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Final showdown

Two battle for seat in Tuesday's election By Meave Sheehan

Staff Writer

At a candidates' forum Monday morning, Mayor Sy Mullman and Republican challenger Steven Grau answered questions from residents on a range of topics concerning the future of Springfield.

A crowd of about 40 people, mostly senior citizens, gathered in the Palmer Museum room of Springfield Public Library for the forum, sponsored by the local chapter of Hadas-

sah, the Worden's Zionist Organiza-tion of extended a volunteer and women statistication. On Tuesday night at Jonatian Dayton High School, the two candidates met again, this time before more than 100 in attendance. Residents wrote down questions on slips of paper, which were given to the forums' moderators.

Grau presented current township taxes as his main issue. Stating property taxes have gone up 111/2 percent in the past year, Grau asked how residents would be able to continue to live with large tax increases. "When will the irresponsible spending stop?" Grau questioned.

Muliman, in his opening statement Monday morning, responded, asking Grau to prove that taxes have gone up 11% percent. Mullman said he went to the tax office, looked at the taxes for his home and for Grau's residence and found both increases were well below that number, with Grau's increase at 6 percent. Mullman maintained the tax increase was less than 5 percent.



Asked about the 111/2 percent figure after Tuesday night's forum, Grau said it was calculated using a number of different figures within the township's finances. He countered that to get a true assessment of the tax situation requires more than examining two or three properties.

At Tuesday night's forum at the high school, Grau said the township's tax rate increased by 245 percent between 1992 and 2004, from 59 cents to \$1.445 per \$100 of assessed value.

. Mullman said Tuesday night that Springfield's municipal taxes did not increase in budgets from 1997 to 2000, and taxes "went nuts" after Gov. Christine Whitman "bankrupted the state" and stopped sending funds to municipalities. He said the governing body tries to hold the line on taxes but to reduce them is difficult because of annual salary increases for union employees. He called on the county frecholders to tighten their belts by reducing their salaries, benefits, cars and staff for their part-time positions.

When answering a question about downtown redevelopment, Mullman said he had made redevelopment a priority and his plan for the downtown was in its first stages.

Promising he would have a few possible plans ready within the first year of his term, Grau called for more public input. "It's in the best interest of this town that everybody get involved, not just the five members of the committee," he said. "We should



Candidates for Springfield Township Committee, Republican Steve Grau, left, and Democrat Sy Mullman, right, met twice this week in forums before the public. The two are vying for one seat on the five-member governing body.

have a development of what Springfield wants, not what the Planning Board wants."

Grau called for the Township Committee to have more members with differing viewpoints. Noting Committeeman Harold Poltrock is currently the only Republican on the five-member governing body, Grau stated, "There's no one there to second any motion."

Other topics included the reactivation of the Rahway Valley railroad, the Board of Education budget and the recent laptop purchase, and the proposed supermarket at the Saks Fifth Avenue site.

Of the school district's \$600,000 one-to-one laptop program, Muliman said the Board of Education had made it clear to the Township Committee it would buy the computers, regardless A State of the State

of how much the township cut from the budget. Mullman said the committee did not have the authority to decide how the board spent its budget.

For the proposed Stop & Shop at the Saks Fifth Avenue site, Mullman declared the supermarket would worsen traffic, making already-busy township streets more difficult to travel.

A question about "pay-to-play" tactics, rewarding political contributions with contracts, caused Grau to claim that pay-for-play was, a part of local government.

"They're getting special treatment," Grau said of donors to the Democratic Committee. He cited the expansion of Springfield's Mountain View Apartments at Hillside and South Springfield avenues as an example of pay-to-play's influence on the town.

In response to Grau's accusation that pay-to-play is "rampant" in Springfield, Mullman said, "I don't do business with any felon," and called Grau's statement irresponsible. In a later conversation, Mullman said the Mountain View Apartments were being built in accordance with township ordinance.

Of the township's hiring practices, Grau said, "Excess hiring does not make your town a more efficient town," mentioning the township administrator position recently filled by Edward Fanning. Grau said the township needs to be run more like a business.

Regarding last summer's PGA Champsionship at Baltusrol Golf Club, Grau said the weeklong event was a lost opportunity to bring in revenue. "Did we do anything to keep. people in Springfield to spend money?" he asked.

In general, Springfield could benefit from marketing to get people interested in visiting, Grau argued. As one example, township welcome signs could say, "Springfield: Home of the Forgotten Battle," or a similar slogan, in order to spur visitors to want to know more about the township's unique history.

When presented with a question about the possibility of a commuter railroad, both candidates were against the idea. Mullman said, "We're not in a position to bring a railroad into town."

Regional Editor Mark Hrywna contributed to this report.

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Borough GOP faces no opposition again By Mark Hrywas splash," he said.

Regional Editor The Chicago White Sox and

respective streaks when it comes to World Series titles the last two years.

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ny for Meisel Avenue Part on Oct. 27. Union County President Angel is Estrate and Debuchl Sophical wrych present at well as Mayor Sy Mullman Towning Committee members Kenneth Faigenbaum, Clara Harelik and Harold Poltrock.

"It's long overdue," Mullman said of the groundbreaking and expressed his hope that the park will be ready for use in the near future. Though last week's event was oppopulat. Multman said at a candidates' forum on Tuesday night that he expects buildozers to begin classing the land next week

Plans for the park include football, soccer and baseball fields. A tunning track, a nature trail and space for parting. It is expected to be co time for the start of next year's footbail scenor, which begins in Septem ber

The Jonathan Dayton High School varsity football program was co-oped with Devid Brearley High School in Keeilworth since the park closed in 2001 due to contamination concerns. Meisel Field received its final permit from the state Department of Environmental Protection in July, A previous timeline estimated construction would take about six to nine montia.

Concerns were raised in early 2001 about contaminated soil at the athletic Self after the Springfield school board -proposed a militimillion-dollar refer-endum to renovate the fields, which . was defeated by voters.

The Garden State Preservation Trust gave \$1.1 million in a remediation project to clear contaminated soil from the site and bring in new soil removed approximately 6 to 12 inches of soil from about 10 acres at the county park.

A \$400,000 grant was received from the state for the remediation? project, and \$300,000 originally carmarked to renovate the track several years ago was directed toward the remediation as well.

This post July, the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation director Charles Sigmund said the timeline for the reopening of Springfield's Meisel Avenue Park had been pushed back from fall 2005 to spring 2006. One prior timeline estimate by the department said that construction likely would take six to nine months, after the project went out to bid.

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HOSPITAL'S HAUNTED TRAIL - Damell Felder, a patien Hospital in Mountainside, shrieks in fear at one of the surprise Yeung holds his arm, along the haunted trail on Saturday. Ch onto the cape of her guide, occupational therapist Stephanic way through the trail.



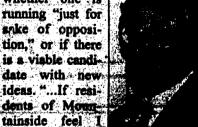
Dut Mountainside Democrats will have to wait at least another year with new, young, before they take another shot at ending theirs.

Never in the 110-year history of the borough has a Democrat been elected to the five-member Borough Council and that will not change after Tuesday's General Election. Republican incumbents Keith Turner and Paul Mirzbelli face no opposition this year

most recent Depocrate to run for the governing boily He add the party has not been too eager to put up a candi-

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blood. "Opposition depends on who opponents are," Tumer said, whether one is running "just for sake of opposition," or if there is a viable candi-



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haven't done Mirabell those things, then competition is good.

"But running just to run, you end up with people that don't really want or care about the job."

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Administrator signs three-year contract

By Mark Lirywas

Regional Editor Springfield officials signed a threeyear contract with their township administrator, who was to start his new position on Monday. Signed Oct. 26 by Meyor Sy Mullman and the new administrator, Edward J. Fanning, the three-page document details the terms of employment. The contract was obtained through an Open Public Records Act request filed Friday and made available on Monday.

There will be a 180-day probationary period during which Fanning's performance will be reviewed and evaluated by the Township Committee. At the end of the probationary period, the governing body will evaluate him in the areas of "leadership, motivational activity, fiscal responsibility, planning and other areas releyant to the performance of his duties and functions of his position."

Fanning, who was mayor of Springfield from 1985 to 1987, will cam an annual salary of \$85,000, and receive an minimum increase of 5 percent each year. The Township Committee has the discretion to award up to another 5 percent annually based on performance. He also will be provided with a cellular phone for township business and duties.

The township will provide Fanning with family coverage in all health in the position.

insurance programs, in addition to life insurance and pension coverage/contributions.

The new administrator will be entitled to 16 vacation days during each calendar year, to be accrued at a rate of 1 1/3 per month, but he cannot take any during the six-month probationary period.

In the event that Fanning decides to voluntarily resign. 90 days notice will be required unless otherwise agreed upon in writing, and no severance pay will be owed. Should Springfield terminate Fanning "in violation of the terms"; of the agreement, he would receive payment and benefits due, under the remaining term of the contract but would be seek no further damages.

Fanning, 62, was a partner with the Woodbridge law firm of Tansey, Fan-ning Haggerty, Kelly, Convery and Tracy. He camed a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University in 1965 and his law degree, cum laude, from Seton Hall University in 1972.

Fanning, who served as township attorney from 1976 to 1980, was appointed township administrator Oct. 11 by a 4-1 vote of the Township. Committee, with Republican Harold Poltrock the lone dissenter. He replaces Richard Sheola, the township's first full-time administrative, who left in December after five years

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Juveniles charged with unlawful possession Two juveniles were arrested Saturday at 8:20 p.m. for unlawful possession of a weapon at the Route 22 foot-

bridge Police on patrol noticed two males running across New Providence Road toward the library to meet a group of . five more juveniles. The group walked over the Route 22 footbridge toward nolice and one juvenile placed a knife on the ground, according to police. Police retrieved two knives and a set of plastic knuckles from a second invenile.

• Bryan P. Callahan, 18, of Westfield was arrested Sunday at 9:02 p.m. at Deerfield Court for reckless endangerment/disorderly conduct.

Callahan sprayed a juvenile with a water gun full of urine at the corner of WoodValley Road and Central Avenue. • Vicente A. Morales, 38, of Wee-

hawken was arrested Sunday at 7:56 p.m. on Route 22 west mile post 51.10 for driving while suspended.

• On Sunday at 11:29 p.m., Robert T. Childers III, 22, of New Brunswick was arrested on Route 22 east near the Lawrence Avenue U-Turn for outstanding warrants from Union Town-

• Ian Austin, 34, of East Orange was arrested Saturday at 5:21 p.m. at

POLICE BLOTTER borough headquarters for fictitious plates and driving without a license.

• On Oct. 25 at 11:32 p.m., Terrill an outstanding warrant out of Moun-

Springfield

• The windshield of a 1997 Honda parked on Dayton Court was reported

smashed Sunday at 8:02 p.m. • On Sunday at 7:50 p.m., a 2005 Humvee parked on Ashwood Road was burglarized, with the driver's side window smashed. Items stolen were an owner's manual, golf cubs at an

estimated value of \$1,000, and an Ipod Caldwell School lot Oct. 25 at 8:11 at an estimated value of \$250. • The driver's side mirror of a 2005 Hvundai Elantra parked on Adams

remover spread on its front fender. Jonathan Dayton High School audito-• The front door of a Mountain rium Oct. 25 at 2:30 p.m.

Two council seats up in Mountainside are expanding television services offered to residents and dealing with state and county mandated policies "that we as though he still has "something to offer" the borough, and have no control over." As an example, he cited a recent

Avenue residence was reported dam-

aged by bullets from a BB gun Oct. 27

· Someone damaged the side mir-

• On Oct. 26 at 5:50 a.m., several

Items stolen included \$40 from the

salon along the 200 block of Morris

cash register. \$220 from a purse, a

portable DVD player, and six chil-

• A tree branch was reported to

have fallen on a 2000 Volvo parked in

the James Caldwell School lot Oct. 25

at 8:11 a.m., causing damage to the

windshield, hood, front bumper and

· A tree branch was reported to

have fallen on a Jeep parked in the

a.m., causing damage to the rear win-

• On Oct. 25 at 4:49 p.m., someone

broke into a locker at Bally's Fitness

on Route 22 east and stole \$675 in

cash, a Discover Card and a Master

• A Dell Inspiron laptop valued

\$1.300 was reported stolen from the

fenders and side mirrors.

dow, lift gate and roof.

ror of a 2000 Honda Civic parked on

at 9:30 a.m.

Avenue.

dren's DVDs.

don't think I have become stale in any way. There are still "It's a constant struggle being a small community," Turner said. "Shared services a huge part of what we have

Turner said he's received several letters from residents sharing other services and continuing to expand recreation- inquiring about choices in cable television options, which he would like to explore. Another key issue is finding ways to attract volunteers

ation programs." Turner said, and he hopes to continue to for the Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Turner said. "We have wonderful volunteer services in Mountainside. Sometimes people don't realize how important it is to give Mirabelli could not be reached for comment by

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Mountainside's Greeley awarded Congressional medal for service

received the Congressional Award gram areas: voluntary public service, her community and collected donated Service Medal, which recognizes personal development, physical fit- items for various groups. young people who seek to improve themselves and their community.

ness and exploration. Bridget earned For more " information. visit



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Fields Restaurant on Springfield Avenue. New members and guests are ilways welcome.

For a reservations, call Genevieve at 908-232-3626. A representative from Esteé Lauder will give a makeover demonstration and answer questions from he members. Members are reminded to bring food items for Thanksgiving baskets to be

given to needy Mountainside families. For information, call Ruthie Goense, president of the Foothill Club, 708-233-5253

• The (Really Good) Books Discussion Group of Springfield Free Publi Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will meet in the Palmer Museum at 7 p.m. to dis uss Jhumpa Lahiri's "The Namesake." To reserve a copy of the book, call 973-376-4930, cxt. 228.

Friday • Free senior blood pressure screenings will be from 10 a.m. to noon at Mountainside Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east.

For information, call 908-232-0015. Monday

· Life Line Screening Radiology will be at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 539 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m. Each creening requires 10 minutes or less to complete. A complete vascular screening package costs \$109. A complete vascular package, including the steoporosis screening, costs \$129. For more information, call 1-877-237-1344. Preregistration is required.

• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a workshop session n the Municipal Annex Building, 10 N. Trivett Road, at 7:30 p.m. • The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the media center at

onathan Dayton High School, 139 Mountain Ave., at 7:30 p.m. • The Friends of the Mountainside Library will meet Monday at 7:30 n.m. in the library, Constitution Plaza. Tuesday

· Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will continue it unchtime Video Series, "Box Office Comedy Hits," at noon with the Debra Messing film, "The Wedding Date." Bring a brown bag lunch to the program. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For information, call 973-376-4930.

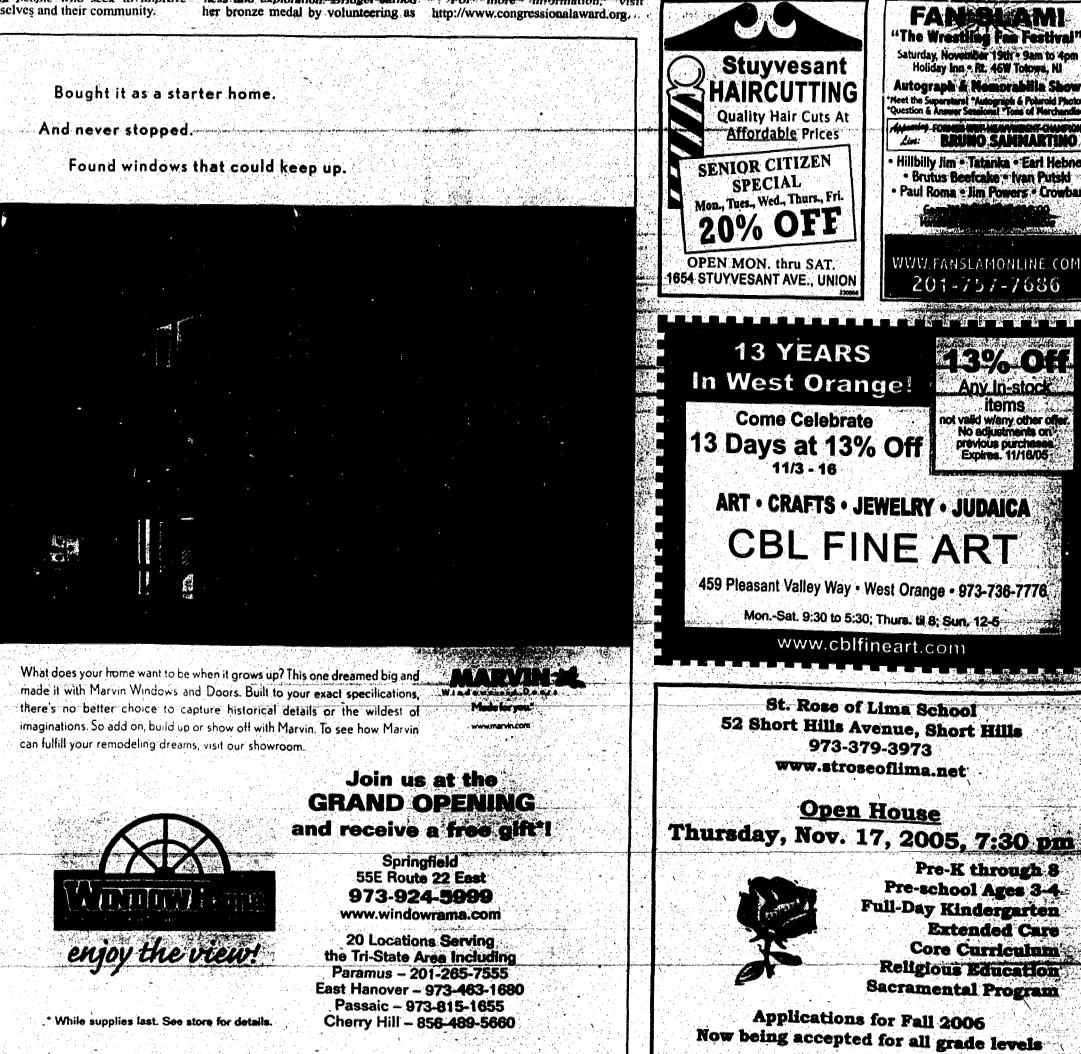
. The Mountainside Borough Council will meet for a work session in the onference room of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east, at 8 p.m. . The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a regular meeting in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 Upcoming

Nov. 10

· The Mountainside Planning Board will meet in Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east, at 8 p.m. Nov. 11

• The Springfield Veterans' Alliance will have its annual observance of Veterans Day at 11 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park, Shunpike Road and Mountain Avenue, Springfield. The alliance consists of American Legion Post 228, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7683, and Jewish War Veterans Post 273. In addition to the participation of members of these posts, the program will include children from St. James School, a chorus of young voices and the Springfield Auxiliary Police.

Following the program, the Rotary Club of Springfield will dedicate the zazebo which it installed at the park.



his years of experience on the council "can only help. I state mandate for municipalities stormwater filters. avenues for improvement." He would like to continue the field maintenance com- to look into." mittee that he's started with the school board, in addition to al activities, from youngsters to senior citizens.

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Turner, in a telephone interview Tuesday, said he feels

"Even though we're a small town, we have active recre-

expand "on those good things." Turner, a lifelong resident who owns a dental prosthet-

ics lab in Scotch Plains, said his hope is to "continue to back to the community, even for a little while." keen Mountainside one of, what I consider, the crown jewels in the county. "That doesn't happen by accident. Every presstime Tuesday. tax dollar that comes into our hands, we treat like our own." Among the issues facing the borough in his next term 128, or mhrywna@thelocalsource.com.

side was among the students who must set and achieve goals in four pro- Girl Scouts, worked to help clean up

Bridget Greeley, 15, of Mountain- To earn the award, young people an assistant Scout leader for Daisy

Terrace was reported broken Friday at 12:34 p.m. • On Oct. 27 at 1:38 p.m., a 2002 Nissan Pathfinder parked on Card. Lawrence Road was reported to have been vandalized, with acid or paint

Hawthorne Avenue Oct. 26 at 9:42 A. Ross, 44, of East Orange was n.m. arrested by the East Orange police for items were reported stolen from a tainside in the amount of \$400.

• On Monday at 6:50 a.m., a 2004 Infiniti parked on South Maple Avenue was reported vandalized, with damage to the driver's side door lock.

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• The Foothill Club of Mountainside luncheon will be at noon at B.G.

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ECHO LEADER New cell tower going up at HQ

By Mark Hrywos Regional Editor Work began last week on a new

150-foot communications tower companies to test before going online information about the effects on behind the Fire Department headquar- to essure the cell signals do not inter- health. ters on Mountainside. The tower has fere with Fire Department radio transthe ability to host up to four cellular mission. carriers, and two carriers already have signed on.

Springfield's communications will occupy the top position on the tower, own. Should the signals begin interfer- Center in recent years went before the with the first carrier being Omni- ing with radio trasnmissions, Bergen Planning Board but only as a courtesy, point/T-Mobile and the second Cingu- said the township can shutdown the not a requirement. lar Wireless. The remaining two carri- cell tower at once. ers currently are vacant.

As the top carrier. Omnipoint/Treplace the existing one and will pay health hazards of being near cell research on this. \$25,881 annually. Cingular will pay a day. \$2,000 per month.

requirements, Township Attorney site was selected and why the fire-Bergen said, including requiring the fighters' union has never been given

Bid specifications set forth all no public hearing explaining how the

Bergen said that since the tower was being built on township property, The bids also specificy that the a public hearing was not required. company is to provide funds for the Similarly, construction of the Fire township to do a second test of its Department and Chisolm Community

"The Township Committee doesn't Jim Beyer, president of Firemen's in the end beleive there is any validity Benevolent Association Local 57, said to concerns about health; it's in no Mobile is constructing the tower to firefighters are concerned about the way a health hazard. There's a slew of the township \$2,157 per month, or phone signals while on duty 24 hours "If the Township Committee thought it was a safety hazard, it wouldn't move forward." He also questioned why there was



Daniel; 2, and Madeline Beveridge, 4, and James Mateer, 5, show off the costumes they dressed up in for the Springfield Halloween parade on Sunday.

Stop signs to be moved to side streets

By Meave Sheehan

along Evergreen Avenue in Spring- their intersections with Evergreen field was introduced by the Township Avenue: Committee at its Oct. 25 meeting. Ille- Residents have been concerned gal stop signs currently in place will about speeding in the area for a while be removed, with stop signs to be installed on the adjacent side streets.... tion of rumble stripe. At an August The Township Committee had the committee meeting, one Evergreen stop signs installed in the area of Ever- Avenue resident said he had seen green Avenue and Smithfield Drive with the intent to curb speeding. After checking with the state Department of about speeding cars turning onto Transportation, the governing body Smithfield Drive from Milltown found some of the signs were not Road,

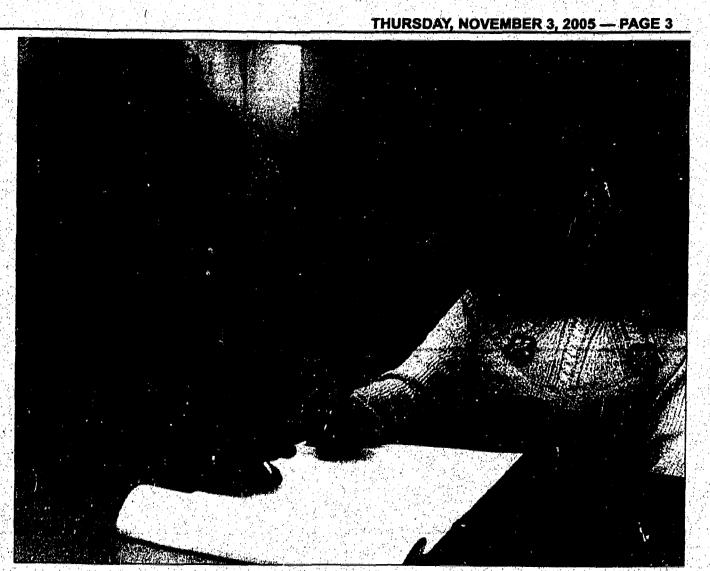
The new ordinance calls for side about speeding in the area led the treets such as Christy Lane and Janet assistant township engineer. Sam Mar-College. An ordinance to remove stop signs Lane to have stop signs installed at dini, to make recommendations to the their intersections with Evergreen. Township Committee on how to

> and some have called for the installateenagers drag racing on his street. Other · residents have complained

reduce speeding.

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Hospital welcomes new doctor

By Meave Sheehan Staff Writer

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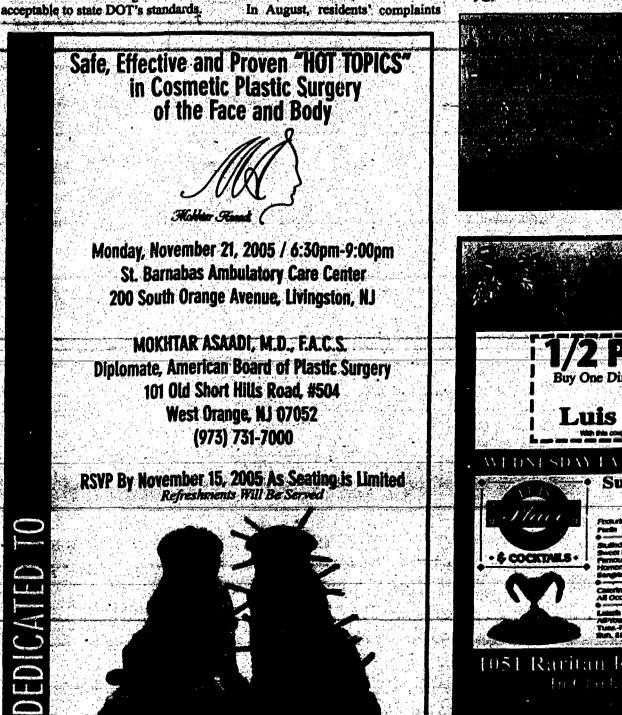
Center in Washington, D.C., Harris at Stanford University. has also worked at United Children's Hospital in Newark and University of Medicine and Dentistry.

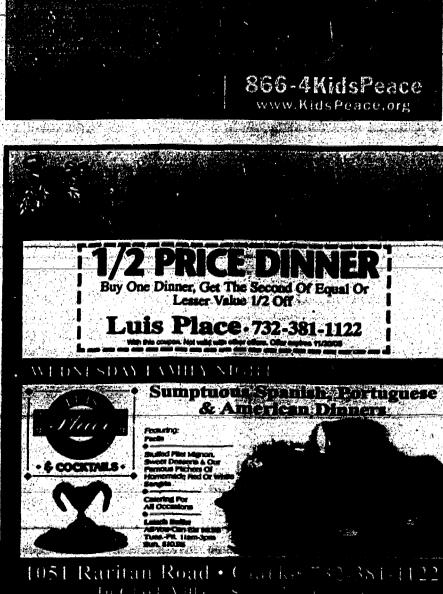
Harris first became involved with Mountainside hospital. Harris' daugh- parents to be advocates for their hires come from teaching hospitals. ter, now a college student, made a child's care, "As our services have expanded, I "remarkable recovery," according to For Children's Specialized Hospi- units we've become more attractive to Harris.

since the late 1970s. Harris received a of New York and a doctorate in medi- task. cine from Cornell University Medical As the state's largest comprehen-

Dr. Frank Castello, Children's Spe- for children, Children's Specialized cialized Hospital's medical director, offers outpatient services, acute rehaeduce speeding. Mardini recommended to the Harris is extensive. "It's a 10-year In the hospital's many therapy Township Committee that they have a process after college," Castello said, rooms, staff teach family members stronger police presence on Smithfield noting that, after medical school, those about therapy exercises. Rehabilita-Drive, along with double yellow lines who want to go into the field of devel- tive technology department staff cusand white shoulder lines. Mardini also opmental pediatrics must spend three tomize wheelchairs to fit patients of recommended a crosswalk be put in years in a pediatric residency and an different sizes. The number of chil-for people crossing to the small park additional three years of pediatric sub- dren the hospital treats at its many specialty training.

