

Hands-on math

Deerfield tries Everyday math program

By Meave Sheehan Staff Writer

In Mountainside, students are learning about math in a different, more hands-on way with the Everyday Math program.

The district implemented the Everyday Math program this fall. with the help of recently appointed curriculum coordinator Michael Craver, who is also assistant principal at Beechwood School. In his dual role, Craver oversees the K-8 curriculum and has district-wide control in a supervisory role.

Everyday Math is a discoverybased approach to learning mathematics. Along with the usual teacher to group instruction, students work alone, in small groups, or with a partner.

The program seeks to make mathematics more meaningful by using real-life contexts and situations, and giving children the opportunity to become actively involved in their learning.

Craver said the district has achieved full implementation of Everyday Math in grades K-5. Teachers are working extra hard to familiarize students with the vocabulary and teaching method used in the program, Craver shid, "They're-dedicated to making it work," he Saiden Preschere using the provision byve months a construction of a community

during the summer and fall to help with the transition. Teacher training is ongoing, with some conferences being conducted this week.

Through a joint program offered by Bristol-Myers Squibb and Montclair State University, known as the PRISM partnership, district teachers can receive professional development training at the university in math and science education. Such areas include specific training for the Everyday Math program and Connected Math program used in grades six and seven.

According to Montclair State University's Web site, the PRISM patnership is designed to improve local district mathematics and science test scores on statewide assessments and provide districts with support for implementing standards-based curricula.

Last Friday, in the Deerfield School classroom of teacher Nancy Kinney, third-graders alternated stations, playing games with dice and cards to reinforce the lessons they had learned that week.

In one game, "Name That Number," students held up triangles with times tables on them to practice multiplying and dividing.

At each station, students illustrated their conclusions on graphs or wrote down their answers. Before ope exercise, Kinney asked the group of 25 students to chal-



rbara Kokkali Students at Deerfield School in Mountainside, clockwise, from left, Brian Schaumberg, Courtney Osleja, Kelly Rice and Chris Hamlett, work with cards as part of the Everyday Math program.

lenge themselves to make as many arrays, arrangements of quantities in rows and columns, as possible. During the class, Kinney and a teaching assistant moved among stations.

At other stations, students measured the perimeters of shapes and worked on a "number story," or problem, which required fluiding out the shortest route to a house by measuring different paths.

On the classroom's math board, a Sunrise & Sunset chart showed the third-graders have been keeping track of the waning hours of daylight with the help of a bar graph, For example, on Nov. 14, the sun rose at 6:41 a.m. and set at 4:39 p.m.

A Guide to Solving Number Stories poster reminds students to ask What do you want to find with A paperweight on Kinney's desk reminds, "It is the supreme joy of

mated over 250 parents attended both sessions, all together.

As far as grading, Craver said EveryDay Math uses new kinds of learning assessments in addition to letter grades. "Everyday Math doesn't lend itself well to traditional methods."

Instead, along with letter grades. teachers give a detailed list of learning goals for that marking period and assign students to one of three categories; beginner, developcomplete tasks independently, with confidence and consistency.

For students in grades K-2.

Toy drives begun

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By Meave Sheehan Staff Writer

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This holiday season, residents can donate toys to needy children through U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Programs at drop-off locations in Springfield and Mountainside.

Springfield residents can drop new, unwrapped toys in a collection box at the Springfield Fire House, 200 Mountain Ave.

Last year, Springfield residents donated 19,000 toys and made numerous financial donations, according to Springfield firefighter Tom Ernst, the designated Toys for Tots coordinator for the township, Ernst said, "We've been doing this program for at least the past 15 years."

When asked for suggestions about which type of toys are needed most, Ernst said, while the program receives many gifts for infants and toddlers. toys for 8- to 12-year-olds are often overlooked. Toys for Tots gives presents to children up to the age of 17.

The toys must be unwrapped for safety reasons and ease of distribution, "It saves a lot of time," Ernst said.

Toys are stored in central warehouses where they are sorted for children by age and gender.

From warehouse locations, the toys will be distributed throughout northern and central New Jersey, as well as locally.

Wo do have some needy childre recipients of this year's toy drive will include children affected by Hurricane Katrina.

· residents · can аю off toys at Borough Hall on the first floor. George McGrath, the borough's fire marshal and coordinator of the program, said residents can drop off toys at any time of day or night up until Christmas Eve. While McGrath has been involved with Toys for Tots for 10 years, this is only the toy drive's third year in Mountainside. McGrath estimated that he has collected between 200 and 400 toys in the past two years.



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ative expression and knowledge," an Albert Binstein quote. At the end of morning classes,

Kinney gove the class an assignment to make up their own stories, giving the setting and setting up a problem for which they already have a solution.

Kinney said the third-graders are assigned up to 30 minutes of home-work each night, which includes Neading and spelling assignments. There are five third-grade classes at there are five third-grade classes at there are five third-grade classes at the first of the set of the set of the set of the the set of the the set of the

reading parents about the pro-This school year, two sessions bave been conducted for parEveryday Math strives to help younger students make sense of numbers they see in daily life. Kindergarteners work on ar

projects dealing with estimation and circumference. Calendars and thermometers in the classrooms help them learn about time and temperature. A number grid shows students how to count by 2, 5, and 10. The program builds "number sense " very early age," Craver said.

"Overall, it's been really positive." Craver said of the curriculum change. Previously, as a fifth-grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield, Craver helped pilot the program with other teach-CTS.

Meave Sheehan can be reached ents who want to find out more at 908-686-7700, ext. 117, or echolendern/Qyahoon

Last year, Children's Specialized Hospital donated several toys given to the hospital that went unused by patients.

On a national level, the program is directed by the commander of the Marine Forces Reserve and his staff from the Marine Forces Reserve Heidimarters in New Orleans, La

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Nick D'Andrea, Toys for Tots' regional coordinator, said the drive is conducted in nearly every township in the state. Mobilization Training Unit New Jersey-2, one of New Jersey's four Marine Corps units based in Metuchen, sponsors toy drives in Springfield and Mountainside. The other three Marine Reserve units are based at the Dover/Picatinny Arsenal, Red Bank and Trenton.

According to their Web site, Toys for Tota began when a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children in 1947. Adopting Toys for Tots in 1948, the Marine Corps expended the drive into a nationwide campaign.

Local campaigns are conducted annually in nearly 500 communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In order to expand their reach, the Marine Corps Reserve suthorizes the Toys for Tots Foundation to permit local community organizations to conduct Toys for Tots campaigns in communities without a Marine Reserve Center.

D'Andrea said Toys for Tots works with social welfare agencies, churches and other local community agencies that identify needy children in the community.

In the 57 years of the program. Marines have distributed more than 332.5 million toys to 158.7 million needy children.

