby Hilongus, Gerard Fenn, Dylan Turner, Frank Rubino, Paul Mirabelli, Steven Schauberg, Chris Trimmer, Jake Lataurette and Josh Thompson hit safely as Mountaineire had its hitting show on once again. Lataurette blasted a home run to center field and Thompson belted a double.

Mountaineire 6, Springfield 3: Gerard Fenn pitched well, Steven Schauberg hit safely and Fenn and Chris Trimmer stole home. Mountaineire overcame an early 3-0 deficit. Mirabelli drove in a run with a hit and Michael Miller walked with the bases loaded for an RBI.

Mountaineire 7, New Providence 2: Frank Rubino, Paul Mirabelli, Josh Thompson and Dylan Turner hit safely, while Gerard Fenn, Mirabelli and Rubino played well defensively.

Mountaineire 9, Livingston 3: Paul Mirabelli and Gerard Fenn connected on RBI-singles, while Zach Worswick played well at catcher. Josh Thompson drove in two runs in the third with a double, while Bobby Hilongus, Fenn, Chris Trimmer and Frank Rubino scored runs in the fourth. Fenn and Thompson pitched well.

Mountaineire 21, Union 4: Mountaineire took a commanding lead in the first inning after hits by Chris Trimmer, Paul Mirabelli, Josh Thompson, Dylan Turner and Gerard Fenn brought in nine runs. Steven Schauberg, Bobby Hilongus, Justin Catalano and Michael Miller also hit safely.

Mountaineire captured the double-elimination Roselle Park Tournament that ran from June 22 to July 13.

Here's a look at how Mountaineire dominated the field:

Mountaineire 3, Berkeley Heights 0: Paul Mirabelli pitched well and Zach Worswick caught an excellent game. Dylan Turner, Chris Trimmer and Frank Rubino scored.

Mountaineire 11, North Elizabeth 9: Hits by Frank Rubino, Paul Mirabelli, Josh Thompson, Dylan Turner, Zach Worswick, Michael Miller, Gerard Fenn and Chris Trimmer helped to give Mountaineire an early lead.

Mountaineire 11, Kenilworth 3: Gerard Fenn, Chris Trimmer, Frank Rubino, Paul Mirabelli, Michael Miller and Steven Schauberg delivered offensively, while Josh Thompson and Trimmer provided excellent pitching efforts. Zach Worswick and Rubino played well defensively.

Mountaineire 8, Merrill Park 6: Mountaineire came back from a deficit in the bottom of the fifth when Gerard Fenn, Chris Trimmer, Frank Rubino and Dylan Turner connected on base hits. A strong effort by Zach Worswick behind the plate played a key role in the Mountaineire victory.

Mountaineire 6, Merrill Park 4: Paul Mirabelli was sharp on the mound in this, the championship game. Zach Worswick, Gerard Fenn, Frank Rubino, Dylan Turner, Justin Catalano, Michael Miller, Chris Trimmer and Josh Thompson hit the ball safely. Thompson pitched well in relief, leaving the bases loaded in the sixth. Mirabelli also got out of trouble in the second and third innings after Merrill Park loaded the bases.

Springfield has up and down week

The Springfield Minutemen age 14 baseball team had an up-and-down week. Springfield fell to Millburn West 10-6 July 15. Left fielder with a forfeit against Mountaineire two days later and then last Friday were rained out at Summit.

Springfield was scheduled to participate in the league playoffs Monday.

In the setback to Millburn West, Zach Silverman drove in Brian Burdulia and Matt Parman in the bottom of the second and then scored in the third to cut the deficit to 7-3.

Silverman drove in John Cox in the fourth and then drove in two more runs in the sixth with a triple.

Millburn scored three runs in the top of the seventh after Springfield closed to within 7-6.

Springfield's age 13 team was defeated by visiting Union 12-1 July 18, but then bounced back to beat Maplewood 4-3 at Maplewood's Cameron Field. Springfield was defeated at West Orange 7-3 last Saturday.

Elliot Grossman walked with the bases loaded against Union, with Adam Moss scoring Springfield's

only run. Evan Ring walked to load the bases.

Ryan O'Reilly pitched well as Springfield held off Maplewood after taking an early 4-0 lead.

Stephen Suarez gave up only one run in three innings against West Orange, while O'Reilly executed a picture-perfect bunt, stole his way to second and third and scored on a Teddy Hopkins sacrifice fly.

Springfield was scheduled to wrap its season Monday, at Sandmeier against West Orange.

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The Union County Local Information Network/Communication System Tobacco Control Program, in conjunction with the American Lung Association of New Jersey...

ise is a great way to educate tobacco retailers in Union County to not sell tobacco to minors. This event is just another example of the overall mission of the LINGS Tobacco Control Program in helping to save lives.

statewide panel that studies issues related to New Jersey's system of funding the public schools.

Community blood drives The Blood Center of New Jersey will sponsor the following blood drives:

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Volunteers needed to be rape crisis advocates Caring, supportive and committed individuals are wanted to volunteer to assist rape survivors during day, evening and weekend shifts at the Union County Rape Crisis Center.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Seniors honored for art

The artists and their families filled the atrium gallery at NUJ/Elizabethtown Gas recently to see who had been recognized for their talent and creativity.



Diversity Art Gallery curator Christine Dolinich-Matuska is surrounded by 'Seasonal Change,' a series of acrylic paintings she created.

New gallery to celebrate diversity

The opening of a new exhibition space and center for cultural exchange has been announced by Executive Director Frank D. Papandrea.