908-686-7700, ext. 117, or echolead- , East Side, Harris said she did not years, according to Castello.





Dr. Brenda Harris works with patient Kelly Huezo, 8, at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. Harris is a new neurodevelopmental pediatrician at the hospital.

When Harris sees new patients in

Active in children's health care from birth to age 21 with a wide range retaining hires, Castello said some bachelor's degree from City College tive and educational needs is no small dren's Specialized for several years,

sive rehabilitation hospital exclusively who has been on staff for over 20

facilities throughout the state has Meave Sheehan can be reached at Growing up on Manhattan's Lower increased dramatically in the past five

decide to become a doctor until sometime in college and was the first in her ty staff, in addition to developmental Though Dr. Brenda Harris has only family to go to medical school. Of pediatricians, includes pediatric neubeen on staff at Children's Specialized choosing the medical profession, Har- rologists, psychiatrists, physiatrists Hospital in Mountainside for about a ris said, "I could enjoy science and who administer physical therapy, and nurse practitioners. Asked about larger After serving her residency in pedi- trends in his field. Castello said pro-A neurodevelopmental pediatri- atrics at The New York Hospital/Cor- fessionals have expressed some concian, Harris has been working with nell University Medical Center and a cern that the number of doctors being children for most of her career, treat- subsequent fellowship in pediatric trained in subspecialty pediatrics does ing patients with Attention Deficit developmental disabilities at Roo- not meet the growing demand. He Hyperactivity Disorder, autism, learn- sevelt Hospital/Columbia University, noted, currently, no training program ing disabilities and other developmen- Harris headed to California. Once in developmental pediatrics exists in tal delays and behavioral disorders. there, Harris worked for a state agency the state. Children's Specialized Hos-Arriving at Children's Specialized dealing with child disability cases and pital is talking with a couple of medfrom Children's National Medical taught medical students as a professor ical schools about re-establishing such a program.

When hiring staff, the hospital the long-term care unit, her approach looks for those with experience in includes reviewing the child's medical their subspecialty. Castello said, relyhistory, doing a developmental assess- ing on word-of-mouth to find quali-Children's Specialized when her then- ment and making an action plan with fied candidates. Castello said he first teenage daughter suffered a brain parents for continuing care. Part of met Harris during her time at United injury and was an inpatient at the Harris' job, she explains, is to teach Children's Hospital and most new

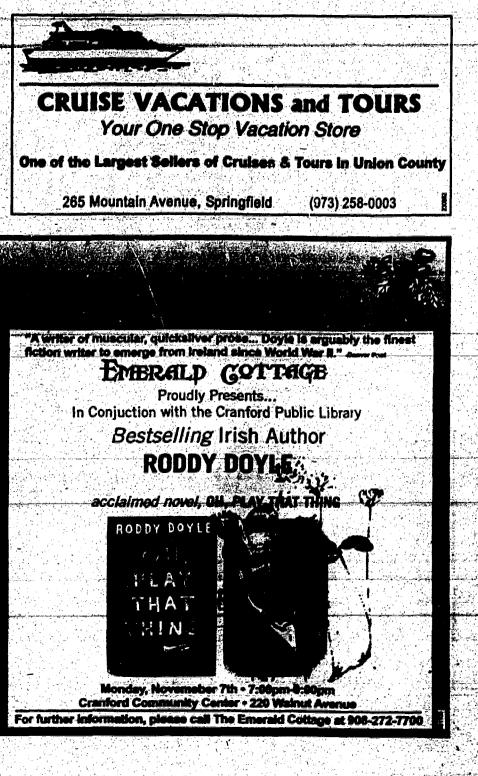
> tal. treating children and adolescents physicians," Castello said. As far as such as Dr. Uday Mehta, the director of neurodevelopmental pediatrics, vears.

> > "We've been very fortunate, Castello said. Meave Sheehan can be reached at

> > 908-686-7700, ext. 117, or echoleaderni@vahoo.com.

Free blood pressure

screenings for seniors Free senior blood pressure screen ings will be Friday from 10 a.m. to noon at Mountainside Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east.



COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

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Kline, Dill and Ward for freeholder

Pension padding. Abuse of county cars. Tax dollars spent in essence, on campaign literature for incumbents. These are the kinds of things your \$390 million county budget has been paying for last year. Granted, these are mere drops in the buck in a budget that size. But it adds up. And it's a window into how the current Board of Freeholders treats your tax dollars.

The current board gave the brother of the acting governor an additional, and unnecessary, \$46,000 to his salary while he was on loan to the county from the state, which boosted his pension considerably. No other county gives away extra salary to deputy attorneys general on loan from the state.

Some different perspectives are needed on the freeholder board. That's one reason why voters should cast ballots for Republicans Stuart Kline and Albert Dill in Tuesday's election. We also endorse Nancy Ward of Linden for the third freeholder seat open this year.

While freeholders are elected at-large, the seats are apportioned geographically by the party. With Democrats in control, there will always be two seats from Elizabeth and at least one each from Linden, Plainfield and Union, due to the size of those towns. Just as with state legislators, more often than not, vacancies are filled by candidates from the same town. If seats are going to be apportioned by things such as geography and population, it's just as well that they be apportioned by how much taxpayers send to the county. Summit pays \$21 million to the county each year. Only Elizabeth, Westfield and Union pay more in county taxes as a whole

Dill has experience on the local level, having served several terms on the Summit Common Council, and is a former commissioner on the Union County Utilities Authority. One of his biggest pet peeves is no-bid contracts. One potential area of savings is how unyielding he is going to be to bid on any contract, rather than simply awarding it. More competition for contracts could lead to better pricing, saving money.

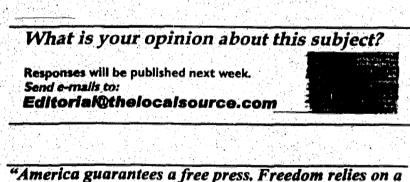
Dill is perhaps one of the few candidates who has talked about reducing the county workforce through attrition. Budgets, whether municipal, school or county, consist mostly of salaries and benefits for personnel. Dill is one of the few candidates questioning whether there really is a need for almost 3,000 county employees. While we appreciate his honesty on the matter of deer and Canada geese in county parks, as a candidate he should avoid saying things such as, "I have no idea" when it comes to solving the problem.

Kline is an attorney with a background in finance who has served on the Fanwood Borough Council for three terms. He has suggested that eliminating 100 of the 150 county cars driven by employees would save a conservative \$2 million. At least it's an idea, and that's the kind of thinking that's absent from the current freeholder board. Instead, we have a freeholder who abuses his car privileges and others who give their tacit approval of it because they're members of the same political party.

Ward has been a rather quiet freeholder during her first term on the board, something that should change in her next term. An attorney in private practice, she is concentrating efforts on a new anti-gang initiative at the county level. Her explanation, at last week's candidates' forum, that other counties provide employees with cars is a little disconcerting, but Ward shows some promise as a freeholder. It's too late for some freeholders, but if she can develop an independent streak that previous Linden Freeholder Nick Scutari had, Ward can grow into her seat.

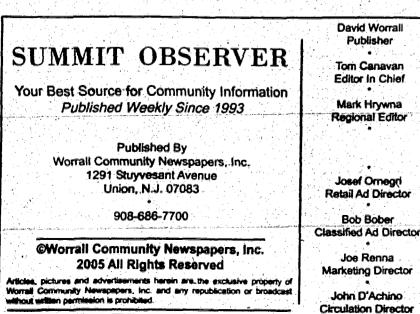
Voters have put nine Democrats on the board, but it's realistic to say that it has more to do with a better, larger organization and a bigger campaign war chest than stronger candidates.

Simply put, there are no checks and balances in Union County government. The executive and legislative branches of county government are much too cozy. Voters should return some checks and balances to county government when they go to the polls on Tuesday. They should cast their ballots for Dill, Kline and Ward.



fair press."

- Roger Ailes President, FOX News 2004





Grau for Springfield Township Committee

in Tuesday's General Election, voters should elect Republican for employees. Steve Grau.

continues plans for the redevelopment of the Morris Avenue business district. With two attorneys and an accountant on the governly will be a long and arduous process taking longer than a few attorney's advice. "If he told you to jump off a bridge ... years.

seen the last several years in Springfield. Springfield's "down- automatically goes into closed session to discuss laptop programs town" area has been at the forefront of both candidates' cam- in the defeated school budget. All five committee members must paigns. But Springfield is more than just the strip of businesses share some blame in hiding what should have been an open, pubalong Morris Avenue. In the coming years, the township plans to lic debate. And don't even get us started on the school board's renovate the Police Department within the Municipal Building, as responsibility. well as hire more police officers. Future budgets will be tight, as they always are, with increased dues to the Rahway Valley Sewer- they should cast their ballot for Grau for Township Committee.

No on Question No. 1, yes on Question No. 2

Voters will be presented with two public questions on the ballot law," but the problem is that the lieutenant would not serve the when they enter the voting booths on Tuesday. The first deals with remainder of the governor's term, rather, only until the next specreating the position of lieutenant governor and the second with cial election. The lieutenant governor measure should have the air pollution and underground storage tanks.

New Jersey have shown a need for the position of lieutenant governor. During the course of a week in January 2001, the state had the drawing board with another, altered proposal for the 2006 balfour different governors, acting or otherwise. Last year's resigna- lot, which should be enough time to still put the lieutenant govertion of James McGreevey elevated state Senate President Richard Codey to acting governor for the remainder of McGreevey's term. The problem with the current setup is that Codey remains as Senate President while also governor, thus leading the executive branch of state government, as well as the upper house of the leg- and other big words. Put simply, Public Question No. 2 would islative branch. That's far too much power for one person. More importantly perhaps is the fact that the Senate president is not elected statewide, but by voters in one of the 40 legislative dis- approval, it would allow another \$10 million in unused money tricts in the state; probably less than 50,000 people.

a lieutenant governor. This year's public question would have the The money won't be raised through any new tax, but reallocated lieutenant governor run on the same ticket as the governor, much like candidates for president and vice president run together.

nor would perform other duties as "assigned by the governor or by the referendum.

For the one seat open on the Springfield Township Committee age Authority and rising pension payments and health care costs At the very least, we hope Grau will bring another perspective

Grau's experience in commercial real estate should be a wel- to the Township Committee. There was mury a whisper from the come addition to the Township Committee as the municipality governing body about discussing the defeated school budget behind closed doors in the spring. While we can appreciate the township attorney's interpretation

ing body, it would be wise to have someone with more specific of the open public meetings law - and committee members pay real estate experience helping to guide the Township Committee. him for his advice --- there's nothing wrong with a little disagree-Redevelopment, in whatever form it will take in Springfield, like- ment. It's too easy for elected officials to simply say that it was the

Someone with a reasonable amount of knowledge of the opera-This year's election has been a bit more spirited than we've tion of government should at least question why a governing body

When Springfield residents enter the voting booth on Tuesday,

lieutenant finish his governor's term, just as the president and vice On the matter of the first public question, the last few years in president, and more clearly define the position's duties. If this public question is defeated, lawmakers should go back to nor up for the 2009 gubernatorial election.

In the case of Public Question No. 2, it's not nearly as easy to understand for voters. The question itself, along with the accompanying interpretive statement, is full of numbers, dollar figures allow the state to use certain tax revenue toward emission controls on diesel engines through grants. In addition, with legislative from the underground storage tank program to be reappropriated So it's been obvious in recent years that New Jersey does need for grants for the air pollution equipment to reduce particulates. from the Corporation Business Tax and dedicated toward retrofitting diesel engines on things such as school buses.

But there are problems with Public Question No. 1, and that's New Jersey suffers from some of the worst air quality in the why voters should reject it. The ballot measure calls for a lieu- nation. Passing Public Question No. 2 will dedicate money to do tenant governor to be on the ballot in 2009. The licutenant gover- something about it, which is reason enough for voters to approve

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Democrats will only accept a liberal

The only candidate for the U.S. Supreme Court that the Democrats will accept is a proven liberal candidate. In essence, the majority selects our judges. Joseph C. Chieppa

Make informed choices on the ballot To the Editor

The citizens of Springfield have been getting a plethora of literature in the nail about the two candidates running for a seat on the Township Committee. I have never experienced such an intense battle of words and manipulations of the truth at the local level as is occurring in this race. It is truly amazing that political parties can spend so much money on campaigning when the main concern of taxpayers seems to be about government spending too much. The floodgates seem to be fully operational,

I will let you all in on how I compute all this information: I take everything with a grain of salt, which basically means to believe half of what you hear and read about and question the other half. One issue in particular that I had questions about is the claim that taxes at the municipal level have increased 11.5 percent in one year. Upon researching this issue, I found that the tax rate jumped 0.115 points from 1.330 in 2004-05 to 1.445 for the current 2005-06 fiscal years, but the real percentage increase in taxes is 8.65 percent, much less than some suggest.



Another issue that I had questions about is the "toxic garbage train." Upon researching this issue, I learned that it's not our Township Committee that's in favor of it. Rather it's the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders who voted for it. So if you want to stop the choo-choo from chugging through your backyard while you're catching some ZZZs in your PJs, you might want to start olding our county freeholders accountable for the train, not our Township Com-

mittee members. Bottom line: Thoroughly research issues that are important to you so that you can make an informed decision at the voting booths.

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 also is open to all residents, officials and employees of both Springfield and Mountainside 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 num-

ber for verification. Letters must be no more than 500 words long; longer pieces must be arranged in advance with the editor. The Echo Leader accepts letters to the editor and guest columns via e-mail. The address is editorial@thelocalsource.com.

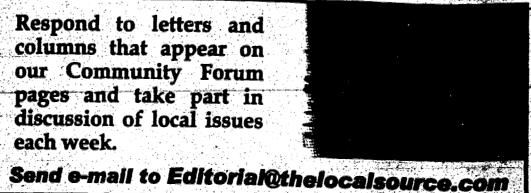
Respond to letters and columns that appear on our Community Forum pages and take part in discussion of local issues each week.

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Steven Friedman Springfield

Our policy on letters and columns



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR The past has something to teach us

Read all about it...and I did, for years and years. I refer to all the great plans for a new downtown Springfield. Sadly, like so many others promises this one never came true. Having lived in town for 53 years, in the same house, I feel entitled to ask why nothing has been done to bring back a real shopping area. Yes, I said bring back.

In "Olden times" as our three children used to say, we had excellent shopping facilities, all well patronized by local families: Springfield market, they delivered; Reinette's, children's clothing store for school and dress clothing; Springfield pharmacy, Wally Kleinman, always at your service; Kay's hardware and soda fountain - believe it or not - there was a men's shop, an optician and so many others stores used daily by Springfield shoppers. But a complaint without a solution is worthless, so here's mine: somewhere in town there must be a parcel of land to accommodate this need. Modern life is all very well, but sometimes the past has something to teach us.

Beatrice G. Slater Springfield

What's wrong with election process To the Editor:

We have been subject to a political campaign in Springfield that epitomizes what is wrong with the election process these days. Regardless of whether you are Republican, Democrat or Independent you should be concerned that the strategy of most candidates is to attack their opponent instead of telling the voters exactly what they plan to do to benefit their constituency or address the issues of concern.

This is what we should expect from the candidates but instead we have been given a candidate who makes complaints and allegations while the other candidate is left to respond to them.

I don't know what the Republican candidate is going to do for us, and what mean by that is he hasn't told us. He's complained about what he feels is wrong but hasn't provided a plan as to how he'd make it better. I don't know if he would be a good Township Committee person or not; he just hasn't told us anything about what he's going to do. So I just don't know. I do know that it's a lot easier to complain about things when you don't have to provide an answer.

I have heard what the incumbent Democrat has done, so at least I have information regarding those issues. I hope to hear more about what will be done going forward. I'm hoping both candidates tell us what they're going to do for Springfield during their debate.

It is an established fact that among today's ever rising costs, the greatest per-

centage increases are for gasoline, residential and commercial heating by gas or

electricity, higher real estate taxes and rapidly escalating health benefits with the

For about the past two years, some residents, including this writer, have

requested, at their public meetings, that the Springfield Board of Education and

the Springfield Township Committee have the employees under their jurisdic-

tion share some of their steadily increasing health benefits burden with the tax-

payers. This cooperative effort of charging some health benefit costs to employ-

ees is now being done in the business world by corporations. As in the case of

the Springfield Township Committee, the practice of giving full health benefits

at a cost of several thousand dollars to part-time employees should be stopped..

union leaders, representing six or seven unions in Springfield alone, who are in the habit of demanding more and more for their members, to realize that the tax-

payers' pocketbooks are not a never-ending pot of gold just for them. They should remember that there are many other needs for Springfield which must be considered also:

health benefit sharing systems now, for incorporation in their 2006 budgets, mon These local governing bodies and union memberships should start preparing

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JOIN US FOR FOOD AND DRINKS

The elected officials of these two governmental bodies in Springfield seem to be reluctant to enforce such a saving for taxpayers. The time has come that their

Contribute toward health benefits

latter directly affecting all men, women and children.

To the Editor:

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RAFTES

Bart Fraenkel Springfield

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Fall activities for

youngsters planned Mountainside Free Public Library,

Constitution Plaza, has a variety of activities planned for the fall season for children in the community. · Preschool Story time will be con-

ducted on Wednesdays through Nov. 16 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

· Story time Theatre will be conducted for kindergarten age children on Wednesdays through Nov. 16 from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.

Registration is required for all three story time programs. Proof of age is required for first time registrants for the preschool and toddler programs Proof of age is a first-time only

registration requirement. Call the library at 908-233-0015 for information.

'The Namesake'

to be discussed

The (Really Good) Books Discussion Group of Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will meet onight at 7 p.m. to discuss Jhumpa Lahiri's "The Namesake."

Lahiri's first book, "The Interpreter f Maladies," is a collection of short stories which won the Pulitzer Prize in 2000. Her style is often described as luminous and graceful. The author grounds the reader with a sense of

The protagonist, Gogol Ganguli, is on a quest to reinvent himself in order to achieve a sense of dignity that will overcome the embarrassment of his name. His parents were married in India by traditional parental arrangement.. They strive to preserve their. Bengali culture while freeing their

To Gogol, his name is a despised gration and a personal quest for identi-

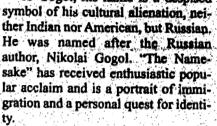
Discussions take place at 7 p.m. the Palmer Museum. To reserve copy of the book, call 973-376-4930. ext. 228

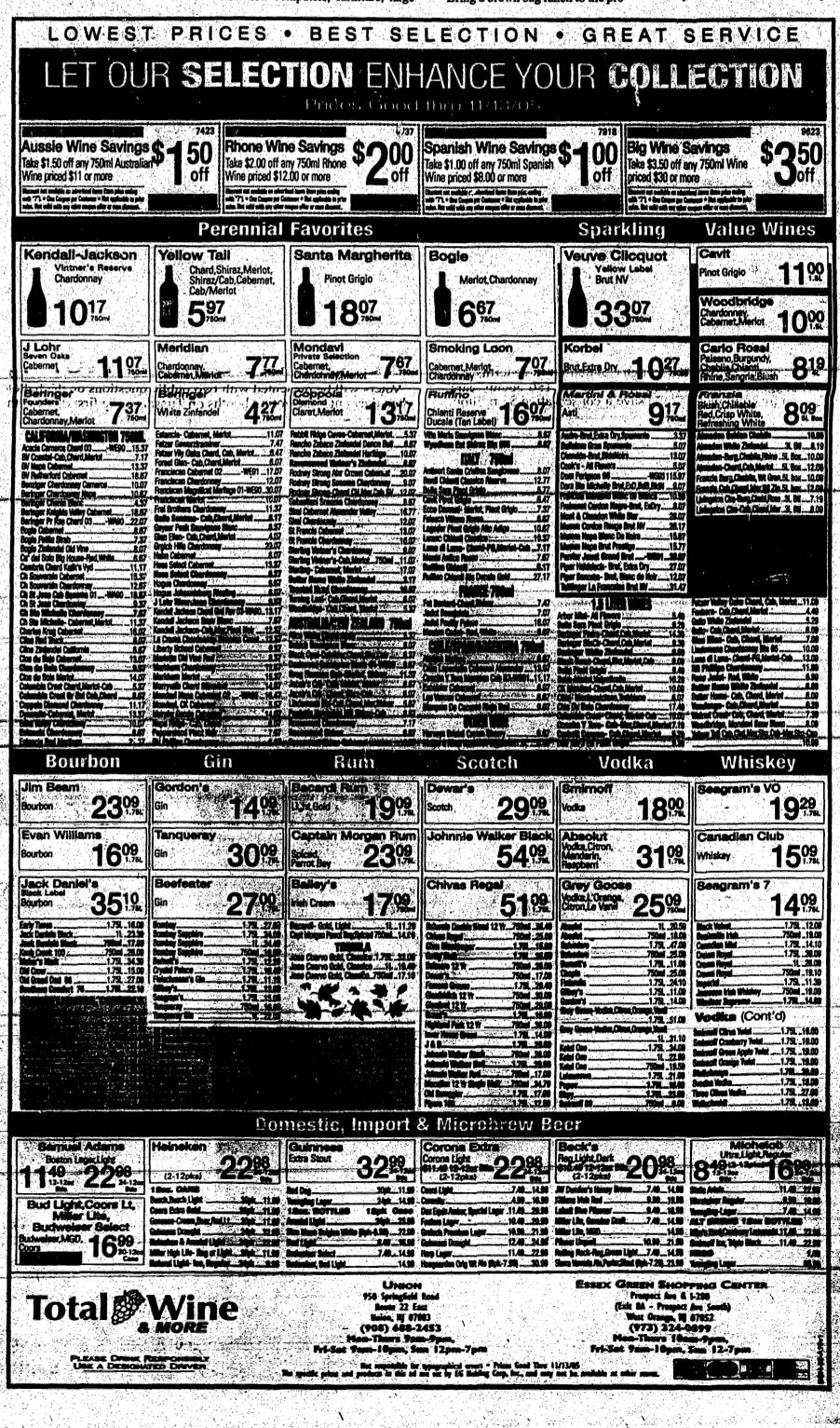
Mountainside Friends will meet Monday

The Friends of the Mountainside Library will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the library, Constitution Plaza. The group will plan its fund-raisers for the upcoming year. In the past, the Friends have supported the library of the Springfield Free Public Library. with new computers, furniture, large

children to become successful Ameri-

2000.





AT THE LIBRARY

takes place in Calcutta, India, Boston and New York City between 1968 and

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time and place. "The Namesake" print collections, programs for adults

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and children and much more. The meetings are an opportunity to get involved with the community and meet new people. New members are welcome.

For more information, call 233-0115.

'Box Office Cornedy

Hits' continues Tuesday Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Ave., continues its Lunchtime Video Series, "Box Office Comedy Hits," Tuesday at noon.

Debra Messing's worst nightmare is about to come true. Not only is her younger half-sister getting married before her, but to add insult to injury, the groom's best man is Kat's ex-

As a single New Yorker, she can't bear to attend the festivities at her parent's London home alone, so she does the next best thing: she hires an escort to play her boyfriend. The film is 90 minutes and is rated PG-13.

Funding for the video series has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and the Friends Bring a brown bag lunch to the pro-

gram. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For information, call 973-376-

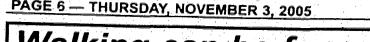
'Surreal Estate'

Thom Lynch grew up in Spring field in the, 1950s and 60s. He will be showing a collection of his paintings in an exhibition called "Surreal Estate" at the Palmer Muscum in Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., through Wednesday.

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.

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 proiect was to develop an exhibition of works dealing with the Union County area. The exhibition took place at the Arts 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. 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.





Lindsey Gaon, Jessica Sirotkin, Rachel Sirotkin enjoy the annual Sandmeier walkathon Oct. 7 in Springfield. The event raised money for different programs at the school.

HEALTH

Stroke screenings Life Line Screening Radiology will be at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 639 Mountain Ave., Springfield, on Monday, Appointments will begin at 9

A stroke, also known as a "brain attack," is ranked as the third-leading killer in the world, and the second among women. Through preventive screenings, the risk of having a stroke can be greatly reduced.

Screenings are fast, painless and low cost. They involve the use of ultrasound technology, and scan for potential health problems related to blocked arteries, which can lead to a stroke; aortic ancurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which are a strong predictor of heart disease. Also offered for men and women is a bone density screening to assess their risk for osteoporosis.

lar screening package, including the Berkeley Heights. stroke/carotid artery, abdominal aortic screening, costs \$129

For more information regarding the Maple St. screenings or to schedule an appoint." • "Enjoy the Holidays, Without the ment, call 1-877-237-1344. Preregis- Weight Gain," will be Nov. 16, 9 to 10 tration is required.

Mind/body connection workshop Friday

"Your Health: The Mind/Body Connection," a workshop by Lisa Athan and Scott Strickland, will be Friday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Spring-* field Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall.

The workshop is designed to provide information on how thoughts and emotions affect physical health, and to help people see how they can stay healthy by reducing the "dis-ease" in their minds that causes "our blood to boil" or "eats away at our heart."

For the past year, Athan and Strickland have been presenting workshops on this and similar topics to help people create better lives. They have studied and applied the work of Florence Scovel-Shinn, Louise Hay, Joan Borysenko, Dr. William Glasser to develo some practical approaches to helping people live more healthy, happy and fulfilling lives.

Building on the work of Louise Hay, they present and discuss information on the thoughts and feelings that can contribute to physical aliments.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TAKE NOTICE that on the 15th day of November, at 8:00 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be held before the Springfield Board 100 Mountain Avenue. Springfield Board 100 Mountain Avenue. Springfield, New Jersey regarding the appeal or applica-tion of Jeffrey and Barbara Feldman for a variance or variances or other relief so as to permit the construction of a new wood deck (to occupy existing deck's footprint with a new enclosed basement room below. Construction requires-veriences for side yard setback, building coverage, and lot coverage on the premises located at 2 Treo Top Drive and designated as Block 3304, Lot 28 on the Township of Springfield Tax Map. The application, plans and survey are on File in the Annex Building, 20 North Triv-ett Street and available for Inspection between the hours of 8:00 AM. and 3:00 P.M. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. U127970 ECL Nov 32 7005 (cti abolicant

U127970 ECL Nov. 3, 2005 (\$11.63) TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TAKE NOTICE that on the 15th day of November, 2005 at 8:00 p.m., a hearing will be held before the Springfield Board of Adjustment at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on application #2005-17 regarding the appeal or application of Jeffrey and Meredith Tiger for variances or other relief so as to permit the construction of a patio on the premises located at 564 Ash-wood Road and designated as Block 2501, Lot 12 on the Township of Spring-field Tax Map. The application, plans and survey are on File in the Annex Building, 20 North Triv-ett Street and available for Inspection between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Any interested part, may appear at said hearing and perflepate therein in accordance with the Rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Jeffrey & Meredith Tiger, Applicant U128010 ECL Nov. 3, 2005 (\$10,13)

Drawing from the work of Glasser they also present alternatives to using the drugs that are so often prescribed today for people who complain of symptoms of sadness and depression, and want to feel happier.