Financial donations should be addressed to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation.

For more information, go to www.toysfortots.org.

Subdifien considered for Mountainview Drive

By Mork Hrywas Regional Editor The Borough of Mountainside has almost 2,500 residential housing units within its 4 square miles, and it might

add three more. The Planning Board is considering an application to subdivide a 2.77-acre lot into three properties, for the pur-pose of constructing three separate

single-family homes on a new cul-desac, extending off Mountainview Drive, just off New Providence Road. The subdivision would be very similiar to others approved in Mountainside over the last few years, said Joseph Paparo, an attorney with Hehl & Hehl of Union representing the

applicant.

While no architectural designs for

the homes have been completed, Paparo said the footprints for the three homes range from 4,000 to 5,000 square feet.

Paparo said testimony is expected to continue at the Dec. 8 Planning Board meeting, with the engineer with designed the proposal and a planner. A surveyor testified at the Nov. 10 Plan-ning Board meeting. The applicant

also has applied for required approval from the county planning board, he said. Should all approvals come through: construction ideally would begin in the spring, Paparo said.

The most recent subdivision in Mountainside, Primavera, Estates, located on four acres off Mountain Avenue, was approved by the Planning Hoard in July 2004. The six cen-

ter hall Colonials include up to five bedrooms and five-and-a-half baths and are expected to sell in the range of \$1.5 million.

The site is visible from Woodland Avenue but the only access will be from Mountain Avenue.

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investigation. Detective Sgt. Brian Giannini and

Detective Sgt. Thomas Goletz of the New Jersey

State Police assisted in the investigation.

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According to Vangas L: McKoy director of the Division of Criminal Justice and Insurance Fraud Prosecutor Greta Gooden-Brown, Paul LoPapa, 59, was ordered by Bergen County Superior Court Judge William C. Meehan to pay. more than \$4.19 million in restitution and fines and to serve five years probation.

In addition, LoPapa was barred from using the Internet while on probation Meetian also granted the state permission to monitor LoPapa's phone bills.

On May 3, LoPapa pleaded guilty before Mechan to charges contained in a State Grand Jury indictment, The indictment charged LoPapa with various crimes including theft by deception, falsifying records, and forgery.

At the hearing, LoPaparalso pleaded guilty to . a separate criminal accusation charging him with four counts of theft by deception and one count of attempted theft by deception.

LoPapa has served more than 500 days in custody for the charges.

In pleading guilty to the charges in the State Grand Jury indictinent. Lobert admitted the between Nov 1: 1997 and soft 1: 1998 are our chased residential real source - managed and guest home - located at 73 and 77 B. Suddle River Road in Saddle River.

An investigation by the Division of Criminal Justice Office of Insurance Fraud prosecutor determined that LoPapa funded the purchase of the Bergen County property through Castle Rock Real Estate, a real estate partnership, controlled by LoPapa.

The purchase was accomplished by creating a fictitious person. Joseph Georges, and representing that Georges was willing to buy the real estate from LoPapa for \$4.9 million.

The investigation determined that LoPapa created worthless promissory notes and other financial documents to have a mostgage lender to

back the purchase. Using the worthless promissory note and \$1, million, in purported cash, LoPana induced a mortgage lender to advance \$3.35 million to finance and acquire the Saddle River property. The mortgage lender, in turn, sold the worthless note to an Arkansas mortgage broker.

The investigation revealed that; immediately after, the bogue Georges' transaction. LoPapa transferred the property to his company, Castle Rock Real Estate Inc.

LoPapa further admitted that between April 1996 and January 1997, he falsely inflated a homeowner's insurance claim in the amount of \$33,400 for artwork that was purportedly damaged by a leaky roof at the East Saddle River Road property.

LoPapa submitted the inflated claim to the Great Northern Insurance Co. An investigation

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The offices of this newspaper will be closed tomorrow in observance of Thanksgiving Day. We will reopen Friday. The deadlines for the Dec. I edition will remain the same: We wish all of our readers and advertisers a happy holiday.

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Used clothing drive A used clothing drive will be Satur-

day to benefit Project Graduation for Governor Livingston High School's class of 2006. The public is urged to bring wearable, used clothing to the

following locations from 9 a.m. to 1 · Berkeley Heights Community Center, 29 Park Ave., Berkeley Heights

· Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave., Mountainside.

Items to be collected include all clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, gloves and scarves. In addition, table lines, bedspreads, towels and stuffed animals may be donated. Pillows and blankets will not be accepted. Items the home of Dr. Jonathan Dayton and should not be torn or stained and must be delivered in tied plastic bags.

Holiday craft workshop at Deerfield School

The Mountainside PTA's annual kids' holiday craft workshop will take place at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave., from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 3.

Children of all ages will have a chance to make homemade crafts to keep for themselves or to give to someone as a holiday gift. This year's crafts will include an assortment of ornaments, "Dad" frames, chocolate pretzel snowmen, antiqued galvanized tin with planted paper white bulbs, and candy wreaths, among other fabulous

All kids are welcome and admission to the event is free. The cost of the crafts will be \$1,50 and up.

Refreshments will be available for a nominal fee. For more information, call Sheila Hibberson at 908-233-6150 or Lori

Brighton Gardens

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conducts craft fair Brighton Gardens of Mountainside, 1350 Route 22 west, is having fee is \$14 per person.

their first craft fair on Dec. 3. Doors open to public at 10 a.m.

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 mem. bers of either organization, wives, significant others and other persons interested in attending.

Ramsen, who started Borscht Belt and, early on appeared on "The Ed Sullivan Show," has had key humor roles on such TV programs the "Bob Newhart Show," "Mary Tyler Moore," "Diff'rent Strokes." "T.J. Hooker" and many other shows. He has also appeared in numerous TV specials.

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.

Widowed Persons group seeks members

The Widowed Persons Association of Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, is looking for new members.

Meetings are the second Sunday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. There is a program, followed by refreshments, consisting of wine and cheese, followed by coffee and cake. A fee of \$3.

Biology topics course

The Union County College. Life

Center course Selected Topics in Biol-

ogy will meet on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. at

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up time is 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$5 per B'nai B'rith Lodge table for crafters. The event is free to the public.

Call Luann at 908-654-4460 Brighton Gardens of Mountainside is an Assisted Living Community. The benefits will go to the residents activities who live at Brighton Gardens of Mountainside.

EVENTS

Historical Society to host open house

The Springfield Historical Society will host a Christmas open house at the historic Cannon Ball House, 126 Morris Ave., from 2 to 4 p.m. on Dec.

The house, built circa 1741, was his family. During the American Revolution, it was operated by his widow, Keziah, as a tavern stop on the main road between Elizabeth and Morristown where George Washington and his army stayed at Jockey Hollow.