Volunteers sought for Liberty Hall

Liberty Hall Museum, 1003 Morris Ave. in Union, in preparation for its new season that began April 3, is seeking volunteers to assist with many aspects of the museum's operation.

Westfield Symphony prepares to journey into 20th season

The Westfield Symphony Orchestra, the area's premier professional symphony, has announced the creation of a new Family Membership plan.

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Strawberries liven up summer recipes

Sweet and juicy strawberries have been available since June. Choose strawberries that are plump and firm with a bright red color and natural shine. Caps should be fresh, green and intact. Wash just before serving.

The American Dairy Association and Dairy Council Inc. offers the following collection of recipes including the classic Strawberries and Cream — to enjoy.

Cool Fruit Tart With Lemon-Cream Cheese Filling

Yield: 10 servings
Sugar Cookie Crust:
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup confectioners sugar
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 cup (1 stick) cold butter cut into chunks

1 egg, lightly beaten
Tart:
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
2 tablespoons confectioners sugar
1/2 cup ready prepared lemon curd
Assorted fresh fruit such as mango, kiwi, strawberries and sliced strawberries
1/2 cup apricot or peach preserves
2 teaspoons water
3 tablespoons sliced, toasted almonds

Preheat oven to 350 F. Line a 12-inch round pizza with aluminum foil. Place flour, confectioners sugar, baking soda, baking powder and butter in food processor. Cover and process until mixture resembles fine crumbs. Add egg and process until mixture starts to hold together. Press dough into pan with lightly floured fingers to form a circle about 11 inches in diameter. If dough appears too soft, refrigerate about 10 minutes. Bake until golden brown, 12 to 15 minutes; cool. Carefully transfer cookie from foil to serving platter.

Beat cream cheese, confectioners sugar and lemon curd with mixer until smooth. Spread on crust to within 1/2 inch of edge. Refrigerate 30 minutes. Arrange fruit in decorative pattern on top of tart. Combine preserves and water. Drizzle over fruit. Sprinkle with almonds. Serve immediately or refrigerate as long as 2 hours.

Note: You may substitute one 18-ounce package of refrigerated sugar cookie dough for crust recipe. Cut refrigerated dough into 1/2-inch slices. Arrange slices on foil-lined, 12-inch round pizza pan, pressing slices together with lightly floured fingers. Bake until cookie is an even golden brown, 12 to 15 minutes. Remove from oven and cool completely.

Lemon curd is available in the preserves section of most supermarkets. To toast almonds, place on baking sheet in 350 F oven until lightly toasted, about 5 minutes.

Fresh Strawberries With Cultured Cream

Yield: 1 1/2 cups
2 tablespoons firmly packed light brown sugar
dash of salt
1 cup dairy sour cream
1/2 cup whipping cream
2 pints fresh sliced strawberries
Sprinkle sugar and salt over sour cream. Let stand a few minutes. Gently fold whipping cream into sour cream-mixture. Refrigerate, covered, 1 to 2 hours to allow flavors to blend. Serve over fresh, sliced strawberries.

Strawberry Fool

Yield: 6 servings
1 pint very ripe fresh strawberries, washed and hulled
1/2 cup superfine sugar
1 1/2 cups whipping cream
6 whole strawberries
Place strawberries and sugar in work bowl of food processor or blender. Puree until smooth. Whip cream using chilled, narrow deep bowl and chilled beaters until stiff peaks form.

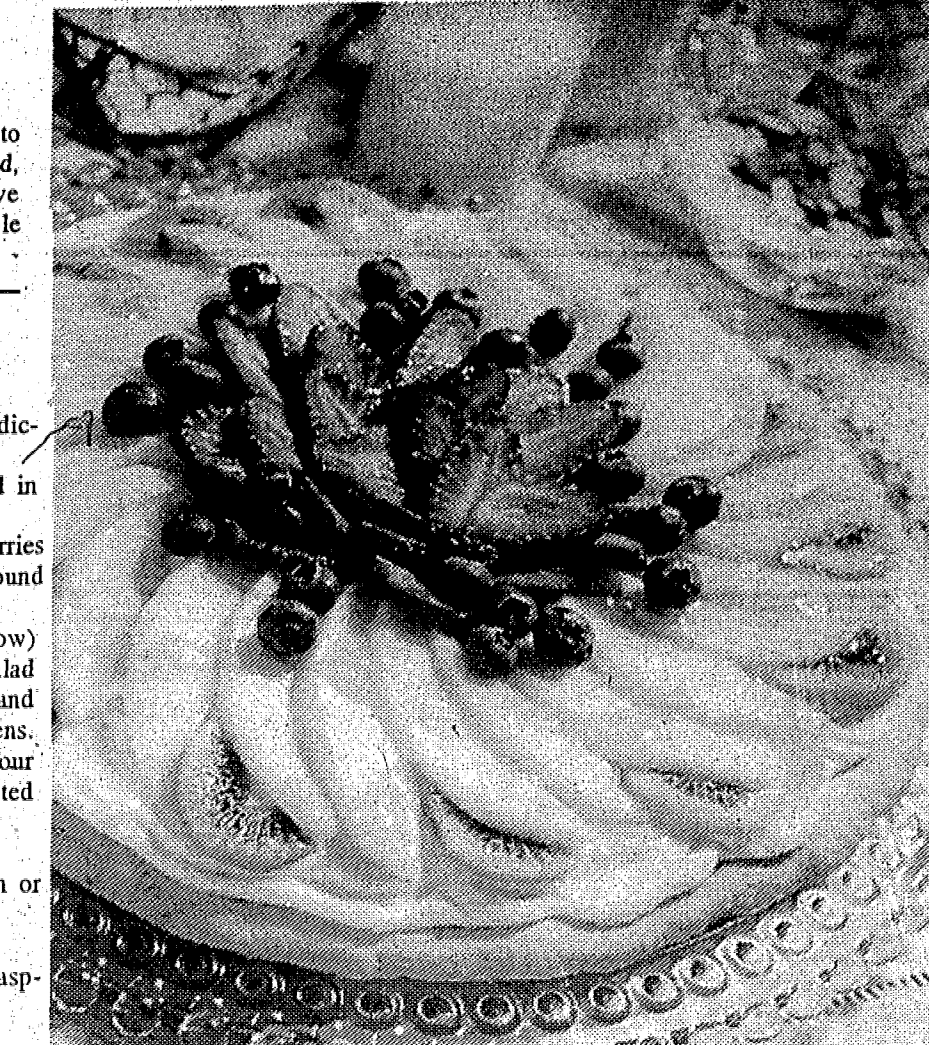
Gently fold pureed berry mixture into whipped cream. Refrigerate, covered, 1 to 2 hours. Serve in decorative dessert dishes garnished with a whole strawberry.