Workshops are typically attended by 15 to 20 people, with a good mix of people who come every month, and people who drop in to meet them and be part of the discussion on a particular topic. No reservations are required. Coffee and bottled water will be

provided. The cost of the workshop is For more information, call Lisa Athan at 973-912-0790 or Lathan208@aol.com.

Nutrition lecture series

The Summit Area YMCA will continue its series of free nutrition lectures this fall and winter. Lectures are free and open to the community. They Each screening requires 10 minutes take place at three branches of the or less to complete. A complete vascu- YMCA in Summit, Springfield and

• "Good Carbs, Bad Carbs," will be ancurysm and ankle brachial Index ---- Wednesday, 9 to 10 a.m., at the Berkehardening of the arteries - screenings ley Heights YMCA, 550 Springfield is \$109. Sign up for a complete vascu- Ave.; 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Springfield lar package, include the osteoporosis YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave.; Nov. 10, 1 to 2 p.m., Summit YMCA, 67

a.m. at the Berkeley Heights YMCA. 550 Springfield Ave.; 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave.; Nov. 17, 1 to 2 p.m., Summit YMCA, 67 Maple St.

Get the Skinny on Fats," will be Nov. 30, 9 to 10 a.m. at the Berkeley Heights YMCA, 550 Springfield Ave.; 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Springfield YMCA; Dec. 1, 1 to 2 p.m. at Summit YMCA, 67 Maple St.

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Township may withdraw items from the sale prior to start of auction, require a copy of the buyer's driver's license or corpcode in order to purchase any item. All items sold "as is/where is" with no warranties or guaranties, whether expressed mplied given. Il items must be picked up within ten (10) days. For the Sale of Motor Vehicles: The title information will be completed when the vehicle is paid in full. Buyer will sign in the presence of a Township official. An insurance card and registration card must be presented before a vehicle leaves All items may be viewed Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For viewing infor-mation, please call Department of Public Works at 973-912-8483. Township of Springfield Public Auction Thursdey, November 10, 2005, 10 A.M. Department of Public Works; 22 Mountein Av mouter & Related Equipment Ultra VGA Color Monitor Digital Monitor Model #2113-001, P/N72G7448 8E#0462069739 Model PCXCU-GE-#1K44573342 Model #GM-1449X ewlett Packard Printer/Fax/Scanner SSGG19E1K7X Model AK50-M01-SN.AKCH10843 Model VT510-C2.SN-TA40123099 701251; 601299; 601284; 701183 ntex Towers ntex 250 Tower Gateway Towers 20106428; 0020106427; 0016137682 11337653 Pionex Tower Digital Tower Todd Tower 2: 5001891462 B-BA - #K449LJER5 9710025142 Microtek Scanner JVC Video Cassette 10del BR-9050U - #10511742

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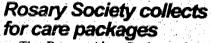
Sealed Bid Auction of Public Property, hicles, Computer & Related Equipment and Bikes Thursday, November 10, 2005, 10 a.m. Department of Public Works 22 Mountain Avenue Springfield, NJ 07051 (Bidders Need Not Be Present)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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U127366 ECL October 27 & November 3, 2005 (\$130.50)



The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, will be preparing care packages for U.S. troops.

In preparation for the coming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, the Rosary Society will be assembling and providing care packages for the men and women in the armed services deployed in Iraq and throughout the world.

Donations of the following items may be brought to the church next weekend: mixed nuts, trail mix, microwave popcorn, beef jerky, Oreo cookies, baby wipes, small deodorant, erans Post 273. small toothbrushes and toothpaste, Odoreaters shoe inserts and Chap- members of these posts, the program stick.

Rosary Altar Society's monthly meeting on Monday.

Everyone is invited to attend the Rosary Altar Society meeting beginning with the Rosary and Novena Prayers at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

the parish.

Veterans Day ceremony planned at park

The Springfield Veterans' Alliance will have its annual observance of Veterans Day, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park, Shunpike Road and Mountain Avenue, Springfield.

The alliance consists of American Legion Post 228, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7683, and Jewish War Vet-

In addition to the participation of will include children from St. James Packages will be assembled at the School, a chorus of young voices and the Springfield Auxiliary Police.

lished as Armistice Day to commemo- form or call 908-232-0015.

PUBLIC NOTICE RESOLUTION RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 12-13-1 APPROVING PUBLIC SALE OF PER-SONAL PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMIT-TEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield is in possession of certain personal proper-ty which is no longer needed for public use; and WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield is desirous of selling such property by hold-ing a sealed bid public sale at auction to the highest bidder, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A-12-13 (a); and EREAS, such sale must be authorized by Resolution, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A12-13.1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield. County of Union, State of New Jersey, that they do hereby authorize the sale of all property set forth in the annexed Exhibit A, which is hereby incorporated by reference herein, by open public sale at auction to the highest bidder. Thursday, November 10, 2005 at 10:00 s.m.; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk shall cause advertisement thereof to be published in a newspaper circulating in Springfield, by two insertions into the earlier than seven days prior to such sale, which advertisement shall include the conditions of sale set forth hereafter; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such shall be held under the following conditions: a to sach item or group of items, the Township of Springfield reserves b) Each item or group of items may have a minimum price, as set forth in Exhibit A; c) Each item ited is sold "as-is/where-is" with no warrantias or c) Each item listed is sold "as-is/where-is" with no warranties or guaranties, whether expressed or implied given;
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EVENTS

ECHO LEADER

Meeting to follow with a special rate the ending of World War I. Howguest speaker Thomas Roughneen, ever, it now honors all service men recently returned from Iraq, who lives and women who have served in in Mountainside and is a member of defense of our country and pays tribute to those who have died in its wars. Following the program, the Rotary

Club of Springfield will dedicate the gazebo which it installed at the park.

Greeting card-making class to meet Fridays

Learn to make your own greeting cards at the greeting card stamp class offered through the Mountainside 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 Nov. 11 and Dec.

9 — same time and fees. Stop by the Veterans Day was originally estab- Recreation Office for a registration

PUBLIC NOTICE





The bride is a graduate of Colonia

High School and Union County Col-

lege. The groom is the owner of the

in Italy. They will reside in Edison.

County College.

Falgares and Celii are wed

SUMMIT OBSERVER - ECHO LEADER

Darlene Falgares, daughter of Mr. friend. The ring bearer was Alex Diaz, and Mrs. Michael Falgares of Colonia, grand-nephew of the groom. was married to Vito Celii Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Vito Celii of North Edison, on Aug. 13. The ceremony took place at the

chapel of The Chanticler in Short Hills. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Ken Szepesy. A reception followed at the Chanticler.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Michael Falgares. The matron of honor was her sister, Michele Pezzino. Bridesmaids were Marilena LaBerbera, sister of the groom; Cristina Ceili, niece of the groom: Melissa Celii and Bianca LaBerbera, nieces of the groom, and Jenna Siegel and Brianna Siegel nicces of the bride. The flower girl was Maggie Corrales, niece of the

Vincent Celii, brother of the groom, was the best man. Ushers were Donald Pezzino and Steven Siegel, brothers-in-law of the bride, and be Richard Ambis, the groom's

Exhibit features **'The Book Report**

The Kent Place Gallery at Kent showcase the works of 13 profession al artists in the exhibit. "The Book Report: Through the Byes of the Book Artist," through Nov. 18.

This exhibition presented artists with the following assignment - take a book you know and love and, instead of writing a book report about it, create an artwork that communicates with color, texture, image, drama and emo-

The result is a show of 30 books and sculptural book pieces created by book artists scienced by the show's curator, Karen McDermott, director of the Book Arts Roundtable and a resiient of South Orange?

"Since the gallery is located on a ursery through 12th-grade camput, I thought it would be fun to put togeth-er a show about books, asking artists to take books we know and love and nstead of writing a book report about it, create a piece that tells us about it with color, texture and image," said McDermott.

We have some very exciting interpretations in this show." New Jersey artists include Bonnie Berkpwitz from Bloomsbury, "Joan Bess from Mendham, Batbara Mau-riello from Hoboken, Chuck Miley of Maplewood, Jean Stufflebeem of Watchung and Benits Wolffe from

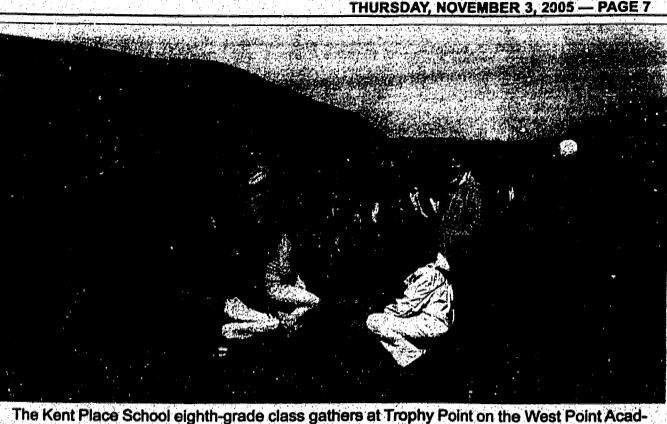
Other artists include Susan Angeraundt from California, Carol Barton from Maryland Gwen Diebn from North Carolina, Robbin Ami Silven berg, Miriam Schaer, Robert Warner from New York and Emily Reserve from Ohio.

Students visit **West Point**

"It was an experience that I will remember and treasure for the rest of my life," said Kent Place School eighth-grader Whitney Lee. Lee and her fellow classmates had the privilege of spending the day at West Point, the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. The girls, together with their teachers, Middle School Director Karen Rezach and Head of School Sue Bosland, were treated to a walking tour of the grounds, watched the lunch formation of nearly 4,000 cadets, and were invited to join the cadets for lunch in the mess hall. The highlight of the day was the opportunity to meet with Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

The Oct. 20 trip was arranged by Thomas Davidson Sr., grandfather o eighth-grader Cassidy Higgins. Davidson's roots and affection West Point run deep as it was where his father, a general during World War II, served as superintendent of the Military Academy from 1956 to 1960. Upon hearing that his granddaughter and her classmates were discussing leadership and ethics in school, Davidson and his daughter Peggy, Cassidy's mother, worked with Rezach to arrange the trip for the girls.

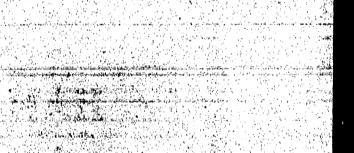
After lunch, eighth-graders listened to a session on ethics and the Cadet Honor and Respect Programs of the Military Academy, led by Maj: Eileen Granfield and Maj. Devon Blake. The Brick Over Pizzeria and Restaurant in Majors told the girls that respect is a Summit. He is a graduate of J.P. key component of leadership. Leaders Stevens High School and Middlesex must recognize each person's "infinite other's backgrounds/cultures, and also



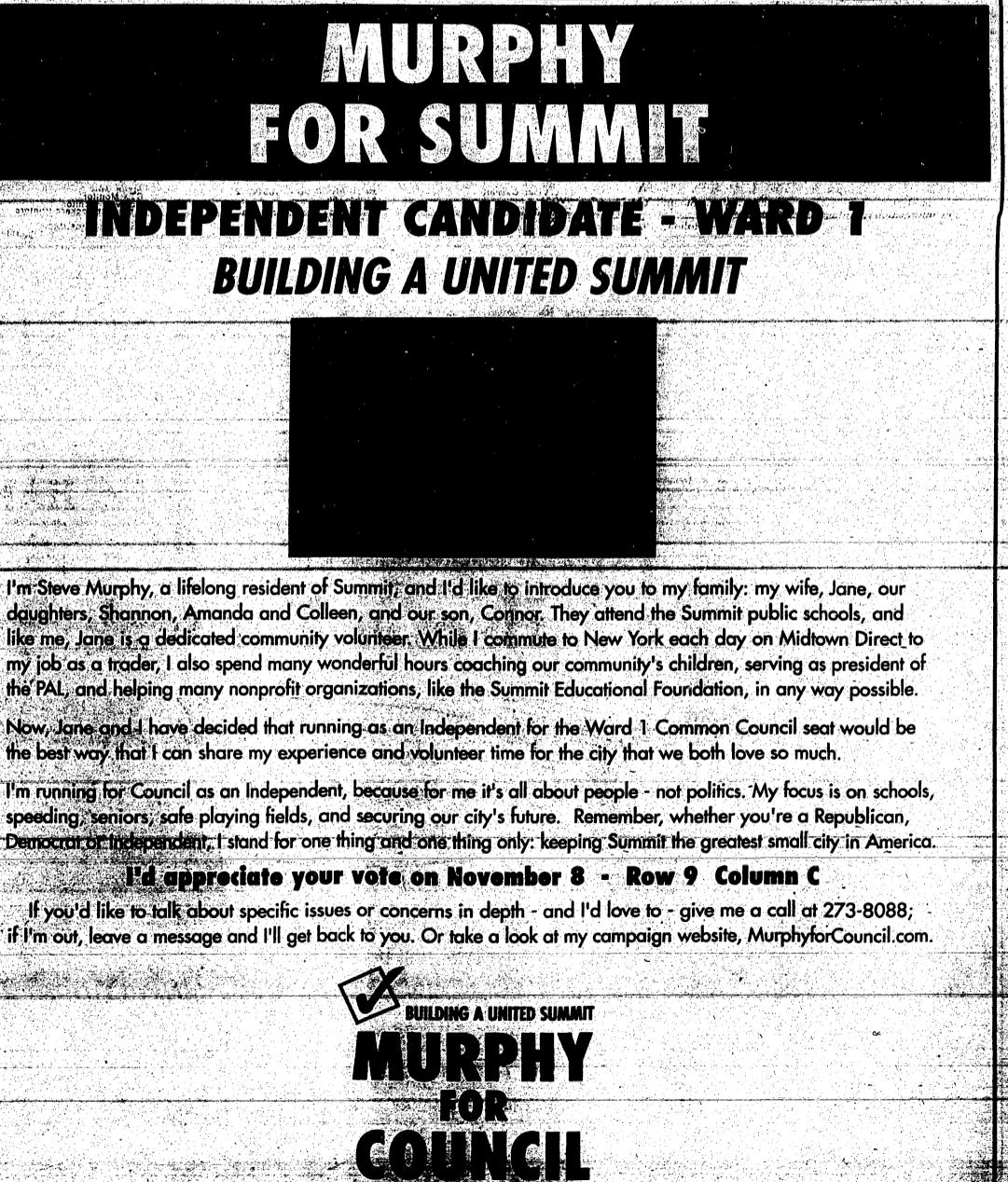
emy campus.

able to identify those things that each of them value enth-graders sometime during the

school year. profession in the 1950s, all the way through to her past 24 years of service on the U.S. Supreme Court.



the best way that I can share my experience and volunteer time for the city that we both love so much.



respect differences. They must also be well. With those two skills, you can do anything."

The culmination of the day came The students then participated in a with the viewing of the United States demonstration that focused on integri- Military Academy's parade in honor lives forever." ty and respect; a demonstration they of O'Connor, who was visiting West The middle schoolers were able to the United States whose service and woman, from breaking into the law motto, "Duty, Honor, Country."

"This was truly a most memorable, life-changing day for our students,' Rezach said. "To spend the day with Lee was the first to ask a question the cadets and these outstanding The couple spent their honeymoon must understand and respect each careers?" Her response, "Take a speed integrity, and finally to be able to meet of war, but within their communities reading course and learn how to write and hear Justice O'Connor who is and in their homes."

such an outstanding figure in history - I am certain that any or all of these opportunities have inspired our students in ways that will influence their

As the girls boarded the bus, they plan to share with the sixth- and sev- Point to receive the annua. Sylvanus received a "gift bag" which, among Thayer Award. The Thayer Award is other things included a copy of the presented to an outstanding citizen of book "In Search of Ethics: Conversations with Men and Women of Charjoin a group of 300 invited guests for accomplishments in the national inter- acter," by Len Marrella. Lee added, a special session with O'Connor who est exemplify personal devotion to the "In the few precious hours that I spent spoke about her vast experiences as a ideals expressed in the West Point at West Point. I witnessed an abundance of pride, honor and discipline Not only were the cadets simply amazing to be around, but the staff and faculty demonstrated a strong sense of openness and thoughtfulness. Their of the justice: "What advice do you women leadens in our military, to entire curriculum is based on integrity have for us as we continue our educa- understand what leadership really and ethics which gives them values dignity and worth." To do so, they tion in preparation for our own means in the context of respect and that will help them, not only in times

Robin Morhouse Robin Ann Morhouse 61 of Sum

mit died Oct. 21 at home. Born in Paterson, Mrs.Morhouse lived in Wyckoff and New York City before moving to Summit 33 years ago. She also maintained a summer

home in Ticonderoga, N.Y. During the 1960s, Mrs. Morhouse taught in the Allendale school system, the Dover school system and the New York City school system. She was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Benedictine Foundation in Ridgely, Md., and Our House Foundation in Summit.

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Children ages 4-11: 6:00 PM Evening Service &

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8:30 PM Shabbat day 9:30 AM & sunset;

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9.00 AM. Family and children services are

conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third

seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday

There are formal classes for both High Schoo

and pre-Religious School aged children. The

synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's

League, Men's Club, youth groups for sixth

through twelfth graders, and a busy Adul

Education program. For more information, please

JEWISH-ORTHODOX

SPRINGFIELD 339 Mountain Avenue,

Springfield. 973-467-9666. Chaim Marcus,

Rabbi: Alan J. Yuter, Rabbi Emeritus: Solomon

Greenfield, President, Congregation Israel is a

Modern Orthodox synagogue. There are two daily weekday morning Minyans at 6:15 s.m. and

7:00 a.m. Daily weekday Mincha/Maariy

services are also held. Call the shul office for

times. There are two Shabbat morning services at

7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. as well as Junior

Congregation at 9:30 a.m. the Nursery Schoo

conducts classes for children aged 2 1/2 to 4, A

summer camp is also available to children of this

age. Adult classes are held three nights a week

ISRAEL

contact our office during office hours.

CONGREGATION

A SECOND LANGUAGE.

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH

the Beacon Hill Club in Summit and the Baltusrol Club in Springfield. Surviving are her husband, Sanford; two daughters, Cindy Bardwil and Julie Morhouse; a son, Sanford; a

sister, Marilyn Gaul, and three grandchildren.

Janet Stone

Janet Badenoch Stone, 92, of Summit died Oct. 24 in Overlook Hospital. Summit

Born in Yonkers, N.Y., Mrs. Stone lived in Mount Vernon, N.Y., Maplewood, Kirkwood, Mo., and San Marino, Calif., before moving to Summit in Mrs. Morhouse was a member of 1966. She was an early member of the

Strollers in Maplewood. Mrs. Stone also was a member of

the Canoe Brook Country Club and a Haskell 17 years ago. past president of the Fortnightly Club of Summit Surviving are her husband of six

months, Frank; four sons, George, 13 grandchildren and four great-William, Robert and Thomas; two stepsons; a brother, William Bardusch six grandchildren and a great-grand-

Carmella Fricke

Carmella Fricke, 78, of Haskell, formerly of Summit, died Oct. 26 in the Lakeland Heathcare Center, Haskell

WORSHIP CALENDAR

with two weekly Teen classes. We have an active

NCSY chapters for pre-teens. Our Sisterhood. Adult Education and Youth groups provide a wide array of communal programming. For further information call the synagogue office at 973-467-9666

JEWISH - REFORM FEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM 78 pringfield Avenue, Springfield, (973) 379-5387. oshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor/ Education Director; Nina Greenman, Pre-School Director: Mindy Schreff, Family Life Educator; dward Fink and Hank Rottenberg, Co-Presidents Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:00 PM, with monthly Family and Alternative Worship. Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7; and Tuesday evenings for nost har/hat mitzvah students. Preschool, classes are available for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Renaissance Group and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (973) 379-5387.

LUTHERAN

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 973-379-4525, Fax 973-379-8887. Remo Madsen, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL. 229 Cowperthwaite Pl., Westfield Rev. Paul E. Kritsch, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available. Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicanned accessible

METHODIST SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (SEUMC)

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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Summit is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue. Church School and Bible Study is held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m.; the emphasis of which is to always have a "good week" because of Paul's reminder to us in his letter to the Romans "that ALL things work logether for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose". The sermons are uplifting, Biblically sound and guaranteed to ceep you awake. The music and weekly children's message are memorable. All are welcome to hear the Good News of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers nursery care, after worship efreshments and fellowship, and many lively programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you too can have a "good week". Call the church office or Pastors Gina or Rich Hendrickson, Senior Co-Pastors for more information at 908 277-1700.

PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1459 Deer Path, Mountainside, New ersey 07092. You are invited to join us in Worship Services on Sundays at 10:30 am. This is a place for you to enjoy unlifting music and relevant messages that will energize and inspire you. We offer a warm and friendly environment with Bible study, Sunday school and active adult and youth groups. For further information, please contact Dr. Christopher Belden, Pastor at 908-

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 210 Morris Ave. at Church Mall, Springfield, 973-379-4320. Sunday School Classes for ages 3yrs. -Senior High 9:00 a.m. in our Parish House, Sunday morning worship service 10:15 a.m. Children's Church is held during the worship service: Nursery care and facilities are provided Opportunities for personal growth through

worship, Christian Education, Choir, ongoing church activities, and Fellowship, Communion is held the 1st Sunday of every month: The Ladies Evening Group-3rd Wednesday of erch month at 7:30 p.m.; Kaffeeklatsch-1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.: Men's Fellowship-2nd Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m.; Choir-every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. We also host various Outside group meetings: Springfield Garden Club, Children's Community Choir, Learning Disabled Group, and Alanon. For information about any of our programs or services, call Gesele at the Church Office: 973-379-4320, Mon. through Fri., 9:00 a.m.-12 noon; 1:00pm-4:00pm

Joan Kemp Ikle of Old Saybrook

Mrs. Ikle was a longtime resident

Conn., formerly of Summit, died Oct.

of Summit before moving to Old Sav-

brook. She was the program director

of Project Connections at Middlesex

ROMAN CATHOLIC

THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, 300 Central Avenue, Mountainside 908-232-1162. Celebrate the Lord's Day: Anticipated Mass 5:00pm, Sunday at 7:30am 9:30am. 11:30am. Weekdays: Monday-Friday 7:30am, Saturday 8:00am, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Saturday at Ipm. Perpetu Adoration Chapel for personal prayer and www.ollmountainside.org devotion office@ollmountainside.org

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield. New Jersey 07081,973-376-3044 SUNDAY EUCHARIST: Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon. Reconciliation Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:00

UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST

UNITARIAN CHURCH IN SUMMIT. Waldron Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, '908-273-3245. www.ucsummit.org. Rev. Vannessa Rush Southern, Minister, Emilie Boggis, Assistant Minister, Mitchell Vines, Music and Choir Director. Sunday Services and religious education classes at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM. Adult Education and other programs.

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tates an exploration of the life and teachings of St. Paul. Each Monday class begins with a light supper at 7 p.m. The class begins at 7:45 p.m. and ends at 9:30 p.m. The course is \$15. To register or for information, call 908-918-2500 or send a message by e-mail to scolaneri@stjohnsummit.org.

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grandchildren.

Joan Ikle

13 at home.

lived in Summit before moving to Mrs. Ikle received a bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University and a master's degree from Surviving are two daughters, Joyce Columbia University in New York Clark and Gail Dorosh; two sons, John and Jeffrey; a sister, Dorothy Lorello; City

She was active with the Garden Club. the North Cove Yacht Club and the Cappella Cantorum, all in Connecticut, and she also tutored students at Old Saybrook High School,

Surviving are her husband. Donald: two daughters, Melissa Paolini and Elizabeth Sel; a son, Stephen Kemp Ikle: two sisters. Barbara Kemp and Elizabeth Baker; a brother, Edward Kemp, and a grandchild.

Harold Goldman

Harold Goldman, 84, of Summit died Oct. 28 in the Glenside Nursing Center, New Providence.

Born in Newark, Mr. Goldman lived in Maplewood before moving to Summit 40 years ago. He was a certified public accountant and had owned and managed JHJ Enterprises Ltd., and the Enterprise Mall Building, both in Summit, since 1971.

Mr. Goldman graduated from Rutgers College, New Brunswick. in 1950. He served in the 94th Signal Corps of the Army during World War

Mr. Goldman was a member of the Summit Lions Club. the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants, the New Jersey Association of Public Accountants, the Knights of Pythias of Summit and the Metropolitan Opera Association.

Surviving are his wife, Juanita; a daughter. Jill Frances; a brother, Sy, and a sister, Shirley Segall.

Walter Karoinski

Walter J. Karpinski, 85, a lifelong resident of Summit, died Oct. 26 at

Mr. Karpinski was a cement truck and Charles; a sister, Rita Unger, and driver for Loizeaux Building Supply two grandchildren

Church discussions center on St. Paul The public is invited to join an inspiring discussion of the letters of the apostle Paul to be conducted on nine Mondays at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave., Summit, through Nov. 28.

According to believers, St. Paul, famously converted on the road to Damascus, traveled tens of thousands of miles around the Mediterranean spreading the word of Jesus. It was Paul who came up with the doctrine that would turn Christianity from a small sect of Judaism into a worldwide faith that was open to all. Paul's letters spark passionate debate and his work forcibly reveals a human

personality with great complexity. Join other spiritual seekers and lifelong learners on Monday evenings as Susan Colaneri, director of parish education, facili-

Senior Set and very active Jr. NCSY and Sr.

SUMMIT OBSERVER - ECHO LEADER

Co., Elizabeth. before retiring in 1986. Earlier, he was a cement truck driver for Houdaille Construction Materials Inc., Springfield, for more than 20 vears

Mr. Karpinski served in the Army during World War II. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 190, New Providence, and a lifelong honorary member of the Teamsters Local 408, Union.

Surviving are three daughters, Diane Homer, Carl DiPiano and Karen Karpenski.

Julius Vogel

Julius Vogel, 81, of Summit, formerly Springfield, died Oct. 29 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

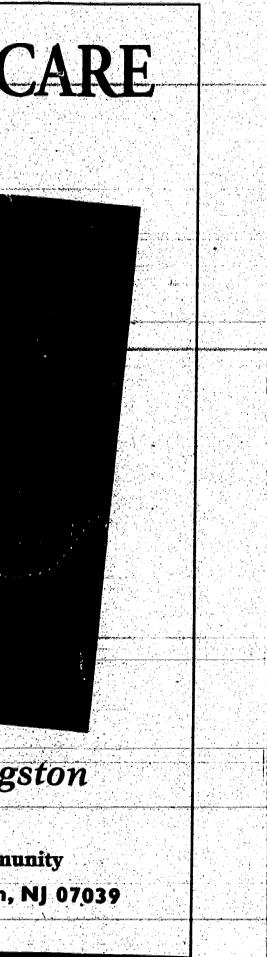
Born in New York City, Mr. Vogel lived in Brooklyn, Elizabeth, Springfield and Wellesley, Mass., before moving to Summit 28 years ago. He was senior vice president and chief actuary at Prudential Insurance in Boston and Newark before retiring 21 years ago after 36 years of service. Mr. Vogel also served as director of sever-

al of Prudential's subsidiaries. He received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Brookyn College and served in the Army during World War-II

Mr. Vogel was president of the Society of Actuaries between 1979 and 1980. He also served on commitwithin the American Council of Life Insurance.