Located in the heart of the fighting during the Battle of Springfield on June 23, 1780, the house was hit by an American cannon ball that lodged in a wall and gave the house its name the name by which it has been known for many years Several of the rooms open to the

public will be decorated in colonial style for the holiday. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 973-376-4784

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 Dec. 9 at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east. The class is for adults, and the registration Stop by the Recreation Office for a

registration form or call 908-232-0015 Crafters are needed for the event, set for information

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is charged. All widowed persons are On Dec. 11, the association will have a Christmas party at Gran Centurions. Clark 1 to 5 p.m. \$40 cash bar.

Foothill Club luncheon planned for Dec. 8

The Foothill Club luncheon will be at noon at B.G. Fields Restaurant, 560 Springfield Ave., Westfield on Dec. 8 The club will present its annual fund-raiser called "A Christmas Boutique," featuring new and nearly new

> The Foothill Club, a service organization, is committed to serving the community of Mountainside. New members and guests are always welcome. For a reservation, call Genevieve at 908-232-3626.

For more information call Ruthie Goense at 233-5253.

GL Booster Club raises money for athletics

The Governor Livingston Highlander Booster Club invites fans of all ages to kick off another year of fundraising.

The Booster Club is a voluntee organization of parents, alumni. friends and community members that supports the 24 athletic programs and all student-athletes at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley 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

vides free transportation for borough

seniors ages 60 and older. It is avail-

able for trips to doctors, dentists,

shopping, hairdresser appointments,

232-2400, ext. 5, weekday mornings.

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The Mountainside Active Retirees

meet on the second and fourth Tues-

days of the month at Borough Hall at

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of new programs, expanded activities. scholarships, and team grants. To support these programs, the Booster Club sponsors a variety of

sponsors musical trip

B'nai B'rith Lodge 2093 of Spring-

field will sponsor a trip to "Danny

Kaye and Sylvia," a musical love story

about entertainer Danny Kaye and his

song writer wife, Sylvia Fine, at the

Forum Theatre, 314 Main St.,

Make checks payable to B'nai

B'rith Lodge 2093 Springfield and

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For reservations and information

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tv vendors/crafters of all types to par-

ticipate in its Highlander Market Jan.

21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Governor

Livingston High School, 175

Part of Super Saturday, an annual

event that draws more than 700 fans

and participants of all ages, High-

lander Market offers local vendors and

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908-464-4520 or e-mail to

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Tickets are \$30 each.

Ave., Union, 07083-4827.

the evening.

ways for community members to get involved. 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 The entire community is invited t

support the club. Donations may be sent to 175 Watchung Blvd., Berkeley Heights, 07922. All proceeds from club fund-rais-

ers and special events go directly to support GL athletes and athletics through its programs of grants, scholarships and awards.

Handcrafter Group gathers in borough

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

Those attending can use their own skills or learn new ones. The group is currently making

blankets for Runnells Specialized For information about the group,

call the church office at 908-232-9490

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· A used clothing drive to benefit Project Graduation for Governor Livngston High School's Class of 2006 will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Berkeley Heights Community Center, 29 Park Ave., Berkeley Heights, and Deerfield School, Central Avenue, Mountainside. Tuesday

· Girl Scouts in Springfield have designated the month of November to help feed those in need. Scouts are encouraged to come with their families to help make sandwiches at Sarah Bailey Civic Center, Church Mall, Springfield, starting at 6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome. Bring a 1/2 pound of meat or cheese For more information, call Natalie at 973-379-4297.

Wednesday • The Westfield Regional Health Department will offer a flu clinic from to 8 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Springfield Municipal Building, 100

Mountain Ave. The vaccine will be given out on a first come, first serve basis. If you are Medicare eligible, bring your card with you. The clinic is only open to the resdents of Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle Park, pringfield and Westfield. Proof of residency is required... Upcoming

Dec. 1 • The (Really Good) Books Discussion Group at Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will meet at 7 p.m. in the Palmer Museum to discuss "Skinny Dip," by Carl Hiaasen. Call to reserve a copy of the book at 973-

376-4930, ext. 228. • The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The meeting will be preceded by a mini-lunch and will include a review of Amos Oz's new book; "A Tale of Love and Darkness."

For more information, call Iris Segal at 973-376-0516. Dec. 3

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· Everyone is invited to learn to identify tracks of the common animals that nhabit the Watchung Reservation from 1 to 2 p.m. as part of the Outdoor Adventure series at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. Pre-registration is not required. The fee for this program is a suggested

donation of \$1 per person. · Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., will once again host a "Girls Night Out" from 7:30 p.m. to 9 a.m. This is a special sleepover event for girls ages 6 to 9. Adult supervision is provided by YMCA directors. A bagel breakfast is served on Sunday morning. Fees are \$30 per child for Y members; \$40 per child for non-members. Registration is required. To register, or for more information, call 973-467-0838.

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For more information, call 973-376-4784.

· The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the media onathan Dayton High School, 139 Mountain Ave., at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6

· Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will continue its unchtime Video Series, "Classic/Classy Comedies and Mysteries," at noon. The second film in the series came two years after the original husband and wife hit starring William Powell and Myrna Loy: This time they're out to solve a series of murders, while engaging in bubbling repartee and champagne. Once again, the sleuthing is a pretext for chemistry, but it's a good pretext just the same, centering on Loy's cousin who's accused of murden

Bring a brown bag lunch to the program. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For information, call 973-376-4930. Dec. 7 • The Springfield Planning Board will meet in the Committee Room of the

Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 p.m. • The Foothill Club will hold a luncheon at B.G. Fields restaurant, 560

Springfield Ave., Westfield at noon. For more information, call 908-233-• The Mountainside Planning Board will meet in Council Chambers of

Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east, at 8 p.m. Dec. 10

· Santa is coming to the Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., for Breakfast with Santa. Two seatings are available, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Open to the community, but reservations are required. Fees are \$5 per child for Y members, \$10 per child for non-members.

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ECHO LEADER

On Nov. 11, there was a report of the theft of a BMW 540, valued at \$15,000, from the parking lot of Echo

Avenue • On Nov. 4, Ludrick Freeman, 46, of Netcong was arrested at a location on Route 22 east for outstanding warrants out of Kearney and East Orange. • On Nov. 4, Charles V. Williams, 24. of Elizabeth was arrested for an

outstanding warrant out of Linden. • On Nov. 4, Luis A. Chavez, 31, of Roselle Park was arrested for an out-

standing warrant out of Newark. • On Nov. 5, Ronald Miller, a.k.a. Bruce Leff, 42, of Newark was arrested at a location on Route 22 east for an

outstanding warrant out of Linden. • On Nov. 5. Juanita N. Roberson, 31. of East Orange was arrested at a location on the center island of Route 22 for an outstanding warrant out of East Orange.