Gouda and Strawberry Salad

Yield: 4 servings
6 cups Romaine, spinach or radicchio greens
8 ounces Gouda cheese, sliced in wedges
1 1/2 cups juicy sliced strawberries
1/2 cup ready-made toasted ground pecans
Strawberry Vinaigrette (see below)
Arrange greens on four salad plates. Arrange cheese wedges and strawberries alternately on greens. Divide dressing between the four plates and garnish with toasted ground pecans on top of salads.

Strawberry Vinaigrette

Whisk all ingredients together in a small bowl. Place in jar with lid and chill until ready to use.



This cool fruit tart with lemon-cream filling is among the many uses for the versatile strawberry.

Fresh or cooked, berry-based dishes help with the 'blues'

July is the season for sweet, juicy blueberries. When purchasing blueberries, the North American Blueberry Association recommends selecting berries that are firm, dry, plump, smooth-skinned and relatively free from leaves and stems. Size is not an indicator of maturity, but color is — berries should be deep purple-blue to blue-black; reddish berries aren't ripe but may be in cooking.

Store fresh blueberries in the refrigerator and wash just before serving. For best results, use within 10 days of purchase. To prevent "blue butter," coat blueberries with flour or starch before integrating into batter.

Want to freeze berries for later use? The secret to successful freezing is to use berries that are unwashed and completely dry before popping them into the freezer. Completely cover the blueberry containers with plastic wrap, store in an airtight, re-sealable plastic bag or arrange dry berries in a single layer on a cookie sheet. When frozen, transfer berries to plastic bags or freezer containers. For more information and recipes, visit the North American Blueberry Association online at www.blueberry.org.

The American Dairy Association and Dairy Council Inc. shares these recipes featuring fresh-picked blueberries.

Watermelon and Blueberry Banana Split

Courtesy of www.watermelon.org
Yield: 4 servings
2 large bananas
8 "scoops" watermelon — using ice cream scoop, scoop balls of watermelon. Remove seeds if needed.
1 pint fresh blueberries
1/2 cup vanilla lowfat yogurt
1/2 cup crunchy cereal nuggets
Peel bananas and cut in half cross-wise; cut each piece in half length-

wise. For each serving, lay 2 banana pieces against sides of shallow dish. Place watermelon "scoop" at each end of dish. Fill center space with blueberries. Stir yogurt until smooth; spoon over watermelon "scoops." Sprinkle with cereal nuggets.

Blueberry Tortilla Pizza

Courtesy of www.blueberry.org
Yield: 4 portions
1/2 cup ricotta or whipped cream cheese
1 tablespoon confectioners sugar
1 pint fresh blueberries
1/2 cup sliced strawberries

Note: To toast coconut, place in a skillet over moderate heat until pale gold, stirring constantly.

The Best Blueberry Muffins

Courtesy of www.blueberry.org
Yield: 12 muffins
1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
1 1/4 cups plus 1 tablespoon flour, divided
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Grease 12 2 1/2-inch muffin cups. Toss blueberries with 1 tablespoon of the flour. Combine the remaining flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg and salt; set aside.

Beat egg, sour cream and milk; stir into flour mixture until just combined — batter will be lumpy. Stir in blueberries until evenly distributed. Fill muffin cups 3/4 full with batter. Bake about 20 minutes until golden.

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, combine eggs, milk, flour, 1 tablespoon of sugar and salt until smooth. Pour batter into plate; bake for 8 minutes. Reduce heat to 375 degrees F; bake until pancake is golden brown and sides are puffy, about 8 to 10 minutes longer.

While that is baking, combine blueberries with the remaining 2 tablespoons sugar and the cinnamon in a small bowl. Remove pancake from oven; scatter

ter bananas over pancake. Spoon blueberries over bananas. Cut into wedges; serve immediately.

For more servings, double all ingredients; bake in 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking pan about 20 to 25 minutes at 425 degrees F.

Museum seeks docents

Several opportunities remain for candidates to apply for training in the new volunteer science docent training program to be conducted by the Newark Museum.

The museum, which will expand its science initiative and open a permanent natural science exhibition in November, is seeking individuals who have an interest or background in science.

A complete information packet about this exciting new volunteer opportunity and a program application may be obtained by Sherry Swagin in the Newark Museum Science Department at 973-596-6563.

