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TWO SECTIONS

## Board ratifies GL contract

By Meave Sheehan  
Staff Writer

Mountainside's Board of Education has ratified a new 10-year send/receive agreement with Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights.

The contract was approved at the Sept. 13 meeting.

The agreement had to be negotiated two years prior to June 2007, when the contract expires, and the board began negotiations in June.

The agreement allows Mountainside students to attend the Berkeley Heights school each year, since Mountainside does not have a high school located within the borough.

As a result, the Mountainside district pays the tuition cost for sending students to GL.

The contract was sent to the Berkeley Heights Board of Education and their board president, Helen Kirsch, to be ratified. On Sept. 15, the Berkeley Heights school board unanimously approved the execution of the send/receive agreement.

Mountainside Board President John Perrin said the board was waiting for the contract to be returned to Mountainside.

The execution of the agreement has been delayed slightly because of a Berkeley Heights board member's personal illness, Perrin said.

"They're as happy about it as we are," Board of Education member MaryBeth Schaumberg said of the Berkeley Heights board's attitude toward the contract's resolution.

On a related note, Berkeley Heights residents will vote on a referendum to significantly improve Governor Livingston's facilities in December.

The new superintendent of schools in Berkeley Heights, Judith Ratner, was present at Tuesday night's board meeting and welcomed Mountainside students to Governor Livingston for the start of another school year.

When the Union County Regional High School District dissolved in 1997, funds from the dissolution were ordered to be sent back to Mountainside and Garwood over a period of several years from the other districts that were once a part of the regional district.

For fiscal year 2004, the Mountainside district received \$861,930 in dissolution funds.

For 2005, a total of \$1,302,943 was received, while the district anticipates receiving \$1,149,926 in 2006.

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## Fun at the ferris wheel



Tara Strober, 11, and Stephanle Bleiwise, 10, enjoy the ferris wheel at the carnival at Jonathan Dayton High School. Sponsored by the PTSO, the carnival featured rides, games, food and various attractions.

Photo By Barbara Kikkalis

## Stop sign ordinance curbed by 'no' vote

### Overkill cited for additional signs

By Brian Pedersen  
Managing Editor

Hoping to put a stop to speeding in the area of Evergreen Avenue in Springfield, the Township Committee planned to introduce an ordinance that would add stop signs to several streets while taking one away.

However, Committeemen Harold Poltrock and Ken Faigenbaum voted against the ordinance, which made it fail to gain approval by the entire five member committee, since Committeeman Steven Goldstein was absent.

"Essentially what this is an ordinance that we had to put forward," said Committeewoman Clara Hareluk. "We had put up certain stop signs at certain intersections off of Evergreen Avenue, including stop signs on Evergreen Avenue."

She said the Township Committee checked with the Department of Transportation and found that some of the solutions the committee tried to implement to help residents in the neighborhood was acceptable to DOT standards and some of them were not.

"So accordingly, we have done the most we can do with respect to putting up stop signs and putting up caution signs and taking down those where

they needed to be taken down as a result of DOT requests," said Hareluk.

The ordinance called for adding a stop sign on Archbridge Lane at the intersection with Evergreen Avenue; Christy Lane at the intersection with Evergreen Avenue and Surrey Lane at the intersection with Evergreen Avenue.

According to the ordinance, a stop sign was also planned to be installed on Evergreen Avenue at the intersection with Smithfield Drive and on Smithfield Drive at the intersection with Evergreen Avenue. Furthermore, a stop sign was set to be taken away from the intersection of Evergreen Avenue and Christy Lane.

After the meeting, when asked why Poltrock voted "no" on the ordinance, he said he felt the area would have too many stop signs.

"I thought it was overkill," said Poltrock.

"The original purpose was to control speeding on Evergreen Avenue."

He also felt rumble strips and speed bumps, which had been proposed by some, would not solve the issue.

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## Local historic house has crafts in store

By Meave Sheehan  
Staff Writer

The Hetfield House in Mountainside is the site of an autumn craft show that runs through Sunday.

Sharon Green, who has rented the space, is selling homemade and high-end manufactured crafts, including jewelry. As part of her gourmet food line, flavored teas, teasets, cappuccinos and other items, such as cookies, are also for sale.

Mums sold will raise money for the Hetfield House.

Green also runs spring and winter craft shows and said she times her shows to coincide with holidays. Having found out about the Hetfield House when she participated in the craft show as a vendor, Green sells crafts made by several different craftspeople and runs her business from home, with the help of a mailing list.

"This show literally fell into my lap and it's been going very well," said Green, a Woodbridge resident.

"There are a lot of one-of-a-kind type things," Green said, referring to the crafts for sale.

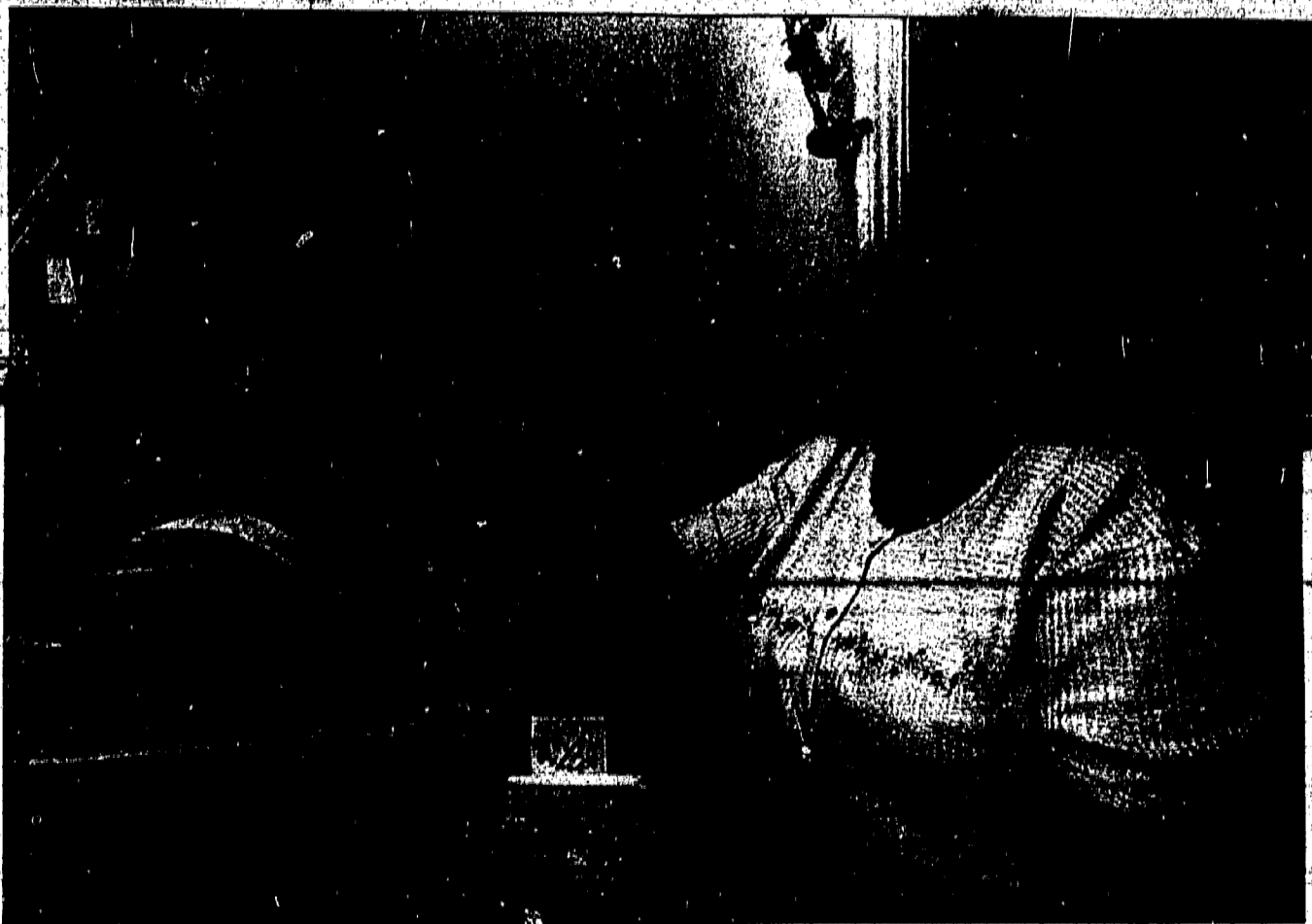
For past shows, Green has sold to customers from New York, Pennsylvania and South Jersey.

The winter craft show will be conducted the last week in November.

Don Jeka, a spokesman for the Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee, said the house is probably the oldest house in the borough. Built in 1760, the building was an antique store on Route 22, about 25 years ago called, The Dutch Oven. It was moved west to its current site next to the library.

The Hetfield House can be rented for other purposes, such as a wedding reception or private party.

As part of the upcoming Union County Four Centuries Tour, the Hetfield House will be open to visitors Oct. 15-16.



Sharon Green has rented the historic Hetfield House in Mountainside this week for the autumn craft show, which ends Sunday. All mums sold at the sale will raise money for the historic house.

Photo By Sara Havy

## Springfield's redevelopment proposal enters preliminary stages

By Meave Sheehan  
Staff Writer

What will the future of downtown redevelopment in Springfield look like?

Still in its first stages, the Township

Committee's redevelopment plan has yet to be defined.

The Planning Board must first designate a specific area to be redeveloped.

At Monday night's Township Com-

mittee work session, planner Lester Nebenzahl recommended submitting a formal document to the board, specifying the different blocks and lots in the area from the corner of Church Mall to the Route 78 overpass.

likely to be included in this designation.

Nebenzahl said the Planning Board will then decide which lots will be included in the area. If the Planning Board wants to make changes to Nebenzahl's proposed redevelopment area, the board will go back to the Township Committee.

"Most of the lands are, in fact, commercial," Nebenzahl said. There are very few single-family homes within the study area, and some of these residences are used to run businesses. There are also several buildings with businesses at ground level

and apartments above. Nebenzahl said homes within the study area will not necessarily be condemned or subject to eminent domain.

The township also has to hire a developer and create a plan with the input of businesses, residents and township officials.

Mayor Sy Mullman said the township is at least two years away from starting the construction phase. The Township Committee would like to apply for grants to help offset the cost of redevelopment. A planning subcommittee has yet to be created and Mullman did not specify a starting

date for special public input meetings designed to review redevelopment ideas.

There are several vacant stores leading up to the Route 78 overpass. Merchants have complained drivers speed down the road too fast to notice the businesses there. Owners have cited the poor visibility of the signs in many storefronts as one of the problems for the downtown area.

Managing Editor Brian Pedersen contributed to this report.