Mr. Vogel served on boards of the Catholic Charitable Bureau, the Archdiocese of Boston, the Boy Scouts of America and the Boston Symphony Orchestra. He was a former board member of the USS Constitution Museum

Mr. Vogel received the Navy's Distinguished Public Service Award. Surviving are his wife of more than 50 years, Corinne; two sons, Robert





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The Dayton boys' soccer team, sparked by Fred Vilasco' (No. 9 at left), will host a North 2, Group 1 quarterfinal tomorrow. The semis are Tuesday and the final Nov. 11. The girls' will play at North Arlington today in a guarterfinal. The semis are Monday and the final Thursday.

GL makes playoffs this time in Central Jersey, Group 2 Quite an accomplishment for young squad

By Timothy Denman Staff Writer

Governor Livingston is in. For the second straight season the Highlanders have

qualified for the state playoffs. Last year GL reached the North 2. Group 2 semifinals.

falling at eventual repeat champion West Essex. This year the Highlanders qualified in Central Jersey, Group 2 for the first time.

GL defeated host Roselle 21-6 last Saturday afternoon Arminio Field to clinch a state playoff berth. Not many would have predicted the Highlanders t

return to the state playoffs this year after being hit quite hard by graduation. """"Gur goal is to make it to the playoffs every year," GI

stornel year head coach Terry Hanratty said. Hanratty has done a fine job in his first stint as a head coach, He guided the Highlanders to a winning 6-5 season ast year and has the team at 5-3 so far this season, with this weekend off before the state playoffs.

'So far we're 2-for-2 and continues," Hanratty said. Hanratty is used to winning, having won two state

Elizabeth "What makes qualifying for the playoffs this season even more special is the quality of teams we beat this year,"

Hanratty said. "Teams like Johnson and North Plainfield are playing good football. Beating them just shows the kind of team we have this year.

GL first beat North Plainfield (5-2) by a 7-0 score at home, handing the Canucks their first loss of the season. The Highlanders defeated Johnson 20-12 in Clark two weeks later, handing the Crusaders (5-2) their first home

loss of the campaign. North Plainfield will also qualify in Central Jersey, Group 2 and Johnson should with a win at Pequannocl: tomorrow night. A fourth Union County school - Rahway will also be in the mix.

GL played Rahway, the Mountain Valley Conference home three weeks ago.

GL returned only two starters from last year's playoff' squad. The Highlanders were very much a question mark back when the season began in September.

One of those two returning starters was senior quarter-back Andrew Trivella. He has played solid all year long and was, once again, one of the key players in last week's win at Roselle.

Trivella completed six of 12 passes, two of them going for touchdowns to help GL build a 14-0 lead at the half. Trivella got things going for the Highlanders when he connected with Joey Carangelo on a 50-yard touchdown strike to put GL out in front 6-0.

He was at it again on the Highlanders' next possession when he connected with junior militack Matt Zimmerman on a 10-yard touchdown strike to put GL ahead by two touchdowns.

Zimmerman, a Mountainside resident out for football for the first time, has been a key addition to the team. Roselle (2-5) trimmed the lead to 14-6 in the third quarter when senior quarterback Mike Dease connected with track star Rahdel Savage on a 19-yard strike to make a game out of it.

The Highlanders put the final touches on their fifth win the fourth quarter when when senior fullback Ryan

McAdam powered into the end zone from 15 yards out. "Roselle is a tough team," Hanratty said. "They play everybody tight." There were bright spots and loss than thrilling moments

produced by the Highlanders. "I am happy with the win, but we could have played bet-

ter," Hanratty said. "We dropped a lot of passes and were sloppy, overall, on offense. There is no way we can play ike that in the playoffs and expect to win.' GL learned that last year in the states. After beating

Morris Hills 28-0 at home in the quarterfinals, the Highanders blayed a much tougher feam in Wes came out on the short end of a 33-7 score.

"Luckily, we have two weeks to get back to basics and work on the fundamentals." Hanratty said. "We have a lot of guys banged up and it will be nice for the kids to have

some time off before the playoffs start." The seedings will officially be released by the NJSIAA Monday afternoon. GL figures to receive one of the lower seeds in Central Jersey, Group 2 and should be on the road for one of the quarterfinal games.

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Dayton tops Montclair Immaculate for its second win of the season Guarino, Cappa, Silverman, Zannazzone score By JR Parachin The Bulldogs have a record of 2-5 and have one more

ports Editor

After gamering its first win of the season against Passac Tech, the Dayton junior varsity football team snapped a three-game losing streak by winning its first game of the year by shutout. Dayton defeated Immaculate 26-0 in Mont-

The Bulldogs received single touchdowns from four players, including quarterbacks Jason Cappa and Rob Zanazzone and running backs Jimmy Guarino and Alex Sil-

Guarino, a junior, is having an outstanding season. He has scored in every game that Dayton has scored this year, which is six of seven. Guarino scored Dayton's first touchdown against

Immaculate, while Cappa, a junior, scored on a five-yard run and then completed a two-point pass to sophomore Aaron Weinbaum to make the score 14-0 Dayton at the half

Silverman, a sophomore, scored on a 10-yard run and Zannazzone, a freshman, scored on a nine-yard run in the

Dayton is at Boonton Monday at 4 p.m.

Dayton opened with a 30-13 home loss to Poly Prep of Brooklyn before bouncing back to best host Passaic Techby a score of 12-6. a score of 12-6. Dayton was defeated at home by Mountain Lakes 44-32 a shootout and then lost at Mountain Lakes 31-13.

Guarino returned kickoffs for touchdowns against Poly Prep and in each game against Mountain Lakes. In the home game against Mountain Lakes, Gua

ored four touchdowns. Dayton fell at Belvidere 28-0 Monday

Here's a look at Devices tranks DAYTON JV FOOTBALL (2-5)

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After doing quite well to finish second in the Union County Tournament at Brearley, the Dayton-Brearley gymnastics team also turned out to be one of the top teams at last Thursday's Northern Hills Conference meet at West Milford. Dayton-Brearley finished third with 98.85 points. Union Catholic was first at 103.9 and Butler second at 98.95.

Dayton-Brearley junior Andie Sablosky captured the balance beam even with a first-place score of 9.25. Union Catholic senior Alyssa Lewandowski ("Linden was first with an All-

Around score of 36.125. She won vault at 9.4 and uneven bars at 9.0, while teammate Ebony Jones won floor exercise at 9.15. Sablosky was third with an All-Around score of 35.55, Sara Giannella of Wayne Valley was second at 35.575.

Sablosky was third in vault at 8.8 and tied for third with Steph Schmidt of Butler in uneven bars at 8.65. Lisa Madonia of Brearley was third in balance beam at 8.8, while Sablosky

was fifth in floor exercise at 8.85, tied again with Schmidt. The sectionals are scheduled to take place tomorrow and Saturday at Wayne Hille

GL girls' tennis does it again

The Governor Livingston girls' tennis team did well to capture a third straight sectional championship this year, beating Manasquan 3-2 in the Central Jersey, Group 2 title match Oct. 14 in Manasouan

Manasquan captured Central Jersey, Group 3 the past two years.

GL won the section as the No. 4 seed, while Manasquan was seeded second. The Highlanders won at home against fifth-seeded New Providence 5-0 on OCt. 6 and then eliminated top-seeded Shore Regional 5-0 on the road on Oct. 11. G. was then edged in the Group 2 semifinals by North 2, Group 2 champ Sernards 3-2 on Oct. 19.

GL blanked Bound Brook 5-0 on Monday to improve to 11-3. The Highlanders were scheduled to compete at Roselle Park Tuesday afternoon. The Panthers entered the match with a 10-7-1 record.

It was the first match of the season between GL and Roselle Park. The Panthers were defeated at Manasquan 5-0 in a Central Jersey, Group 2 quarterfinal. In the sectional championship win over Manasquan, GL won at second and third singles and at second doubles.

Allie Tierney defeated Gretchen Amberg 6-2, 6-3 at second singles and Paige Geiger downed Robin Morris 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 at third. Jean Namkung and Tina Chou defeated Haley McNeel and Laura Turner 4-6, 7-6 (8-6), 7-6 (7-1) in a thrilling second doubles match.

Katie Tierney was defeated at first singles by Tahlia Smoke 6-2, 6-2, while the first doubles team of Jessica Baroff and Jen Berntson was downed by Donna Tausek and Chase Fitzsimmons 7-5, 6-4.

Springfield Power 1. Madison United 1

In a match of the top two teams in their flight two weekends ago, the Springfield Power 13-and-under traveling girls' soccer team managed a 1-1 tie against the Madison United. Emily MacDonnel was brilliant in goal for the Power. while Jessica Gonzalez scored the team's lone goal. Also playing well for the Power were forwards Remy Schneier, Mallory DelMauro, Alexa Williams, Jene Russo and Natalle Hindaan; midfielders Emily Stein, Rebecca Frank, Gabrielle Pypiak and Jackie Cristianic and fullbacks Angela Berardinelli, Alexandra Diamond. Ali Hopkins and Stacey Shewitz.

The Power shut out Madison 2-0 and Montville 4-0 to move into first place in the Morris County Traveling Soccer League standings. Locshelle, Russo. DelMauro, Willisms and Schneier scored in the wins.

Springfield Scorpions 1, Summit 1

The Soccer Club of Springfield 12-and-under Scorpions battled Summit to a tie, although they outshot Summit 12-4. After a scoreless first half, Zack Haliczer passed to Max Kotler, who moved around the Summit goalie and kicked the ball into a vacant net. Within the next few minutes, Summit scored to tie the game on a breakaway.

Suringfield dominated the rest of the game, but could not put any other shots past the Summit goalie. Also playing well for the Scorpions were Sergio Annunziata, Ryan Cutino, Brian DiFiore, Matt Disko, Mike Disko, Andrew Homlish Nico Izzi, Matt Jessen, Matt Lyna, Nick Pearl, Christian Schmidt, Ryan Schweikert and goalkeepers Brandon Moss and Peter Zablonsky. Springfield defeated the West Milford Eagles 5-1 Sunday at Dayton High School. Balbont scored twice and Schmidt; Lyna and Haliczer once:

The Scorpions, now 3-3-1, play at Florham Park Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

Springfield Roadrunners 8, Kinnelon Galaxy 3 The Springfield Roadrunners 10-and-under boys' defeated the Kinnelon Galaxy 8-3 to improve their Flight 3 record to 3-2. Kazari Trought tied a team record with five goals for the Roadrunners. He scored three goals within the first six minutes of the match. Earning assists were Jason Barreira, Tommy Walsh

Zack Samansky and Chris Vega. Also playing well for the Roadrunners were Ryan Fitzpatrick, Reese Petersen, Kevin Chable, Will Francis, Boomer Sack and Kyle Schmidt. Springfield beat the Denville Hub/Figers 4-3 and the Caldwell Hurricanes b a score of 3-0 at Saturday's Rockaway How1-O-Ween Tournament.

Trought scored twice and Samansky made seven saves in Denville. Trought also scored twice against Caldwell.

The Roadrunners were defeated by the Wayne Sonics 6-2 in Sunday's league match. Trought and Walsh scored.

Summit 18, Springfield Minutemen B Team 14 Behind the strong blocking by Brendan Downey, Andre Battle, Alfonso Cacciatore, Dave Wightman, Kareem Jackson, Chris Maslo, Carl Koricocha, Savon Maye, Jon Cimo, Tom Baker, Westin Banks, Mike Hess, Avery Gunn and Skyler Apicelia, Springfield was able to power its way on the ground for two long scorng drives in the first half.

Unfortunately for Springfield, two big plays allowed Summit to keep pac with Springfield, with the Minutemen leading 14-12 at the half. The second half began with Summit driving for another touchdown, which was set up by a big play once again. The extra point kick after Summit jumpe out in front for good at 18-14.

Springfield had chances in the second half. Its first drive stalled inside th Summit 20. Christian Wortman promptly recovered a fumble to give the Min-utemen new life, but the ensuing drive was halted by a Summit interception. Springfield had one more chance, but Summit, again, came up with an interception as time ran out.

It was very encouraging that the Minutemen were able to score 14 points on an unbeaten Summit team that had given up a total of just 20 points in its previous six games.

Chatham 7, Springfield Minutemen D Team 0 The Springfield Minutemen D Team was defeated by Chatham 7-0 in a youth

football game that was shortened by a second-half injury to a Chatham player. Springfield's defense held Chatham scoreless in the first half, while the offense moved the ball, but failed to acore.

The offense was led by quarterback Dylan Curry and also sparked by the running of Joey Balboni, Kevin Torres and Jared Clayton. The offensive line of Joe Wightman, Matt Liebowitz, Adam Kennedy, Craig Downey and Connor McTer-nan controlled the line of scrimmage in the first half, with the help of the tight ends and wide receiver Matt Seale.

Defensively, Springfield was led by cornerbacks Craig Downey and Robert Fiorilli. Michael Masi, Luke Heleno and Kennedy played well on the line and were backed up by linebackers A.J. Carineci, Nicolas Matarazzo, Michael Sal-adino, Balboni and Joe Peterson at safety. McTernan came up with a big quarterback sack.

Doris Brahm

Doris V. Brahm, 90, of Montague, formerly of Mountainside, died Oct. 23 in Valley View Care Center, New-

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Brahmbefore moving to Montague in 2003. She worked as a waitress at Echo Queen Diner, Mountainside, for 30 years and retired in 1994. During World War II, Mrs. Brahm worked as a riviter for Eastern Aircraft, Linden. She was a member of the Mountainside Gospel Chapel.

Surviving are two sons, Arthur J. great-grandchildren

Frank J. Lania

Frank J. Lania, 77, of Springfield died Oct. 23 in Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge.

Born in Newark, Mr. Lania lived in Mountainside before moving to Springfield many years ago. He was a high school psychologist with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system for many years before retiring 10 years ago. Mr. Lania received a bachelor's degree from the Newark State Teachers College and a master's degree from Seton Hall University, South Orange. He was a corporal in the Army during the Korean War. Surviving are two sons, Frank Jr.

and Michael: three sisters. Anne Lizza and Jennie and Rose Lania; a brother, Michael, and a grandchild.

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Barbara Logan Barbara Lou Logan, 68, of Moun-

OBITUARIES

tainside died Oct. 23 at home. Born in Washington, D.C., Mrs. Logan lived in Westfield for 31 years before moving to Mountainside four lived in Mountainside for 70 years years ago. She worked in the human resources department for Lucent Technologies. Middletown, for 15 years before retiring in 1999.

Mrs. Logan was a 1959 graduate of the University of Maryland. She was a member of the Westfield Woman's Service League.

Surviving are a daughter, Katherine Walker; a son, Russell Walker; two and Walter R.; a sister, Margaret stepdaughters, Debbie Bee and Donna Heaton: six grandchildren and four Dugan; three stepsons, Gary, Mark and Scott Logan; a brother, Edwin Bennett; a sister, Susan Brady; 24 grandchildren and six great-grandchil-

Anne Teuscher

Anne Teuscher, 82, of Roswell, Ga., a retired Springfield teacher, died Oct. 26 at home.

Born in Garwood, Mrs. Teuscher lived in Ohio, Illinois, Massachusetts and Garwood before moving to Roswell in 1984. She was a teacher for the Garwood school system before

Mrs. Teuscher taught at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield. She was a graduate of Montclair State Metal Workers Union Local 25 in College.

Mrs. Teuscher was a member of the Garwood Board of Education for six

two years and was a volunteer with the Northside Hospital Auxiliary Atlanta Surviving are her husband of 58

years, John, and a son, Jim.

Anna Vasilik

Anna A. Vasilik, 95, of Mountainside died Oct. 27 in Overlook Hospital, Summit

Born in Newark, Mrs. Vasilik lived in Whiting for 28 years before moving to Mountainside in 2004. She was an accounting clerk for Bell Telephone, Newark, for 24 years before retiring in Mrs. Vasilik was a member of the

Altar Rosary Society at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Whiting. Surviving are her husband of 68

years, Michael A.; a son, Michael V.; a daughter, Lorraine T.; two sisters. Rose Merkle and Dorothy Lintott: four grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren.

Joseph Reo Sr.

Joseph J. Reo Sr., 78, of Springfield died Oct. 30 at home. Born in Newark. Mr. Reo moved to

Springfield 48 years ago. He was a sheet metal worker at Haenssler Sheet Metal Co., Newark, for 50 years before retiring.

Mr. Reo was a member of the Sheet

Surviving are his wife, Annette M .: a son. Joseph J. Jr.; two daughters, years. She served as its president for Debbie Marchione and Diane Reo. and eight grandchildren

Springfield Garden Club will meet Wednesday The Springfield Garden Club will

meet Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. in the Presbyterian Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield. The speaker, a representative from Springfield Florist, will discuss flower arranging. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome

For more information, call Sharon at 973-921-0303.

Beth Ahm Men's Club

welcomes comedy hour The Men's Club of Temple Beth Ahm and the Springfield B'nai B'rith will co-sponsor a comedy hour with veteran comedian Bobby Ramsen at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Way, on Dec. 4, at 9:30 a.m. A bagels and spreads brunch will precede the entertainment. There will be a \$5 charge for non-paid-up members of either organzation, wives, significant others and

other persons interested in attending. Ramsen, who started out in the Borscht Belt and, early on appeared on humor roles on such TV programs as the "Bob Newhart Show," "Mary Tyler Moore," and many other shows. He has also appeared in numerous TV specials. In addition, the comedian has had principal roles over the years in about a dozen films as well as appearing in numerous night clubs, casinos and cruise ships.

For more information, call Joe Tenenbaum, president of the Springfield B'nai B'rith, at 973-379-9306 or Jerry Rosenberg, program chairman, at 908-351-1819

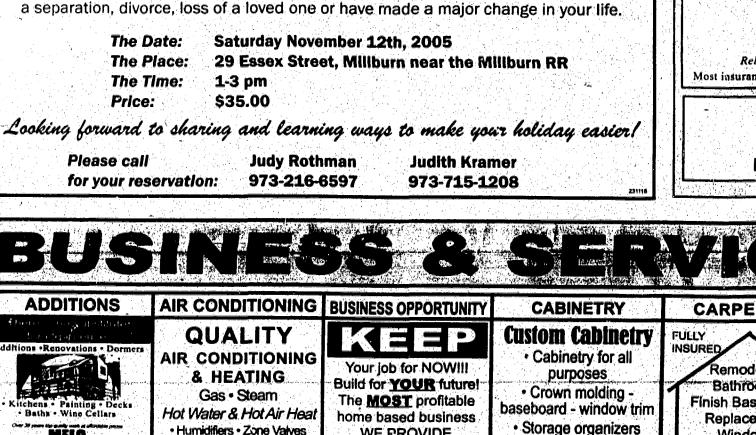
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organization of parents, alumni friends and community members that supports the 24 athletic programs and "The Ed Sullivan Show," has had key all student-athletes at Governor Livingston High School in Berkelev Heights.

> Last year, the Booster Club raised a record \$36,000 that was channeled directly back to the school's athletic community, including the launch of new programs, expanded activities, scholarships, and team grants. To support these programs, the Booster Club sponsors a variety of ways for community members to get involved.

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By Frank Capece

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City Council President Robert

Bunk and historic advocate Rebec-

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Bunk's recollections of his 70

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• Hit --- The recent submission

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fast in Mountainside on Sunday

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The Joseph Nugent Sr. Association

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Businesses and families wishing to support the Highlanders may also take an ad in their sports journals, published three times per year. Those who wish to participate can send an e-mail message to Coordinator Susan Winter at susanwinter@comcast.net for details. The entire community is invit-

ed to support the club. Donations may be sent to 175 Watchung Blvd., Berkeley Heights, 07922.





WORFALL COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

Parties face off for three freeholder seats

By Lauren DeFilippo Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Union County voters will have their pick of six candidates to fill three seats on the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The board is currently made up of Republican had a seat on the freeholder board was 1998.

Nancy Ward of Linden and incumbents Rick Proctor of Rahway and Angel Estrada of Elizabeth will face off against Republican challengers Stuart Kline of Fanwood, Albert Dill of Suramit and Patricia Quattrocchi of Garwood.

An attorney with a practice in Union Township, Ward was appointed to her seat on the board in 2004 following the resignation of John Wohlrab.

During her remarks at last week's candidates' forum in Cranford, sponsored by the League of Women Voters, Ward highlighted her Democratic party affiliation and her volunteer work throughout Union County's ed \$5 billion in redevelopment projcommunity She also championed her yet to be

implemented gang counseling pro- took hold of the board. gram.

According to Ward, the program, which targets youngsters between the ages of 10 and 12, would be imple-

mented in Novembe Ward said that the issue of gang violence. "is not a serious problem, and not out of control," in Union County. However, citing California's quently noted that Los Angeles County as an example, the county spends she noted that a program like hers \$1 million per day, nine Democrats. The last time a would help nip the problem in the bud. Dill said that gangs were in fact a has been a member

problem, and not just in the incubation stage, as Ward suggested. The former Summit councilman, who has run twice before for freeholder. recommended more police action, specifically County Police and Sheriff's Office. "We have them, we

should use them." he said. The evening progressed in much the same way - incumbents running on their track record, and challengers calling for change.

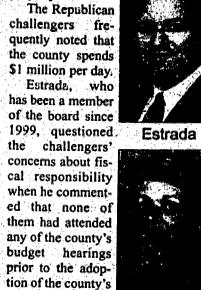
Proctor, who is running for his second term on the board, noted that when Republicans had control of the county's legislative body, Union County ranked last in economic development in the state. He also highlightects that had been undertaken and decreased crime rates since Democrats

"Our towns are safer because of a Democratic freeholder board," Proc- that eliminating 100 of the county's tor, a public health officer, said.

During the forum, all the candi-

Droberty taxes. The Republican challengers fre-Estrada, who of the board since 1999, questioned. the challengers' concerns about fisresponsibility when he commented that none of

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Estrada also noted that the budget reflects that the freeholders "must ensure that county services are met." Republicans claimed that taxes have risen approximately 44 percent

in the last five years. Kline, an attorney and nine-year Garwood borough councilman, said

150 employee vehicles would create almost immediate savings of at least



By Lauren DeFilippo Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is part of an ongoing series highlighting historic sites in Union County. Historic sites often need some ten-

der loving care to stay in pristine con- the society said. Starting this month, Plainfield's * it was just their rooms, with a long to ** Drake House Museum will be doing kitchen iust that West Front Street, recently received a ton's headquarters during and after the 05,000 grant from the county to indertake structural renovations to the

8th century home. The grant is part of the county' Preserve Union County initiative, through money raised by the Open Space. Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund. Established in 2000, the trust fund assesses a dedicated property tax of 1.5 cents per \$100 of total equalized property value for a period of 20 years.

For 2005, the county is slated to take in \$8.9 million for the trust fund. In total, \$500,000 was distributed to nine different organizations throughout the county seeking to undertake historic preservation efforts. Harberger Library are decorated to is part of a larger, \$1.2-million plan to includes the original Julian Scott been a museum and the headquarters of the Plainfield Historical Society since 1921. Additional funds will come from the City of Plainfield, a carved wood bookcases, and other state Cultural Enrichment Grant, and the New Jersey Historic Trust.

The work is slated to be completed by the spring, and includes structural upgrades, roof repairs, a drainage system, and accessible entrance to the first floor, and exterior restoration and painting, a prepared statement from

During the American Revolution, The colonial home, located on the home served as George Washing-Battle of Short Hills.

> To commemorate that time period the first-floor dining room, kitchen and bedroom are depicted as they

nial home.

The first-floor parlor and the painting "The Death of General Sedgwick," a 7-by-9-foot oil painting considered the museum's centerpiece.

Also in the library are ornately period furniture, and imported items, like a Chinese clock and North

By Lauren DeFilippo Staff Writer.

When residents go to the polls on Nov. 8. there will be more at stake then just electing a new governor and local officials. Voters will be asked to decide on two different referendum

Public Ouestion No. Ideals with a con tional amendment to establish the office of lieutenant poyemot, while Public Operation No. 2 has to do with approval of a constitutional amend-ment that would fund a diesel emission reduction program. Each ballot question is accompanied by an interpretative statement to assist voters in making their decision.

and Jon Bramnick, all R-Union, said they were in favor of both public questions.

"History has shown that we need to clarify the line of succession should a governor leave office The legislators also said that ballot question No. 10 serve as the head of an existing state departwe all breathe.

Candidates for governor and lieutenant govnor would be elected as joint candidates in the 009 general election, the same way the president and vice President are selected during a fedral election.

According to the interpretive statement, the lieutenant governor would serve as acting governor during brief periods when the governor is

the event of a vacancy in the office. The lieutenant governor would only serve

until the next General election, at which time voters would elect a new governor and lieutenant governor to complete the unexpired term. However, if the vacancy of the governor'

office occurs within 60 days of the November General election, the lieutenant governor serves until the following year when an election is held. A vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor is filled via gubernatorial appointment.

Presently, if the governor is absent from the tate, or unable to serve, the president of the state tributed for environmental project. In a prepared joint statement, state Sen. Senate, followed by the Assembly speaker Thomas Kein Jr. and Assemblymen Eric Mufloz becomes the acting governor when the governor permanently vacates the office. In this instance, the state legislator also p

sides over their district at the same time. The amendment permits, but does not require before completing his or her term," they said. the governor to appoint the lieutenant governor. 2 "is an important step toward improving the air ment agency or to perform other duties or both, according to materials from the League of

Women Voters of New Jersey. The materials also explain that 2009 election, if the Senate president or Assembly sneaker succeeds the governor, that person engines. yould be prohibited from continuing to serve in

the Legislature. Kelly Heek, a spokeswoman for Acting Gov, from the underground storage tank program Richard Codey, said the governor, "has been a could be reappropriated to fund grants for the air

fund environmental programs since 1996. The a letter Oct. 18 urging voters to approve the

rently allocates half of the tax revenue for haz- fact that the question would accomplish results ardous waste discharge and a minimum of one without further taxing residents of New Jersey, sixth of \$5 million for water quality projects and and the program would be "the most comprehen-a minimum of one-third for funding loans or sive in the nation." grants for underground storage tanks discharges and an inspection program.