Healthy Living

Proper nutrition helps ensure healthy bones among kids, teens

Summer is here and roller bladers and skateboarders are out in force. In-line skating is one of fastest-growing recreational sports for children and teen-agers in the United States. Unfortunately, the number of injuries has grown, too, with an alarming 90,000 injuries in 2000 alone, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Clearinghouse.

While wearing helmets and kneepads are key, many health professionals agree that good dietary habits are just as important as protective gear.

Dr. Jordan Mezl, medical director of Youth Sports Institute at the Hospital for Special Surgery and author of "The Young Athlete," recommends that kids keep at the top of their game with strength training and a balanced diet, including plenty of calcium-rich foods.

The reality is that nine out of 10 ten girls and seven out of 10 teen boys don't meet their calcium needs of 1,300 milligrams of calcium a day — the equivalent found in four glasses of milk. Instead, surveys show teens are replacing milk with about 24 ounces of soft drinks daily. Girls are already at a greater risk of developing brittle bones because they already have lower calcium intakes. New research is showing that trading soft drinks for milk can have short-term, as well as long-term, consequences. A study in the Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine reported that

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girls especially may be at risk for bone fractures associated with the consumption of carbonated drinks. Although the interaction is unknown, 400 ninth- and 10th-grade urban girls in this study showed that among physically active girls there was high association with bone fractures and the intake of carbonated beverages.

High calcium intake is protective, and parents should consider how many soft drinks they and their children consume, using them as an occasional treat rather than a routine meal beverage.

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Sandra Gillespie, MSPT, graduated from the physical therapy program at Springfield College in 2000. Her education and training emphasized a holistic philosophy in individualized patient care. She has integrated this approach with her personal commitment to addressing each patient as a unique person. The ability to offer personalized care with improving daily function made physical therapy the ideal profession for Sandra's caring attitude.

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not getting enough calcium in their diet and not getting enough exercise in their daily activities. The image of a young person sitting in front of a video game while drinking a soda is a recipe for fractures when they get older. To develop strong bones, I encourage kids to drink a glass of milk, then get outside and move, doing anything that they enjoy — making sure that they were protective gear if they are riding bikes or rollerblading," says Dr. Krciej, professor of pediatrics and chief of Division of Adolescent Medicine, University of Rochester

Medical Center.

Ounce of prevention
These injury-prevention tips are from Dr. Jordan Mezl, author of "The Young Athlete."

• Learn all you can about the sport you play.
• Wear protective gear checking for proper fit

• Eat a well-balanced diet that includes calcium-rich foods such as milk, cheese or yogurt for optimal bone health

• Strength train for growing bones and muscles

• Sports patients can help their children most by setting a good example and thinking long-term

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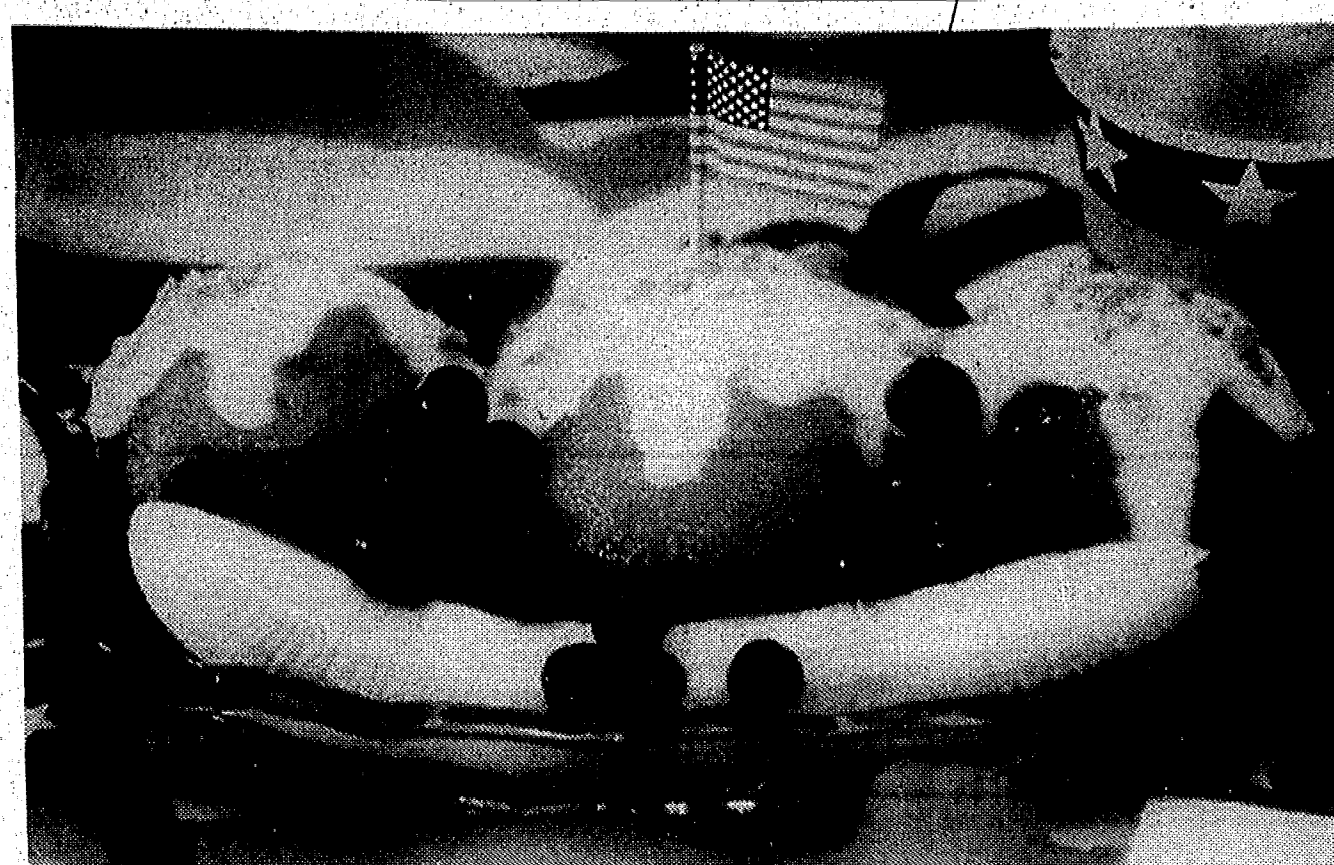
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The watermelon and blueberry banana split is a refreshing and healthful alternative to the traditional variety featuring ice cream.