• On Nov. 5, there was a report of the theft of high intensity headlights from a 2004 Lexus parked in Echo Plaza along the 900 block of Mountain Avenue

• On Nov. 5, there was a report of the theft of high intensity headlights from a 2005 Lexus from a location on Route 22 west.

• On Nov. 5, there was a report of an attempted theft of high intensity headlights from a 2004 Lexus from a ocation on Route 22 west. There was extensive damage to the front end of the vehicle.

• On Nov. 5, there was a report of from a 2004 Lexus at a location on away. Route 22 west.

• On Nov. 5, there was a report of damage to the hood of a 2006 BMW 330I at a location on Benjamin Drive. · On Nov. 6, George Jackson Jr.,

26, of Irvington was arrested at a loca- Township and Newark. He was also tion on Route 22 east for an outstanding warrant out of Newark. • On Nov. 6. John Krayer Jacusak,

24, of Cranford was arrested on Pitt was a report of a theft at a public stor- dences and little-known information Road on a charge of driving while intoxicated. • On Nov. 9, there was a report of a

theft of a Stanley toolbox and tools from a Dodge Dakota in the parking lot of Echo Plaza along the 900 block of Mountain Avenue.

• On Nov. 10, there was a report of the theft of a Ford Econoline 250, val- and 11:45 p.m., there was a theft from translated into French, Spanish, and bogus movie prop coins used in the ued at \$14,200, on Nov. 4 from the a vehicle on the 1200 block of Route Polish; were the basis for four TV doc- Matthew McConaughey film

POLICE BLOTTER

walls of a garage at a location on Maple Avenue. • On Nov. 10, there was a report of

home on Country Club Lane.

35, of Newark was arrested at Passaic

of Jersey City was arrested at Com-DUSA on Route 22 east on a charge of theft by deception.

Springfield was arrested on Maple Avenue for outstanding warrants out of Springfield and Newark.

smashed pumpkin and written • On Nov. 16, there was a report of a lost or stolen government ID on Nov.

• On Nov. 19. there was a report of damage to a Volkswagen BTL at a gas station on Morris Avenue. The gas pump nozzle was not removed from the theft of high intensity headlights the vehicle before the driver pulled

Green Brook was arrested at the Somrants out of Mountainside, Mendham trolled dangerous substance.

• On Nov. 17 at 4:50 p.m., there age facility on the 1000 block of from his best-selling book. "Pearl Har- in the November issue of Car Collec-Route 22 west. Items stolen included two RCA televisions.

• On Nov. 18 at 6:16 p.m., Abraham Avecillas, 44, of Somerset was List murders in Westfield, World War 1948 Tucker Torpedo, The Man, The arrested on Route 22 west near Sum- II, the British Royal Family, and the Car, The Movie." mit Road for driving while suspended.

D WAR I TIZ & FACT BOOK

er Timothy Benford will appear at St. Peter's Prep in Jer-

Resident to speak on facts about Pearl Harbor

ning novelist Timothy Benford, a forthe school's library.

charged with possession of a con- of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Benford's appearance will include odd and travel, collectibles, automobiles, coins unusual anecdotes, vignettes, coinci- and currency. bor Amazing Facts!"

wide range of subjects, including the Dukes of Hazzard movie, and "The U.S. And Soviet space race. His works • On Nov. 19 between 7:16 p.m. have been book club selections; been in Coin Values magazine about the umentaries/shows in the U.S. And "Sahara."

Also a prolific contributor to publieral journalism awards. Outside of his World War II, history, cruise ships,

He currently has two feature stories tor magazine: "Behind The Scenes Benford's dozen books cover a with The General Lee," the car in the

Also in November, he has a feature

Best-selling author and award-win- Japan; and appear on CD-ROM. mer Mountainside councilman and cations in the U.S., Europe, Canada, • On Nov. 13. Howard Gray. 47. of police commissioner, will give a pres- and Australia, Benford has appeared in entation at St. Peter's Prep, 140 Grand more than 100 publications over the erset County Jail for outstanding war- St., Jersey City, at 7 p.m. on Dec. 7 in last three decades and resulted in sev-Scheduled on the 64th anniversary books, he writes extensively about



sey City on Dec. 7 to discuss his best-selling book, 'Pearl Harbor Amazing Facts!'

BMW reported stolen

• On Nov. 10, there was report of Plaza along the 900 block of Mountain black spray-painted graffiti on the

a 1997 Nissan that was egged on its driver's side door and windows at a

• On Nov. 11, Stephanie G. Davis, County Jail on an outstanding warrant out of Springfield.

• On Nov. 12, Marco K. Girgis, 24,

• On Nov. 13, Lauren Marie Wills, 22, of Union was arrested on Mountain Avenue for an outstanding warrant out of Union.

• On Nov. 13. Felicia Maye, 32, of

• On Nov. 15, there was a report of a break-in attempt on the 3700 block of Park Place. A window screen was damaged.

• On Nov. 16, there was a report of threats at a location on Morris Avenue.

10 at a business on Diamond Road.

Mountainside



Mutual brings call for local firefighters

Springfield On Nov. 14 at 11:07 a.m., firefighters responded a pumper to a house fire in Mountainside on request from County Mutual Aid. • On Nov. 13 at 11:25 p.m., fire-

fighters responded to Route 78 west at Exit 49 for a motor vehicle accident. • On Nov. 15 at 11:42 a.m., firefighters responded to a Morris Avenue.

business for an activated fire alarm. • On Nov. 15 at 4:53 p.m., firefighters responded to a Hillside Avenue residence for a motor vehicle

lock-out. • On Nov. 16 at 8:02 a.m., firefighters responded to Route 78 west at mile post 47 for a motor vehicle acciden

• On Nov. 16 at 8:29 a.m., firefighters responded to the intersection of Morris and Maple avenues for a motor vehicle accident with a spill. • On Nov. 16 at 1:46 p.m., fire-

fighters responded to Morris Avenue near Baltusrol Avenue for a motor vehicle accident with a spill.

• On Nov. 17 at 5:28 a.m., firefighters responded to the intersection of South Springfield and Hillside avenues for alarms sounding in the

• On Nov. 17 at 7:24 a.m., firefighters responded to a Fernhill Road

fighters responded to an Oak Ridge alarm was activated by smoke from residence for an activated fire alarm, unattended cooking.

Area residents owed IRS refunds

2,623 New Jersey taxpayers who are 2004 tax return. entitled to their share of undeliverable refund checks totaling approximately \$2.48 million.