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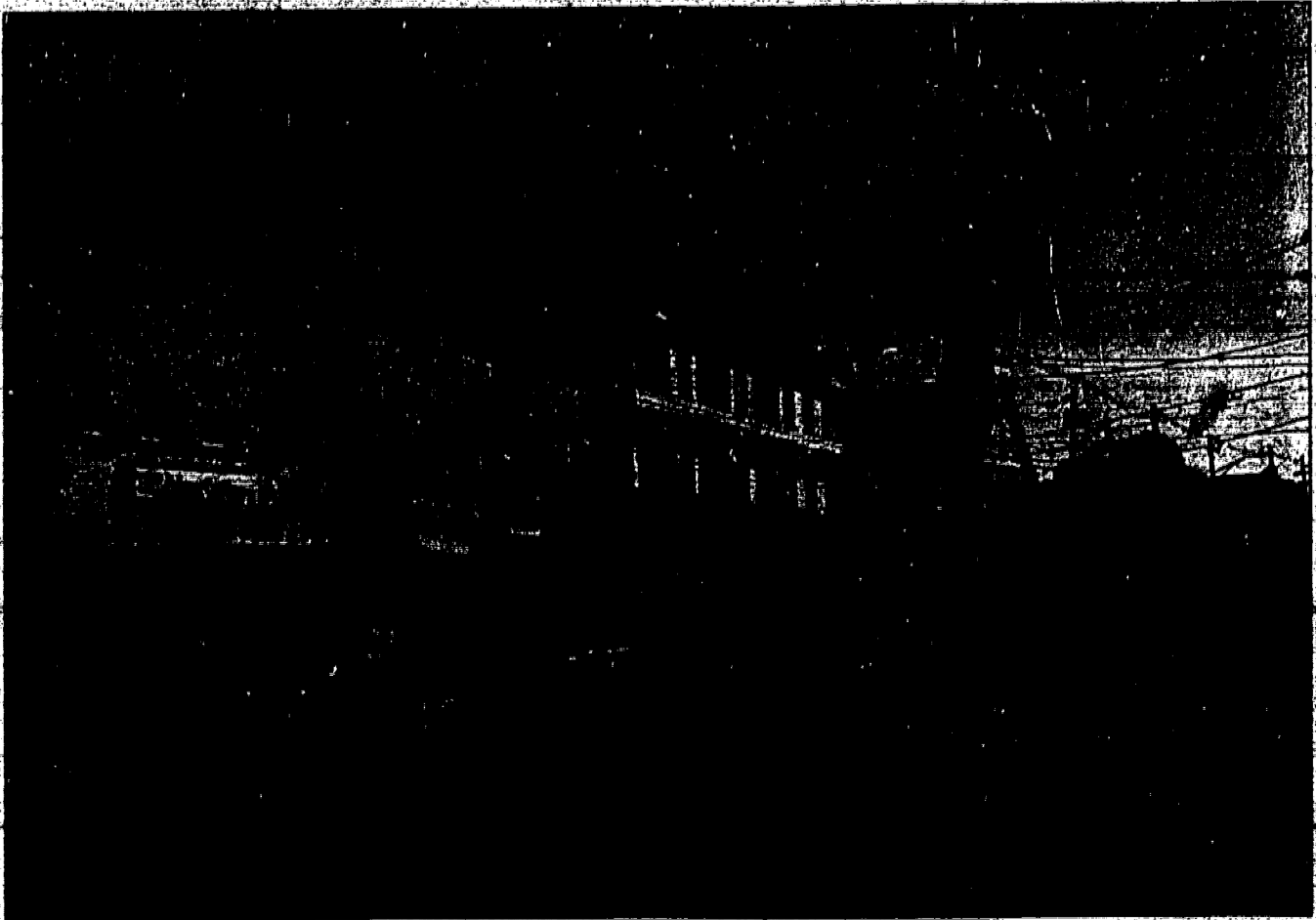
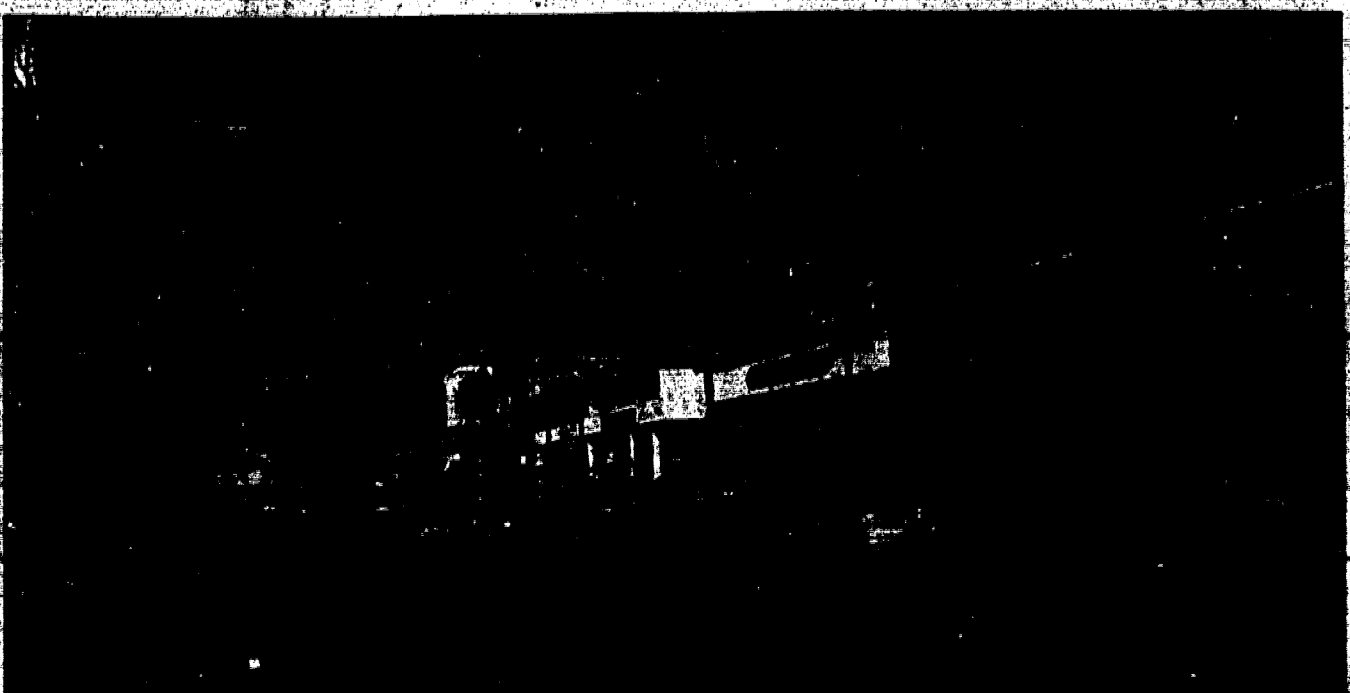


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Springfield's pending redevelopment plan is expected to include this portion of Morris Avenue, facing Church Mall. Though it's still in the preliminary stages, the Township Committee is taking steps to get a specific redevelopment area designated.



Facing toward the Route 78 overpass, several establishments along Morris Avenue in Springfield may be redeveloped under the township proposal.



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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. To mail a schedule, send it to Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

**Friday**

- The annual upscale rummage and collectible sale will be at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. The sale will include antiques, household items, linens, costume jewelry, clothing, small furniture and holiday items. A luncheon counter with "take home items" will be open during the sale. For information, call the church at 973-376-1695.
- Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, will host a Shabbat service with guest speaker Dr. Gary Friedman at 8 p.m. Friedman will talk about stem cell research during this session titled, "Stem Cells: From Branch to Bedside." Call the temple office for information at 973-376-0539, ext. 11.

**Saturday**

- The annual upscale rummage and collectible sale will be at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The sale will include antiques, household items, linens, costume jewelry, clothing, small furniture and holiday items. A luncheon counter with "take home items" will be open during the sale. For information, call the church at 973-376-1695.
- The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the media center at Jonathan Dayton High School, 1300 Mountain Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

**Monday**

- The Springfield Planning Board will meet in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 p.m.

**Tuesday**

- The Foothill Club luncheon will be at B.G. Field's Restaurant on Mountain Avenue at noon. New members and guests are always welcome. For a reservation, call Genevieve at 908-232-3626.
- Actress/storyteller Laurie MacDonnell-Gaulke will present a program called "Wild About Harriet." Harriet Quimby was the first licensed American woman pilot.

**Wednesday**

- The sixth annual Cop Trot sponsored by the Mountaintop Police Athletic League will include a unique 5-K, 10-mile race/walk, kicking off at 9 a.m. The event is open to all residents and non-residents. Proceeds will benefit various programs for PAL. The registration fees prior to the day of the race are: 5K adult: \$15, 5K child: \$10, family: \$50, and Tot Trot which is free. The registration fee includes a T-shirt and computerized scoring results. For information, call the PAL hotline at 908-232-2400, ext. 725.

**Thursday**

- The Widowed Persons Association of Our Lady of Lourdes will meet at 300 Central Ave., Mountaintop, from 2 to 4 p.m. There is a program, followed by refreshments, consisting of wine and cheese, followed by coffee and cake. A fee of \$3 is charged. All widowed persons are invited.
- The Springfield Environmental Commission has invited the public to visit the Houdell Quarry from 10 to 3 p.m. Twenty-minute round-trip walks to a scenic overlook will begin at 1:30, 2 and 2:30 p.m. Two-mile round-trip walks to the pond will start at 1:30 and 2 p.m. The quarry is used by the Union County Model Airplane Club, whose members will be demonstrating while the quarry is open to the public. For information, call Faith Brancato at 973-376-3436.

**Friday**

- The Mountaintop Board of Education will meet in the media center at Jonathan Dayton High School, 1300 Mountain Ave., at 7:30 p.m.
- The Mountaintop Borough Council will meet for a work session at 10:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 p.m.

**Driver arrested for DWI**

**Mountaintop**

Nelson Molina, 21, of Middlesex was arrested near the Lawrence Avenue-Utton on Route 22 west for driving while under the influence Saturday at 4:18 a.m.

- On Sept. 22 at 11:14 a.m., Janice Lorenc, 24, of Kenilworth was charged with obstruction and providing false information to a police officer.
- Lorenc was also charged with driving with a suspended license and failure to get her vehicle inspected.
- On Saturday at 1:37 a.m., a juvenile was arrested at Grouse Lane for driving while under the influence, after calling Police Headquarters for his disabled vehicle.
- Derrick Tillery, 29 of East Orange, was arrested at the Loews Theater for driving with a suspended license Saturday at 1:04 a.m.

**Springfield**

On Sept. 14 at 4:16 p.m., Stephen O. Akinsola was arrested at the Commerce Bank on charges of theft by deception in the third degree, and forgery.

- On Sunday at 12:55 p.m., sever-

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al items were stolen from a locker at Bally's Total Fitness on Route 22 east, including Visa and Discover cards, a driver's license and a watch valued at \$400.

- Unknown persons damaged a vehicle in an attempted burglary on Sept. 22 at 697 Morris Turnpike at 12:57 p.m.
- On Sept. 22 at 1:11 p.m., Ernest Robinson was arrested on account of an outstanding traffic warrant out of Springfield, with bail set at \$1,000.
- Unknown persons damaged the window of a vehicle in an attempted burglary Sept. 21 at 1:15 p.m. on Milltown Road.
- On Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m., unknown persons took four rims from a trailer parked on Cornell Parkway at the rear of JMK BMW.
- Sarah Foster, 26, of Gulfport, Fla., was arrested Sept. 19 at 11:34 p.m. at a Stone Hill Road residence for possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana.
- Jerry Quaglietta, 32, of Springfield, was arrested Sept. 19 at 11:34 p.m. at a Stone Hill Road residence for possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana.
- On Sept. 17 at 4:33 p.m., Wesley D. Clark, 28, of Mountaintop was arrested on Mountain Avenue for driving while under the influence, driving carelessly and driving with an open container of alcohol.
- A purse was stolen from the Holiday Inn on Route 22 west Sept. 20 at 4:13 p.m. Items stolen with the purse included Visa and Discover cards, a PNC debit card and a driver's license.
- Krystina M. Segard, 19, of Springfield was arrested Sept. 15 at 9:47 p.m. at a Morris Avenue residence for outstanding traffic warrants out of Montville, Union and Summit, with total bail set at \$293.
- William E. Eutsler, 59, of Florham Park was arrested Sept. 12 at 8:54 p.m. at Brown Avenue and Commerce Street for driving while under the influence and driving with an open container of alcohol.

**Downed lines draw firefighters**

**Springfield**

- On Friday at 10:47 a.m., firefighters responded to Keeler Street for power lines down.
- Firefighters responded to Temple Drive for a motor-vehicle lock-out. Sept. 22 at 2:47 p.m.
- On Sept. 21 at 3:29 p.m., the Police Department brought a gas cylinder to headquarters for investigation.
- Firefighters responded to a South Springfield Avenue residence apartment complex for an electrical fire Sept. 21 at 7:39 a.m.
- On Sept. 20 at 7:49 p.m., firefighters responded to Town Hall for an activated fire alarm.
- Firefighters responded to Summit Fire Headquarters on a request from County Mutual Aid Sept. 20 at 9:30 a.m.

**DAR marks 115th anniversary**

The Springfield-based Church and Cannon and Summit-based Beacon Fire Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution will celebrate the 115th birthday of the National Society, headquartered in Washington D.C. The organization reaches this milestone on Oct. 11.

The founding of the DAR was initiated by a scorching editorial in *The Washington Post* written by Mary Smith Lockwood, one of the organization's founders, after the Sons of the American Revolution officially denied women membership in 1890.

On the 115th anniversary of the DAR, a great-granddaughter of a patriotic woman vice president general at large for the Sons of the American Revolution, was convinced by Lockwood's argument and believed that women should be allowed to form their own patriotic society.

He helped the organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution, initiating his own letter to the *Post* stating, "in the hands of the women of America, patriotic undertakings have never failed. Why not, therefore, invite the formation of the National Society of the 'Daughters of the American Revolution'?" He invited women to send their names and addresses to him for the purpose of forming the organization. The rest is history.

Established in 1890 and incorporated by an Act of Congress in 1896, the DAR has long promoted historic preservation, patriotism, and education.

**Contest promotes donor awareness**

**By Dan Burns Staff Writer**

Anyone who was good at playing "spot the car" as a child and thought they would never be able to cash in on their obscure talent was proven wrong Friday.

About 12 contest winners gathered at the headquarters of The New Jersey Sharing Network in Springfield to simultaneously celebrate their victory in a license plate spotting contest and promote growth of organ and tissue donation awareness. The group represented a large spectrum of people, including family members of organ donors and recipients, registered organ donors, and people whose first exposure to organ donation was the contest.

The Sharing Network decided to have a contest to promote the specialized organ donor license plate that was created in 2001. Participants who spotted an organ donor license plate between February and June this year wrote down the number of the plate and logged onto the network's Web site, [www.sharingnj.org](http://www.sharingnj.org), to submit it.

For every plate they submitted, they received an entry in the drawing for prizes. The owner of that license plate also received an entry.