Blueberries star in pancakes, muffins

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1 egg
1 cup sour cream
1/2 cup milk

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Grease 12 2 1/2-inch muffin cups. Toss blueberries with 1 tablespoon of the flour. Combine the remaining flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg and salt; set aside.

Beat egg, sour cream and milk; stir into flour mixture until just combined — batter will be lumpy. Stir in blueberries until evenly distributed. Fill muffin cups 3/4 full with batter. Bake about 20 minutes until golden.

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, combine eggs, milk, flour, 1 tablespoon of sugar and salt until smooth. Pour batter into plate; bake for 8 minutes. Reduce heat to 375 degrees F; bake until pancake is golden brown and sides are puffy, about 8 to 10 minutes longer.

While that is baking, combine blueberries with the remaining 2 tablespoons sugar and the cinnamon in a small bowl. Remove pancake from oven; scat-

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- Chill the bowl and beaters, preferably in the freezer if there's space. The colder the bowl and beaters, the quicker the cream will whip. The cream should be well chilled prior to beating, too.
- Use a small, deep bowl for beating cream. One cup whipping cream yields two cups whipped cream.
- Beat rapidly, scraping bowl occasionally.
- Beat until soft or stiff peaks form as directed in

recipe. Do not overbeat. Whipped cream forced through a pastry tube for decorating must be stiffer than whipped cream folded into other recipe ingredients. When folded into other ingredients in a recipe, it should be stiff enough to provide support or firmness, but soft enough to blend in smoothly.

- Ultra-pasteurized whipping cream will take slightly longer to beat than regular whipping cream and will not overbeat as readily.
- For sweetened whipped cream, fold 2 to 3 tablespoons sifted confectioners sugar or granulated sugar into 2 cups whipped cream, after beating.

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ART SHOWS

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS in Summit is currently sponsoring its annual Members Show and Sale in the Palmer Gallery at NJCVA.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. NCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

OUR VIEW: A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE in Life in Union County, a traveling exhibit sponsored by Community Access Unlimited, features the work of 10 adults with developmental disabilities. The exhibit will tour the county. For information, call 908-354-3040. Ext. 304.

ARTIST RON HEDRICK will have his work on exhibit at Evelyn Dunn's Gallery, 549 South Ave., Westfield. Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For information, call 908-232-0412.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountainside will exhibit the works of Sylvia Glessman, Jane Luz and Lisa Masson throughout the month of July.

CHS is located at 153 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For information, call 888-244-5373.

DIVERSITY ART GALLERY in Clark will preview its Sept. 8 grand opening with an exhibit of works by curator Christine Dolnich-Matuska Sunday through Aug. 6. An opening reception will take place Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Gallery hours are Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m.; Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and by appointment. Diversity Art Gallery is located in the chapel building of the Union County Baptist Church, on the Clark circle adjacent to the entrance ramp for Garden State Parkway North at Exit 135. For information, call 732-574-1479.

2002 UNION COUNTY SENIOR ART SHOW will be on exhibit in the Union at Hill Elizabethtown Gas Co. in Union through Aug. 9.

Exhibit hours are Mondays through Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. NUI/Elizabethtown Gas Co. is located in Liberty Hall Center, 1011 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908-558-2550; NJ Relay users dial 711.

IN PRAISE OF HAWAIIAN LANDSCAPES, an exhibit of photographs, and an exhibit of sculpture titled "Gods and Magical Creatures" will be displayed at the Donald B. Palmer Gallery at the Springfield Free Public Library through Aug. 22.

Gallery hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The library is closed Saturdays in July and August. Springfield Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call 973-376-4930.

SUMMER VISIONS, the work of members of the Drew Art Association, will be on exhibit in the Wigner House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, in Summit through Aug. 29.

Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located at 165 Hoban Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-8787.

OIL PAINTINGS BY JOHN REILLY will be on exhibit at Bouras Galleries in Summit throughout July and August.

Gallery hours are by appointment only. Bouras Galleries is located in Bouras Properties, 25 DeForest Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-277-6054.

AMERICAN VIEWS, black-and-white and color photographs by Raymond E. Silva of Union, will be on exhibit at the Lisa Malamut Art Gallery in Union Public Library through Sept. 18.

Aug. 21: "My Antonia" by Willa Cather
Sept. 18: "Three Women" by Marge Piercy

Oct. 16: "Alive: The Story of the Andes Survivors" by Piers P. Read
Nov. 20: "All the Kings Men" by Robert Penn Warren

Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave., in Friburger Park, Union. For information, call 908-851-5450.