The checks due to Maria C. Colon of Springfield and Mountainside resi- tial account issues. dents Joseph F, Deluca and Lisa A. Gonnella can be reissued after they undeliverable because a taxpaver correct or update their addresses with the IRS. Nationally, there are 84,290 to notify the IRS or the U.S. Postal taxpayers with undeliverable refunds, Service. Any checks sent to the taxwith an average refund of \$871.

The "Where's My Refund?" feature on the IRS.gov Web site provides taxpayers with information about their refunds. It is available from the home page. To use it, taxpayers enter their with the IRS. Download the form from Social Security number, filing status, IRS gov or request it by calling 1-800-

· On Friday at 2:25 a.m., firefight ers responded to an Evergreen Avenue residence for an activated fire alarm.

FIRE BLOTTER

• On Friday at 4:11 a.m., firefight ers responded to a Mountain Avenue business for an activated fire alarm. · On Friday at 7:47 a.m., firefight ers responded to Henshaw Avenue for

a motor vehicle accident with a spill. • On Friday at 12:56 p.m./ firefighters responded to an Oakland Avenue residence for an activated carbon monoxide detector.

• On Friday at 8:53 p.m., firefighters responded to Ashwood Avenue for a leaf fire.

• On Saturday at 9:05 a.m., firefighters responded to a Mountain Avenue apartment complex for a lock-

Mountainside

On Oct. 31 at 12:42 a.m., firefight ers responded to an activated Central Station fire alarm at Trailside Nature and Science Center in the Watchung Reservation. Fire officers could not determine the cause of the alarm's

• On Oct. 31 at 10:04 a.m., firefighters responded to an activated residence for an activated fire alarm. Central Station fire alarm at a Spruce • On Nov. 17 at 5:21 p.m., fire- Drive industrial building. The fire

Three area residents are among the and the refund amount shown on their When the information is submitted.

> "Where's My Refund?" will show the status of a refund and, in some cases, provide instructions to resolve poten-

Most commonly, refund checks are moved or changed address and failed totaling approximately \$73 million payer's last known address would be returned to the IRS.

> Taxpayers who have moved since filing their last tax return can ensure the IRS has their correct address by filing Form 8822, Change of Address,

PAGE 4 - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2005



Planning for For Art's Sake Holiday Party and Art Sale are, from left, Asdrubal Franco; Estelle Fournier, co-chair of the event; Regan Wesson and Catle McCormack Totman, all of Summit; with Eric Pryor, center, the Visual Arts Center's president, and Richard Keating, right, of Short Hills

Center hosts holiday party, art sale

bags and much more.

on Dec. 15.

education

The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, 68 Elm St., will For Art's Sake Holiday Boutique in its newly renovated host "For Art's Sake," its annual holiday party and art spacious building from Nov. 26 until the end of Decemsale from 7:30 p.m. * midnight on Dec. 3. Buying art can be intimidating — and so serious, "For

Art's Sake" makes buying art fun while offering guests the unique opportunity to meet the artists whose work is for sale in an intimate and festive atmosphere.

Held in the center's stunning new gallery, the event will also feature live jazz, great food, libations and a days, and noon to 4 p.m. on weekends, silent auction of a mystery piece of art to be unveiled for the lucky winner with a toast of champagne.

Original works of 24 established and emerging artists representing various mediums will offer guests an affordable way to take that first leap into collecting art or to add a special new piece to their existing collections. Neophytes and seasoned collectors alike are bound to fall in love with something.

The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey will also hold a 9121.

Outreach program welcomes donations

BRIDGES, a Summit-based outreach coats or seasonal clothing of a particu- mid-December. program for the homeless, has deliv- lar size. in lower Manhattan, Newark and Irv- their name and general location.

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ered over 700 individually requested Groups or individuals that would holiday gifts to men, women and chil- like to purchase holiday gifts will be Every week, BRIDGES collects dren living on the streets or in shelters given the individual's request with and distributes gently used seasonal

908-259-0557

For the past several years, Gifts usually requested are shoes, tagged and returned to BRIDGES by Call 908-273-0176 and ask for a

The boutique offers one-of-a-kind gifts handmade by

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays. Wednesdays

artisans, including jewelry, pottery, glass, textiles, hand-

and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thurs-

A For Men Only Shopping Night with refreshments

For reservations and more information, call 908-273.

holiday gift request. clothing and blankets as well as toi-Gifts should be wrapped and letries and other necessities.

www.summitoldguard.homestead.com. and personalized service will take place from 6 to 10 p.m. Proceeds from the holiday party and the boutique will Poetry group to meet benefit art scholarship for economically disadvantaged Join residents of Summit Senior Housing, 12 Chestnut Ave., and their children along with programming for exhibitions and

friends on Monday in the Community Room at 2 p.m. for their monthly poetry group, "Poetry: Poems from the Heart," led by Marion Mansfield. This will be an expanded session containing music, special perform- pressure evaluations. Strength and balances, and the reading of original and

favorite poems, in celebration of the through Tai Chi exercises. The speakholiday season. Admission is free.

Carealver aroup meets nity resource for eldercare, offers a SAGE Eldercare's fall prevention gram, said.

Summit AARP talks consumer fraud

Bait!," about consumer fraud, with a

postal inspector from U.S. Postal

Inspection Service, on Monday at St.

John's Lutheran Church, 587 Spring-

field Ave., at 10 a.m. Coffee and social

For more information on upcoming

Past directors of the Summit Old

Guard will speak to the organization's

membership at the New Providence

Municipal Center on Tuesday. A cof-

fee hour starts at 9:15 a.m., followed

by a 10 a.m. short business meeting.

about the highlights of their tenure as

This meeting is part of the 75th

anniversary celebration of the Summit

Old Guard that was founded on Dec.

ember 2, 1930. Following the meeting,

Old Guard members will have a cele-

bratory luncheon at Fairmount Coun-

meetings of the Summit Old Guard

Tuesday mornings at the New Provi-

dence Borough Hall, 360 Elkwood

Avenue. Old Guard members partici-

pate in sports, bridge, hikes and trips,

For more information, call Earl

Gilkey at 908-464-2480 or visit

plays, concerts and other events.

Retired men are invited to attend

head of the organization.

try Club in Chatham.

Ten former directors will speak

meetings, call 908-273-2239.

Former directors of

Old Guard to speak

begin at 9:45 a.m.

givers of seniors on the third Wednes-The Summit Area Chapter of AARP will present "Don't Take the

meeting will be Dec. 21.

For information, call Ellen McNally, SAGE InfoCare Director at 908-598-5509

Fall prevention series

The SAGE Eldercare Fall Prevention Initiative includes a series of comprehensive programs about fall prevention for the elderly, for the pubic-at-large and for SAGE's volunteers, home health aides, staff, clients and caregivers. The programs are designed in collaboration with health care providers in SAGE's service area of Morris, Union, Essex and Somerset

njuries among the elderly. SAGE shirts and sweaters. Eldercare's Fall Prevention Program is Foundation with additional support tions: from the Fred C. Rummel Foundation. • On Dec. 8, the public is invited to Summit.