Judith Rosario of Roselle read about the contest in the newspaper and decided to try her luck. She and a traveling companion spotted more than 30 different plates during the contest period. They were difficult to spot at first, but once it became ingrained in their heads, they started to see ones they would normally miss.

"It was interesting going on the tour and learning more about the process and everything," Urban said. "It does make you think twice about it as opposed to just not considering being a donor at all."

The network awarded cameras, watches, an electronic keyboard and a free trip to Miami as prizes. Herline Wade of Trenton won the free trip. She was an organ donor herself before the contest. Now, she plans to both become an organ donor and buy the license plate in the near future.

Rosario's enthusiasm, coupled with a little luck, earned her a digital camera, which she received Friday. Barbara Urban of Clark also won a digital camera. She spotted nine different organ donor plates while commuting to and from her job in Summit.

The contest was Urban's first exposure to organ donation, but the subject has piqued her interest.

"It was interesting going on the tour and learning more about the process and everything," Urban said. "It does make you think twice about it as opposed to just not considering being a donor at all."

The popularity of the license plates is growing, but they're still tough to move, according to the Sharing Network's President and Chief Executive Officer Joseph Roth. It doesn't "sell itself" like the cancer awareness ones he was involved with, because the problem isn't as publicized, Roth said.

An average of 18 people die every day nationally while waiting for an organ donation that would save their life, according to Roth. Approximately 3,000 of the 90,000 people in the United States on a waiting list for a transplant are from New Jersey.

The specialized license plate is adorned with two imprinted flowers and reads "Organ Donors Save Lives."



Barbara Urban of Clark wins a digital camera from the New Jersey Sharing Network.

Wade, a management information systems specialist for the state, can use the free trip any time within the next year. She's looking forward to it, because she likes to travel, but hasn't had the opportunity to do so lately.

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**Health fair set for Oct. 29**

Westfield Regional Health Department, in collaboration with Panera in Westfield, Chestnut Hill Market in Roselle Park and Village Supermarkets will host a fall health fair on Oct. 29, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Roselle Park High School, 185 W. Webster Ave., Roselle Park.

Only residents of Fanwood, Garwood, Mountaintop, New Providence, Roselle Park, Springfield and Westfield are eligible for this service.

A free raffle will be provided by Trader Joe's.

The fair offers the following free health screenings:

- Pulmonary function testing — Union Hospital
- Blood pressure screening — Westfield Health Department
- Hearing exam — VP Audiology
- Chiropractic consultation, balance testing and posture analysis — Dr. Mastrototro
- Colorectal blood screening kits — Westfield Health Department
- Dermatology consultation with skin cancer screening
- Breast health awareness information — Overlook Hospital Community Outreach
- Blood glucose testing with a diabetes educator — Rahway Hospital
- Cholesterol testing — Rahway Hospital
- Massage — therapeutic massage training center
- Anemia screening — Westfield Health Department
- Lead Testing for children age 6 and younger — Westfield Health Department
- Body fat analysis — New York Sports Clubs

Also, get your blood work done. Test options are available for minimal fees for the following tests:

- Complete Chemistry, Lipid Panel and CBC, \$17; TSH, \$10; T4, \$5; PSA, \$30; C-Reactive Protein, \$20; Hepatitis C Screening \$25; Urinalysis \$10.

Blood work requirements include pre-registration with the Health Department. Visit the Health Department from Saturday to Oct. 21 to register between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The office will be closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. The office is located at 425 E. Broad St. in Westfield.

Those who are eligible for Medicare Part B, must bring their cards at time of registration. Pneumococcal Pneumonia vaccine will be given to all adults 65 years of age and older and those with diabetes mellitus, chronic pulmonary or cardiac disease, sickle cell disease, nephrotic syndrome immune problems, alcoholism and chronic liver disease.

Pneumococcal pneumonia revaccination is recommended if the first dose was given before age 65 and five years have elapsed since the first dose. Unknown immunization status may be indicated for patients with diabetes, cardiovascular disease, immunodeficiency and high-risk conditions.

The vaccine will be available pending receipt of orders. Union County Police Department child seat safety clinic will also be conducted the day of the fair. Bring your child safety seat for the experts to check proper installation and positioning of your car seat.

**High Holy Days mark return of Jewish New Year**

**By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer**

The Jewish New Year is almost here once again. The year 5766 will be ushered in on Rosh Hashanah Tuesday when the ram's horn will be sounded at morning services that day.

Rosh Hashanah is observed for two days, followed by 10 days of repentance, culminating in the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, on Oct. 13. This is a day of fasting and prayer, with varying services, with Yom Kippur concluding with a final long blast of the ram's horn — the shofar — to conclude the high holy days.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, a Reform temple, is hosting High Holy Day services beginning for Erev Rosh Hashanah, at 8 p.m. Monday. For the first day, Tuesday, there will be two services: the first at 9:15 a.m., and the second at 11:45 a.m.

For the second day, Wednesday, there is a 10:30 a.m. service.

Yom Kippur services begin at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 12, and on Oct. 13, there is a 9:15 a.m. service and an 11:45 a.m. service. Services will be hosted that afternoon at 2 p.m. Then a children's service will follow at 2:15 p.m., with an afternoon service at 3:15 p.m. The Yizkor, or concluding service will begin at 5 p.m.

For ticket information, call the temple's office at 973-319-2387.

Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, is a Conservative synagogue and will begin Rosh Hashanah with a special service and reception at 8 p.m. Monday.

On Tuesday, the first day, there will be an 8:30 a.m. service; a family service in the ballroom at 10 a.m., with sounding of the Shofar at 10:30 a.m. Then a youth service will be conducted 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., with pre-kindergarten service at the same time, and a Mincha at Meisel Park at 6:15 p.m.

On day two, Wednesday, there will be a service at 8:30 a.m.; a family service in the ballroom at 10 a.m., sounding of the Shofar at 10:30 a.m. and Youth service at 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., also a pre-kindergarten service simultaneously. The evening Mincha service will be at 7:00 p.m.

On Yom Kippur, a special Mincha/Kol Nidre service will be conducted Oct. 12 at 3:45 p.m., with a parallel family service taking place in the ballroom, also at 3:45 p.m.

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**Community Conference Group leads relief effort**

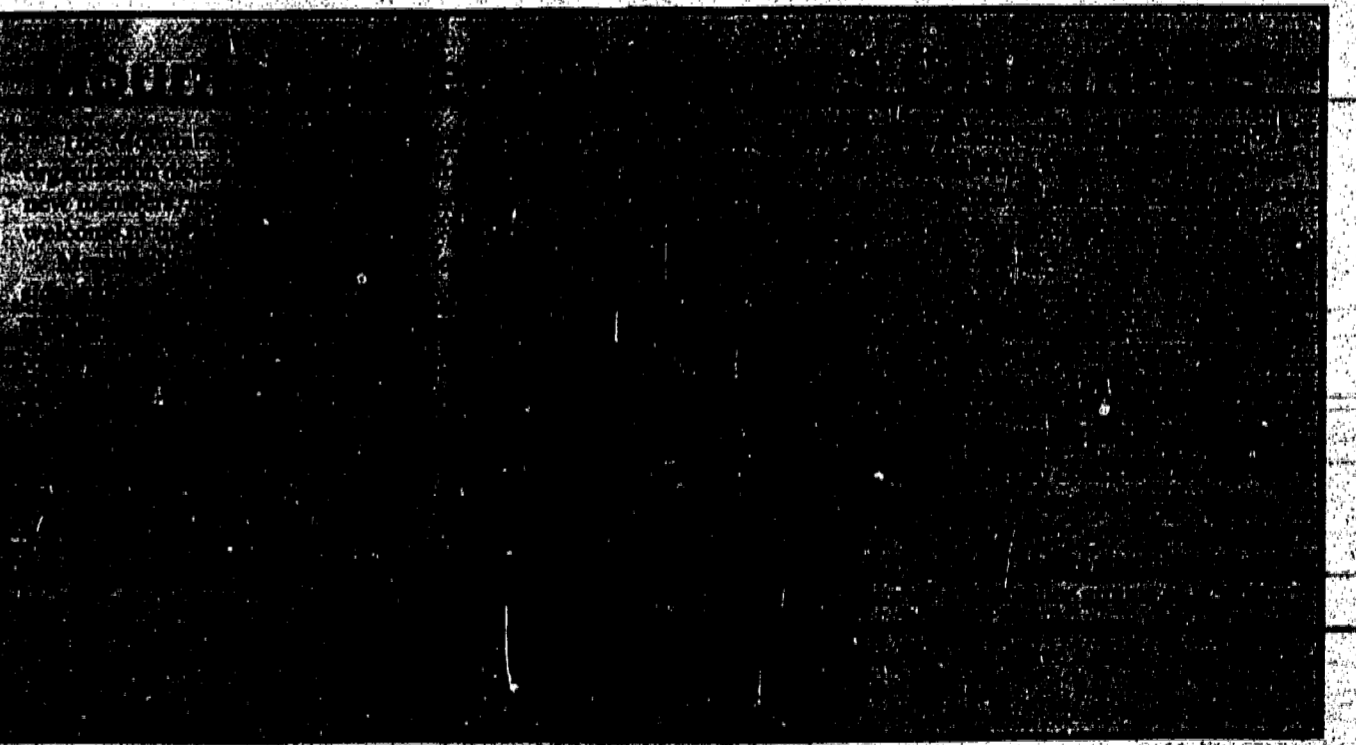
The Community Conference Group of Springfield Schools theme for this year is to help the Hurricane Katrina victims.

One way to help neighbors in the South at this time is by making a financial gift to the American Red Cross Hurricane 2005 Relief. Later on the group plans to have a districtwide food and clothing drive. A place and date will be announced.

The Community Conference Group of Springfield Schools, formed by the Edward V. Walton PTA, James Caldwell PTA, Thelma L. Sandmeier PTA, Florence M. Gaudineer PTA, Jonathan Dayton PTA, in conjunction with the school district's Board of Education, administration, faculty, staff and students, will lead a districtwide fundraising campaign through Monday to support Hurricane Katrina relief efforts and invite the Springfield schools community to participate.

Donations can be sent to the Florence M. Gaudineer School, payable to the Community Conference Group of Springfield Schools, attn: Marie DuBeau, treasurer of Community Conference Group of Springfield Schools.

For information, call Gloria Rego, president, at 973-376-4485 or Alice Kerr, vice president, at 973-379-5169. Visit their Web page at [www.springfieldschools.com/parentsources/communityconferenc.html](http://www.springfieldschools.com/parentsources/communityconferenc.html).



Those who are eligible for Medicare Part B, must bring their cards at time of registration. Pneumococcal Pneumonia vaccine will be given to all adults 65 years of age and older and those with diabetes mellitus, chronic pulmonary or cardiac disease, sickle cell disease, nephrotic syndrome immune problems, alcoholism and chronic liver disease.

Pneumococcal pneumonia revaccination is recommended if the first dose was given before age 65 and five years have elapsed since the first dose. Unknown immunization status may be indicated for patients with diabetes, cardiovascular disease, immunodeficiency and high-risk conditions.

The vaccine will be available pending receipt of orders. Union County Police Department child seat safety clinic will also be conducted the day of the fair. Bring your child safety seat for the experts to check proper installation and positioning of your car seat.

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# COMMUNITY FORUM

### EDITORIALS

## Enforce penalties

The recent action by the Springfield Board of Education to approve payment to a contractor recently fired from the Edward V. Walton School construction project reveals an overarching problem with not only project oversight, but the penalty cost imposed in the contract for not completing the work on time.

Even after one of the two contracting companies for the Walton school had been fired for failing to follow the board's rules regarding safety precautions and the presence of workers in the school during school hours, the board still agreed to pay the contractor and also stated it was not sure whether it would go after the penalties incurred. While the contractor may deserve payment for the work he did, the board would be foolish not to go after the fines incurred by the penalty.

What's the purpose of imposing a penalty if it's not enforced? As written into the contract, if construction was not completed by the second deadline of Sept. 2, the contractors would lose \$400 each day. The original deadline for the project had been Aug. 15. This puts the total cost of incurred fines at about \$11,000 to \$14,000, for a period of more than a month. If board members do not think the amounts are worth pursuing, they should institute a higher penalty amount for each day a project is behind deadline and enforce this for all future building projects.

Greater project oversight from the Board of Education needs to be instituted to ensure school construction is completed on time. Small, minor touch-ups are one thing, but allowing major construction to continue while school is in session places an unfair burden on teachers and staff who are trying to do their jobs, and students who can get easily distracted from learning. There's also a larger, serious safety and security issue connected to exposing young children to ongoing construction.

Both the school board and superintendent of schools need to do a better job managing these building projects. Enforcing a higher penalty cost for going past deadline and going after these fines may force contractors to work more efficiently.

## Ensure quality

With football finally being played in Springfield for the first time since 2000, it appears the land swap between the township and Union County couldn't have come at a better time. More than four years in the making, the trade gives Springfield ownership of the athletic fields surrounding Jonathan Dayton High School and was made official at the Sept. 13 Township Committee meeting.