SUMMER READING GROUP at Barnes & Noble in Clark meets Wednesdays throughout the summer to discuss a different book each week.

Wednesday: "The Color of Water" Aug. 7; "A Prayer for Owen Meany" Aug. 14; "Jane Eyre" Aug. 21; "The Awakening" Aug. 28; "On the Road" Sept. 4

Barnes & Noble is located at 1180 Rantano Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

SUMMER READING GROUP FOR YOUNG READERS will meet at Barnes & Noble of Springfield every other Wednesday at 3 p.m. for children 8 to 12 years old.

Wednesday: "Mummy" by Wendeline VanDrannen
Aug. 21: "The Trouble With Miss Switch" by Barbara Brooks Wallace

Barnes & Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

BOOKS BY WOMEN, about women meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes & Noble in Springfield. The selection for Aug. 7 is "Love Medicine" by Louise Erdrich. Barnes & Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

THE LORD OF THE RINGS READING GROUP meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes & Noble in Clark. Barnes & Noble is located at 1180 Rantano Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRANGLER'S CIRCLE, led by Cheryl Racanelli, meets at Barnes & Noble in Clark the second and fourth Monday of each month. Barnes & Noble is located at 1180 Rantano Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

CLASSICS BOOK CLUB meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble of Springfield. Barnes & Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTERESTS meets the second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Springfield. The selection for Aug. 8 is "The Reckoning" by Randall Robinson. Barnes & Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

MYSTERY READING GROUP meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Clark. Barnes & Noble is located at 1180 Rantano Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

JEWISH BOOK LOVERS meets the third Monday of each month at Barnes & Noble in Springfield. Barnes & Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading Group meets the third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Clark. Barnes & Noble is located at 1180 Rantano Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

WOMEN'S READING GROUP meets the last Wednesday of each month at Barnes & Noble in Clark. Barnes & Noble is located at 1180 Rantano Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP will meet Monday at Barnes & Noble in Springfield, 240 Route 22 West. The group meets every other Monday. For information, call 973-376-8544.

COLLECTIBLES
THE WESTFIELD STAMP CLUB meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Westfield Municipal Building, East Broad Street. For information, call 908-233-3045 or send e-mail to 8605@comcast.net.

CONCERTS
UNION COUNTY FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES will be sponsored by the Borough of Chosen Freeholders July 3 through Aug. 28 in Echo Lake Park, between Springfield and Mountain avenues, Mountainside. All concerts are at 7:30 p.m. and are free. Wednesday: "The Sensational Soul Cruisers, Motown"
Aug. 7: The Mahoney Brothers and Jobonanno and the Godsons of Soul
Aug. 14: The Brass Tacks Big Band Orchestra
Aug. 21: The Party Dolls
Aug. 28: Barachois, Acadian song and dance

In case of rain, call 908-352-8410 after 3 p.m. the day of the concert. For other information, call 908-827-4900.
"MUSIC IN THE PARK" Summer Concert Series, sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corp. and the Westfield Recreation Department, will take place Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in Mindowaskin on East Broad Street through Aug. 8. For information, call 908-789-4080.
A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS Summer Concerts will be presented in New

Providence's Centennial Park in the coming weeks.
Tuesday: All-female jazz trio
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TOTAL SOUL will appear in concert today from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on the Village Green, Broad Street, Summit. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. For information, call 908-277-2932.

SUMMIT SUMMER FESTIVAL CHORUS will present "Mozart: A Salzburg Celebration" Saturday at 8 p.m. in the celebratory of Central Presbyterian Church, 90 Maple St., Summit. Admission is free; tickets for reserved seats are available. For information, call 908-918-0789.

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Aug. 27: "Chunghyang," Korean
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The Main Branch of the Elizabeth Public Library is located at 11 S. Broad St. For information, call 908-354-6060.

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 Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call 908-964-9724 or 908-964-8608.

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Films are shown at 2 and 7 p.m. All films are subtitled. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave., in Friburger Park, Union. For information, call 908-851-5450.

ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY will sponsor a series of free film classics at the Main Branch. All films begin at 10 a.m.
The Main Branch of the Elizabeth Public Library is located at 11 S. Broad St. For information, call 908-354-6060.

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 Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call 908-964-9724 or 908-964-8608.

RAHWAY VALLEY JERSEYAIRES CHORUS will appear in concert Aug. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the gazebo in Mindowaskin Park, East Broad Street in Westfield, next to the Municipal Building. For information, call 908-760-4090.

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APARTMENT TO RENT
BLOOMFIELD 3 ROOMS, 3rd floor heat/hot water, available September 1st, \$650 monthly, 1-122 monthly security, no pets. Call 973-743-1781.

GLEN RIDGE, 3 bedrooms, \$1,850, 4 bedrooms, \$1,950. Great neighborhood, across from park, 5 minute walk to direct NYC train, basement, yard, porch, parking, laundry, pets OK. 973-851-5865.

MAPLEWOOD, 1 BEDROOM apartment, hardwood floors, laundry, 2 parking spaces (1 garage) patio, plenty to train, \$1,200. 973-762-0993.

NEWARK-NEAR HILLSIDE STUDIO 1 AND 2 BEDROOMS
Very Spacious, Nice Quiet location, close to Neighborhood, Near Transportation Superior Service Program
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SPRINGFIELD, 1 Month Free Rent on Selected Units, 1 bedroom apartment from \$595, Nice location, Newly renovated Heat & Hot water. Call 973-964-8663

SPRINGFIELD, TROY GARDENS 4 rooms, 2 bedrooms, first floor Refrigerator, washer, dryer, A/C. Heat/water included. Pets \$1600 security. 908-276-0297

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UNION 2 FAMILY 4 rooms, 2nd floor, \$580 includes heat/hot water. 908-904-0879

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SPRINGFIELD SPACIOUS condo, newly painted & carpeted, includes utilities, washer/dryer. Separate bath \$750 per month. 973-711-1552. Available August 1st.