The approval would allow the use of 17 percent of the dedicated funds for a 10-year period be used to pay for providing grants to cover the costs of air pollution control equipment to help reduce particulate emission from diesel-powered



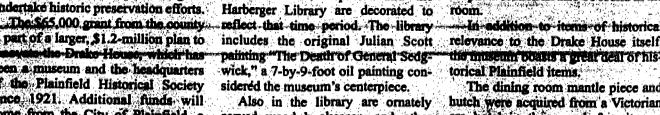
Photo By Barbara Kekkal The Drake House Museum on West Front Street in Plainfield will be restored with funding from the county, city and state. African Moorish tiles. hroughout the years are hung beside In fact, they hope to create exhibits A turkish chair, once owned the front door to mark the changes the that address the ethnic and cultural "The Red Badge of Courage" author house has seen. changes that Plainfield has undergone Stephen Crane can also be found in the The will of Isaac Drake, who built in the last few years. Tinley said.

the home for his son Nathaniel, also "We want to attempt to be as rele-

adorns a wall, as does a constitution vant to all the residents of Plainfield. relevance to the Drake House itself, creating the first school system in she said. museum boasis a great deal of his- Plainfield. Namaniel Drake was one of the signers of the document.

The dining room mantle piece and . While the home is closed for reno-

scheduled to be demolished.



torical Plainfield items.

butch were acquired from a Victorian vations, the historical society plans to 5831. era hotel in the area before it was keep up its outreach efforts throughout Lauren DeFilippo can be reached the community, President Eloise Tinat 908-686-7700, ext. 119, or union-Original photos of the Drake home lev said countyb@yahoo.com.

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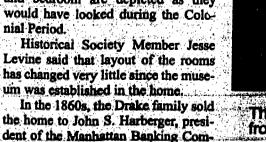
this year."

before he found himself in the role of governor other measures to reduce human exposure to those emissions and no more than \$1.15 millior Ouestion No. 2 would expand the uses of ded- for state administrative costs. Additionally, the amendment would allow for the use of no more and administrative costs of the Underground than \$1 million per year for state administrative penses for the underground storage tank pro

icated tax revenue to fund air pollution control Storage Tank Program According to the question's interpretive state- gram ment. 4 percent of the annual revenue from the Corporate Business Tax has been dedicated to

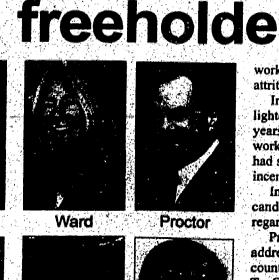
approval would basically reorganize the way the money earned through the corporate tax is dis-League of Women Voters, the Constitution cur-

um was established in the home. In the 1860s, the Drake family sold the home to John S. Harberger, president of the Manhattan Banking Company. It was Harberger who added the Victorian-style additions to the colo-









\$2 million.Kline, who has un for the boardbefore, also noted that the number of county salaries over \$100,000 had jumped from 24 to 64 in the last three years. Ouattrocchi, on the other hand,

Kline

emphasized cross-training of employces to do multiple tasks, and the evaluation of "top-heavy" departments.

Dill stressed that the county's

workforce could be trimmed through attrition

In response to Dill, Proctor highlighted the fact that in the last two years, the county had reduced its workforce through attrition, as Dill had suggested and an early retirement incentive program.

In addition to property taxes, the candidates fielded questions with regard to emergency preparedness.

Proctor was the first incumbent to address the issue, highlighting the county's performance during April's TopOff3 exercise in which volunteers dramatized the release of biological threat in the area.

"(We've) made great strides in terms of our public health resources. he said

Dill, a volunteer firefighter for 27 years, said the county had done little to assist with the training for first responders.

"The freeholders have done nothing to help the firefighters in Union County." Dill said, "scrambling" to find a site for a new fire training acad-

Estrada, however, disagreed. "The reality is, in Union County, there is a system that actually works," he said, adding that the county has been planning for the relocation of the fire acad-See COUNTY, Page B2



For more information about the

Drake House Museum, or the Historical Society of Plainfield, call 908-755-

Voters faced with two public questions on Tuesday

In addition, with approval from the Legislature, an additional \$10 million in unused money

State Department of Environmental Protec tion Commission Bradley M. Campbell released measure. "Scientists estimate that up to 150 premature deaths and more than 4,000 asthma attacks could be prevented in New Jersey each According to materials provided by the year if voters approve funding to implement this program," he said. Bradley also championed the

> "Voter approval to fully fund implementation of the retrofit program would enable the Department of Environmental Protection to strengthen its efforts to protect public health by reducing diesel emissions," he said.

For more information about either ballo questions, visit the state Division of Elections Web site at www.NJElections.org.

For more DEP information about diesel emis sions. visit www.StopTheSoot.org. Lauren DeFilippo can be reached at 908-686-7700. ext. 119. or unioncountyb@yahoo.com.



County freeholders to be determined (Continued from Page B1

He also noted that it is common to see firefighters from different municipalities throughout the county assisting their neighboring staffs, and also said that Union County firefighters had been recognized with multiple awards.

By the end of the forum, the candidates appealed to the voters. Estrada said the challengers were "offering empty promises," while Kline called upon voters to "restore two-party government, restore checks and bal-

ances, and restore accountability and integrity." Dill championed the idea of running county government like a business, and include patriotic music, a flag salute, "not politics as usual."

Proctor asked voters to "remain united on a course of progress," while Ward highlighted the contrasts between the incumbents and the challengers. She asked house. All Union County residents voters to look closely at the accomplishments of the board, and the potential for who are veterans are invited to attend further achievements

Ouattrocchi, who got in the last word, and said, "We no longer want you, the freeholders, connected to our wallets " Lauren DeFilippo can be reached at 908-686-7700, ext. 119, or unioncoun-.

Special waste collection in Rahway on Saturday

The County of Union will sponsor a recycling event on Saturday so Union The postage stamp will honor. Sgt. County residents can get rid of household special waste and old automobile tires John Basilone, Sgt. Daniel Daly, in an environmentally safe manner. The collection will take place, rain or shine, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rahway River Park, off St. Georges Avenue/Route 27. in Rahway. Follow signs once in the park. All residents of Union County are eli- of the Marines. gible to participate at no cost.

Preregistration is not required for this special Saturday collection. All that residents need to do is drive to the site with their household special waste and Union County Office of Veterans automobile tires. Workers at the site will unload the vehicles. There is a limit of Affairs at 908-659-7407. eight automobile tires --- without rims --- per household. This is a household recycling event. No businesses.

A complete list of the materials that will be accepted on Nov. 5 is available at the Union County Bureau of Environmental Services Web site at www.ucni.org/oem. For more information, call the Bureau of Environmental a recycling event for electronics and www.ucnj.org/oem. Services Hotline at 908-654-9889.

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO F-14703-05

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Don-ald C: Epstein and Mrs. Donald C. Epstein, wife of Donald C. Epstein, their heirs, devisees and personal representa-tives, and their or any of their successors

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon Sanford E. Chernin, P.C. 220 Reynard Road, Bridge-water, New Jersey 08807, phone #908-253-8588, an answer to the Complaint/ Amended Complaint, Amendments and Orders, if any, filed in a civil action, in which City of Plainfield, is plaintiff and Donald C. Epstein, et als.; are defen-dants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within thirty-five (35) days after the day of publication of this notice, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint/Amended Complaint, Amend-ments and Orders, if any. You shall file your answer and proof of service in dupli-cate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex-New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex-N 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, inordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure. If you are unable to obtain an attorney.

bu may contact the Lawyers Referral ervice of the County of Venue by calling 18-353-4715 Legal Service Office 908-14-4340 354-4340. This action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a tax lien dated December 28, 1989, assessed to Donald C. Epstein purchased by City of Plainfleid recorded May 24, 1991 in Book 4245 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 297; and to recover possession of said lands and premises commonly known as Block

PUBLIC NOTICE 840, Lot 11, 329 Park Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey 07060-4229, City of Plain-field, County of Union and the State of heid. County of Union and the State of New Jersey. You, Donald C. Epstein and Mrs. Don-ald C. Epstein, wife of Donald C. Epstein, their heirs, devises and personal repre-sentatives, and their or any of their suc-cessors in right, title and interest, are hereby made a party defendant to the foreclosure action because you have or may claim to have some right, title, ilen or other interest affecting the real estate being foreclosed, by virtue of ownership, inheritance, descent, intestacy, devise, dower, curtesy; mortgage, deed, or con-veyance, enter of judgment or other legal or lawful right. The nature of which and the reason that you and each of you are joined as defendants is set forth with par-ticularity in the complaint, a copy of which will be jurnished to you on request addressed to the attorneys for the plaintiff at the above mentioned address. Dated: October 19, 2005

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Doris Nociti

Veterans Dav ceremony

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Courthouse Centennial Celebration Committee will host a Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 10 at 11 a.m. inside the Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad St., Elizabeth.

Dr. Ralph Oriscello, Col. (Ret.) U.S. Army Medical Corps, will be the main speaker. The ceremony will other guest speakers, and an outdoor rifle salute on the steps of the courtthe ceremony. Refreshments will be served

Representatives from the U.S. Postal Service will be on hand for the issuance of a new postage stamp honoring four highly decorated veterans of the United States Marine Corps. Major Gen. John Lejeune, and Capt.

For more information about the Veterans Day ceremony, call the

automobile tires on Saturday, so

Clerk of the Superior Could U128005 WCN Nov. 3, 2005 (\$53,25)

Union County residents can get rid of recycling will be held rain or shine, for date for the General Election an mentally proper manner. The collection will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 Galloping Hill Road, Kenilworth, near Hotline at 908-654-9889. Garden State Parkway Exit 138.

COUNTY NEWS

All residents of Union County are Office open for eligible to participate at no cost. Preregistration is not required

Computer monitors and televisions are the source of a considerable amount of lead - about 5 pounds per screen. Up to 95 percent of most electronic appliances can be recycled. This is a responsible way to keep hazardous heavy metals out of our environment.

Electronic equipment that will be accepted on Saturday includes computer monitors, hard drives, modems, keyboards, CPUs, mice, printers,scanners, speakers, televisions, VCRs, fax machines, telephones, and circuit boards.

All residents need to do is drive to the site with their unwanted electronic equipment and as many as eight automobile tires, without rims. Workers at the site will unload the vehicles.

Refrigerators, washers and drvers. microwaves, and air conditioners will not be accepted. A complete list of the materials that will be accepted is available at the Union County Envi-The County of Union will sponsor ronmental Services Web site,

The electronics collection and tire

unwanted tires, computers and other Union County residents only and not expects the number to exceed 12,00 electronic equipment in an environ- for businesses. Proof of Union County by Election Day. residency is required.

For more information, call the

last-minute ballots

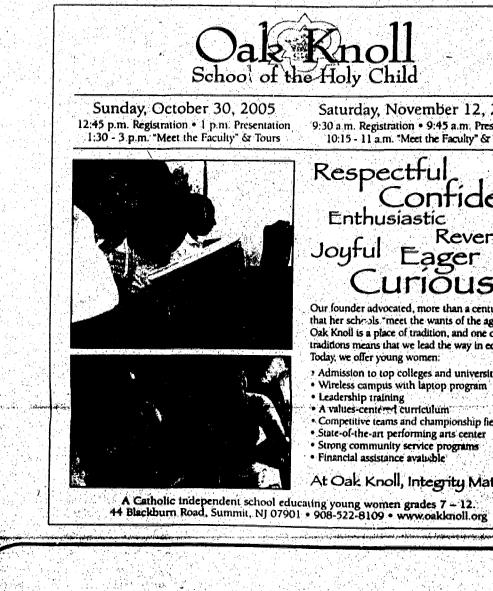
The Union County Clerk's office will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for voters seeking last-minute absentee ballots. The office will be open as a public service for voters seeking absentee ballot applications who will be unable to vote at the polls in the General Election on Nov. 8.

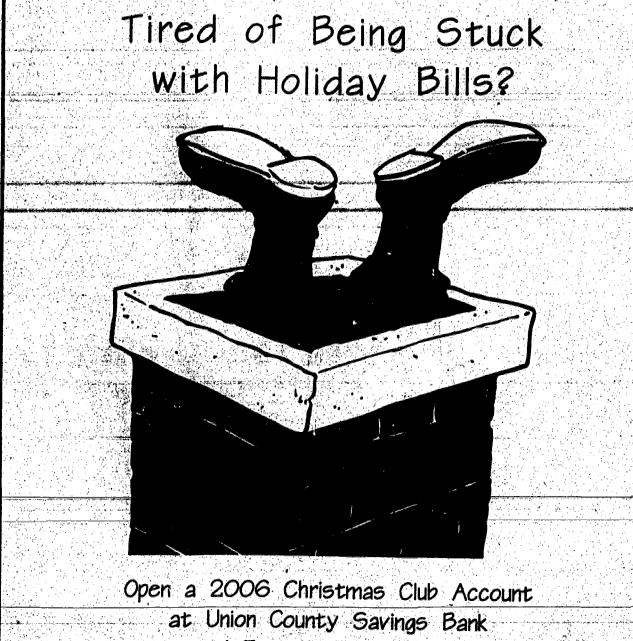
Mail-in applications legally cannot be accepted if they are postmarked after Nov. 1. Walk-in applications are accepted up to 3 p.m. on Nov. 7, the day before Election Day.

Voters will be able to drop off their completed absentee ballot at the Union County Clerk's office. This option, initiated three years ago, allows voters to pick up their ballots, vote in privacy and deposit them in a secured lockbox --- all at the same office through 3 p.m. on Nov. 7.

Completed ballots will be kept in a secure lockbox under the control of the Union County Board of Elections, who will collect then for counting. The Clerk's office has processed.

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PUBLIC NOTICE 35) days after the day of publication of his notice, exclusive of such date. If you (35) days after the day of publication of this notice, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for relief demand-ed in the Complaint/Amended Complaint, Amendments and Orders, if any. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex-CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of Civil practice and procedure. If you are unable to obtain an attorney you may contact the Lawyers Referral Service of the County of Venue by calling 908-353-4715 Legal Service Office 908-354-4340. This action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a tax lien dated

purpose of foreclosing a tax lien dated March 13, 1995, assessed to Resolution purpose of foreclosing a tax lien dated March 13, 1995, assessed to Resolution. Trust % Midland Loan purchased by City of Plainfield recorded March 3, 1998 in Book 6572 of Mortgages for Union Coun-ty, Page 0051; and to recover possession of said lands and premises commonly known as Block 318, Lot 5, 118-120 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey, City of Plainfield, County of Union and the State of New Jersey. You, Doris Nociti, are hereby made a party defendant to the foreclosure action because you have or may claim to have some right, title, lien or other interest affecting the real estate being foreclosed, by virtue of ownership, Inheritance, descent, intestacy, devise, dower, cur-tesy, mortgage, deed, or conveyance enter of judgment or other legal or lawful right. The nature of which and the reason thet you and each of you are joined as defendants is set forth with particularity in the complaint, a copy of which will be furnished to you on request addressed to mattorneys for the plainting at the above mentioned addresse.

Clerk of the Superior Court U128004 WCN Nov. 3, 2005 (\$38.50)

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-14704-05

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon Sanford E. Chernin, P.C. 220 Reynard Road, Bridge-water. New Jersey 08807, phone #908-253-8588, an answer to the Compleint/ Amended Compleint, Amendments and Orders, If any, filed in a civil sciton, in which City of Plaintied, is plaintiff and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, et als, are defandants pending in the Supeals.; are defendants, pending in the Supe

Lewis "Chesty" Puller on the birthday Electronic recycling

Voters who need absentee ballots should apply as soon as possible to: p.m. at Schering-Plough Corp., 2000 Bureau of Environmental Services Office of the County Clerk; Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad St., Room 113, Elizabeth, 07207, Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A new "No Excuses" absentee bal-

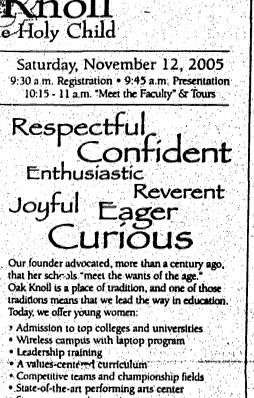
, application is available to voters for the first time this year. To obtain an pplication, voters may download the form at the clerk's Web site. http://www.ucnj.org/ctyclerk/absent04 html, or call the clerk's office at 908-527-4996

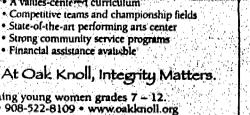
Sale at Runnells

Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County, 40 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights, will sponsor a sale Nov. 10 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. of sweaters, coats, jackets, hats, scarves, gloves, ponchos and socks. The sale, which includes 100 percent wool designer coats and jackets, will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A percentage of each purchase made at these sales is given to the Volunteer Guild to obtain items for the residents and patients thay may include televisions, VCRs and prizes for their bingo games. For more information, call 908-

771-5847.







By Jeff Cummins Associate Editor

WORRALL NEWSPAPERS

You have to admire Frank Ferrante's determination. It's a sure sign that particular time. that he's passionate about his art. Ferrante paints landscapes. Often.

some of his art work focuses on dock, a boat, a path, whatever," he ty, nice scenes of nature.

fact that he paints these scenes in the morning and late in the afternoon." early morning, often arriving at his destination before dawn.

weather play a factor in whether he'll a hard surface, and the sun doesn't paint.

painting," said Ferrante, whose work ing, he can just sand off the masonite is on display af the Swain Galleries and start over again. in Plainfield. "I'm basically doing a Before painting a scene, Ferranteposition, light and atmosphere." Ferrante captured his devotion in sketches in a painting.

a quote in his artist statement: feels in touch with another level ---- rante said. 'focused' and swept up with the moment at hand. When the 'creative' process calls, a painter accepts the when capturing the drama of nature with oil paints. Working outdoors ing the fleeting elements in time."

ing for something that has good com- that other simply couldn't see. position, particularly something that has "movement" in it.

How does he convey the movement in his painting? He starts out by passion in life. drawing a few lines that curve and

trees, and go back over the mountain. and head up to the clouds." Ferrante has nainted for more than may be reached at journing

30 years. One of the many strengths _____ calsource.com.

he's developed is his ability to com municate not only the scene, but everything involved that situation, at "I've become very aware of light hitting a subject, trees, a horizon, a

things a lot of New Jerseyans would said. "I paint very early in the mornbe familiar with, shore scenes, ing, when the sun is coming up. You mountainous scenes in Sussex Coun- want to paint early in the morning and late in the afternoon. Those are Where does he display his deter- the longest shadows. You can dramamination? It's plainly evident in the tize your subject matter early in the

While Ferrante paints on canvas. when he's outside, he works on More impressive, he never lets the masonite, for a couple of reasons. It's come through it. Maybe even more "If the snow is up to my belt. I'm important, if he doesn't like the paint-

quick plain air sketch, to catch com- starts out by making a sketch of the scene. Many times he'll combine

Ultimately, what he winds up with "When it happens, one experi- are a lot of small sketches. "Maybe ences a sense of revelation, a joy and one in 25 becomes a painting in a stua curiosity that begs for closure. One dio, there's no rule of thumb," Fer-

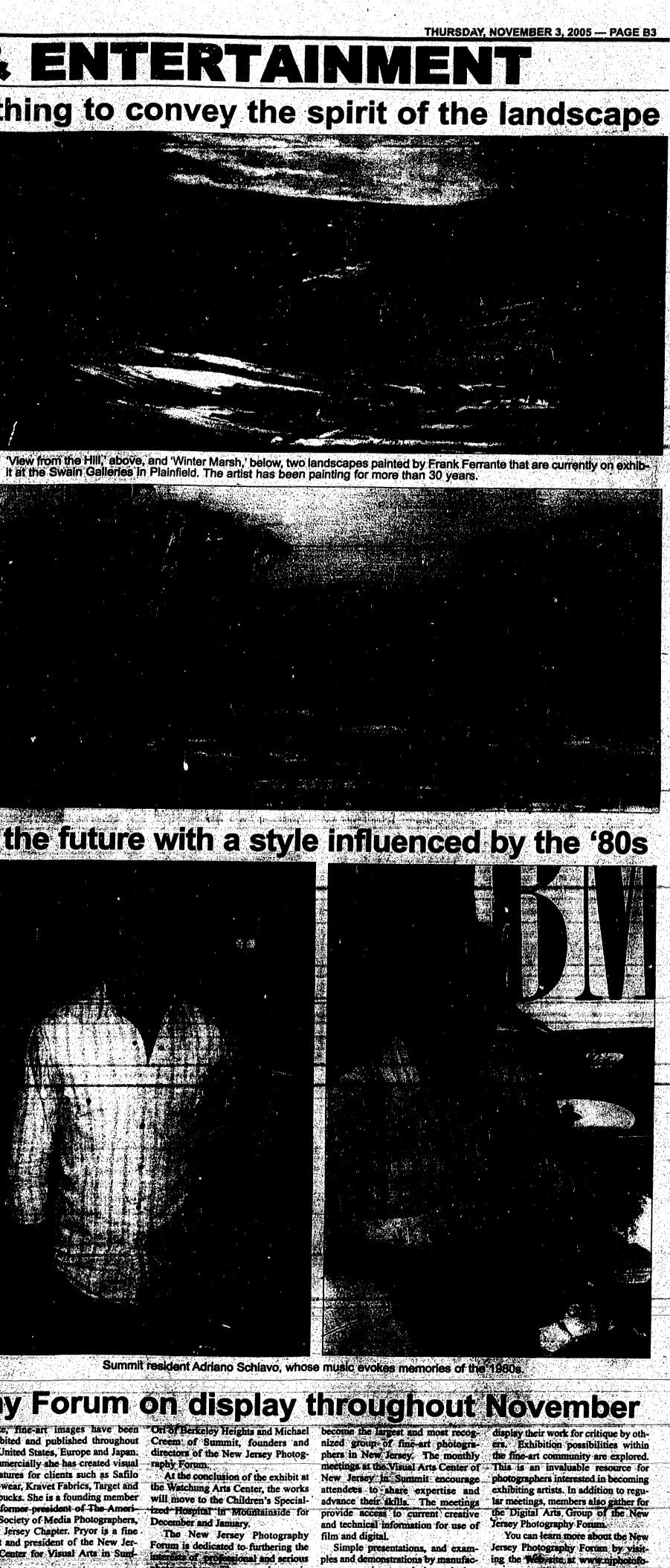
Ferrante won an award for the best student drawing in his school in the second grade, and then he received an challenge and passes from one place award for being the best artist in the to another. The passing from one class. He honed his raw talent at the place to another expresses my feeling Newark School for Fine Industrial Arts in the early '60s, and later combined that with a talent for marketing affords me the opportunity to careful- that gave him a unique perspective ly study color and light while captur- when he took a marketing position in the pharmaceutical industry, enabling Like any artist. Ferrante is search- him to see things from perspectives

Ferrante's plan for the future is pretty much the same as what he's done, just to paint, because that's his

"This is an addiction. I just love it shape the painting in a particular way. that much," he said. "It's almost like "I put some meandering lines in an out-of-body experience. I'll never my canvas that the eye will follow forget the first time I was in Colthrough the painting. Zigzagging orado. It was early in the morning, lines, if you will," said Ferrante. and I was shaking. I had to sit down "You might want to start in one cor- and compose myself, because the ner, and then continue up over the scenery in front of me was overwhelming."

Associate Editor Jeff Cummins





sociate Editor

Schiavo, a Summit/resident, grew up in Millburn and graduated from Millburn High School in 1996. Interestingly, he preferred the music of '80s pop icons Sting and Peter Gabriel to the "alternative" music that seemed like anything but the alternative during the mid-90s.

Schiavo enjoyed the story-telling aspect of Sting - also known as Gordon Sumner - and Gabriel, and he patterned his style after theirs. "Sting was probably my biggest influence," said Schiavo, "as well as people

like Peter Gabriel and Amos Lee and Norah Jones, nowadays. I've always loved Gabriel. I love his volce; I've always been a fan of that cinematic style of That cinematic, atmospheric approach to music that Schiano refers to is what he hopes the audience will see when he takes the stage at Mexicali Blues in Teaneck on Nov. 10 at 9 p.m. Schiavo's friend, J.J. Appleton, organized the concert, and asked Schiavo to join him on the bill.

Fueled by his basic preferences in music, Schiano is setting out to reshape his career, hopefully in a more successful direction. Prior to this, he had released some music on independent labels, but now he's goiry back into the studio, more focused on producing something that he's confilent will be more marketable.