Ownership of the land is important, but with it comes responsibility. The township and school should increase their efforts to keep the fields playable and in top condition. This means regular maintenance and a commitment to keeping the fields clean.

With the recent closure of the Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School soccer field and the ongoing vacancy at Meisel Avenue Park, everyone knows playable fields in good condition are in short supply in Springfield.

## Days of Awe

Tuesday is Rosh Hashana, or the Jewish New Year, the first day of a 10-day period commonly known as the Days of Awe or Days of Repentance that concludes at sundown on Oct. 12 with Yom Kippur. This is a time for serious introspection, a time to consider the sins of the previous year and repent before Yom Kippur, which is probably the most important holiday of the Jewish year.

One of the ongoing themes of the Days of Awe is the concept that God has "books" that he writes our names in, writing who will live and who will die, who will have a good life and who will have a bad life, for the next year. These books are written on Rosh Hashana, but our actions during the Days of Awe can alter God's decree. The actions that change the decree are repentance, prayer and good deeds, usually charity.

Among the customs of this time, it is common to seek reconciliation with people you may have wronged during the course of the year. The Talmud maintains that Yom Kippur atones only for sins between man and God. To atone for sins against another person, you must first seek reconciliation with that person, righting the wrongs you committed against them if possible.

As people throughout the country and around the world try to atone for their sins, it's a good time to consider one's direction in life and how to reach those goals. The Days of Awe help us to draw closer to God, but we need to be reflective of our relationship with others and how our actions affect those around us every day. Then we can make the changes we need to become better people in a better world.



**DANCING DAYS**  
Attendees of the Church Mall Street Fair watch a performance by students of the Turning Pointe Dance Center outside First Presbyterian Church of Springfield.

Photo by Sean Harvey

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Where does buck stop with board?

To the Editor:  
Where does the buck stop regarding the management of the Springfield school system? It should stop with Michael Davino, the superintendent of schools, and the elected members of the Springfield Board of Education.

Unfortunately, there seem to be a series of poor decisions which are impacting on the safety of the students, particularly those attending Walton School. Some of these decisions have an adverse effect on the parents as well. Here are some suggestions to possibly alleviate these conditions:

- At the Sept. 13 regular public meeting of the Springfield Township Committee, I requested that the elected members investigate the decision to open Walton School on Sept. 8 by the township building inspector, who is also titled as the township construction official, since so much construction work still had to be completed. Among some of the items are the installation of an elevator and the heating and ventilating equipment. Currently, there are construction workers without any identification who have been walking around the interior and exterior of Walton School, even using the boys' bathroom and chatting with the children, the oldest of whom are in second grade classes.

- Parents reported this matter to Davino, who then prohibited the workers from going into the boys' room. However, workers will still have to finish jobs inside the building and also have to walk outside it. It would have been far better to delay the opening of the schools for a week or two, when, hopefully, the construction work would be finished. Didn't any school authorities make such a proposal or question the school opening on Sept. 8?

- The traffic jams on Mountain Avenue and on the Walton School grounds brimming with school buses and parents idling cars waiting for their children necessitate long time periods, sometimes as long as an hour. Again, I requested the Township Committee to use the services of its Police Department traffic experts to aid with the traffic jams during the school opening.
- Several parents were upset with the non-identified construction workers in the student areas, and they had fears of children possibly being hurt by hazardous piles of rubbish or building supplies, or stepping on nails, or other harmful objects or chemicals. I also requested that the Township Committee assign more police to the Walton School area for these matters.

As a mother, I am concerned about the children's safety and would urge all of our Springfield elected officials and their paid staffs to cooperate in solving some or all of these pressing problems.

Hazel Hartzgrove  
Springfield

#### Mayor's comments defy logic

To the Editor:  
It is time for Mayor Sy Mullman to be more forthright with the residents of Springfield. His rhetoric, quotes and statements that he repeatedly denies making, depending on whom he is speaking to, has continued to bring into question his credibility or the total lack of it.

As each week passes, he insists on speaking for his colleagues on the Township Committee, rather than permitting them to speak for themselves when it comes to the appointment of his new administrator. I find that fact somewhat chilling.

Mr. Mullman's statements and quotes are vague and unclear as to the need for an expensive administrator. He was quoted in last week's *Echo Leader* stating, "I've seen it before and I've seen it after and I know the difference." What is he talking about? What difference and what has he seen that justifies the hiring of a \$100,000-plus employee that Springfield doesn't need or want except for the four Township Committee members pushing this appointment?

Mr. Mullman continues, "The most important thing is they'd be responsible for the day-to-day operation for the district." They are? Are we hiring more than one individual? Who is being running the day-to-day operation? Didn't we already have an administrator or over the past 10 months we had a position being filled?

The mayor insists that, "there are things that just aren't getting done." Precisely Mr. Mullman, what "things" are not getting done? That will be resolved with a new \$100,000 employee? How many minutes can the new administrator type, how many files will he be able to put in cabinets or how long will it take him to transcribe shorthand minutes recorded minutes from a meeting? How does hiring a \$100,000 administrator do "things" done, especially when it is a secret as to what "things" aren't getting done? With his hiring, Mr. Mullman suggesting that our professional township clerk for more than 25 years or other department heads will now be free to do the typing, filing and other work a new secretary is smarter than one \$100,000 administrator. There are enough chiefs in Springfield.

Referring to his personal choice for administrator, Mr. Mullman said the new administrator would handle negotiating union contracts, allowing the committee to save money paid to a labor attorney. Is the new administrator currently a labor negotiator? Has this been his area of expertise in law? How many labor contracts has he negotiated? The new administrator could also possibly serve as a hearing officer. What experience does he have as a hearing officer?

Mullman said, "we will cut our expenses considerably...he will pay for his salary at least two times over by the end of the year." With 96 days left in 2005, the statement defies all logic. This perhaps is the most unimaginable and irresponsible statement I ever heard come from a public official in Springfield. If Mr. Mullman truly believes the new administrator will pay for his salary at least two times over by the end of the year, then I have ocean.

front property in Iowa or Kansas to sell him at the right price.

Mayor Mullman continues his rhetoric stating that he personally has the experience to see the need for a full-time administrator because he spends all of 1 1/2 hours in Town Hall, per day, taking care of daily operations. Not bad for \$4,000 per year, health and vision benefits, pension contributions, etc., all paid by the township. Whatever happened to his professed dedication, desire to serve or why did he seek the position in the first place? By his own admission, it would appear he wants to eliminate and replace his responsibility and obligations of 1 1/2 hours per day for a \$100,000 administrator.

If Mr. Mullman truly believes that he is personally taking care of the daily operations of the Township of Springfield, based on 1 1/2 hours per day, I would ask him to call me ASAP. I just lowered the price on the oceanfront property in Iowa or Kansas based solely on the mayor's bizarre statement. Additionally, he needs to be introduced to the many township professionals, who truly take care of daily operations throughout Springfield on a daily basis. Clearly, he is an elevator and himself and his ability to solely run our community.

On a very serious note, according to Mr. Mullman in last week's *Echo Leader*, he announced the appointment will be made on Sept. 27, before this letter is published. Sadly, I believe Mr. Mullman, and committee members Steve Goldstein, Ken Faigenbaum and Clara Harelik have the chutzpah to appoint their new administrator.

Wild spending has become the norm in our community from the firehouse last year, the administrator this year and perhaps a shining new \$3.5-million police station next year. When does it stop?

When the high spenders are voted out of office.

Harry Pappas  
Springfield

#### Action signifies control of insiders

To the Editor:  
The proposed action by the Township Committee to require a two-thirds vote to terminate a township administrator might be sensible — assuming it doesn't provide for easy tenure — but I find it curious that it is only now an issue when the intent is to hire a favorite son for whom experiential requirements have been remade and tailored. Of course, simple math really requires an 80-percent vote in a committee of five.

The very same Township Committee, who had so little to say in public about why the last township administrator was terminated are now exercised of the importance of protecting the office from their political influence.

I smell a rat. It seems more like a solid "un-Democratic majority trying to find one more way to ensure town and community affairs are conducted by a small group of insiders.

Steve Eisenberg  
Springfield

#### Try walking to school this week

To the Editor:  
Monday to Oct. 7 is Walk to School Week, part of a national endeavor. That week, the Springfield Environmental Commission, with the cooperation of the Springfield school system, is encouraging students to try walking to school. The benefits are many:

- To enhance health of students. The increased physical activity can combat a host of health problems.
  - To enhance the environment. Reducing car travel will reduce air pollution and conserve fuel.
  - To enhance traffic flow. This will reduce the congestion of cars dropping off and picking-up students.
- Perhaps a parent can escort a group of younger students to and from school. Who knows what interesting sights they may find along the way to talk about? Hopefully the week's trial may prompt students to walk other weeks as well, when they find walking to be an alternative to car travel that is beneficial to themselves as well as the community.

Bill Leviodov  
Springfield Environmental Commission

#### Our policy on letters and columns

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

This opportunity is also open to all residents, officials and employees of both Springfield and Mountaineer and the county of Union.

The *Echo Leader* reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

The *Echo Leader* accepts letters to the editor and guest columns via e-mail. The address is [editorial@thelocalsource.com](mailto:editorial@thelocalsource.com). Letters and essays also may be sent via U.S. mail to 1291 Shuysvance Ave., Union, 07083.

For publication, all letters and guest columns must be received by 9 a.m. Mondays to be considered for publication in Thursday's edition.

Letters received via e-mail must be on topics of interest, preferably in response to content that appeared in the newspaper.

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### EVENTS

#### Springfield YMCA plans Ladies Night Out

Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., is planning a Ladies Night Out special anniversary program on Oct. 14 from 7 to 9 p.m.

They are seeking craft vendors specializing in handmade items for this event. Ladies Night Out is a one-time event, and open to the community. Table rentals will be \$20 for the evening.

For information or to rent a space, call Tracy Gaume, physical director, at 973-467-0838.

#### Speaker discusses stem cell research

Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, will host a Shabbat service with guest speaker Dr. Gary Friedman Friday at 8 p.m.

Friedman will talk about stem cell research during this session titled, "Stem Cells: From Branch to Bedside."

Call the temple office for information at 973-376-0539, ext. 11.

#### Attic sale Friday

Organizers of the annual upscale rummage and collectible sale will open the doors to their treasure trove on Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and again on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, at the far back end of the street, in Springfield.

On sale will be antiques, household items, linens, costume jewelry, clothing, small furniture and holiday items. A luncheon counter also with "take home items" will be open during the sale.

For information, call the church at 973-376-1695.

#### Houdaille Quarry opens for public tours

The Springfield Environmental Commission has invited the public to visit the Houdaille Quarry on Oct. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Sometimes called the "Grand Canyon" of Union County, the quarry has trails to the pond, expansive views of the basin and many varieties of flora and fauna.

Basalt, a hard, black volcanic rock, was once quarried there and crushed to produce gravel for road construction and asphalt. A video of the history of the quarry is available at the Springfield Public Library.

Twenty-minute round-trip walks to a scenic overlook will begin at 1:30, 2 and 2:30 p.m. Two-mile round-trip walks to the pond will start at 1:30 and 2 p.m. The ponds to the pond are moderately strenuous. Sturdy shoes, long

pants and long-sleeved shirts are recommended. Responsible adults must accompany children.

The quarry is used by the Union County Model Airplane Club, whose members will be demonstrating while the quarry is open to the public on Oct. 9.

To get to the quarry from Shumpike Road going toward Summit from Springfield, make a left on Mountain View. The entrance is on the right, approximately one mile from Shumpike. Enter the gate and park in the designated parking area.

For information, call Faith Branca at 973-376-3436.

#### 'Mom's Night Out' planned at FMG

The Edward V. Walton School PTA is planning a "Mom's Night Out" at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School cafeteria in Springfield on Nov. 18 from 6 to 9 p.m.

The event will be a fund-raiser for various projects related to the school. The PTA is currently looking for crafters and vendors to display their wares. Exhibit spaces are available for \$40 each and tables can be rented for \$8.

Checks can be made payable to "The Edward V. Walton School PTA" and sent to 601 Mountain Ave., Springfield, 07081. The fax number is 973-376-0753. For information, call 973-376-1304.

The event is open to all adults in the community.

#### Greeting card-making class to meet Fridays

Learn to make your own greeting cards at the greeting card stamp class offered through the Mountaineer Recreation Department. Participants can make cards for birthdays, Christmas, Halloween, or any occasion.

The class will meet at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east. The class is for adults, and the registration fee is \$14 per person. Classes will meet on Oct. 14, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9 — same time and fees. Stop by the Recreation Office for a registration form or call 908-232-0015 for information.

#### Atlantic City trip benefits cancer society

Springfield resident Max Feldman, a volunteer for the American Cancer Society, will coordinate the final trip of the season to the Showboat Casino in Atlantic City on Oct. 16.

All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. The cost is \$20. Attendees receive \$18 in cash and \$5 for food. Seats are limited.

Call 973-376-3533 for information.