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30 YR FIXED	6.00	0.00	6.04	15 YR FIXED	5.25	3.00	5.47
15 YR ARM	4.88	0.00	4.92	N/P	30 YR JUMBO	5.00	6.10
Call for jumbo mortgage rates							
Commonwealth Bank 800-924-9091	6.50	0.00	6.54	APP	30 YR FIXED	6.38	0.00
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Investors Savings Bk 800-252-8119	6.63	0.00	6.71	APP	30 YR FIXED	6.63	0.00
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COSTAL NORTH Carolina. Waterfront closed lot. \$39,900. Only 3 minute walk to remain in this quiet waterfront community. Financing available. Coastal Marketing, New Bern, NC 1-800-566-5263 www.carolinawaterfront.com

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Real estate partnership aids in fund-raising

Raising funds and awareness for the Muscular Dystrophy Association is both a passion and mission for ERA real estate professionals, who have been the sole corporate sponsors for MDA from the real estate industry for the past 25 years.

Helping ERA and MDA this year spread the word further and wider around the state during Memorial Day weekend was New Jersey's 101.5 FM radio station. On May 26, 101.5's Big Joe Henry held a live broadcast at the Jenkinson's Pier in Point Pleasant and helped to promote ERA's "Day in May for MDA" nationwide fundraising drive. ERA offices around the country held events throughout the month of May with the goal of raising \$1 million for MDA.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., New Jersey's 101.5 broadcast Big Joe Henry's weekend radio program live from Point Pleasant's Pier. ERA brokers and agents from around New Jersey, as well as representatives from both MDA and ERA's corporate office in Parsippany volunteered their time to collect funds for MDA from both beach and boardwalk visitors. Donors received free T-shirts from New Jersey 101.5.

According to Joe Gulino, chairman of advertising and publicity for the ERA Brokers of New Jersey and broker/owner of ERA Princeton Corridor Realty, "Our ERA New Jersey offices recently began a six-week program of advertising with NJ 101.5 that involves multiple radio advertising spots in addition to television advertising on CNS from 6 to 8 a.m."

To thank ERA for its advertising business, NJ 101.5 agreed to provide ERA with radio access to 101.5's devoted listening audience to promote and help raise funds for MDA.

"Though we normally fund raise door-to-door in the neighborhoods that we work and live, NJ 101.5 gave us a unique opportunity to get the word out to a large scale basis about MDA's commitment to research and the services it provides to both children and adults affected by neuromuscular diseases," said Suzanne Krouse, MDA chairperson for ERA New Jersey, and manager of ERA Gallo & DeCroce. "Though it was not ideal beach weather that day, those visitors that came out to Point Pleasant generously donated over \$500 to help MDA." With funds still coming in

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Burgdorff ERA honored for performance

Burgdorff ERA was honored for its outstanding performance in two categories at this year's Candant Mobility Broker Network International Conference. More than 900 representatives participated in the annual conference held March 24-27 at the Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa in Palm Desert, Ca.

In addition, Burgdorff was once again awarded Platinum Club status within Candant Mobility, one of only 28 brokers from more than 1,200 Candant brokers in the United States to achieve this accomplishment.

Burgdorff was awarded the Candant Mortgage Most Valuable Partner Award, which is given to brokers who

such a talented organization."

"These awards belong to everyone at Burgdorff ERA," said Judy Reeves, president of Burgdorff. "At the beginning of the year, we mapped out our organizational goals and with a lot of hard work and the support of Candant Mobility's Broker Network, we were able to achieve them. We are very proud to have received the designation."

At the four-day conference, participants exchanged information and ideas regarding real estate and relocation at interactive workshops, round-table and panel discussions and seminars. Topics ranged from team-

building, revenue generation and retention to new business strategies and increasing customer service.

Candant Mobility Broker Network is the premier broker-to-broker network affiliated with Candant Mobility. Candant Mobility is the world's largest relocation company and recognized leader in all market segments it serves, including corporate, military and government relocation; international assignment and consulting services and affinity programs.

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Weichert president charts success of company

John G. Udell, president of Weichert Commercial Brokerage, cites the company's unique referral network as a contributing factor to its success.

Each year, Weichert Commercial Brokerage receives hundreds of referrals for commercial real estate requirements from Weichert's network of more than 15,000 residential and referral agents. The leads range from requests for single office suites to large industries, warehouse and offices, as well as retail properties, investment properties and commercial land.

Udell noted, "In the competitive industry of commercial real estate brokerage, Weichert Commercial has an edge on other companies with our extraordinary referral system that generates hundreds of leads each year. Weichert has more than 9,000 active residential agents in 200 offices along the East Coast

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RE/MAX of New Jersey's outstanding success in 2001 has earned the company the prestigious Region of the Year Award. RE/MAX of New Jersey has experienced extraordinary growth and success since its inception in 1985. In 2001, the company had a net gain of nearly 300 sales associates, bringing the total to more than 1,700. Franchise sales also contributed to the growth of the region, with 142 active offices throughout the state.

The Region of the Year Award was presented to Regional owners Joe Ventresca and Jeff Snyder and Regional directors Joe Reichmann and Steve Goldberg at the 2002 Re/MAX International Convention held in Orlando, Fla., recently.