Screening" from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. at Summit Ave., Summit. SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad St. The program, for adults 65 and older, will focus on prevention screening to protect seniors from falling.

Learn how changes in activities, decrease the risk of falling. Free screenings will include balance Place Blvd., Summit. assessments, bone density and blood ancing exercises will be demonstrated Ave., New Providence. Refreshments will be served.



SENIOR NEWS

free monthly support group for care- coordinator, at 908-598-5552. SAGE Eldercare serves as a major day of each month at SAGE Eldercare, community resource in the establish-290 Broad St., Summit. The next ment and delivery of innovative services for older adults and their care-PREP, People Responsible for givers; providing them with dignity Elderly Persons, provides caregivers and choice. These services allow the with emotional support, community elderly to remain independent and livresources, effective problem-solving ing in their own homes. Present SAGE and coping strategies, and the chance programs include HomeCare, Mealsto share common concerns with others on-Wheels. State Health Insurance who are caring for their aging loved Assistance Program of Union County. Bill Paying, a Shopping Service, Info-Care, a Resale Shop, Chore Service and Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center SAGE serves 5.000 older people and their families annually in Essex, Morris, Somerset, and Union counties. For more information, call 908-273-5550 or log onto www.sageeldercare.org.

'Essentials for Seniors'

SAGE Eldercare will continue its fifth annual "Essentials for Seniors Drive" until Dec. 12, providing seniors with basic items for living.

You can help seniors in Union. Morris, Essex and Somerset counties With approximately one-third of by donating new items such as towels. adults aged 65 and older-in the com- razors and shaving cream, bed sheets. munity falling each year, the program toiletries, supermarket gift certificates. will play a vital role in helping to pre- and/or new clothing items such as vent falls and reduce the risks of gloves, hats, shirts, slippers, under-

Items should be new, unwrapped underwritten by the Henry H. Kessler and delivered to the following loca-SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad St.

the free "Fall Prevention Forum & - Summit Medical Group. 120

• Summit Medical Group, 34 Mountain Blyd., Warren. · Hilltop Community Bank, 385

Springfield Ave., Summit. · Hilltop Community Bank, 555 lifestvle and the home environment Springfield Ave., Berkeley Heighis. · Summit High School, 125 Kent

 New Providence Internal Medicine Associates, 1252 Springfield

"The Essentials for Seniors Drive er for this event is Greg Davis, a phys- has been very successful for the past Summit area seniors are welcome. ical therapist from McRc Physical four years, thanks to the generous Therapist Group in Millburn, donations of our community, and the organizations that assist us in collect-For information about this and ing the items." Kathy Aira, director of SAGE Eldercare, a major commu- future programs, call Julie Reich, SAGE Eldercare's HomeCare pro-

SUMMIT OBSERVER - ECHO LEADER National Home Care Month marked

elderly client's independence.

ed for their maturity and positive atti-

HomeCare's registered nurses are

More than four million Americans receive home-related health care daily from nearly one million caregivers. In National Association for Home Care & Hospice in celebrating November as National Home Care Month under the theme, "When You Are Well, and Especially When You Are Sick, There Is No Place Like Home."

terminally ill in their homes truly is a ible scheduling, ranging for one-hour visits. Assessments include telephone privilege for us," Kathy Aira, director bath service to 24-hour care, including calls to appropriate professionals to of SAGE Eldercare's HomeCare weekends, overnights and live-in serv- discuss results, and to recommend Department, said. "Home care profes- ice. HomeCare can tailor a plan of care or follow up. sionals, volunteers and modern medi- care to meet the elderly client's indi- For a free RN assessment, call 908cine make it possible for people to vidual needs. HomeCare provides 273-8400 to schedule an appointmentstay in their homes, regardless of their compassionate care, encouraging the

with the HomeCare program, with gram provides certified home health eight Home Health Aides working out aides who assist with personal care, givers; providing them with dignity of Overlook Hospital in 1954. Since meal preparation, laundry, exercise, and choice. then, the number of SAGE Eldercare . compliance to therapy and medication Home Health Aides has expanded to schedules, can escort clients to doctor 71, who serve approximately 300 peo- visits and ensure a safe home environ- own homes. ple a year. All home health aides are .ment. certified by the New Jersey Board of HomeCare's Companion Program Nursing and must complete in-service offers an affordable alternative for the Health Insurance Assistance Program training each year for continued certi- older person who does not require of Union County, Bill Paying, a Shopfication. All home health aides are assistance with personal care. Select- ping Service, InfoCare, a Resale Shop, bonded and insured.

SAGE Eldercare's HomeCare program includes a wide range of person- trusted friends who offer companion- serves 5,000 older people and their al. medical and homemaking services ship and help with meals, corresponand is an important alternative to dence and light housekeeping. extended hospital stays or nursing home placement for the elderly, available for physical, mental and HomeCare can also provide caregivers environmental. assessments, blood

Art on display

'Home care professionals, volunteers and their honor, SAGE Eldercare joins the modern medicine make it possible for people to stay in their homes, regardless of their condition.

---- Kathy Aira

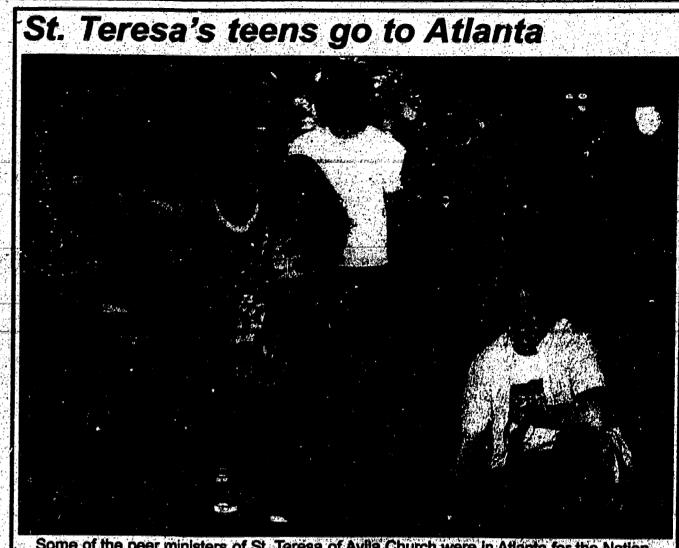
of the elderly with much needed pressure screening, medication dis-"Caring for the sick, elderly and respite care. HomeCare provides flex- pensing, injections and wound care

SAGE Eldercare serves as a major community resource in the establish-SAGE Eldercare's roots began SAGE Eldercare's HomeCare pro- ment and delivery of innovative services for older adults and their care-

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

Present SAGE programs include HomeCare, Meals-on-Wheels, State Chore Service and Spend-A-Day tudes, HomeCare's Companions are Adult Day Health Center. SAGE families annually in Essax, Morris, Somerset and Union counties.