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#### CLUBS IN THE NEWS

Nov. 13 — Our Lady of Lourdes from 2 to 4 p.m.

Dec. 1 — Christmas party at Gran Centurions, Clark 1 to 5 p.m. \$40 cash bar.

Handcrafter Group gathers in borough  
The Handcrafter Group of the Women's Association of the Community Presbyterian Church, 1459 Deer Path, Mountaineer, will meet on the second Saturday of every month in the church's Memorial Room at 10 a.m.

Those attending can use their own skills or learn new ones. The group is currently making blankets for Runnells Specialized Hospital.

For information about the group, call the church office at 908-232-9490 and leave a name and telephone number with Janet.

#### Football Club meets

The Football Club luncheon will be Oct. 6 at noon at B.G. Fields Restaurant. New members and guests are always welcome.

For a reservation, call Genevieve at 908-232-3626.

#### Actress/Storyteller Laurie Macdonnell-Gaulke will present a program called "Wild About Harriet."

Harriet Quibby was the first licensed American woman pilot.

The Football Club continues to serve the community of Mountaineer, recent donations have been made to the Mountaineer Volunteer Fire Department, the Mountaineer Rescue Squad and the Mountaineer Historic Preservation Committee for the Herfield House.

Follow these simple rules and make leaf season as trouble free as possible for everyone concerned. For more information, call the Public Works Department at 973-912-2225.

Homeowners should convey to their landscapers that these measures are ordinances that will be enforced. A landscaper is the homeowner's employee and should follow these instructions and adhere to the law.

#### Millburn & Short Hills art fair

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# Resident reveals 'Surreal Estate'

Thom Lynch grew up in Springfield in the 1950s and 60s. He will be showing a collection of his paintings in an exhibition called "Surreal Estate" at the Palmer Museum in the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., from Monday to Nov. 9. There will be an opening reception on Oct. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The main focus of this show will be a series of paintings he has done of old and long gone Springfield buildings. Even though he has lived in Pottersville for 30 years, Lynch has always felt a great attachment to Springfield.

"That's where I had my earliest adventures," he said. "It was during those days when you could wander anywhere in town you wanted to, without fear or explanation. When I ride through Springfield nowadays, I remember every building that was there when I was a kid. And I remember why I remember certain buildings."

Lynch began the "Springfield Series" in 2001, when The New Art Group, of which Lynch has been a member for years, received a HEART grant from Union County. Their project was to develop an exhibition of works dealing with

the Union County area. The exhibition took place at the Artists' Guild, in Rahway. Since then, Lynch has continued to paint the lost buildings of his Springfield youth.

Four of these Springfield paintings were represented at an international exhibition hosted in Moscow, Russia, in 2002.

Lynch exhibited at the Palmer 10 years ago, with a show called "Viewpoint."

At that time he showed his surreal/postage stamp paintings, for which he is best known. His surreal paintings and his work as an artist/stamp maker have been exhibited internationally.

He will also be showing his more recent works in both of these styles. But, as he says, "I'm glad to be back at the Palmer Museum, this time with paintings that are about Springfield."

Hours of the exhibit are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

# It's time for a luau



Second- and third-graders enjoy a luau party at the Chisholm Playground in Springfield. This fall, the Recreation Department offers a variety of activities for children of all ages.

# Springfield Recreation offers fall programs

This fall, the Springfield Recreation Department offers several programs for children.

For information or to register for any of the programs, call 973-912-2227.

- The Craft Connection Fall Session Arts and Crafts will be offered for ages 5 to 15.
- This program specializes in projects for children with special needs. This is a six-week program that involves one week and multiple week arts projects. There is an enrollment limit of 35 children.
- Parents are welcome to stay and assist. The department encourages children of all populations to participate in this program. The head instructor for this program is Fern Perez.
- This program is made possible in part by a History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands grant from Union County. The program fee is \$25 per person.
- The program will take place at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield. Dates include Oct. 9 from 3 to 4 p.m.; Oct. 16, 3 to 4 p.m.; Oct. 23, 3 to 4 p.m.; Oct. 30, 3 to 4 p.m., and Nov. 6, 3 to 4 p.m.
- Fall tennis lessons will be presented by the Springfield Recreation Department and Tennis Dynamics. Lessons include games, contests and prizes.
- Lessons will be given at the Irwin Park Courts starting Saturdays and Mondays. Loaner racquets are available for the first lesson.
- Registration fees for beginners/advanced beginners are \$45. Fees for Intermediate I are \$55. To register, make check payable to Tennis Dynamics. Mail or bring to:

# AT THE LIBRARY

**Good Books Group resumes meetings**

The Springfield Free Public Library's Good Books Discussion Group resumes monthly meetings on Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. with Philippa Gregory's "The Other Boleyn Girl."

Before Henry VIII ever considered making Anne Boleyn his wife, her older sister, Mary, was his mistress. Historical novelist Philippa Gregory uses the perspective of this "other Boleyn girl" to reveal the rivalries and intrigues swirling through the Court of Henry VIII.

Discussions take place at 7 p.m. in either the Palmer Museum or the meeting room. Call 973-376-4930, ext. 228, to reserve a copy of the book.

The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave.

typically use the library's services and why. Perhaps non-library users can make recommendations for improvements to library services or hours that will make the library more appealing to non-users.

The survey may be accessed online at [www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com](http://www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com) or by picking up a survey at the library. Surveys will be accepted until Oct. 21.

Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. Regular library hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The library will be open on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. starting Sunday.

**'Books for Babies'**

Springfield Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, has started a new program to welcome newborns and their families to the wonderful world of reading.

"Books for Babies" is a special program expressly designed for the youngest members of the Mountaintop community. Parents of newborns and babies younger than one year of age are invited to pick up a free "Books for Babies" bag at the library.

Each kit is packaged in a sturdy, "Born To Read" canvas bag which is perfect for library books and other errands. Inside are a "Read To Your Bunny" board book by Rosemary Wells; "Our Little Reader" photo magnet; "Read To Me" baby bib; "Reading: The Key to a Better Future" coloring page; and bookshelves with

recommended baby books, and a library card application.

The purpose of the bags is to introduce the joy and importance of reading to new parents and to encourage a visit the library as a family.

"Books for Babies" is supported through the generosity of the Friends of the Mountaintop Public Library.

To obtain a free kit, bring proof of Mountaintop residence to the Mountaintop Public Library or call the library at 908-233-0115.

**Library completes customer survey**

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Library users who have overdue library materials may get a one-time amnesty from fines on the returned materials when they fill out a survey. Those who do not have overdue materials may get a coupon for one free video or DVD rental when filling out a survey.

Group meets to explore Greek tragedy

The Great Books Discussion Group of Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will meet to discuss "Aeschylus: Agamemnon."

To gain the favor of the gods in the upcoming battle, Agamemnon sacrifices his daughter. His act angers his wife and leads her to vengeance. This is the beginning of a Greek trilogy by Aeschylus, which is noted for the innovation in drama he developed and for the beauty and passion of the words. The version used here is translated by Robert Segal.

On the third Thursday of each month, the Great Books Discussion Group meets to examine the great books of civilization. The Great Books compilation may be purchased for \$24 at the Circulation Desk.

The discussion group welcomes new members. Participants are invited to come to any or all of the sessions.

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# STUDENT UPDATE

**Tavis returns from studying in England**

Megan Tavis of Springfield, a student at Caldwell College, is one of 57 students who recently returned from participating in the University of New Hampshire Cambridge Summer Program 2005.

The program emphasizes studies in English, history and the humanities at Cambridge University, England. Sited at Gonville and Caius College, one of the oldest and best-known of the 31 colleges that comprise the university, courses are taught by distinguished British and UNH faculty.

Students spend six weeks learning about the United Kingdom in their classes and through immersion in British history, customs and entertainment.

Tavis is the daughter of Brian and Margaret Tavis of Springfield.

were among the academic degree candidates honored at the University's 151st commencement ceremony on May 15 in the University's Carrier Dome.

Approximately 4,900 degree candidates along with their families and friends attended the ceremony presided over by Chancellor Nancy Cantor.

Gershberg received a bachelor's degree in stage management.

**Gershberg earns degree from Syracuse**

Samantha Gershberg of Springfield was among the area students enrolled in the College of Visual and Performing Arts at Syracuse University who

**Sixth annual Cop Trot planned**

The sixth annual Cop Trot sponsored by the Mountaintop Police Athletic League is set for Oct. 8.

This unique 5K, 3 mile race/walk is open to all residents and non-residents from serious racers to seniors and everyone in between. Proceeds will benefit various programs for PAL, which focuses primarily on youth. There are nine age group categories. Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place finishers in each age group category. The registration fees prior to the day of the race are: 5K adult: \$15, 5K child: \$10, family: \$50, and Tot Trot which is free.

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# Oak Knoll helps out hurricane relief effort

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**Overlook Heart Gallery photos capture spirit of foster children**

The Heart Gallery of New Jersey Inc., [www.heartgallerynj.com](http://www.heartgallerynj.com), recently announced the opening of The Heart Gallery of New Jersey in Summit.

The Heart Gallery uses the donated time of award-winning professional photographers to take portraits that help capture the spirit of each child.

More than 300 portraits are in a traveling exhibit and are on display in Summit at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, 34-36 Maple St., the Domagalleria, 447 Springfield Ave; Overlook Hospital, 99 Beauvoir Ave., and the Summit Train Station.

More than 150 photographers who are committed to making an impact on the lives of these children have given us the gift of their time and talent, making this exhibit possible," said Najlah Feamy-Hicks, president of the Heart Gallery.

"We are thrilled that the Summit community has chosen to host our exhibit, will get to know the children and possibly take action to see if adoption may be right for them."

The event is for Pre-K to 12 trained children through grade 5. Admission is \$7 per child, per night. Children can attend either one of both nights.

Register at Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall. For information, call 973-467-3790, ext. 10.

# Lectures target nutrition

The Summit Area YMCA will continue its series of free nutrition lectures this fall.

Lectures will take place at three branches of the YMCA in Summit, Springfield and Berkeley Heights.

- "Healthy Eating...Facts and Fallacies" is the first lecture today from 1 to 2 p.m. at Summit YMCA.
- "Steps to Heart Healthy Eating" is the second lecture in the series on Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m., Berkeley Heights YMCA, and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Springfield YMCA; Oct. 6 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Summit YMCA.
- "Healthy Eating for Healthy Children" is the third lecture given on Oct. 19, from 9 to 10 a.m., Berkeley Heights YMCA, and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Springfield YMCA; Oct. 20, from 1 to 2 p.m., Summit YMCA.
- "Functional Foods: How to Get the Most Out of the Foods We Eat" is the third lecture given on Oct. 26, from 9 to 10 a.m., at the Berkeley Heights YMCA, and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Springfield YMCA; Oct. 27, from 1 to 2 p.m., at Summit YMCA. All lectures are free and open to the community.
- On Wednesday at 11 a.m., Summit YMCA will also give an informational lecture about its "Strive to Lose" Program.

The Summit YMCA is located at 67 Maple St., Berkeley Heights YMCA is located at 550 Springfield Ave., Springfield YMCA is located at 100 S. Springfield Ave.

For information about any of these lectures, call Sue Fieseler, YMCA staff nutritionist, at 908-273-3330, ext. 167, send an e-mail message to [suefieseler@summitareaymca.org](mailto:suefieseler@summitareaymca.org), or visit [www.summitareaymca.org](http://www.summitareaymca.org).

# Arboretum begins 'Hands to Nature'

The Children's Education Department at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., has scheduled docent training for the Hands to Nature series. The programs bring children from schools throughout the surrounding counties for guided tours of the facility and educational instruction. Training for Hands to Nature will be Friday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants need only enjoy working with children to apply. Former docents are also welcome to attend for a refresher course. The programs start in October.

**Harvest Fest cancelled**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., has cancelled the annual harvest festival which had been scheduled for Saturday.

Although the popular event will not take place, the arboretum is still bustling with a busy lineup of events, including the holiday house tour on Dec. 8; multiple garden tour outings and children's classes, as well as adult workshops.

For detailed information on any of these events, call 908-273-8787 or visit their Web site at [Reeves-ReedArboretum.org](http://Reeves-ReedArboretum.org).

Reeves-Reed Arboretum is open from dawn-until dusk daily. The garden gift shop featuring decorative accessories and gifts is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

# Youth Services Board hosts special meeting in Summit

A special meeting of the Youth Services Board of the City of Summit will be conducted on Monday, at 7 p.m. at the Johnson Center at 2 Walnut St., to consider leasing a portion of Johnson Center space to the Area Baby Center and other building use issues.

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OBITUARIES

Eva T. Flynn
Eva T. Flynn, 89, of Mountaintop died Sept. 8 at home.

Beatrice Marder
Beatrice Marder, 87, of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Springfield, died Aug. 28 in Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

Earl Goodling
Earl W. Goodling, 82, of Ithaca, N.Y., formerly of Mountaintop, died Sept. 11 at Old Hundred in Ithaca.