"We are honored to have received the distinction of this award," said Snyder. "I attribute our outstanding success and continual growth to the enthusiasm and dedication of our sales associates, broker/owners and regional staff. It never ceases to amaze me how motivated and committed our network of Realtors is."

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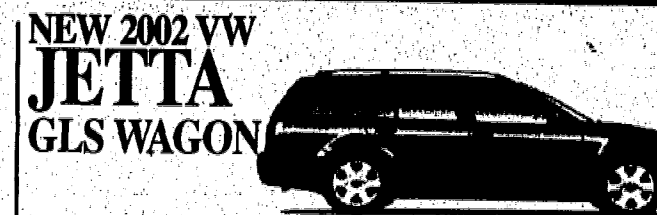
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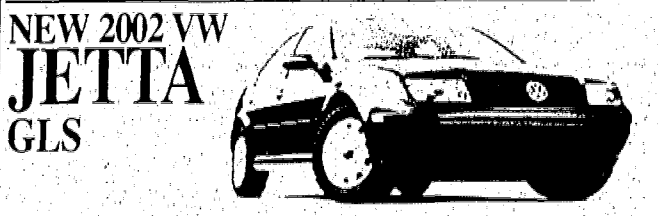
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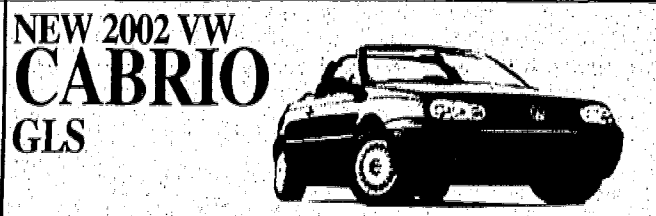
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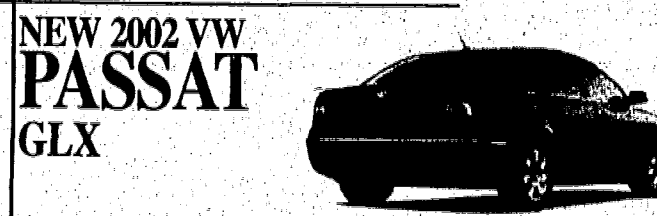
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BUY FOR \$16,988 LEASE FOR \$198 PER MO. 36 MOS.
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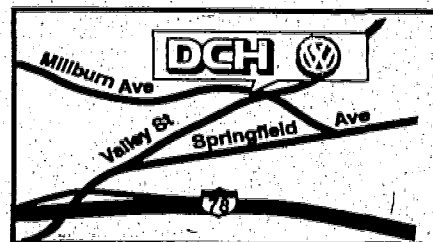
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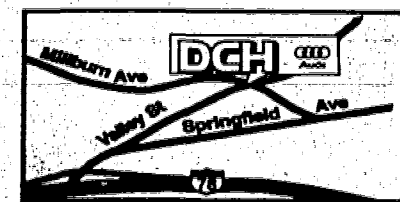
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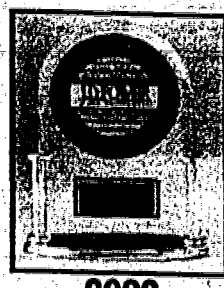
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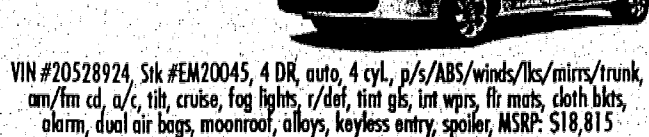
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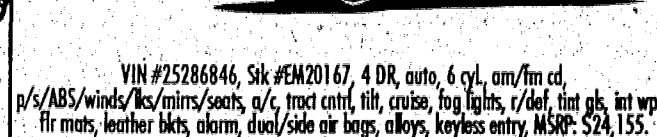


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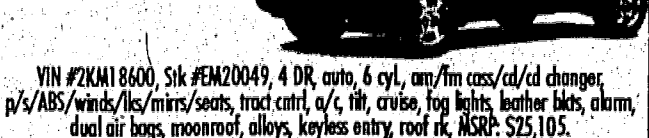


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BUY FOR \$16,998 LEASE FOR \$248 PER MO. 39 MOS.

\$1000 down + \$248 1st mo. pymt + \$0 sec dep + \$595 bank fee = \$1843 due at inception + licensing, reg & taxes. Tot pymt/residual: \$9672/\$10,150.

NEW 2002 MAZDA TRIBUTE ES 4WD

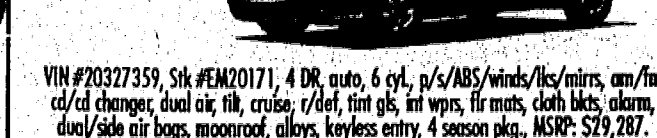


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BUY FOR \$21,488 LEASE FOR \$298 PER MO. 39 MOS.

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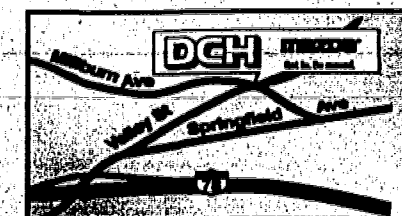
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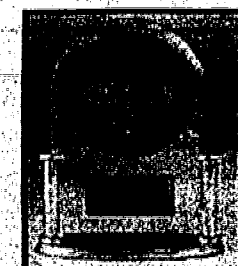
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