"I'm working with a producer now, Curf Frasca, and I'm deing preproduc-tion, I'll be recording in mid-November," said Schiavo. "I've had suff in the past, but we took them off the market. I'm trying to weed out the older stuff. I released some independent stuff before, but they're not in stock fram above I'm hoping I'll get signed, take it to a large-scale level, and that I'll be appreciated by the masses. Working with Curt and my publicist, Sharon Tapper, that a the

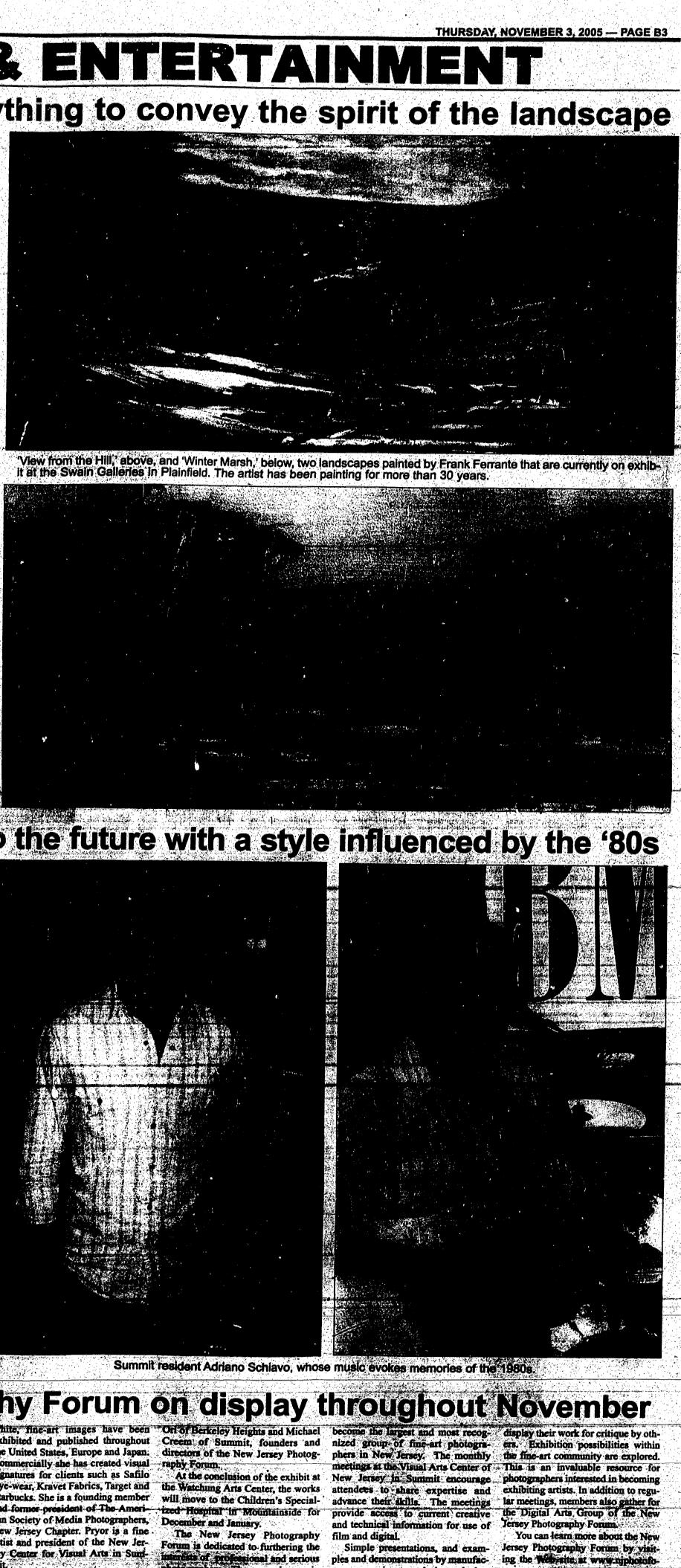
goal." Schiavo won the VH1/Guitar Center Best Untigned Artist Award, and he was promptly asked to open for The Doobie Brothers at one of their concerns. He's also performed at numerous concerns and festivals, including the Nemi Britsle Festival in Boston, Mass., and the Woodstock Film Festival in Woodstock, N.Y. Hold on a second, you're thinking. A musician physing a film festival, it doos, n't make sense. What benefit would a musician get from playing a film festival, it doos, "Music supervisors attend film festivals; and it's a way to get music into their hands and they'll get it some play," said Schiavo, who pointed out that numer-ous songs have been featured on "Party of Five" and "Beverly Hills 90210." because producers got them at the right time. For now, anyone, interested in Schiavo's music can see hit, perform at Mar-

For more information on Schlavo, visit his Web site at www.adrianosch Associate Editor Jeff Cummins may be reached at jcummins@thelocal-

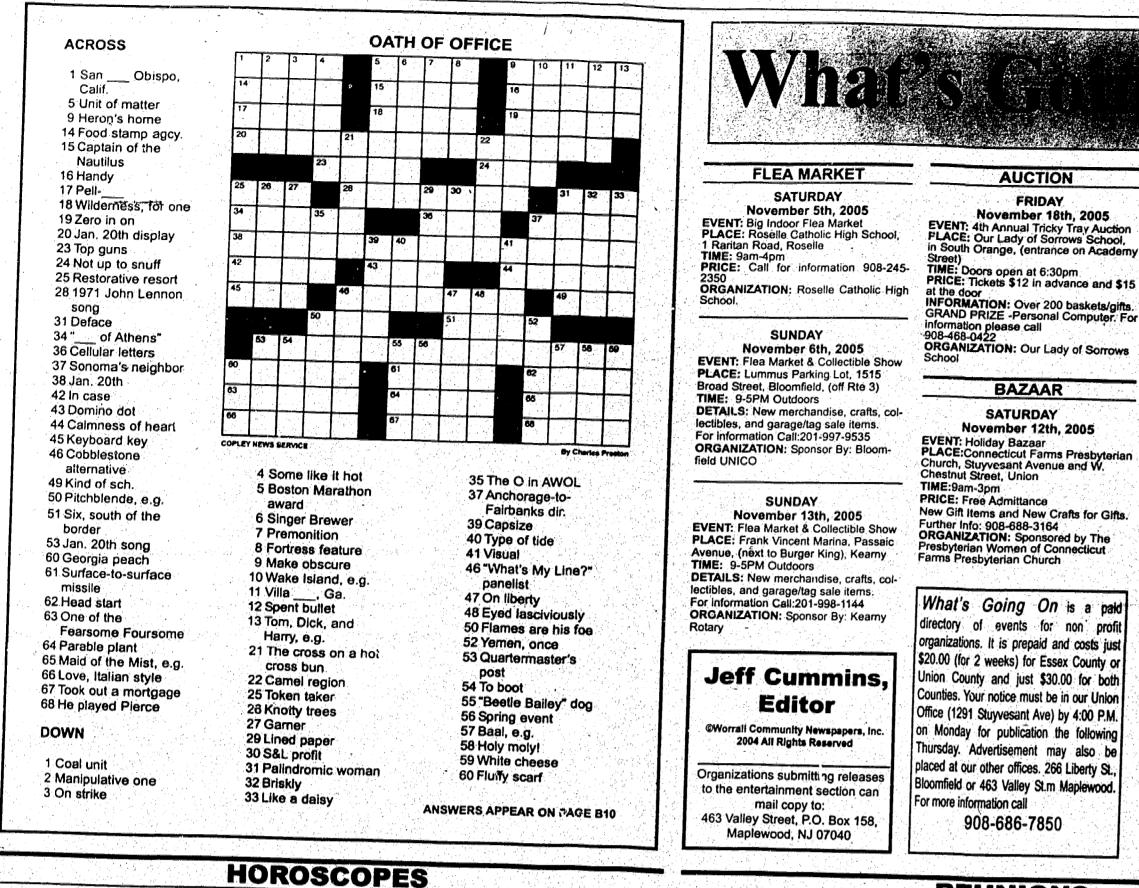
be given. Admission is free, open to the public and offers an opportunity to meet many of the fine art photographers whose work will be on dis-

pproximately 50 photographs white. fine-art Denuto has been creating images mit. since the age of 7. Her black-and-

The exhibit was curated by Nancy



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Nov. 7 to 13

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TAURUS, April 20 to May 20: Step back and examine your feelings about a close, personal relationship. Do your best to be less judgmental of your partner and more understanding.

GEMINI, May 21 to June 21: This would be a great time to work on developing healthy new habits while eliminating the negative ones. week. Begin with a regular exercise

program. CANCER, June 22 to July 22: Energized and creative are the words that will best describe your mood this week.

Take on a new and exciting project or activity and give it your all. LEO, July 23 to Aug. 22: Take advantage of an opportunity to spend time alone and to get cen-

tered emotionally or mentally. Find a quiet place where you can relax and hear yourself think.

VIRGO, Aug. 23 to Sept. 22: toward balance. Thoughts without action can be self-defeating or a waste of time. with a well-designed and soon-to-

be-executed plan of action. LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: Several of your moneymaking ideas appear to have great potential for success.

Follow-up on what might be your ideal path to fortune, fame and appiness

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 21: Be fully alive and make the best of noments spent in the spotlight this

with a sense of courage and adven-

21: Look within and search your specific tasks. heart for answers to questions that you must ask yourself.

This type of inner dialogue can lead to revelation and peace.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. able to give. Stand strong and strive Goldberg.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 20 to Feb. 18: It is time to throw your hat into the Turn your vision into reality ring professionally and to focus on getting ahead in your career.

Put your best foot forward and rise above the competition. PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20: Foreign people or cultures will play

a role in this week's scenario. Take advantage of an opportunity to study abroad or to travel and expand your knowledge base.

If your birthday is this week, you will be pleasantly pleased and overjoyed with the variety and scope of 1975, will have its 30th reunion at opportunities that will be presented Venture out before the crowd to you during the coming year.

Strive to keep the bulk of your excitement contained in order to SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 22 to Dec. stay focused and perhaps master

Be careful not to spread yourself too thin or to take on more quests or tasks than you can successfully complete.

Also born this week: Madame 19: Deal positively with the pres- Curie, Margaret Mitchell, Spiro tion to Linda Arotzky Lieb at Hillsure from friends or peers who may Agnew, Martin Luther, Leonardo sidehigh1960@aol.com want more from you than you are DiCaprio, Grace Kelly and Whoopi

The following schools are planning reunions: · Union High School, Class of Orange.

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

· Union High School, Class of 1986, 20-year reunion, 2006. For information on any of the

above reunions, write to Reunions-Unlimited Inc., P.O. Box 150, Englishtown 07726, or call 732-617-1000.

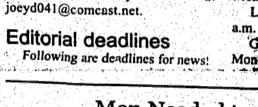
· Hillside High School, Class of Costa's Restaurant, Roselle Park, on Nov. 26.

Anyone with information about missing classmates may contact Shirley Anne at 908-241-8298, or send a message by e-mail to hhsclassof1975@comcast.net.

· Hillside High School Class of 1960 is planning its next reunion for 2007.

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TIME: 7:30-9:00PM INFORMATION: Presented by Vicki Semel, Psy.D, NCPsyA, clinician and co-author of Strategies for the rapy with the Eldery, 2nd edition his discussion is open to everyone, who

This discussion is open to everyone, who is interested in learning more about ther-apy with older patients. Dr. Semel will dis-cuss how meaningful and successful therapy can be accomplished with an aging population, debunking the belief that the elderly can not pick up or put into practice newly acquired information. For reservations call (973)736-7600; via the internet www.acap.online.org of email:speud@aol.com email:speud@aol.com ORGANIZATION: Academy of Clinical and Applied Psychoanalysis

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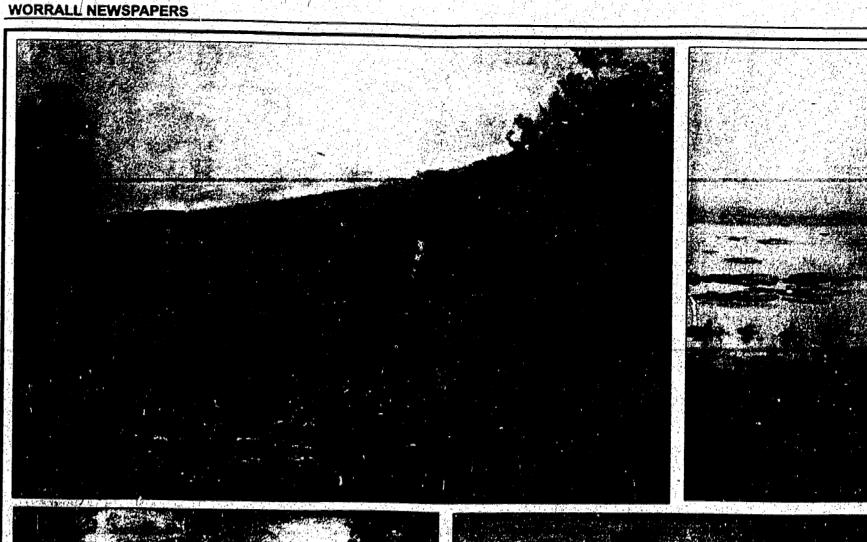
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By Robert Zalle

When Augusta Calo came to New Jarsey from Madeira, Portugal, 20 years ago, there vere hardly any restaurants in the area serving Portuguese culsine. Times have changed. With an influx of Portuguese immigrants to central and northern New Jersey, the number of estaries serving Portuguese-style barbecue, churrasco, and the demand for the food has increased dramatically. Cale, who runs Village Barbecue in Linden with her husband, Joaquin, said the creased competition doesn't worry her.

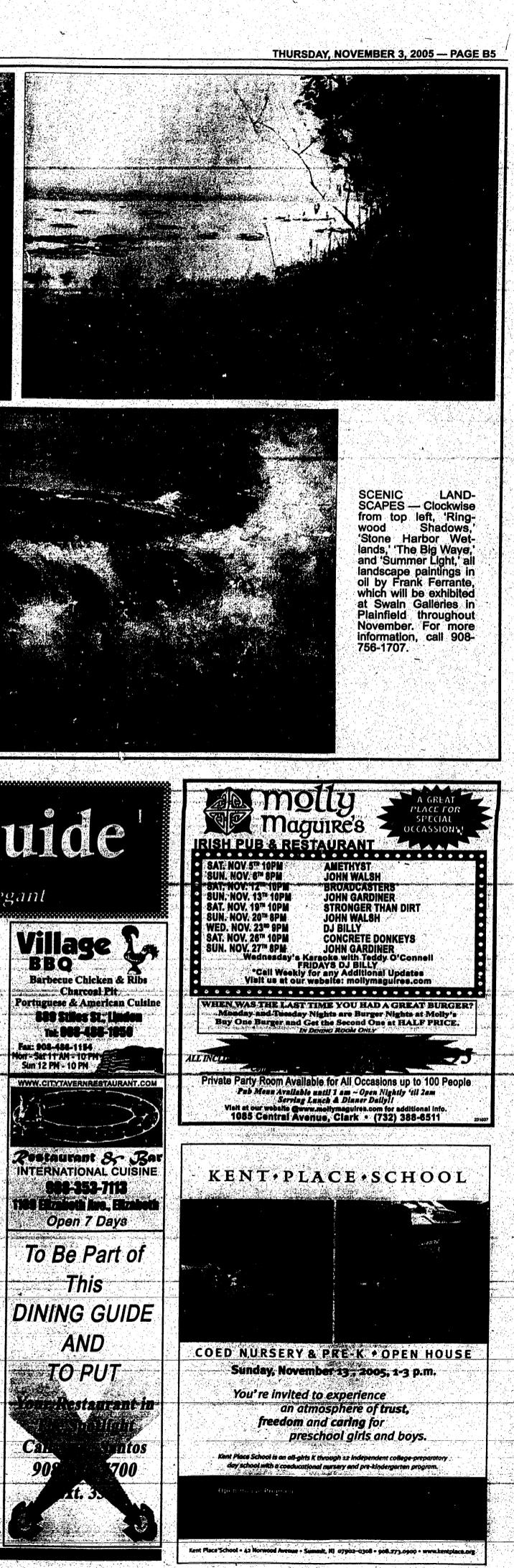
"It doesn't matter," she said. "Everywhere a different." Bright, simple decor, friendly service and mouth-watering meals help Village - which has been open for a year - distinguish itself from other churrasquaria establishments. The restaurant - which offers table service, take out and delivery to customers in Clark, Cranford, Linden, Elizabeth, Rahway, Roselle and Colonia - is located at 889 N. Stiles Street in Linden.

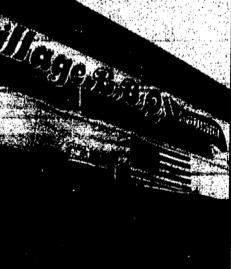
The most popular dishes, according to Cale, are from the churrasco menu, which includes barbacued chicken, spare ribs and portichops, rubbed in a light, homemade oilbased marinade with a touch of hot sauce and served julcy and steaming directly from the exposed, spotless kitchen's massive charcoal grill. Becalao (brolled cod), pork bits, chicken in garlic sauce and Portuguese steaks are also big sellers, Cale said.

Even the batata frita - otherwise known as french fries- carry the authentic taste of "It's the olive oil, nice and hot," said Cale, of the fries' unique flavor.

The traditional, home-style meals - served with rice, fries and/ or vegetables - can be paired with appetizers such as clams in gartic sauce and Portuguese sausage and finished with a delectable selection from the dessert manu, which includes flan and rice. pudding. A robust espressio or cappuccino adds the final touch. Prices are exceedingly reasonable - ranging from \$5 for a steak sandwich with fries.

to \$15 for a massive T-bone sleak with rice and fries. For more information, call 908-486-1050.







Union artists highlight roster of exhibit at Diversity Art Gallery

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By Doug McNamara Staff Writer

erally towers over any discussion of through the years. the tenor's historical evolution.

a song from the otherwise forgettable Lafayette Gilchrist. early 1930s.

and usher in the 1940s' Bebop move- Taylor, drummers Max Roach and players, easily fall into. Roach.

Oct. 16, fellow tenor player David cians.

ized the jazz world in 1939 with a 3- included drummer Hamid Drake, microphone.

tainly recall Hawkins.

Mountainside resident reviews book on legendary Battle of Trafalgar

By Don Jeka Correspondent

phrase, but I can't think of one so own demise. of the time. You run big risks when you crew, get close enough, board and hand push outside of the box, and if you do, fight who ever was left with sword and 99 percent of the time you lose. But pistol. That's the way it was done for that 1 percent of the time you can win years. Nelson had a different idea. He big, if you have the guts to try it. Case relied on the combined enemy fleet to in point

Admiral Nelson at Trafalgar.

battles in history, and one that is credit- the same way. Surprise! ed with sustaining the British Empire for the next 100 years, is a typical

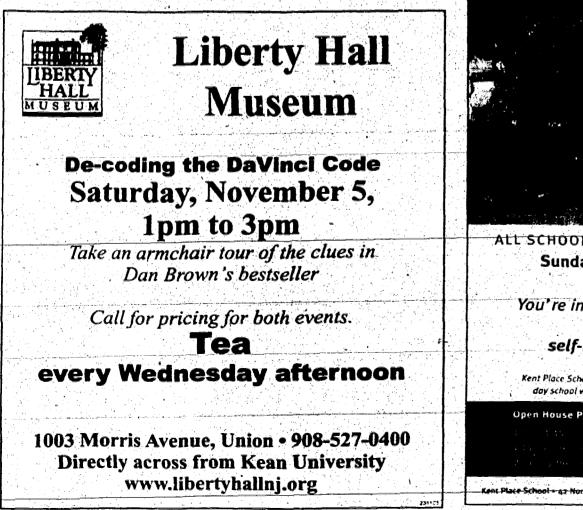
French and Spanish ships to support his for the French and Spanish. invasion of the British Isles after he had When the lead British ships ghosted conquered the rest of Europe and Rus- through the enemy line in a light wind,

where these big ships, some over 100 form up into the traditional battle line. if they ever left Cadiz, and that they This, one of the most significant sea would expect him to engage them in

Once the French and Spanish boats cleared the harbor they took the expectexample of thinking outside the box. ed battle lines, but the British ships had In 1805, Nelson and his 27 British the weather gage off of Cape Trafalgar, navy ships were keeping watch on the to the south of Cadiz. Nelson's stratecombined French and Spanish navies gy was to come at them at a right angle, of 34 vessels safely anchored in the two columns a half mile or so apart, harbor at Cadiz - a blockade for all sailing to split their line. Far as we can practical purposes. Nelson's vision told tell, no one had tried this maneuver on him that if he could entice the French, such a grand scale before. Also, heretoand their reluctant allies, the Spanish, fore, individual captains depended on out to sea he could settle the question of signals from their flag admiral to set the superiority over the occans once and ongoing battle strategy. Nelson gave for all. History says he had planned for his captains the initiative to make their such a confrontation, waiting only until own decisions, fight their own battles, the time was right and this seemed to be not wait for instructions. This was a it. Napoleon was banking on the new way for the British navy, as well as

sia. Nelson's correspondence during all hell broke loose. Now the battle line







PAGE B8 -- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2005

Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area. The calendar is open to all groups and organizations in the Union County area. To place your free listing, send information to: Worrall Community Newspa- ers should join this group to meet liter- E. Jersey St., Elizabeth, on Nov. 19 at more information, call 201-833-0011. sent to 973-763-2557.

ART SHOWS

"CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: THE year that the Arts Guild of Rahway has presented this juried exhibit, which is chosen by submissions from Union County artists The exhibit will continue through Nov. 10. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For more information, call 732-381-7511, or log on to www.rahwayartsguild.org.

"CONSUMED: PAINTINGS BY VALERI LARKO," will be on exhibit from Nov. 20 through Dec. 16 at the Arts Guild of Rahway, located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway, For more information, call 732-381-7511, or log on to www.rahwayartsguild.org. THE WORK OF MARION HOWARD will be on display at the Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, through Nov: 30.

For more information, call 888-244-5373, or log on to www.childrens-specialized.org. DIVERSITY ARTS GALLERY will host its 15th exhibition in Clark titled "Just Pastels." The 60-piece pastel exhibition will be open to the public from Sunday through Jan 8, every Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m., and by appointment. Community groups are invited to call for group meetings. Among the exhibitors will be Nancy Ori of Berkeley Heights, Sigal Lenz and Jeanne Smith of Fanwood, Adrian Giuliani of Scotch Plains and Dolores Brink of Roselle Park. A welcome reception is planned for meeting the artists, with refreshments from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Diversity

Arts Gallery is located at Union County Baptist Church, 4 Valley Road, Clark. For more information, call 732-574-1479 or visit the Web site at www.diversityart.com.

BOOKS

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

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

KEAN UNIVERSITY'S OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS and The Star-Ledger have partnered to publish a new book titled "World of Wonder: Exploring the Realms of History, Science, Nature and Technolog The book brings together 90 of the

most fascinating subjects surveyed by is now available for purchase in the Kean University book store and on the Web site of The Star-Ledger at http://www.nj.com/worldofwonder.

WEEKLY STORY TIMES are presented every Monday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Springfield Barnes & Noble, located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-6581.

BOOKS BY AND ABOUT WOMEN Plans for the December meeting, to be held at another location, will be announced and available at Customer Service. The December book is "Bread Alone" by Judith Ryan Hendricks. New members are welcome. For more information, call 973-376-6581.

JON KATZ will sign copies of his book, "Katz on Dogs: A Commonsense Guide to Training and Living with Dogs," on Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays, from Springfield Barnes & Noble, 240 Route noon to 4 p.m., April through Decem-22 West, Springfield. In this book Katz ber. For more information about offers an indispensable look at the upcoming Liberty Hall events or for dogs in your life and will inspire and challenge you to get the dog you want and live happily and rationally with him. Katz will bring his dogs with him as well to illustrate his training methods. For information, call 973-376-6581.

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> RENA FRUCHTER was at the side of actor and musician Dudley Moore when he died in March 2002. In the last 15 years of Dudley's life they had become not only concert partners but close friends. Fruchter will discuss and sign copies of her book, "Dudley Moore: An Intimate Portrait," on Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-6581.

Pastels on display

Stepping Out

at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 ter at www.ticketmaster.com, or by Rahway, Nov. 11 at 8 p.m., 1607 Irving contacting the box office at The Ritz St., Rahway. For information, call 732- site at www.tmrci.com. Theatre at 908-351-7575. answer session with Kim Lionetti and STYX will perform at The Ritz Theatre.

1148 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth, on Nov. 11 at 8 p.m. For more information, call form as part of the Sanctuary Concerts The Ritz Theatre box office at 908-351- on Nov. 13 at 8 p.m. at 240 Southern 7575. To learn more about Styx, log on. Blvd. in Chatham. Tickets are \$20. For to www.stvxworld.com.

tage sounds of Tom Jones, who will certs.org, perform at The Ritz Theatre, 1148 E. www.sanctuaryconcerts.org. Jersey St., Elizabeth, on Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call The Ritz ? heatre box office at 908-351-7575. To learn more about Jones, log on to www.tomiones.com MEET THE ORCHESTRA concert

series continues at the Suburban Community Music Center, 570 Central Ave.

381-7511, or log on to http://rahwavartsouild.org/

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Y-SQUARES, a local squary dance club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Frank K. Hehnly School, Raritan Road,

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THE HARVEST QUILTERS OF CEN-TRAL NEW JERSEY will meet the first Monday of each month at Cozy Comer Creations quilt shop, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains

HICKORY TREE CHORUS, an awardwinning women's chorus singing fourpart a cappella harmony in barbershop style, meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the New Jersey Youth Symphony Music Center, 570 Central Ave., New Providence. Open to residents of both Essex and Union counties. To learn more about Sweet Adelines, Hickory Tree and its quartets; women and teen-aged girls who sing are urged to visit the Web site, hickorytreechorus.org., send a message by email to info@hickorytreechorus.org., or call 973-966-6815.



LANA'S RESTAURANT in Clark will offer dinner and live jazz with Warren Vache every Thursday, beginning at 7 p.m. For information, call 732-669-9024.

JAZZ IS BACK AT THE COVEL "Wednesday's Jazz Cocktails" will feature the house band, Tempo, playing at Dusty's Place on Monday, formerly known as The Cove, 112 Chestnut St., Roselle. Saturday Jazz Showcase features top acts from the New York Metropolitan area. For information, call 908-241-5675, or 908-241-1224. Patrons may also send a message by e-mail to salange@bellatlantic.net.

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. For information, call 973-376-8544.

RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-241-5756.

SCRIPTS

PREMIERE STAGES, the new Actors' Equity Association theater program at Kean University, is currently accepting Stages Play Festival from professional playwrights born or currently realding in New Jersey, as well as in the sur-... rounding areas of New York-Gonnec cut and Pennsylvania. There is no fee required to submit a play to the Premiere Stages Play Festival. To request entry guidelines, send a selfaddressed, stamped envelope to Laura Kelly, producing assistant, Premiere Stages is at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union, N.J. 07083.

SINCLES

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Donation is \$2. For 732-381-8455... Information, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751.

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

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YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS will compete for the 2006 Fourth Annual Young Playwrights Competition for New Jersey High School Students, sponsored by The Theater Project, Union County College's Professional Theater Company. First, second and third prizewin-

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An example of pastel art by Nancy Ori of Berkeley Heights, one of many exhibitors who will be featured in Diversity Art Gallery's 'Just Pastels,' which will be exhibited at Union County Baptist Church, 4 Valley Road, Clark, starting Sunday, and continuing every Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. through Jan. 8. For information, call 732-574-1479.

DIANE GOODE will read from and sign copies of her book, "Mind Your Manners!" on Nov. 12 at 4 p.m. at the Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-6581.

CLASSES

the World of Wonder series. The book THE DUCRET SCHOOL OF ART located at 1030 Central Ave, and is situated on a seven-acre campus in a historic residential area of Plainfield. The school offers full-time and parttime day and evening classes in fine art, graphic design/computer graphics and illustration. For information call 908-757-7171, fax: 908-757-2626, or visit the Web site at www.duCret.edu. LIBERTY HALL MUSEUM on Morris Avenue in Union has scheduled its popular Lunch and Learn series, which is free to members of the public who are invited to bring their lunch and learn. Lunch and Learn takes place on a Tuesday from 12:15 to 1 p.m. Space is limited, so call 908-527-0400 for

your reservation. Liberty Hall Museum, 1003 Morris Ave., Union, chronicles more than 200 Nov. 19 years of New Jersey and U.S. history. The museum is open to the public Wednesdays through Saturdays, from reservations, call 908-527-0400.

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feature the following: Every Monday, Open Mic Night.

Every Tuesday, Jazz Jam. Every Wednesday, karaoke night. The Crossroads is located at 78 North Ave., Garwood. For information, call Lee at 908-232-5066, or visit the Web site, www.xxroads.com.

COFFEE WITH A CONSCIENCE CONCERT SERIES of Westfield resumes Saturday with Jay Mankita at the Watchung Art Center. All show start at 8 p.m. and the doors always open at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$15 and will benefit the AIDS guilt. For information, call 908-412-9105, press 2. Other concerts will take place at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 E. Broad St., comer of North Ave., Westfield. Other concerts will include: Freebo & Photoglo in Westfield on

Kevin Danzig in the Watchung Art Center on Dec. 3.

Bethany and Rufus in Westfield on Dec. 10 THE SINGING SMARGLASSI FAM-

ILY stars in "The Family in Concert," a night of Broadway show tunes, opera and Neapolitan songs to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, on Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Harvest Training Center, 69 Myrtle Ave., Cranford. For tickets; call 908-410-6365.