For more information, call 908-273-5550 or log onto www.sageelder-



Some of the peer ministers of St. Teresa of Avila Church were in Atlanta for the National Catholic Youth Conference Oct. 27-30. The conference is designed for Catholic youth to strengthen their faith and to grow as leaders. At the conference, are, from left, standing, Leigh Gorman, Esther Arrieta, Samantha Reina, Steve Macchia and J.P. Obando. and kneeling, Tony Landi and Justin Stymacks. Not pictured is Youth Minister Kevin Canessa.

Workshops offered at Visual Arts Center

The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, 68 Elm versus surrealism and St., is offering fall workshops designed to expand don't have the time to take a full semester course.

"Beyond the Single Image," Dec. 3-4 or Dec. 10-11, will be from 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Digital photog- how- to apply it. Participants will also learn the cepts will be discussed. raphy opens up creative possibilities in the art of photo compositing - combining multiple images --- as never before. Students will learn scale, juxta-position, unity versus fragmentation, and realism

process of antiquing and working with faux finishes. Take your sculptures to the next level with this workshop. Get down and dirty as you enter the amazing www.nicva.org.

ness analyst for Chubb and Son, War-

Alice Hoffman

Alice Lee Hoffman, 98, of Summit died Nov. 12 in Runnells Specialized

Hospital, Berkeley Heights Borning Developt, Mond Infimate Borning Developt, Mond Infimate Borning Statements of the State Fir raid wanter of man was a 1927 graduate of Overlook Hospital's School of Nursing, Summit. She was a member of the Jefferson School Parent-Teachers Association.

Surviving are a son, George Jr., grandchildren.

Margaret Robb

died Nov. 14 in Hackensack University Medical Center. Born in Glen Ridge, Mrs. Robb lived in Verona before moving to Summit 37 years ago. She was a busi-

Margaret C. Robb, 62, of Summit Marie 'Dolly' Nunn Marie "Dolly" Nunn, 94, of

died Nov. 15 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

School, Summit.

Mason and John Young.

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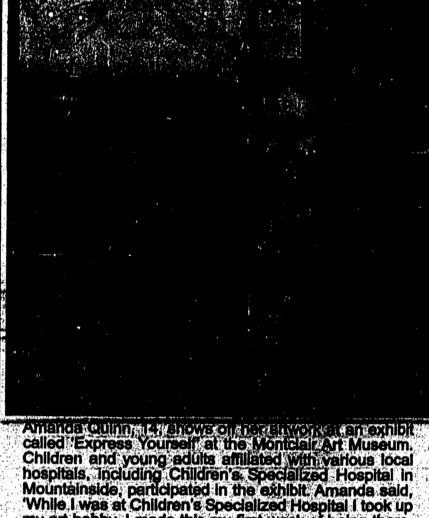
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my art hobby. I made this my first week of being there. I came up with this idea while sitting in the hospital garden and this flower caught my eye.

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with two weekly Teen classes. We have an active Senior Set and very active Jr. NCSY and Sr. NCSY chapters for pre-seeds. Our Sisterhood. Adult Education and Youth groups provide a wide array of communal programming. For further information call the synagogue office at

Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (973) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniela, Cantor/ Education Director; Nina Greennan, Pre-School Director; Mindy Schreft, Family Life Educator; Edward: Fink and Hank Rottenberg. Co-Presidents. Temple Stajarby Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaiam. Shabhar worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:00 PM, with monthly Family and Alternative Worship, Seturday morning Torsh study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes most on Saturday mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7; and Tuesday, evenings for post barbat mitryak students. Prochool, classes are evailable for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active. Sistenbood, Brodenbood, Romannoo 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,

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and fellowship. Improve relationships through an affordable. Counseling Center (CCHD). SEUMC is located at the far BACK and of Church Mall, #40, near Morris and Mt. Aves in Springfield, 973-376-1695, scume | Gverigen net THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Summit is located in the lisert of town on the corner of Kast Place Boulevard and DeFores : Avenue. Church School and Bible Study is held

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OBITUARIES

Born in Chicago, Mrs. Nunn lived ing Society and a member of the Ill in Brooklyn, Dover, Maplewood, minating Society. Mrs. Robb was a 1965 graduate of Springfield, Cranford, Edison and Mr. Pfaff went on to obtain more Wheaton College, Norton, Mass. She Green Brook before moving to Annan- than 30 patents, primarily for street

leader and a member of the Parent- dancing. She was an insurance secre-Teachers Organization at Franklin tary. Mrs. Nunn was a member of the During World War II, he invented Springfield Senior Citizens Group. and manufactured an easily erected Surviving are her husband, John; Surviving are a son, James; a pole used on United States Naval

two daughters, Megan and Susan; a daughter, Beverly Accardi; five grand-bases to bear antennae for military son, William; her mother, Margaret children and eight great-grandchil- communications and also designed an Young, and two brothers, Peter W. dren. antenna mast for the United States

Veronica Braun

Veronica Braun, 95, of Springfield died Nov. 16 at home. Annandale, formerly of Springfield, - Born in Newark, Mrs. Braun lived in Summit for 20 years and Short Hills for 30 years before moving to Springfield three years ago. She was a mem-ber of the Ladies Auxiliary and Life-lighters, both of St. Rose of Lima. Church, Short Hills, and the Serra Club of the Oranges. She was a mem-ber of the Springfield Seniors.

Surviving are a daughter Pasquale: four grandchildren and three reat-grandchildren

Henry Pfaff Jr.

Henry C. Pfaff Jr., 91, of Gladwyne, Pa., formerly of Summit, died Nov. 16 in Waverly Heights: Glad-

Born in Newark, Mr. Pfaff lived in Summit for 50 years before moving to Gladwyne. He spent his summers in-Nantucket, Mass., for 45 years.

Mr. Pfaff was a chemist and manufacturer and was president of Pfair and Kendall Inc., the Traffic and Street Kendall Inc., the Traffic and Street Sign Co. and the Hilldale Corp. all of Newark. He was a founding member of the International Traffic Engineer. of the International Traffic Engineer-

features in Photoshop as well as the more advanced of art in a weekend at the "Ceramic Tiles" workshop your knowledge of various mediums in a short time. techniques. Participants should have a basic knowl- Dec. 3-4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students will Open to everyone of high school age and older, the edge of Photoshop and digital photography. workshops are appropriate for those from beginner Explore color in the sculptural medium with the cd tiles, review design concepts, and create two neg-to advanced levels and are perfect for those who "Patina" workshop, on Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Taught by sculptor Alfredo Cardenas, students will create a motif suitable for mounting. Free-form tiles learn the various techniques to make a patina and will also be created and glazes and finishing con-

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For more information on the workshops and other classes and programs at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, call 908-273-9121 or log onto

lamp and sign posts and overhead sign

Signal Corps.