Nathan Lava
Nathan Lava, 80, of West Orange, formerly of Springfield, died Sept. 14 in the Daughters of Israel Geriatrics Center, West Orange.

Charlotte Williams
Charlotte Williams, 85, of Pompton Plains, formerly of Union and

Union, for 15 years before retiring in 1990.
He was an Army veteran and served during World War II as a paratrooper in the Medical Corps 11th Airborne Division.

Anna Kryger
Anna Marie Kryger, 86, of Springfield died Sept. 16 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Jacqueline Kukon
Jacqueline Athala Kukon of Mountaintop died Sept. 14 at home.

Beverly Brodman
Beverly G. Brodman, 62, of Summit died Sept. 16 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Ruth Stiles
Ruth "Randy" Stiles, 81, of New York City, formerly of Summit, an award-winning television executive and New Jersey gubernatorial appointee, died Sept. 12 in Beth Israel Hospital, New York City.

Summit, died Sept. 17 at home.
Born in Belfast, Wis., Mrs. Williams lived in New York, Union, Berkeley Heights and Summit before moving to Pompton Plains in 2003.

Sister Celine McInerney
Sister Celine McInerney, 76, of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, Rosamont, Pa., a former teacher in Summit, died Sept. 16 while traveling in St. Petersburg, Russia.

William O'Connor
William J. O'Connor, 24, a lifelong resident of Summit, died Sept. 23 as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident on Route 78 in Union.

Mr. O'Connor recently was employed by Vail Corp. and the Mountain Services in Vall, Col. He graduated from Seton Hall University, South Orange, in 2003, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in communications.

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Born in New York City, Mrs. Stiles lived in South Orange, Washington, D.C., and in Summit for 30 years before returning to New York City. She gained a reputation in television broadcasting for her work in public affairs programming.

Old Guard to hear the secrets of fruitful travel
Anyone who has traveled very much knows the value of a good escort — someone who knows the territory intimately — the interesting places that are frequently not part of the itinerary.

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SPORTS

Summit field hockey team is playing well Begins week with 5-1 mark

PARSIPPANY - The Hilltoppers are on a high. Summit High School's field hockey team has turned in some excellent performances of late as evidenced by its 5-1 record and five-game winning streak.

Summit blanked Chatham 1-0 on the road Saturday for its fifth win of the season. The Hilltoppers were scheduled to play at Morris Knolls Tuesday and today are to compete against ParsIPPANY Hills at 4 p.m. at home.

Summit's fourth win was a 4-1 road win against Iron Hills Conference rival ParsIPPANY last Thursday. "We started to play well at the end of last year," Summit head coach Sheila Dunne said. "I think the good start we are enjoying now is just a continuation of that."

Summit came on strong to post a winning season in 2004, finishing 9-7-2. The Hilltoppers went 4-0-1 in their last five games after being edged in the Union County Tournament by Cranford 1-0. Summit allowed only one goal during that five-game span and none in the last four.

So far this year in six games prior to Tuesday's at Morris Knolls, Summit outscored the opposition by an impressive 12-5 margin. "We are definitely more focused this year," Dunne said. "We worked hard in the off season to get in shape and want to get better every game."

Scoring goals in the ParsIPPANY victory were Nicole Murakami and Anna Vitale in the first half and Tara O'Malley and Keillean Lecky in the second. Just eight minutes into the contest, Murakami scored on a brilliant pass from Katie Cooper. Cooper had the ball deep in the corner to the goalie's left and centered the ball perfectly to Murakami, who was waiting in front of the net for the pass. All Murakami had to do was redirect the pass past the keeper for a 1-0 lead.

"I saw Nicole open in front," Cooper said. "I had an open angle to get the pass through and went for it. She did a real nice job collecting the pass and shooting it in." The Hilltoppers added another goal before halftime, this time on a loose ball collected by Vitale in front of the ParsIPPANY goal to stretch the lead to 2-0. Summit looked poised for an easy victory before the start of the second half, but ParsIPPANY came out strong at the start of the half and was able to reach the scoreboard just five minutes in to make a game out of it 2-1.

The Hilltoppers were able to control the flow of the game and dominated the time of possession for most of the match, but ParsIPPANY was able to keep the pressure on in the opening minutes of the second half. Following ParsIPPANY's goal, it looked like the Morris County team was ready to tie the game. However, Summit regained control five minutes later and never let up.

With eight minutes left in the match, Lecky put the game out of reach. She collected a loose ball in front of the ParsIPPANY net following a free shot by Summit and deposited it in the back of the goal for a 3-1 Hilltopper advantage. O'Malley scored the game's final goal four minutes later. "We've been focusing on getting our hallmarks up," said Dunne, when asked about her team's ability to keep the ball in ParsIPPANY's zone for much of the day.

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Summit's county runners excelled in competition against ParsIPPANY Hills and Hanover Park Sept. 20. The boys' tied ParsIPPANY Hills 28-28 and were edged by Hanover Park by a score of 27-28. Summit's record stood at 11-2-1.

Springfield MetroStars 3, Scotch Plains 3
In 14-and-under boys' Inter County Youth Soccer League last weekend, Justin Grant scored two goals, one off a corner kick from Sammy Dushkin, and Ronnie Hermann had one for the MetroStars in a 3-2 tie vs. Scotch Plains.

Springfield Power 4, Vernon Hot Shots 0
In 13-and-under girls' traveling team play, Alexa Williams scored two goals and forwards Emily Stein and Remy Schneider one in a 4-0 whitewashing of the Vernon Hot Shots.

Mountainside team triumphs



The Mountainside Youth Baseball age 11 All-Star team finished first in the Roselle Park Youth Baseball League Tournament in July. The team will be honored by the mayor and council Oct. 18 at Borough Hall.

GL football has two wins, but still a lot of work to do Big game at Hillside Saturday afternoon

Two out of its first three is not bad. Governor Livingston's football team is 2-1 and fresh off a 16-7 fourth quarter comeback victory over Delaware Valley last Saturday in Berkeley Heights.

GL is back on the road for a key Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division clash vs. Hillside this Saturday at 1 p.m. "It feels good to be 2-1 on the season," GL second-year head coach Terry Hanratty said.

GL was also 2-1 last year before hosting Hillside. The Highlanders, a big more experienced at key positions, came away with a tough 14-6 victory after they had defeated Delaware Valley 48-19 on the road.

Just like last year, GL is preparing for an 0-2 Hillside team that is coming off a loss to Rahway. The Comets fell at Rahway 27-6 last Saturday after having a week off. Hillside opened with a 33-22 home loss to Cranford.

"We are making two home mistakes," Hanratty said. "I don't think we are playing up to our ability right now. We'll need to keep improving." One key area that the Highlanders need to improve upon is their run defense. Against Delaware Valley, GL was unable to stop the running game as Delaware Valley marched up and down the field keeping the Highlander offense on the sideline for much of the game.

Although Delaware Valley was unable to turn its offensive dominance into points on the scoreboard, it was able to limit what the Highlanders were able to do when they had their hands on the ball. "They had long drives on us," Hanratty said. "When we got our offense on the field we had to keep the ball on the ground to give our defense a rest."



The Dayton High School junior varsity football team, sparked by the play of junior wide receiver Jessie Aleva (No. 80), is to play its second game of the season today at 4 p.m. at Passaic Tech.

Dayton JV football is home again Monday

Dayton's freshmen are involved in several frosh games as well. Dayton has a game scheduled at Roselle Park Oct. 21 at 4 p.m.

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Scorpions split two matches

The Springfield Soccer Club 12-and-under Scorpions went 1-1 the past two weekends, beating the West Milford Eagles 4-0 before being edged by the Florham Park Rockets 2-1 last weekend.

Roadrunners win nailbiter
In a classic match between arch rivals, the Springfield Roadrunners 10-and-under boys' team defeated the Long Valley Scorpions for a fourth consecutive time by the score of 1-0.



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Resident serves on Interfaith Council

Summit resident Ann Houpt serves on the Board of Directors for the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County. She is serving as secretary of the board.

Houpt has been a resident of Summit since 1961, residing with her husband Bill and raising three daughters. Before her retirement, she was a counselor at Middlesex County College and later became an associate professor. She had worked with the statewide organization of community college counselors and was involved in the campus governance.

Houpt volunteered with the YMCA, the League of Women Voters and was an active church member. It was her involvement in her church that led Houpt to Interfaith, where she now is the coordinator of the Interfaith Hospitality Shelter Network and a member of the Outreach Committee.

Interfaith Council is a nonprofit organization providing emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing, education and support services to women and children of Union County.

There are an estimated 2,000 homeless families throughout the county with the average age of an individual served by Interfaith being a 9-year-old child. Through donations and the support of various local congregations, these families are able to rebuild their lives.

"The issues of homelessness and the lack of affordable housing are, to my mind, the most pressing in our country and county," said Houpt.

Demski named to 'Best Lawyers' list

Sills Cummins Epstein & Gross P.C. announced that Mountside resident Thomas Demski was recently selected by his peers for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America® 2005-2006.

The 2005-2006 edition is the 12th edition of The Best Lawyers in America. Since its inception in 1983, Best Lawyers has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal

excellence in the United States. Corporate Counsel magazine has called Best Lawyers "the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice."

He serves on the Bench-Bar Committees of both the Union County and Essex County Bars and is a frequent lecturer for the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and New Jersey's Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

The bride wore an exquisite satin gown by Maggie Sotter with delicate tulle overlay, with pearls and lace and a cathedral rail veil.

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Pursell marries Sweatt in West Point

Hannah Pursell, daughter of Lt. Col. David and Gabriel Pursell of West Point, N.Y., was married to Lt. Tyler J. Sweatt, son of Brian and Cheryl Sweatt of Annandale, on July 7.

Brian Sweatt, the father of the groom, grew up in Mountaintide. The maid of honor was Wendy Cohen. The best man was Erik Minceo. His ushers were Matt King, Mike Semello and Christopher Couch — all West Point 2005 grads.

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Judge John Pisansky in recusing himself at the urging of Clark officials from hearing a lawsuit attempting to dismiss the complaint by Villa contracting. The firm opposes a senior housing project that has been proposed for Terminal Avenue in the Township of Clark.

At an earlier hearing, Pisansky questioned the construction of the project within an industrial area. An attorney for the company provided the judge's remarks to the Council On Affordable Housing to help try to thwart the project.

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The fundraising program was called Bucks for Trucks, he said, and noted that every time he mentioned it, people's faces would light up.

"I felt guilty being home," Marmaro said. "Knowing that there were another 22,000 homes to be searched in our district."

Marmaro said that seeing the homes with everything people had worked for in such disarray was heartbreaking.

Even the homes that remained structurally intact were infested with mold growing from floor to ceiling.

"This wasn't water," Finney said. He noted that a variety of liquids had been added to the raging flood waters including sewage, oil and gasoline from submerged vehicles, and chemicals.

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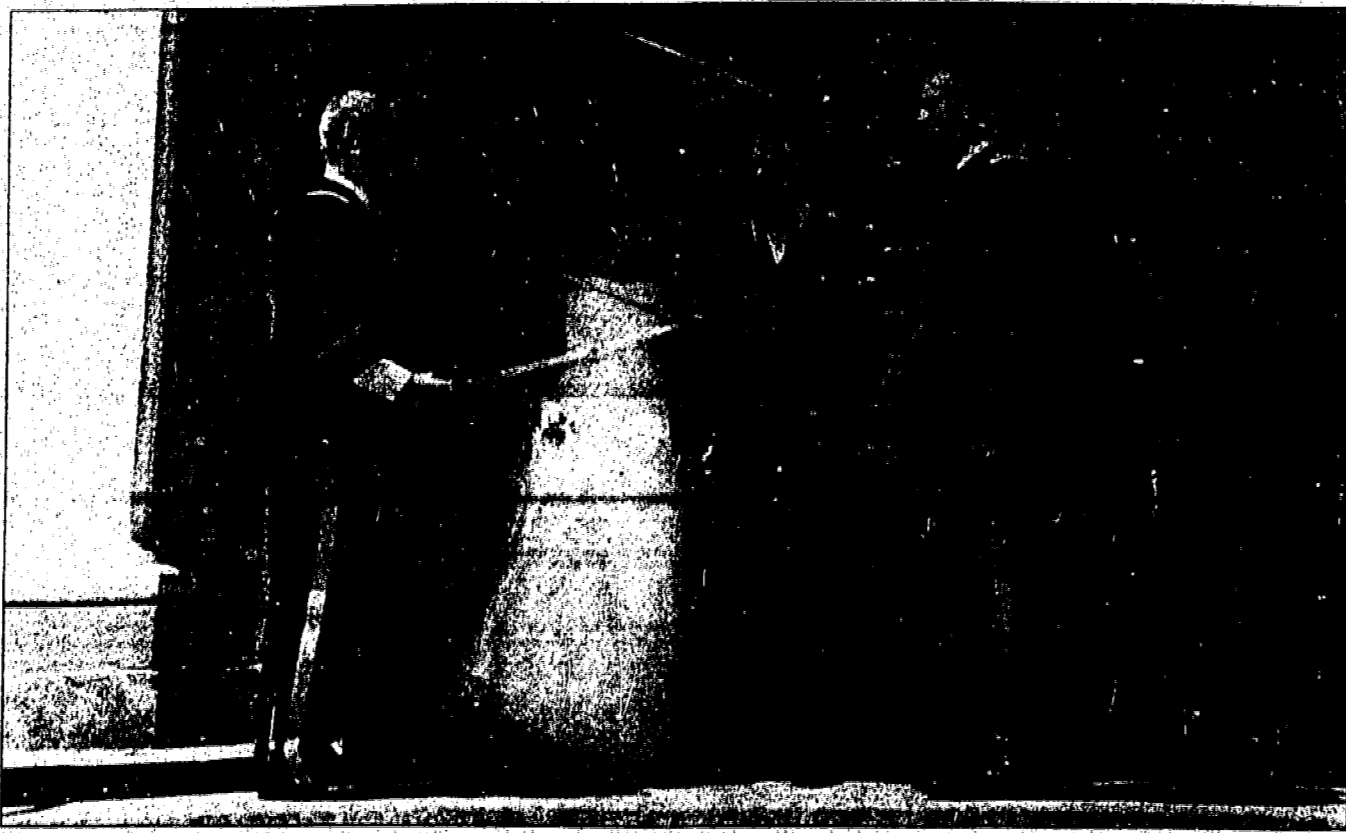
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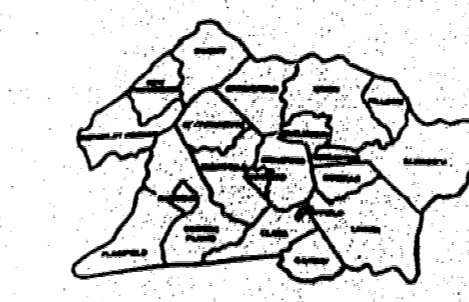
Hannah Pursell and Brian Sweatt celebrate their wedding at Old Cadet Chapel, West Point.