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A STAGED READING of the play, "Bavarian Rage," will be performed through The Theater Projects, Union County College's Professional Theater Company, on Nov. 13 at 3 p.m. Admission is free. Union County College is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-659-5189

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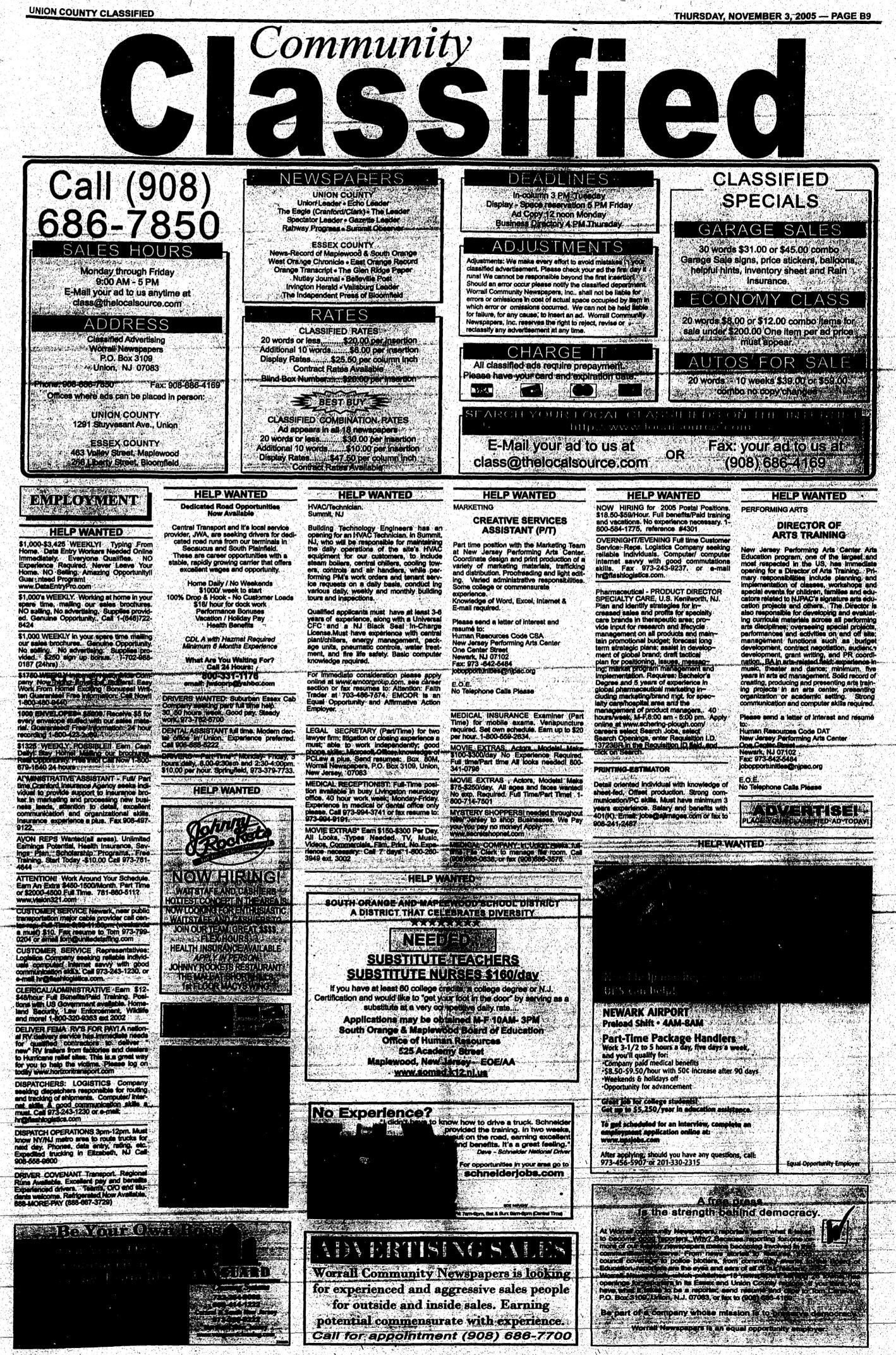
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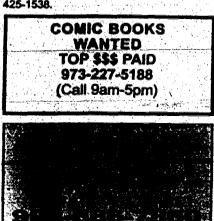
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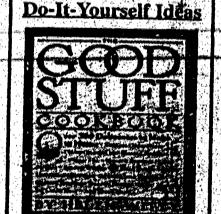
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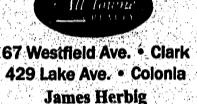
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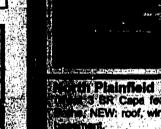
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AUTOMOTIVE

Pontiac G6 is durable transportation

Mark Maynard Copley News Service

The Pontiac G6 is a 'tweener sedan' a little longer than most compacts and a few inches short of being midsize.

Pontiac's new sedan is holding its own for sales, but it's a grower, not a lightning strike, despite its dramatic TV debut as the giveaway car to the "Oprah Winfrey Show" audience.

This replacement for the Grand Am is about 3 inches longer, which was used to lengthen the wheelbase for more of a large-car ride and to add some back-seat legroom.

Sold in two models, the base car starts at \$21,300; the GT starts at \$23,925. Both models come with a 200 horsepower, 3.5 liter V-6 and four-speed automatic with manual shift mode.

The well-optioned GT test car is. \$27,805, including a \$1,000 package discount, but not the current buyer incentive of \$1,500.

Kicking it up a notch in size puts the G6 in direct competition with many small sedans, including such class favorites as the Nissan Altima and the all-new Volkswagen Jetta. Pontiac even puts the Mazda6 in striking distance.

The G6 is a hard worker, but the import competition has some advantage in refinement, memorable driving experiences and price.

An Altima 3.5 SE with four-speed automatic starts at \$24,480, notincluding a \$1,500 incentive.

A topline Jetta with new 150 hp, fivecylinder engine is just under \$25,665,

with leather-trimmed seats, rear sunshade, satellite radio, power sunroof, wood interior trim, 12-way power driver and passenger seats with three-position driver seat memory and more.

And the Jetta has an option for a six-speed automatic transmission.

The G6 shares the body architecture of the Saab 9-3, Chevy Malibuand Malibu Maxx, A coupe is on the way, but a retractable hardtop convertible was planned but is on indefinite hold. A soon-to-be-released high-performance GTP model, with 3.9-liter 240-hp V-6, six-speed manual and 18inch wheels, will put some Pontiac excitement back in this car.

The sedan's V-6 is rated a worthy 200 hp, but the car is heavier than the Altima or Jetta. The four-speed automatic, the only transmission offered. saps the life from the performance and the manual-shift mode, in GT only, is not calibrated for sporty gear changes. When pushed, the engine sounds

strangled. The sportier-sprung suspension of

the GT is nimble enough through the curves, but the car clunks and bumps through potholes and gives truck-size head toss when pulling into driveways or negotiating speed bumps.

The electric power steering responds to a light touch, and the large four-wheel disc brakes are reassuring, but the GT's 39.3-foot turning circle is about 2 feet too long.

Fuel economy of 21 miles per gallon city and 29 highway on 87 octane trails the Altima's 27/30 and the Jetta's 22/30, but those engines require premium unleaded.

On the inside, interior space is simple and durable with uncomplicated gauges and controls that have appealing design and smooth operation.

The GT's black interior - black plastic door panels, large dashboard, leather-trimmed seats, center console and carpeted floor mats - holds the heat when parked outside on a sunny day. That might be a hand-warmer in winter, but not so welcome in summer-Give or take an inch, seating dimensions are about the same as Altima and Jetta. The G6 doors open wide, the back seat has a decent seat bottom and comfortable seatback angle for adults, but the center seat is compromised by the hump in the floor from the exhaust system tunnel.

Split-fold back seats are released by a balky cable setup that is reached only in the trunk. There are no release handles in back scat, which Pontiac says is a safety procedure to secure the trunk area, but it seems more of budget-saving decision at the expense of user convenience.

There is some notable standard equipment, including poweradjustable brake and accelerator pedals. Front side impact air bags and head-curtain side bags are a \$690 extra.

The one unique extra - Panoramic roof with sliding panels at \$1,500 wasn't on the test car.

Styling in this segment is becoming a big selling point, and the public seems to be saying it likes the Altima. That car had March sales of 25,329 versus 9.565 for G6, which was comparable to the others in this class.

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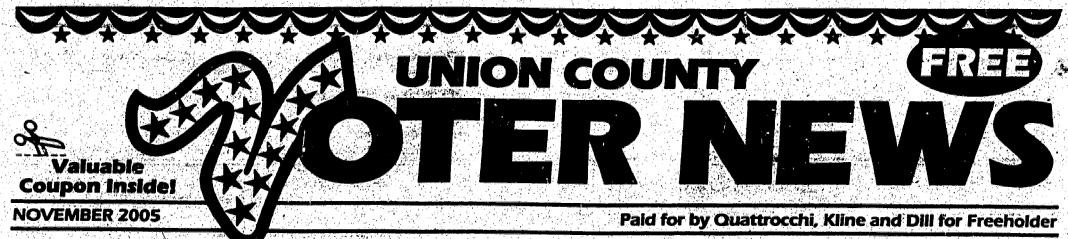
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COUNTY INCREASES PROPERTY TAX 50% OVER 5 YEARS 1200 Average 2000 Total for town 2006 Average 1 2005

Most people don't know what county government does. They don't even know that the county is funded by their property tax. Property taxes go to fund three government agencies, the local school system, the municipality and the county.

Roughly 50% of the property tax goes to the school system, about 25% goes to the municipality and about 25% goes to the county. Taxpayers keep tabs on their school board, mayors and councils but no one knows what the freeholders do with our money. Most people don't even know what a freeholder is.

The freeholders run the county government, also known as the "invisible" layer of government. The, freeholders are able to do anything they want without any consequence. They have used the luxury of their actions going ignored and undetected to increase their portion of the property tax over 50% over the past five years. Since the freeholder board is made up entirely of Demograta, there is no cae in the position to challenge what is happening. If the local school board, mayor or council ever raised their portion of the tax at the rate the county has the officials would be voted out the following year. Freeholders are immune to that threat because they are not connected to the rise in taxes.

Most people don't look at their tax bill. The tax is usually paid along with their mortgage or is figured as part of their rent. If they did look they would see the school system, municipal and county portions separated. They would also see a fourth line on the bill, the open space trust fund, another county tax. The freeholders crafted this tax as its own line item, but make no mistake it is a county tax and a hefty one.

Unless there is a change on the freeholder board, taxpayers can expect the same increase next year. It is costly for everyone, Democrat, Republican and unaffiliated alike. It is for the benefit of everyone in the county that Republicans are voted in this election to balance the one party rule and stop another year of oversized tax hikes.

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Westfield Tax bill on page 4 shows homeowners are paying more to the county than in the town

REPUBLICANS BUDGET PROCESS WOULD REDUCE PROPERTY IAX ANDINGREASEACCOUNTABLETTY

BY AL DILL, FREEHOLDER CANDIDATE

Over the past few months I have had the opportunity meet with residents of Union County at many street fairs, festivals and door to door activities. Without a doubt, the number one issue on every taxpayer and homeowner's mind is taxes. We must find a way to lower taxes and I believe it begins with a serious look at wasteful government spending and mismanagement.

As a family man, I know what it means to live on a budget, and to spend within my means. I believe that government, particularly our Union County government, should be expected to do no less. Our current 9-0 Democrat Freeholder Board is spending like the winners of the Megs Millions lottery. In fact they are spending over one million dollars a day. One solution to this problem would be to make county government account for spending exactly like the average working person must do with their own checkbook. I suggest we apply the concept of zero based budgeting to our county government.

Zero based budgeting is a concept in which entities, public or private, must justify everything contained within a budget. Zero based budgeting forces the budgeting agent to look very carefully at the bottom line. The concept is far different than the base line budgeting used by public entities. Base line budgeting suggest that a budget in year 2 starts with the same budget as year 1 with additions or upward modifications. For example, if there was \$1million in the budget in year one, then we start year 2 at Simillion and add what we need to budget without justifying the \$1 million. Zero based budgeting forces the budgeting agent to start at zero dollars and build an entire budget from that point. This is exactly what every family and every business must do and County government should be required to operate in the same financially responsible way. Zero based budgeting can be time consuming but it would be worth our time in order to save the taxpayers money.

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While many county residents were trying to figure out how they were going to afford a day trip to the Jersey Shore and maybe a fruity beverage at the Tiki Bar in Point Pleasant this summer. 5 Democrat Union County Freeholders, including two freeholders up for election in November, Rick Proctor and Angel Estrada, traveled to Honolulu, Hawaii on a trip paid for by county taxpayers. The cost of sending the 7 county officials, including the county manager and freeholder clerk, to Hawaii cost over \$18,000. The Union Republican Committee County demanded that the Democrats reimburse the county out of their own

Greg Brady's Tiki idol around county taxpayers' necks, the freeholders should be setting a good example by being fiscally responsible. Instead, they were sipping Mai-Tais by the pool.

This is unconscionable, especially when many good residents of the county are struggling to make ends meet, with some residents working two and three jobs just to hold on to their homes. Finding the time and money to maybe spend a few days vacationing at Bradley Beach, let alone Hawaii, is only a dream to most of us.

This is just another example of the corrupt behavior, poor fiscal management and the arrogant "let them est poi" attitude of the all-Democrat

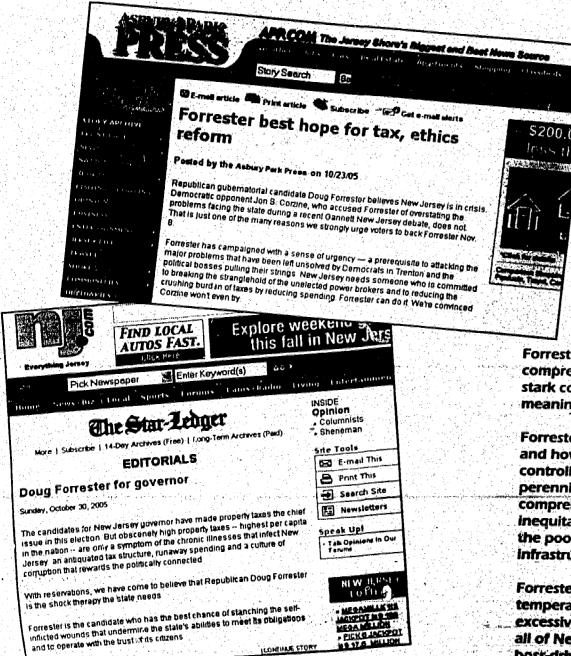
Cost of a flight to Hawaii (First Class): \$ 2,005.30 Hawaiian seminar registration costs: \$ 3,735.00 Cost of 7 rooms at Sheraton Walkiki: <u>\$ 8,665.72</u> Cost to the Union County taxpayers: \$18,230.40 Throwing them out of office in November: PRICELESS Fact: Last July Freeholders Proctor and Estrada want to Hawaii and you paid for Hi THIS YEAR SAY NO TO THE DEMOCRATS WASTEFUL SPENDING! VOTE REPUBLICAN LINE "A" At a time when residents are struggling to pay higher property taxes due to the all-Democrat freeholder's \$390 million budget, which hangs like freeholder board. By the way, eating poi is a lot like the way the Democrats run the county, it sounds great, but it tastes like paste.



Freeholder Estrada at work (in Hawaii) on the taxpayer dime.

Star Ledger and Asbury Park Press Endose Forrester

Democrat Team under Corzine will continue corruption and boss-driven policies



Doug Forrester is the shock therapy the state needs Posted by the Star-Ledger on 10/30/05

Jon Corzine has championed as a U.S. senator, he hasn't convinced us he can stand up to the entrenched bosses of his party or to the powerful public employee unions.

Put simply, Corzine appears to suffer from the same disease of wanting to please everyone that contributed to the downward spiral of James E. McGreevey's administration.

GOP accepts different viewpoints BY BRUCE PATERSON, GARWOOD CANDIDATE

Our local Republican party (and I am sure it is the case all the way up the party ladder) is comprised of individuals, and that is what I feel is our greatest advantage. Diversity is the fitting word. In other words, you put two Republicans in a room and I am sure they will end up with different viewpoints on various issues. And if you put three or more together, that is the start of discussion, dialogue and compromise. Each Republican thinks for himself and has different concerns an issues based on the public's different concerns and issues. And this is how government should work - by discussion, difference of opinions and of course proper compromise for the benefit of the public.

The Democrats appear to always be in lockstep. All think alike; all agree on each issue that is raised, no matter what it may be. It appears that our esteemed opponents do think alike, and so don't understand that people can actually have diverse ideas or even different solutions to the same problem. They are structured, and each person above them hands them the orders of how they should agree or even think. That is scary!

In the latest primary, the GOP fielded no fewer than seven gubernatorial candidates, each with diverse ideas of how New Jersey should be governed. The Democrats in power actually told their favorite son, acting Gov. Richard Codey, that he can't run in the primary, that Jon Corzine takes priority with all his wealth and money that he donates to the Democratic party. It was controlled with no choice. And if you follow the county freeholders, who are all Democrats, you'll find that they unanimously approve - countless resolutions, with nary a dissenting vote. According to the Star Ledger The Freeholders approved 1,000 resolutions last year, all but three passed unanimously. Maybe that explains why our county taxes have increased regularly in the last five years. Even in the audio tapes that were released in the spring, you heard George Norcross, a Democratic power broker in New Jersey. say that either way, in the end Jon Corzine would always come back to him. The Democrats are not allowed to

have a difference of opinion, not allowed to question. In some cases, political bosses who are not even elected by the public control the Democrats and our state and local government. With this in mind, I understand why our opponents are confused that two people can have various viewpoints. The democratic ticket headed by Jon Corzine, including the Union County Freeholders, is seen as the same bunch in power that put the State in a property tax crisis through the unethical and corrupt practices of party bosses. The only chance to change the trend of higher taxes and debt is to vote Republican Column "A" on Tuesday, November 8.

Read what the papers had to say:

Posted by the Asbury Park Press on 10/23/05, Forrester best hope for tax, ethics reform

New Jersey needs someone who is committed to breaking the stranglehold of the unelected power brokers and to reducing the crushing burden of taxes by reducing spending. Forrester can do it. We're convinced Corzine won't even try.

If you want property tax relief and ethics reform, get to the polls on Election Day and vote for Doug Forrester for governor. He's New Jersey's only hope for reducing taxes, eliminating waste in Trenton and stamping out corruption.

Forrester's commitment, and his party's long-standing efforts, to institute comprehensive pay-to-play reform, including a ban on wheeling, stand in stark contrast to the Democratic Party leadership's serial sandbagging of meaningful reform.

Forrester fully appreciates how skyrocketing taxes are crippling the state and how corruption and the boss-driven policies of the Democraticcontrolled Legislature are blocking long-overdue solutions to the state's perennial problems. These include the Democrats' failure to enact comprehensive pay-to-play and campaign finance reform, to stop inequitable and wasteful school funding, to provide affordable housing for the poor and middle class, to repair our crumbling transportation infrastructure and to rein in uncontrolled growth.

Forrester stands alone as someone equipped, philosophically and temperamentally, to address the state's two most pressing issues excessive taxation and comprehensive ethics reform. He understands how all of New Jersey's unsolved problems relate to the same root cause: a boss-driven political system that is more concerned with self-perpetuation and enrichment than advancing the interests of the average citizen:

The candidates for New Jersey governor have made property taxes the chief issue in this election. But obscenely high property taxes - highest perception in the dation - are daty a simplom of the chironic linesses that infect New Jersey; an antiquated tax structure, runaway spending and a culture of corruption that rewards the politically connected.

GOP Demands Investigation, Says Democrats Use Taxpayer Money to Pay for Political Mailings

The Union County Republican Committee ("UCRC") has filed a formal request with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("ELEC") for an investigation of the Democratic freeholder candidates' failure to disclose political communications paid for with taxpayer dollars. The UCRC has alleged that the Democratic freeholder candidates violated election law by using taxpayer funds to fund a six-figure media campaign.

"It's not enough that every year, the Democrats build their campaign warchest by soliciting campaign donations from law firms, engineering firms and other professionals who are rewarded with big county contracts, but over the last several years they have flooded taxpayers mailboxes and cable TV with election time propaganda, bought and paid for with taxpayers dollars," said Phil Morin, Union County Republican Chairman.

Since August, thousands of county taxpayers received letters signed by the Democratic freeholder chairman and listing the names of other freeholders up for re-election in November, and a full color' brochure with photos of the freeholder chairman. That same freeholder chairman is featured in a television ad that conveniently began to

run after Labor Day and is linked to the county's web page. These mailings and the TV commercial were paid for with taxpayer dollars.

Additionally, a newspaper from the Union County Alliance, which is funded in part with taxpayer funds, also is a blatant example of using taxpayer funded mailings for distribution of partisan political communications.

The letters, brochure, Allianco. television publication and the "political commercial are ELEC's communications" under regulations, and the cost of these communications must be disclosed on their campaign reports by law. The Democratic freeholders failed to disclose these expenditures on their October 2005 filing with ELEC, which is a violation of law. The Democrats could be facing thousands of dollars in fines as a result of the misuse of taxpayer dollars to fund what is essentially campaign literature. "It's time for the County Democrats to

stop using taxpayer's hard-earned money to pay for their political campaigns," Morin said. "It's bad enough that the all-Democrat Freeholder Board is spending over \$1 million of our tax dollars a day, why should they be allowed to illegally spend it on partisan political propaganda?"

Drive them out of office

As reported in the Star-Ledger, more than 150 employees enjoy 24-hour use of county vehicles. Senator Raymond Lesniak's nephew, Union County Manager George Devanney, drives 32 miles roundtrip in a nine-seat 2004 Chevy Suburban, which burns up a gallon of gas every 14 city miles.

When confronted by the media, Devanney defended this perk by saying "many employees need ragged vehicles so they can report to work in inclement conditions". He went on to say "Employees who have commuting privileges need access to county vehicles in the dead of night".

A review of the county vehicle list shows some of these employees include: the head of Mosquito Control; and the Director of Golf Operations, both of which are given 2003 Chevy Blazers.

Out of the 21 counties in New Jersey, Union County is one of only 10 other counties that give their county manager a vehicle and is only 1 out of 4 counties that offer their freeholders vehicles. We also give our Deputy County Manager a vehicle. Union County taxpayers cover the insurance, maintenance and gas, averaging roughly 57 gallons per month per employee.

Aside from Devanney's nine-seat, 2.9, ton four-wheel-drive Chevy Suburban, designed for heavy hauling, the county's list of commuter vehicles is dotted with gas-guzzling SUVs, including two Ford Explorers assigned to county freeholders who work part-time.

One of them, Freeholder Daniel Sullivan, logged nearly 30,000 miles in his taxpayer funded Explorer during the pest year, despite his part-time status, according to county records. A map quest search showing Sullivan's commute from his home to the county administration building is 2.13 miles and is estimated to take 7 minutes.

Sullivan also commutes about 25,000 miles a year to his job at the state Motor Vehicle Commission in Trenton. Countypolicy dictates that cars be used only for county business or commuting. That policy rests on an honor system; employees are not required to submit logs detailing their destinations and freeholders are exempt from the policy.

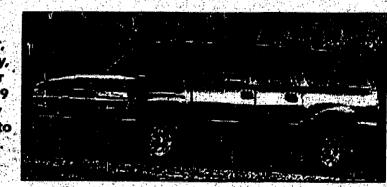
After being forced to addresses this issue due to the negative press, the county announced that they will be trimming only 8 vehicles from their 150 fleet.

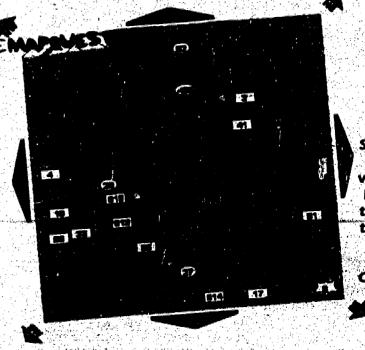
Devanney announced that he will be turning in his Suburban which has a list price of \$47,920, for something smaller in "the New Year". Devanney and freeholders also review their salaries in "the New Year" which usually leads them to awarding themselves with retroactive pay raises.

Gregg Edwards, president of the Center for Policy Research of New Jersey said "This is just a way that government, at all levels, hides compensation. They-don't want to show it in salary ordinances because then it is easy for the public to hold it against them."

Edwards; of the Center for Policy Research, suggested from now on, the county simply raise salaries. Awarding car keys, he said, "just leads to public cynicism".

The Republican team for freeholder believes that bureaucrats should not be commuting at taxpayers' expense. Cars are too often awarded as unseen perks that, unlike raises, fall beneath the public's radar; we strongly suggest you drive the Demostrate out of office in November. County Manager, George Devanney, drives a taxpayer funded, 9 seat, 2.9 ton, 2004 Chevy Suburban similar to the one pictured.





According to Mapquest[®] this is the best route Freeholder Dan Sullivan can take from his home in **Elizabeth to his** monthly meetings, 2 miles away, at the County Courthouse. Sullivan logged 30,000 miles in one year, which means he would have made the trip to the courthouse 15,000 times using over 2,000 gallons of gas paid for with Union County property taxes.

According to County Manager George Devanney "Employees who have commuting privileges need access to county vehicles in the dead of night".

Examples of which employees need access to county vehicles in the dead of night include those in the following departments:

12 cars assigned to Mosquito control -

7 cars assigned to golf operations 3 to the Shade Tree Commission

Are Union County Taxpayers Codey's Brother's keeper? Patronage jobs for democrats is running rampant in Union County.

On Sept. 1, Acting Governor Richard Codey's brother Robert retired from his assignment as a deputy atomey general on loan to Union County. The county website doesn't have any photos of Codey Being sent off with a gold watch but his golden parachute is worth revisiting.

According to published reports, Robert Codey, a state prosecutor since 1988; reached, an employment agreement with the county in September 2004.

His state salary was set at \$93,268. Although they could have had him for free, Union County supplemented Codey's pay by \$46,731 patting his total. salary at \$140,000. This boosted his pension to about \$33,000 dollars more than what he would have been eligible for had he retired a year cartier. His state salary was more than \$20,000 above the salary was more than \$20,000 above the salary was more than \$20,000 above the salary of his direct supervisor and 136 other deputies ranking above him. Union Romainkow's salary is \$141,000. Codey, 55, has more than 30 years in the public employment system, and

This deal was worked out shortly after former Gov. James E. McGreevey announced his resignation setting the stage for Codey's brother to take over as acting governor. The unusual salary admethents for Codey, who's expertise was in organized crime, was requested by state Attorney General Peter Harvey and approved by then-acting Personnel Commissioner Manjorie Schwartz.

Marjorie Schwartz. Codey received special permission to exceed the state salary initiation cases of "extraordinary justification and compelling need." The public, however, was never informed of what the "compelling need" was or what organized crime cases Codey was in charge of - and no indictments by Codey were reported in the news during his short tenure.

Title 4A of the New Jersey Administrative Code requires the personnel commissioner to establish and enforce pay rates and salary ranges for civil service jobs such as deputy attorney general. Codey's official state salary was \$140,000. The maximum for his position under state regulations was \$115,618. To keep it 'legal' the county had to reimburse the state for the pay increase. None of Codey's fellow 779 deputy attorney's generals was granted similar permission to exceed that limit. His salary was more than \$20,000 above the salary of his direct supervisor and 136 Romankow's salary is \$141,000.

Codey, 55, has more than 30 years in the public employment system, and under special pension rules for prosecutors, this entitles him for a pension that pays 70 percent of his highest annual salary. In addition to the \$98,000 a year pension, Codey will receive automatic annual cost of living adjustments and state-paid health insurance throughout his retirement. (The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention state the average life expectancy for white male American is 75.4 years.)

Appointed Union County Manager, George Devanney, who is State Senator Raymond Leaniak's nephew, defended Codey's pay increase. "We are hicky to get a man like Bob with his knowledge and experience. Just because he is the acting governor's brother doesn't mean politics were involved in his hiring," said

Devanney

According to the budget proposed by Acting Gov. Codey, the state will pay out \$3.8 billion for employees' benefits in the 12 months that began July 1 - that's 14 percent of the entire \$27.4 billion spending plan. Pensions would cost the state budget \$337 million, and that price tag is expected to nearly quadruple in the following year's budget. By July 2007, the state expects it will spend more on health benefits for retired workers than for active employees. By 2010, it may cost the state \$6.7 billion to pay for health benefits and pensions.

In his March 1 bidget speech, Codey said "Entitlements are the driving force behind the increase in state spending each and every year." Codey vowed not to sign any pension enhancements, and be planed to name a panel to examine the benefits system.

With his personal experience with entitlements and expertise in organized crime, Robert Codey would make an excellent panelist.

Former Freeholder, Lewis Mingo, is the luckiest man alive.

The weekly newspapers ran a story about former UC Freeholder Lewis Mingo landing himself a county job. It scems that Mr. Mingo, of Plainfield, whose Freeholder term expired in December of last year, has accepted a full time position as Confidential Aide and Director of Senior Services at a salary of \$65,000 a year. He is also compensated With a taxpayer funded vehicle. It has not been a secret that he "decided" not to run for another term on the Freeholder Board because of changes of power within the Plainfield Democratic Committee and as luck would have it a position with the county just hannened to come available. Luckier still for Mingo is that the job suppens to be working in an area he says he has an interest, children's and senior issues, what an amazing coincidence. Of further interest is that he will be concentrating on issues affecting the elderly in the western end of the county. 이가 있는 것으로 가려졌다. 같은 것은 가격을 얻는 것으로 한다.

Plainfield happens to be in the western end of the county where he resides and the job is anchored in a Plainfield office, what good fortune.

The powers that be insist that this job was not created specifically for the former Freeholder yet according to the county government's Press Secretary and Director of Communications Sebastian D'elils, the job "was fine-tuned to meet the issues of the western end" of the county. And how fortuitous it is that by taking this position and more than doubling his county salary from parttime. Freeholder, to full-time employee be will greatly increase his county pension inton retirement.

pension upon retirement. Lewis Mingo is quoted in Worrall Papers saying "it just happened and the timing was right". On that all of us should just happen to be in the right place at the right time like Mr. Mingo, he certainly is a lucky, bucky man.

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Freeholders refusing to address Property Tax Crisis -Calling for a convention to fix problem they caused

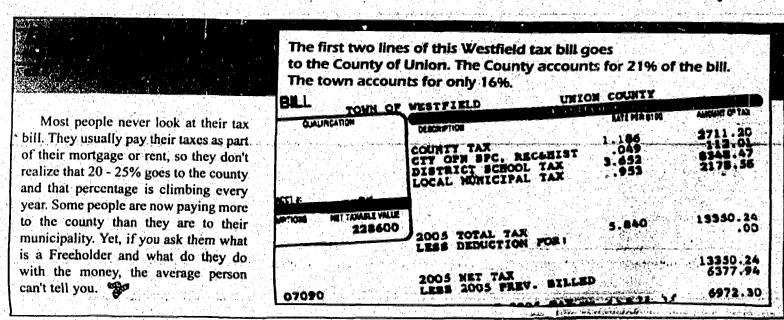
When speaking with residents in all corners and in all walks of life in Union County, over the past several months. there is always a common theme that comes to the top of everyone's list, taxes. It seems that the good hardworking people of our county are financially hemorrhaging. The cost of everything from disposal diapers to car insurance to college tuition has been going up, up, up and finding enough money to keep a decent roof over their heads has gotten harder and harder for not only homeowners but renters as well.

The average worker sees somewhere between a 2 to 4% salary increase annually, that is if their employer sees fit to award raises. However, when property taxes increase anywhere from 5 to 12% it doesn't take a financial expert to realize that there will be some

residents who will experience problems paying their living expenses. Municipalities have the responsibility of collecting property taxes not only for their town's services and schools but for the county as well. The towns have some control over the pace at which they choose to raise their portion of the tax levy by nipping and tucking here and there and doing the best that they can not to over burden the residents. They do not however have the ability or authority to regulate what tax levy the Board of Chosen Freeholders chooses to pass along to the residents. This situation puts the burden of explanation on the local governing bodies that become the targets of the taxpaver's wrath because they are the ones on the front line not the Freeholder Board which is the hidden layer of government

and goes unnoticed most of the time.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders has climbed on the "Property Tax Convention" bandwagon as evidenced by the taxpayer funded mailings to municipalities. My question is why wait? Why not do something now? It is clearly within the realm of possibility that the freeholders can take the initiative and move forward with a plan to not increase the tax levy. When pondering the property tax issue a simple solution jumps to the forefront and that is: curbyour-spending!! Our county government would do well to look at private industry for some pointers, but then that wouldn't make an exciting campaign press release. and let's face it, that might alienate some of their financial supporters who appear to be the benefactors of their largess on the backs of the tax payers.



just as hard by property taxes There is a perception that renters don't

Renters hit

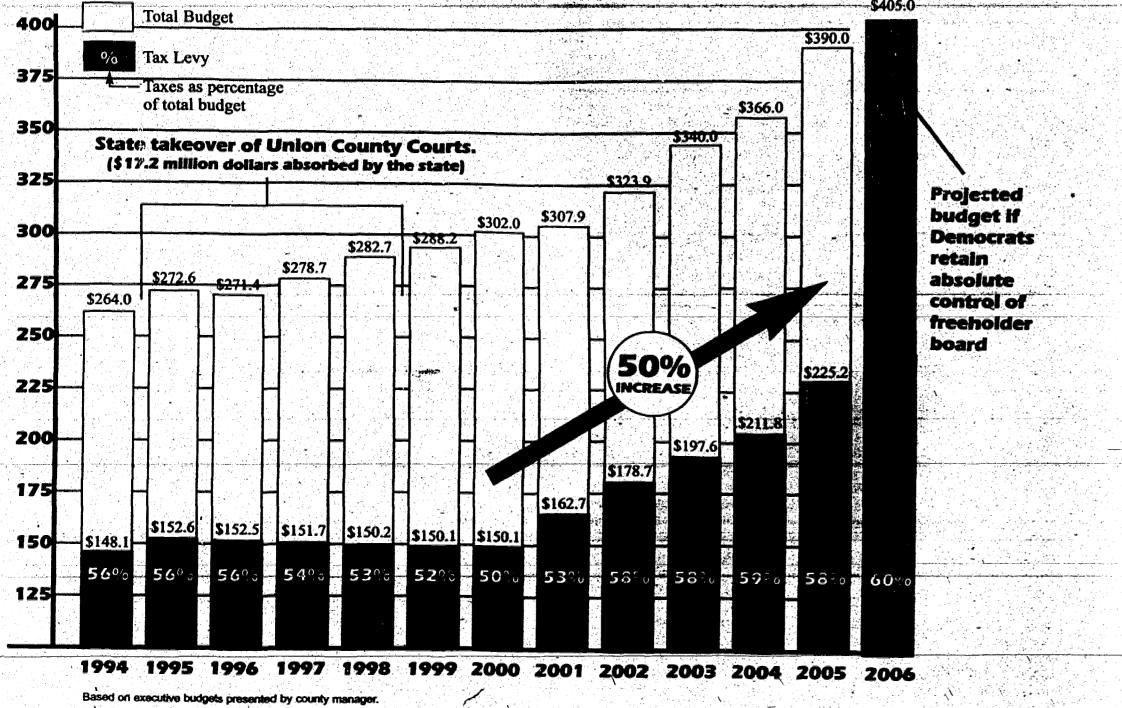
pay their fair share of housing expenses and thus are not entitled to the same rights and privileges as homeowners. Renters contribute substantially to the

economy of Union County since landlords traditionally base, rental charges on the costs incurred to operate the rental property, cover mortgage payments, local and county property taxes, maintenance costs and generally build in a small profit. In New Jerse / any rent increase over 4-5% is considered to be unconscionable and tenets, even those without leases in non-rent controlled buildings, have recourse in the Landlord Tenant Relations Courts to settle the matter of an excessive rent increase. however property taxes can be considered a viable cause to increase a tenant's rent.

Landlords generally pass along property tax increases to their tenants and in Union County these increases have averaged approximately 50% over the past 5 years. By electing to office those candidates who are sensitive to their needs, renters can be assured that they will be able to continue to afford to stay in their "homes."

"As a renter I personally understand the plight of tenants and landlords first hand, this has been my family's home for over 23 years." said Freeholder candidate Patricia Ouattrocchi. "I prefer not to have to move and will work hard for no tax. increase budgets so that my landlord will not be forced to raise my rent to cover his property taxes."

COUNTY ON TRACK FOR ANOTHER TAX HIKE Union County executive budgets from 1994 - 2004



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Crisis Brought On By

Incompetence and Corruption

Most voters don't know what effect county government has on their property tax. They relate property tax to either their school system or their municipality. What they don't realize is that the county government is responsible for the bulk of their property tax increase.

Our property tax situation has been categorized as being in a crisis. So much so that there has been a call for a constitutional convention in order to address the issue. The belief is that the crisis has occurred because of increases that are beyond the control of our elected officials. This opinion is not only absurd but gives the elected officials a free pass on accountability. It is the charge of the elected officials to operate an efficient and effective government. The crisis occurred when our leadership shirked their responsibility and put self serving political aspirations before the public's. well-being. There is no better example of this than the County of Union.

In his own words, last year, the county manager. George Devanney said the county was in a budget crisis. What he failed to explain is that he was responsible for it happening.

manager in 2000.- His strongest credential is being the nephew of State Senator Ray Lesniak. It was under the influence of their party boss that the Freeholder Board, made up entirely of Democrats, appointed the nephew, even though he had no prior management experience. He was put in charge of a \$300 million budget and 3000 employees. This was the start of the crisis. Hic has since inexplicably increased the budget to over \$400 million

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The county became the well from which the Union County Democratic Committee siphoned millions of tax dollars and funnelled them to campaign contributors and political operatives in the form of no bid contracts and patronage jobs. The well was replenished each year with increases in the county portion of the property tax and increases in service and licensing fees.

Since 2000 the county budget has swelled to over \$400 million. That's a million dollars a day! The county debt has surpassed the \$400 million mark. In the last three years alone the county spent over one billion dollars. Voters are looking for accountability but are not finding it.

The cause for the county's debt is not, as claimed, "beyond our control". Indeed, the county debt is precisely the thing that the elected officials and county. manager are supposed to control.

All agree that the property tax situation in Union County is in a crisis. But we don't need a constitutional convention to fix it. The voters need to elect new freeholders who have the integrity to do the will of the people and ot their party The all Democrat Freeholder Board has been in nower for ten years. They are not about to cut the flow of funds into their party's coffers.

They will continue to do the bidding of the senator and his nephew, who will be long gone when it will be time to pay the tab. Of course the taxpayer will be there to pick up the bill.

Taxpayers can look forward to more of the same treatment next year unless voters make a change in November and vote Republican.

Poll: 92% say corruption's the problem: Dems most corrupt - Reported 10/20/2005 In The Trentonian By Charles Webster

Most of you think corruption in government is a serious problem in Ne Jersey. According to the latest poll from Quinniplac University, 92 percent of you think it's a serious problem in this state

But more people think Democrats are the most corrupt according to the findings of the Quinniplac poll. Half of the people responding to the poli said they associate government corruption to the Democratic Party.

Growing County Debt Will Be Burden On Future Generations

The way things are going it will be the year 2030 before Union County pays off its current debt according to the county Director of Finance, Lawrence Caroselli. This year the county will shell out \$35.8 million in debt service payments. Currently Union County has a debt of \$348.5 million and it is growing. In fact, the Board of Chosen Freeholders is in the process of passing more ordinances totaling another \$33.5 million in bonds for the construction of the new Juvenile. Detention Center and what is called the "County · Prosecutor's Office Project". There is also an additional \$21.5 million in short term notes for "various public improvements and the acquisition of new, additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new vehicles. additional furnishings" and on and on.

When government entities talk about debt service they are, in laymen's terms, talking about loan payments, Freeholder Daniel Sullivan is quoted in a local newspaper saying that "debt service payments are similar to mortgage payments on a home." The \$35.8 million payment for this year includes interest as well as the principal payment and according to Sullivan "it is really just another line item" in the budget. Imagine that, "Just another line item", easy for him to say it is not his personal money.

The amount of debt a county can carry is regulated by state statues and is up to 2 percent of the assessed value of all the property in the county over a three year period. Union County is currently at about 0.71 percent. But wait, there are some other projects coming up besides ;

The Union County Bond Rating is based partially on the county's ability to pay the bonds back with interest. The freeholders have demonstrated that they can raise property taxes over 10% per year without any

The Union County Freeholder Board is mortgaging the future of our children and grandchildren with excessive debt. They are borrowing on their future tax increases.

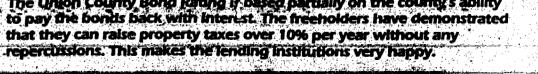
A balance must be made on the all Democrat freeholder board in order to stop the mounting debt. Vote for accountability for the future, vote for the Republican candidates for Freeholder on November 8.

those already mentioned which will need financing as well, including another addition to the Union County Vocational and Technical School and the remaining phases of the Union County Arts Center project. Not to worry, according to county officials, as we have plenty of what can be called "wiggle room", the wiggle room is what should concerns us.

The annual debt service payment is already almost 10 percent of the county operating budget, payroll costs are currently around 30% and it is a given they will go up each year as will insurance costs and assuredly pension contributions. The freeholder board must be thinking: Thank heavens that the value of Union County real estate is climbing as well to provide an endless stream of tax dollars to draw upon.

Think about it, when they go out to bond for projects they are actually borrowing money which will have to be repaid down the road. The more the freeholders borrow, the more money they will need to find to repay the loans and there is really only one place to raise the funds - the taxpayers. The surge in building projects in the last several years should to be drawing to a close soon as there isn't left to build. However, this wiggle room seems to give them carte blanche to find something. Just as children theorize "if I have it I should spend it" because that five dollars is sure to burn a hole in their pocket and besides there is more where that came from. The freeholders seem to believe "if we can we will", but at this rate how long before the "wiggle room" is gone?

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Majority of Towns not being represented by freeholders

Presently, Union County Freeholders are elected on an "at-large" basis. The statistics suggest that party-line voting is a significant factor in elections. The concept that districting would nullify the significance of party-line voting is valid.

Even though 13 towns chose Republican candidates to represent them on the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders they are not being served by their choice. The large population of a few towns overwhelm the efforts of the rest of the county to have equal representation.

From a managerial perspective the importance in changing the electoral system is one of responsiveness and accountability. At play is the underlying philosophy of the so called "spoils system." According to Willis Swartz, in his book, American Government Problems, the general practice of selecting public administrators and

administrative employees - whether elected or appointed - on the basis of partisan politics rather than that of individual merit or technical skill leads to corruption and inefficiency and can be accepted as natural, if not a necessary, consequence of "the system."

The call for change of the electoral structure of the County of Union to a districted system in order to correct the lack of accountability by the county freeholders has come from diverse and non-partisan sources. County money is disproportionately being spent in the few towns dominated by registered democrats.

This change will not happen without the cooperation of the freeholders themselves and so Democrat and independent voters are being encouraged to vote for the Republican ticket in their town. It is the only chance that they will have a voice in county government that takes 25% of their property taxes.

The call for change of the electoral structure of the County of Union has come from diverse and non-partisan sources. In April of 2004, the Union County Taxes and Services Task Force for the City of Summit, completed a report that studied different aspects of county government. The report offered courses of action to consider in order to correct the lack of accountability in county government. One of the options proposed by the by-partisan task force was changing how the Union County Freeholders are elected.

The most noteworthy claim of county government not being epresentative of its constituency came from a coalition called "Stop the Train". The coalition includes local and state level elected officials from both parties, residents from suburban and urban areas, both affluent and working class. Though their status in Union County could not be more diverse, these communities are united in a cause to make county reeholders more responsive. The issue of the reactivation of a freight line that cuts through eight municipalities is a symptom of the coalition's claim of misrepresentation. So much so that six municipalities had banned together and sued the county.

2003 Election Results **Illustrate Municpal Ineqality**

The results of the 2003 elections had he three Democrat candidates winning he countywide election garnering an average of 38,000 votes. The three Republicans received an average of 32,000 votes. The third party candidates received approximately 7,000 votes

Though they lost the county wide popular vote the Republican candidates won in 13 municipalities. The Democrat candidates won in the remaining eight. Registered Democrats out number registered Republicans in the county by 2 to 1. Democrats having approximately 87,000 voters and Republican having

41,000. There are approximately 261,000 unaffiliated and Independent voters.

The balance of registered voters is skewed towards the eight towns voting Democrat. The towns represent approximately 333,231 residents with 141,091 voters. The Republican voting towns have 189.310 residents with 117,465 voters. The breakdown of voters by party affiliation in these towns is balanced, Democrat voters represent 22% of the electorate and Republican voters represent 24%. In the other eight towns the Democrat voters represent 41% of the electorate and the Republican voters make up 10%. 🌮

2003 Breakdown by Municipality by Population and Registered Voters

(Number of Voters and party affiliation and percentage of total voter per party)

Town	Reg Voters	Dem	GOP	<u> </u>	% Dem	% GOP	× U/
Berkeley Heights	7,879	1,122	2,741	4,018	14.24%	34.79%	50.97%
Clark	10,009	2,764	1,929	5,316	27.62%	19,27%	63,11%
Cranford	14,785	3,527	3,080	8,178	23.86%	20.83%	65.31%
Elizabeth	42,995	22,215	2,592	18,188	51.87%	6.03%	42,30%
Farwood	4,690	963	1,138	2,589	20.53%	24.20%	65.20%
Gerwood	2,474	551	399	1,524	22.27%	16.13%	61.60%
Hilleide	10,710	4,134	875	5,701	38.60%	8.17%	63.23%
Kenllworth	4,700	1,447	1,040	2,213	30.79%	22,13%	47.09%
Linden	19,499	10,525	1,077	7.897	53,98%	5.62%	40,50%
Mountainside	4,680	790	1,560	2,330	16.88%	33.38%	49.79%
New Providence	7,077	1,101	2,246	3,730	- 15.56%	31.74%	52.71%
Plainfield	18,444	7,747	1,205	9,492	42.00%	6.53%	61.46%
Rehway	13,419	4,981	1,694	6,774	36.90%	12.62%	-60.48%
Hoeello	10,380	4,368	766	5,238	42.14%	7.30%	50,58%
Roselle Park	7,413	1,784	1,224	4,405	24.07%	16,51%	59.42%
Sootch Pialns	14,182	3,070	3,109	8,003	21.65%	21.92%	56,43%
Springfield	8,946	2,283	1,565	5,098	25.52%	17.49%	56.96%
Summit	12,554	2,402	3,733	6,419	19.13%	29.74%	51.13%
Union	26,198	7,250	4,339	14,609	27.67%	16.56%	55.78X
Nestfield	19,020	3,734	4,555	10,731	19.63%	23.95%	56.42%
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l'otais –	261,009	87,087	41,039	132,883	33.37%	15.72%	50.91%

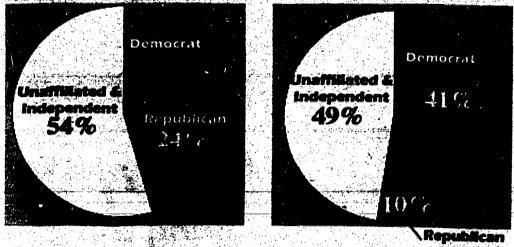
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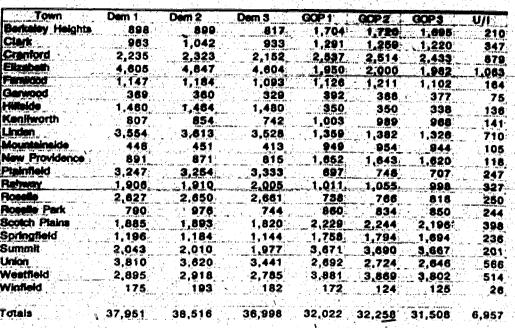
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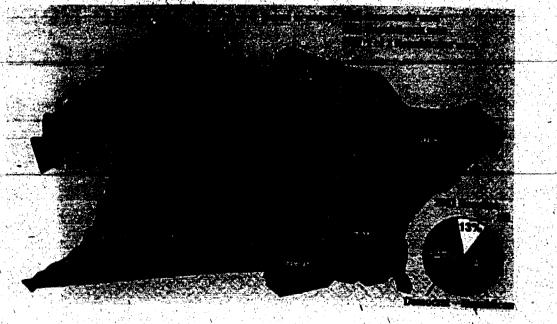


Municipalities represented by local election winners (Dark grey towns elected Republican candidates but are not reore nted by them on the freeholder board.)

2003 Election Results

(Three democrat candidates, Three Republican and Independent candidates)





Voting Information from the League of Women Voters

5 Things you need to know on election day

1) Your ballot, your vote -

Don't panic if you registered to vote but your name is not on the list. Get help from a poll worker to make sure your yote is counted. You may be directed to another polling place or given a provisional ballot.

2) I.D. - Don't go without it -

You may need to show I.D. To be safe, bring your driver's license, or a paycheck, utility bill or government document that includes your name and street address.

3) Writing on the wall -

Look at the signs at the polling place for directions on how to use the voting machines, a list of your voting rights, and instructions for filing a complaint if your rights have been violated.

Poll workers are there to help your they'll show you how to work the machines and give you a provisional ballot if you need one. If you're a the wrong polling place, they should tell yourhow to get to the right one

5) In and out -

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You probably won't have to wait too; long. But even if the line i long, don't leave without voting. The outcome of this election will be important

Avoid the crowds:

If you can, go to the polls during off hours: 10 a.m. -- 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. -- 3:30 p.m. That's when it's likely to be less crowded.

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Take a friend to vote:

Why go alone when you can take a friend or loved one to vote too?

PUBLIC QUESTION NO.

UBLIC QUESTION No. 2

325 dead people voted in Union **County last year** Efforts by the GOP are under way to stop voter fraud

GOP party officials released the results of a summer-long study that found tens of thousands of examples of possible voter fraud in the 2004 election, including instances where votes were cast by dead people.

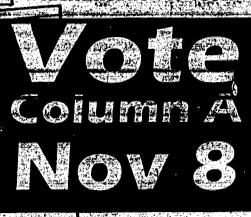
Officials said their analysis found:

• 54,601 people were registered in more than one county, and 4,397 appeared to have voted twice in the 2004 presidential election.

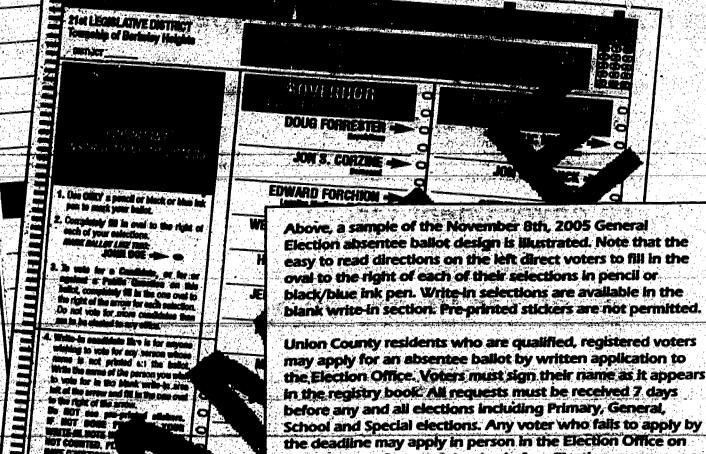
- · 170,558 people were registered to votein New Jersey as well as other states. Of those, 90,025 voted in New Jersey last year, and 6,572 appeared to have voted in two states.
- 4,755 individuals listed in county records as deceased also were listed as voting last year.

Be sure to remember to bring some form of identification with you each time you vote in the event you are "challenged at the polls. If you cannot prove who you are, you will not be permitted to vote.

NOTE: A death certificate is not a valid form of Identification to vote.







before any and all elections including Primary, General. School and Special elections. Any voter who fails to apply by the deadline may apply in person in the Election Office on any day up to 3 p.m. of the day before Election.

For information call: (908) 527-4360

2005 **UNION COUNTY** REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

GOVERNOR **Doug Forrester**

FREEHOLDER **Patricia Quattrocchi Stuart Kline** Albert Dill

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3 Year Council Terms Terri Kelle **Robert Robinson**

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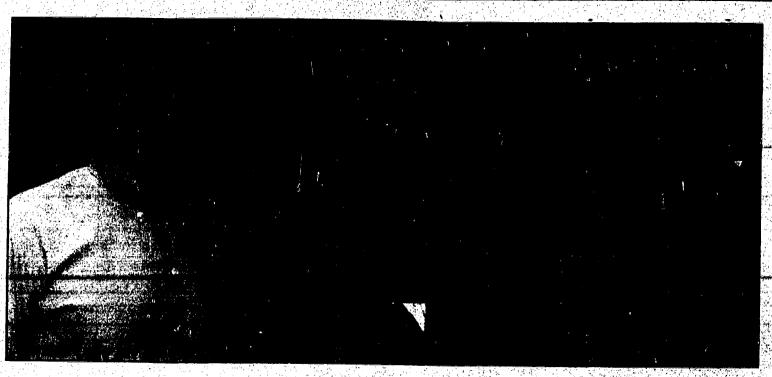
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REPUBLICAN FREEHOLDERS FORUNIONCOUNTY Kline * Quattrocchi * Dil **Committed to OPEN, HONEST GOVERNMENT**



Stuart Kline

Stu Kline is completing his third term on the Fanwood Borough Council. He is former Chairman of the the Administrative and Finance Committee. Stu has served on the Public Safety, Recreation and Public Works Committees which has helped him become anexpert on fiscal management.

Stu is currently a member of the Fanwood Lions Club. He is married and the father of three children.

Patricia Quattrocch

Pat Quattrocchi is a former Garwood councilwoman. She currently serves as the Zone Chairman of the Lions Chib overseeing 6 Union County Chapters and is an activist criticizing the current

Union County Board of Freeholders for high taxes and wastern spenning. She served Union County as a regional Domestic Violence Crisis Intervention volunteer. She lives in Garwood with her husband and has seven children.



Al Dill, a nine year . Summit Councilman, chaired the Welfare and Public Works Committees. He also served as liaison to the Board of **Education and Recreation in Summit. He** is the past president of the Police Amletic League, Summit Jayceer and current member of the Fire Department.

Al served as a Vice-Chair for the Union County Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and he is a former Commissioner of the Union County Utilitics Authority. He is married with two children.

REPUBLICAN TEAM ISSUES & INITIATIVES

County property taxes have needlessly risen over 50% over the last five years. We propose to reverse that trend.

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We propose to do away with awarding pay-to-play no bid contracts. This is a form of kickbacks to campaign contributors. It is unethical with no accountability. This practice adds to the cost of services.

Open government recoras

Decisions are being made without open discussion or public participation. Requests for public records are denied or delayed and responses are not always truthful. We believe in open access to government records and inviting public participation.

Keed dusiness in Union County

The Freeholders often contract with companies that are not located in Union County but happen to be campaign contributors. We think the county should use local businesses when they can.

Focus on essential services

The county has neglected the essential services that it should be delivering. senior and youth services, health and safety concerns, and economic development and human services

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