Newspaper's policy on weddings and engagements

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Information requested for engagements are parents names, high school name and town, college name, town and degree, name of employer and town where located, job title, and the date of marriage.

Black and white or clear color pictures are acceptable. For more information, call 908-686-7700.



Union County

WORRAL COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2005

Officers get closer look at destruction

By Lauren DeFilippo Staff Writer

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Marmaro, along with Officers Brandon Sullivan and Eric Finney were among a contingent of 200 law enforcement officers, Hazmat specialists and firefighters who traveled to the Gulf Coast region in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

All three officers are members of the Union County Emergency Response Team.

"They're as close to a military unit as you can possibly be," Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich said.

Following their experiences in Louisiana, Marmaro said that residents of the state of New Jersey and Union County can rest assured that they are in good hands in the event of a large scale incident.

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Former President Bill Clinton is expected to make a campaign stop at Kean University this afternoon on behalf of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Sen. Jon Corzine.

The "rally," as Assemblywoman Linda Stender, D-Union, called it, will take place at 3:30 p.m. at the university's new Harwood Arena in Union.

A \$10,000-a-plate fund-raiser for Democratic state legislative candidates is scheduled to follow at Benito's restaurant in Five Points, Union.

State Sen. Nicholas Scutari, D-Union, said he had only heard about the event a few days ago.

He believed the agenda for the rally had to do with education issues. Although confirmation from the Corzine for Governor offices could not be obtained at presstime.

Employees at Corzine's New Brunswick campaign headquarters Tuesday evening said only that the event would be a "traditional campaign rally."

"This certainly shows that Union County can get the attention of the national party when (it) needs to," Scutari said.

Stender worked as part of Corzine's campaign for Senate in 2000.

During the primary, she was in charge of women's outreach, and switched to head up the advancement branch of the campaign for the general election.

One of the last times the former president was in Union County was in 1999 for a fund-raiser at state Sen. Raymond Lesniak's home on Livingston Avenue in Elizabeth.

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Sgt. George Marmaro and two other Union County Sheriff's Office officers were among a contingent of 200 first responders who traveled to the Gulf region. Teams worked 12-hour days searching for survivors and helping local police. They also assisted groups in rescuing pets left behind.

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"The smelt was atrocious," Finney said.

Upon arriving, the team set up a base camp at a local school.

Sullivan estimated that 225 police officers and firefighters were sleeping on cots in the gym of a school.

For the first four days, they did not have access to a shower. After that, they were able to use a decontamination unit that is usually used to clean those involved in chemical spills and similar events.

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Commercials cost nearly \$150K

By Lauren DeFilippo Staff Writer

Union County spent almost \$120,000 to run commercials this month highlighting the county's centerpiece initiative, "Keeping Union County Families Healthy."

According to documents obtained from an Open Public Records Act request, the county spent approximately \$119,824 to air the commercial more than 750 times. The commercial cost \$23,000 to produce.

According to Union County Director of Communications Sebastian D'Elia, the commercial and the cost for airing it, are more or less in line with what the county has paid for the same project over the last few years.

More also said the county could save some Freeholder Chairman Rick Proctor and Freeholder Bette Jean Kowalski and highlights various healthcare-related programs and services administered by the county. Among these are the county's prescription drug program, the immunization clinic, Run-

nells Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights, and the Lifesaver Program, which is administered through the Sheriff's Office.

Republicans have criticized the commercial and others for spending tax dollars promoting Democratic freeholders up for re-election, claiming it violates election law.

The commercial features Proctor, who is a health officer for Hillside, Rahway and Scotch Plains, and is up for re-election in November's general election. Republican Committee Chairman Philip Morin said the commercial violates election laws because it will air within 90 days of the election, and should be claimed as a donation on campaign finance reports.

Proctor also said the county could save more residents through mailings, which he said would be less expensive.

The county in recent months also has been mailing two-page letters to residents detailing the services and projects provided by the county in what is today Roselle.

Centuries later, the Township of Clark was named in his honor, as is the high school in Roselle.

His legacy was so important that even after his original home was destroyed by a fire, the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution paid to have a replica of the 1705 farm home rebuilt on a portion of his property just a short distance away in the 1940s.

The main portion of the home resembles a town hall meeting space, with relics from local and revolutionary-era history all around.

Reprints of documents and photos line the walls and all of them have their own story.

The latest addition is that of a Clark family descendant currently residing in Indiana, who traced her lineage back to the local patriot.

Despite all this, Reynolds, who acts as caretaker for the site, said that little is known about Clark.

"He's kind of a mystery man," Reynolds said.

A fourth-generation American, Clark grew up on his family farmstead

Table with columns: Weekly spots, Weekly cost, Network. Lists various TV channels and their associated costs and spots.

each of the three markets varied. Comcast in Union cost the most at \$44,205, while Comcast in Plainfield was only \$10,707. Cablevision in

Elizabeth cost \$5,000. Lauren DeFilippo can be reached at 908-686-7700, ext. 119, or unioncountyb@yahoo.com.



The Abraham Clark House on West 9th Avenue in Roselle was home to one of the five men from New Jersey who signed the Declaration of Independence.

February 1776. His father Thomas was a judge in what is today Elizabethtown.

According to a document prepared by the Roselle Historical Society, Clark was too frail to actually perform the strenuous labor of farm work, and made his living as a surveyor. He was also known to study law and give out free legal advice, the document said.

In 1749, Clark married Sarah Hatfield. Together, they raised 10 children. The two eldest boys, Aaron and

Thomas, both served in the Revolutionary War and were held as prisoners on the ship named New Jersey.

Both men were trained poorly because of their father's alignment with the patriot cause.

While New Jersey was still under British rule, Clark served as the High Sheriff of Essex County and Clerk of the Colonial Assembly. In 1774, he became a member of the New Jersey Committee of Safety. By May 1775,

Advertisement for Preschool and Camp Fair. Includes details about the date (Sun. Oct. 2, 1:30 - 4:15 pm), location (Millburn Free Public Library), and contact information.

Advertisement for Far Brook School. Describes the school as a small, coeducational day school in Short Hills for children from Nursery through the Eighth grade. Includes an Open House date and contact info.

Advertisement for Atlantic Health System. Features a large image of a person and the headline 'WHAT DO YOU CALL A MIRACLE? WE CALL IT THE CYBERKNIFE.' Describes virtual surgery for tumors.

Advertisement for Atlantic Health System. Continues the 'Cyberknife' advertisement, describing the technology and its benefits for treating tumors in the brain, spine, and other parts of the body.

Advertisement for 'They said it' column. Lists various quotes and news snippets from the community.

Advertisement for 'Left Out' column. A short piece by Frank Capace.

Advertisement for 'Mystery man' column. A piece by Lauren DeFilippo about the history of the Clark House in Roselle.

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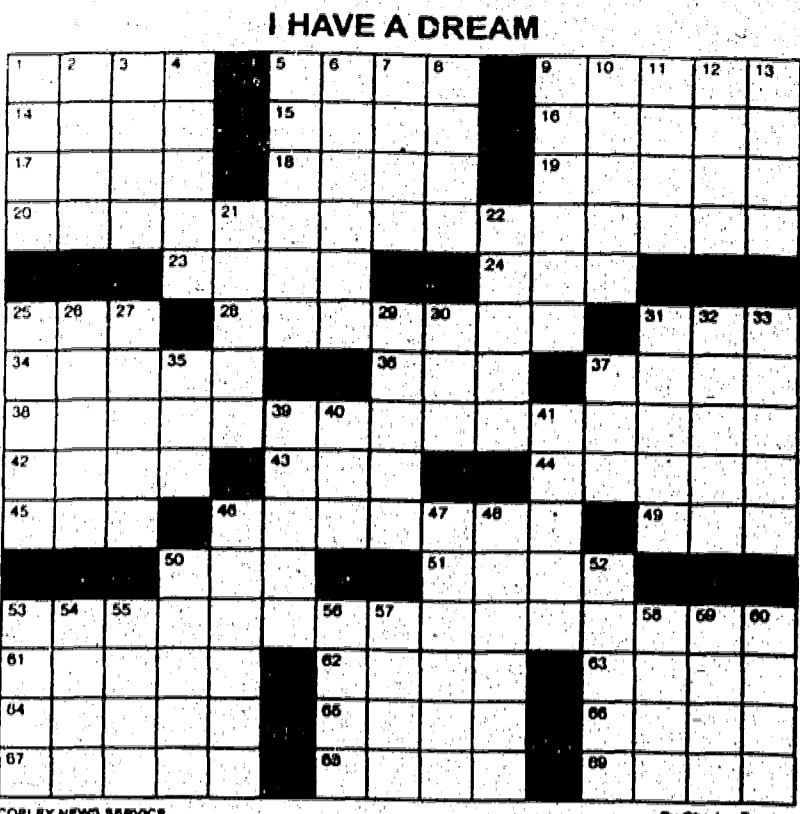






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What's Going On?

Local event listings including Flea Market, Garage/Yard Sales, Art Shows, Rummage Sale, and Auctions.

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Horoscopes section with daily readings for Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, and Virgo.

www.localsource.com Internet Directory listing various local businesses and services.

WORRAL NEWSPAPERS

Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area.

ART SHOWS

"FATHER & SON," a joint showing of painting and sculptures by George Tar and his son, Robert Martin Tar, will be exhibited at the Les Malamut Gallery, Union Public Library, 1800 Morris Ave., Union, through Oct. 18.

BOOKS

THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN BOOK GROUP will meet at the Scotch Plains Branch, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, for information, call 732-574-1818.

CLASSES

THE DUCRET SCHOOL OF ART is located at 1030 Central Ave. and is situated on a seven-acre campus in a historic residential area in Plainfield.

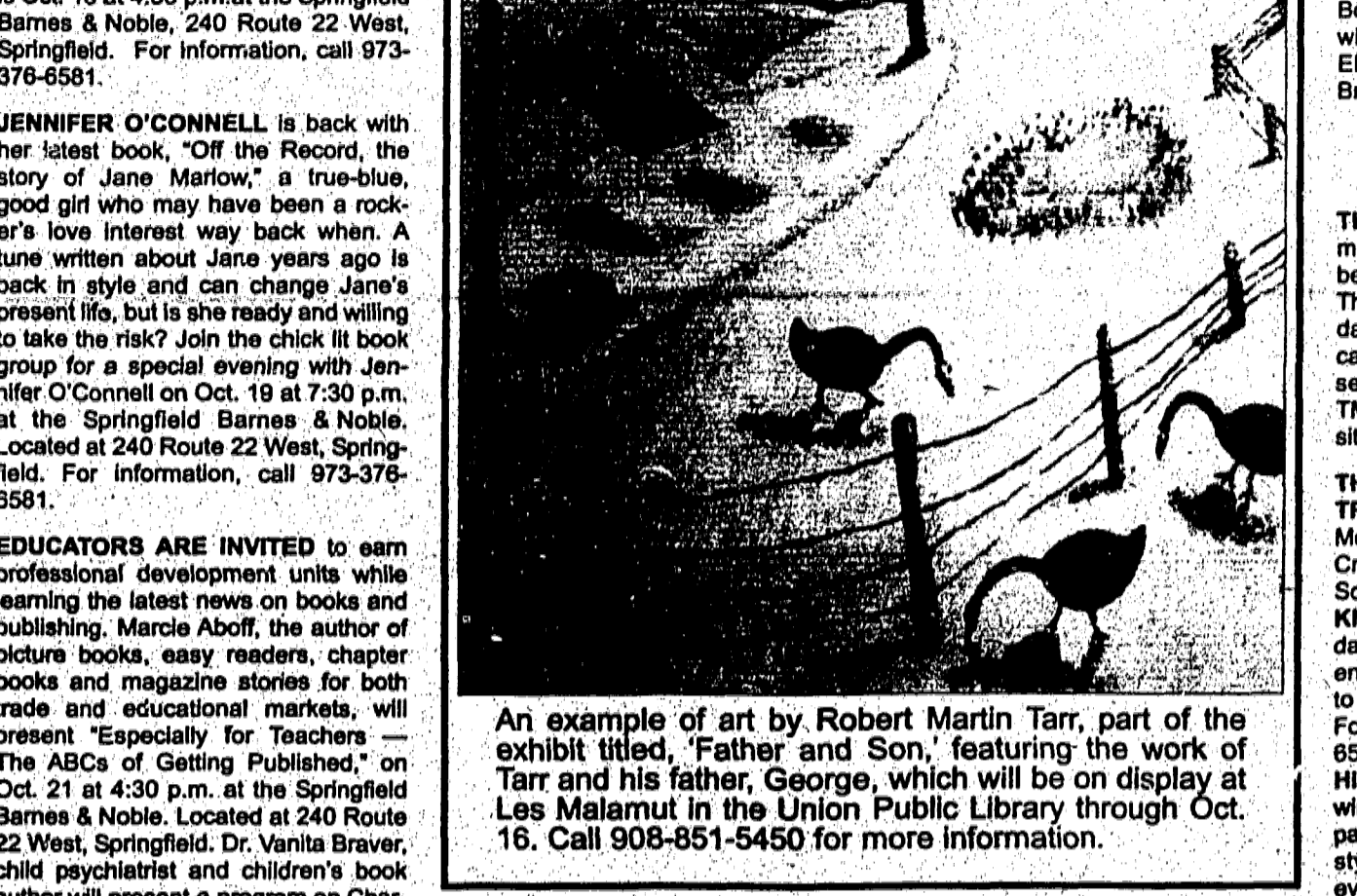
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COMEDY

"THE SWEEDSTER," also known as funnymom D.F. Sweedler, will appear at the Watchung Arts Center, 18 Stirling Road, Watchung on Oct. 15 at 8 p.m.

Father and Son exhibit



An exhibit of art by Robert Martin Tar, part of the exhibit titled, "Father and Son," featuring the work of Tar and his father, George, which will be on display at Les Malamut in the Union Public Library through Oct. 16.

CONCERTS

MEET THE ORCHESTRA concert series continues at the Suburban Community Music Center, 570 Central Ave., Murray Hill, for the 18th year.

FILMS

THE PURPLE VOILET FILM FESTIVAL, an annual event established by Kean University, will provide professional and student filmmakers with an opportunity to have their work seen and embraced by a large audience.

KIDS

TALES FOR TOTS PRESCHOOL STORYTIME will be offered at Barnes and Noble, Route 22 West, Springfield, Mondays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m., and the Kids Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m.

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.

HOBBIES

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC. meets at 9:25 Jefferson Ave., Union, behind Home Depot on Route 22 East.

SCRIPTS

PREMIERE STAGES, the new Actors' Equity Association theater group at Kean University, is currently accepting play submissions for the Premiere Stages Play Festival.

SINGLES

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.

THEATER

"NOISES OFF" will be performed Oct. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29 at the Cranford Dramatic Club, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford.

JAZZ

LANA'S RESTAURANT in Clark will offer dinner and live jazz with Warren Vache every Thursday, beginning at 7 p.m.

DANCE

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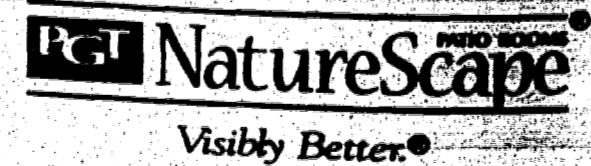
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For example, when building a new home, we have the option to create our own design. Imagine trying to design your own automobile from the ground up. A bit overwhelming, to say the least.

Overwhelming was the mindset of Joe and Angie Dawson when they tried to find their perfect home plan. After 10 years of dreaming and sketching, they were left looking through plan book after plan book. Trying to find a cookie-cutter floor plan that worked for them seemed impossible. Knowing they wanted the natural beauty of wood and a distinctive look, a log home was their first choice. They called Wisconsin Log Homes to schedule a design consultation to get started.

When they arrived at the corporate headquarters in Green Bay, Wis., the Dawsons literally had their thoughts and dreams in a shoebox. They had accumulated all these ideas, but had no clue how to put them into action.

The sales consultant guided the Dawsons through their shoebox by going through a few simple exercises to help them understand how they wanted their home to look, how they wanted their home to feel and how they wanted to live in their new log home. Here is a sneak peak at how the Dawsons got their custom design plans under way:

Get Organized. Most of us accumulate a



All homes are created by visions and dreams of people just like you. Start by obtaining the Wisconsin Log Homes planning guide, filled with more than 100 plans and ideas. Creating a wants and needs list. This is a pretty simple exercise. Make a list of all the needs in your home. Implement the needs list into your design first and the wants list second as your budget allows.

rather hefty stack of magazines, newspaper clippings and catalogs when starting a project of this caliber. Invest in a three-ring binder and create tabs with labels of each room of your future home. Get organized by tearing out the pages that have interest to you and put them in the binder under the specific room. All the photos and ideas will now be at your fingertips. Keep it up to date and keep it handy.

Once you have an inventory of your current home, you can then evaluate whether you need to make rooms large or smaller. In addition, when you are reading blueprints, you can relate to your current rooms to give you a sense of size. Creating a wants and needs list. This is a pretty simple exercise. Make a list of all the needs in your home. For example, some items on your "needs" list may include a stove,

refrigerator or a two-car garage.

The "wants" list may include items such as a jacuzzi tub, fireplace, large deck or steam shower. Implement the needs list into your design first and the wants list second as your budget allows.

Get your ideas on paper. Before the first shovel of dirt can be dug, you have to have a plan. Whether you sketch out your ideas on a table napkin or hire an architect, your project will not get under way unless you take the ideas out of your head and get them on paper.

The team at Wisconsin Log Homes helped the Dawsons discover a log home design beyond what they had imagined. "I was so pleased when I received my first set of plans. The design team was able to incorporate all my wants, needs and desires into the plan. They really listened to what I had to say. And the pictures were worth more than 1,000 words."

Now living in their log home, Joe and Angie routinely comment on how every day is like a vacation, such a relaxed atmosphere. Their only regret is that they didn't build their log home dream sooner. If you want to live the log home lifestyle like the Dawsons, but don't know where to start, give the folks at Wisconsin Log Homes a call.

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home's curb appeal and increase its value over the long term.

For example, you can create an attractive exterior landscape by mowing the lawn, trimming the hedges and getting rid of dead shrubs. You can also give your home a much-

needed "facelift" by maintaining its exterior surface. One way to do this is by cleaning and restoring vinyl shutters, which experience significant fading and oxidation over time with exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

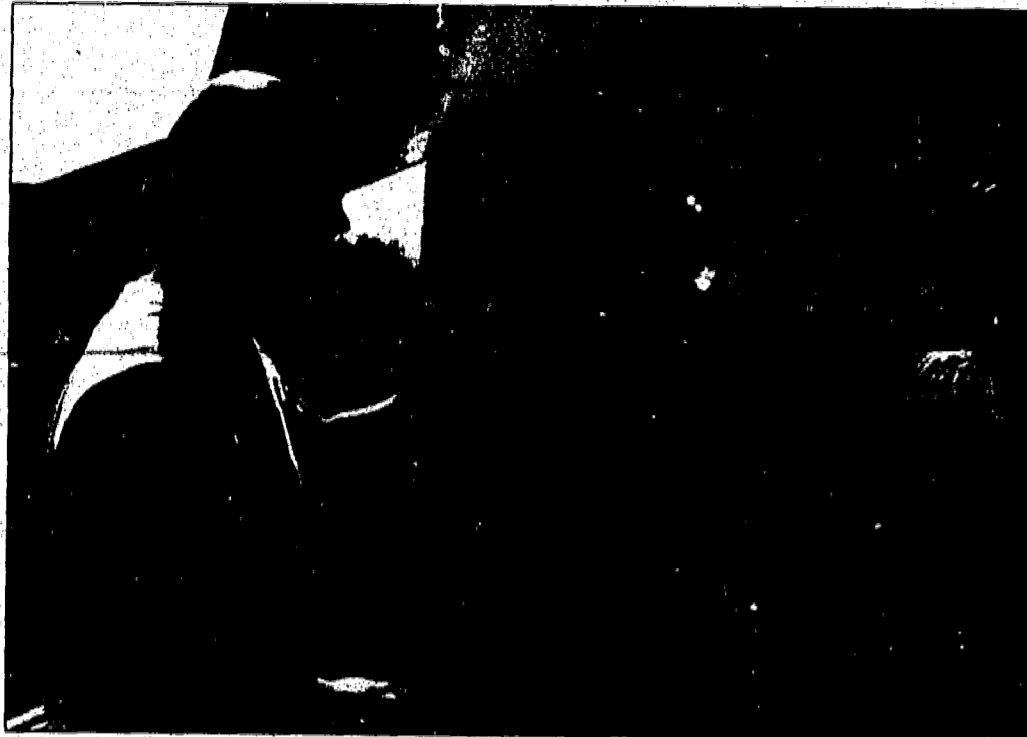
Many exterior projects are time-consuming and daunting, but caring for your vinyl shutters can take just a few hours. And you can do this project yourself without completely emptying your wallet.

The Restora vinyl care system, from The Flood Company, is a unique two-step process that thoroughly cleans exterior vinyl, then restores the original rich color and sheen. It's the perfect alternative to costly re-painting or

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"Improving the look of your shutters isn't usually at the top of your 'laundry list' of home projects. However, for less than \$50, you can use the Restora kit and see immediate results on your vinyl shutters," said Gary Finseth of Flood. "You can even go a step further and restore your vinyl siding."

So, you don't have to block off an entire weekend to clean and restore your vinyl exterior — by spending just a few hours, you can keep your home looking brand new. For more information, and to find a local retailer that sells Restora, go to [www.flood.com](http://www.flood.com) or call 800-321-3444.



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## Do something with underutilized space

Attics and bonus rooms lurk in the darkness in many homes. But with the additional natural light and fresh air skylights and roof windows provide, underutilized, gloomy space easily becomes a playroom for children, a recreation room or an inviting, productive work area.

"Whether as a playroom or recreation area, home office or extra bedroom, finishing your bonus room with skylights or roof windows may be the highest value, yet lowest cost per square foot option you can choose," says Joe Patrick, product manager for VELUX America. Patrick says converting upstairs areas with energy-efficient skylight or roof windows make expensive dormers unnecessary. "Labor and material costs can be reduced," he says, "and finished attics and bonus rooms typically appraise at 100 percent of the value of other living space while basements typically do not."

Denver-based architect Doug Walter, AIA, observes that many property owners dismiss the idea of a conversion on the grounds that the space available seems too small. "In their search for suitable areas, particularly for children," Walter says, "they should reconsider. Children don't require large areas with soaring ceilings. On the contrary, the sloping ceilings of small attics and the little hideaways they make are particularly appealing to youngsters."

Patrick points out that another reason to consider roof windows is they admit 30 percent more light than vertical windows in dormers and provide the drama of a sky view that you can't achieve with vertical windows. "And skylights and roof windows, which can be fitted with interior blinds and shades or exterior awnings, offer much more privacy than vertical

windows," he says. There are also skylights available with electrochromic glass that can be tinted electronically by remote control to manage light and heat gain while still providing the view to the sky, plus special balcony roof windows that open from the top and bottom to provide access to the outdoors from the roof, Patrick points out.

For more information on the benefits of natural light and skylight selection, call 800-283-2831 or visit [www.veluxusa.com](http://www.veluxusa.com). For government information on window and skylight energy efficiency, visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov), and for independent agency information, visit [www.nfrc.org](http://www.nfrc.org) or [www.efficientwindows.org](http://www.efficientwindows.org).

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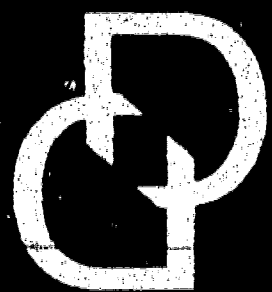
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