For military use during the Korean and Vietnam wars, Mr. Pfaff invented and distributed a telephone pole that was reducible to a compact, 7-foot flat package.

He served with the 7th Regiment of the National Guard and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. Mi Pfaff was a longtime civic leader in Essex County.

He also was chairman of the Area Council of the Boys Clubs of Northern Now-Joney-and-a-member-of-th board of the Ironbound Boys and Girls ubs of Newark for 35 years; serv 10 years as advisory board chaimnan.

Mr. Pfaff received the Boys Clubs Man of the Year Award in 1975. He was active with The Salvation Army of Northern New Jersey.

He was advisory board chairman and the recipient of the William Booth Award, the organization's highest honor, for his years of service.

Mr. Pfaff was chairman of the Church Councils of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, East Orange, and St.

John's Luthenin Church of Summit.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

Happy Thanksgiving

On Thursday, people throughout the United States will celebrate Thanksgiving. This is a holiday that celebrates families and the strength they represent. In 1621, after a hard and devastating first year in the New World, the Pilgrims' fall harvest was very successful and plentiful. Pilgrim Gov. William Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving to be shared by all Colonists and neighboring Native Americans, who had helped Colonists survive in their new homes.

The custom of an annually celebrated thanksgiving, after the harvest, continued through the years. In 1817, New York State adopted Thanksgiving Day as an annual custom. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln appointed a national day of thanksgiving. Since then, each president has issued a Thanksgiving Day proclamation, usually designating the fourth Thursday of each November as the holiday.

While Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday, it actually traces its roots thousands of years ago. Harvest festivals and thanksgiving celebrations were given by the ancient Greeks, Romans, Hebrews, Chinese and Egyptians. For them, a successful harvest was often the difference between survival and starvation, peace and war, life and death. The Pilgrims had survived their first year in the New World and, with this success came the birth of our great nation.

Today's Thanksgiving is a continuation of that celebration of life. Although the hard times of the first settlers are behind us, there are still many ill or indigent people throughout the United States who are suffering, including those newly added to the ranks, thanks to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. This is a time for us to reach out and help those most in need, and to thank the efforts of our police officers, firefighters and all those who give so much to help those in need. Their sacrifices have been made so others can survive and so our nation can recover and prosper. On this Thanksgiving, let's give thanks for all we have, and thank those for giving all they can.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Leading by example

As sure as you can expect the seasons to change, you can expect the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will introduce its annual salary ordinance next month --- conveniently after the November elections.

Each year, the freeholder board approves the ordinance, awarding salary increases for department heads, and sometimes for themselves. Most directors now earn well over six figures, and the county manager likely will break the \$150,000 threshold this year. But one thing is always certain - the raises will be retroactive to Jan. 1. There is no other reason why they are retroactive, other than that's just the way it's always been done. But where in the private sector does one receive a pay hike for work done the previous year? While there are such things as one-time bonuses for employees, these are increases to annual salaries that should take effect after they're approved, not retroactively.

County officials also must be wary of the financial situation in which the county and its residents find themselves. Property taxes are crushing homeowners in New Jersey, and it's not just county taxes, but municipal and school taxes as well. Each plays a big part in ever-increasing tax bills, and none operate in a vacuum. All three entities impact our wallets. Freeholders must remember that fact when they consider pay hikes. And there's no room for increasing their own salary this year. Board members already are among the highest-paid freeholders in the state.

Freeholders earn an annual salary of \$28,013, with the chairman and vice chairman receiving a few thousand dollars more. These are part-time positions that also offer health benefits. The last time freeholders gave themselves a raise was 2003, an increase of almost 4 percent, which followed a pay hike in 2002.

In a budget of \$400 million, nine people earning \$28,000 a year does not even rise to the level of nickel and diming, but as leaders of county government, freeholders must set the example when it comes to tightening fiscal belts.

"There is probably no way to make speech seem more important than to ban it."

> ---- Floyd Abrams First Amendment Lawyer 2004



Lung cancer should be everybody's concern

Last month, it seemed as if every time you looked around, you saw something pink. Whether it was ribbons wrapped around trees, or magnetic bumper stickers adhered to the backs and sides of vehicles, they were there - in plain view and clear to see.

There were formal walks and runs in parks, feature stories about it were written in newspapers and aired on radio stations, and even Melissa Etheridge was able to sing about it. "Run for Life," which already has become an anthem for this type of cancer, is truly an inspirational song.

October was Breast Cancer Awarcness Month, and if you didn't know it, you had to be on another planet. The bright pink color was everywhere.

This month is strikingly different. There are no walks or runs, nobody has come forward with an anthem, and the feature stories are not written. That's sad because November recognizes the cancer that kills the most people, yet news agencies and racio stations do not make the citizenry aware of it.

ness Month, and even with the recent includes 90,490 males and 73,020 death of ABC News Anchorman Peter females. mom this normalic di nary a word is mentioned about it. I thought that with a renowned public figure such as Jennings, ABC News would embark on a project for the month in Jennings' memory to make viewers more aware of the disease and steps they can take to prevent it. I haven't reen one.

For The Record By Tom Canavan **Editor in Chief**

Lung cancer nationwide kills more people than the combined cancer aths of brain, breast, colon, liver and prostate cancers. In 2005, the American Cancer Society is estimating that cancer will take the lives of 163,510 people, many of whom will be non-smokers.

A fact worrying the oncology community is that in 2005, the estimated number of females who will have been diagnosed with lung cancer will continue to grow. A total of 172,570 new cases will be males, while 79,560 cases will be females. Of the total November is Lung Cancer Aware- number. 163.510 will die. That

> Chose are fr numbers I'm purposely writing this column

because it's one week after the celebration of the Great American Smokeout. I'm hoping that with the numbers I presented, those who tried to quit smoking last week and failed could get another dose of inspiration to kick

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

the habit this week and be successful Need more numbers?

I was diagnosed with lung cancer ease that takes the life of 85 percent of in April 2002 at the age of 41 and have those diagnosed, I'm extremely lucky been fighting the disease for the last to be alive, especially since my diagthree years and seven months. I don't nosis of lung cancer had already mean having the treatments and sur- reached Stage 4, which clinically geries in 2002 to get rid of the disease means it had spread from the lung to and that's all I've had to worry about. the brain. Once lung cancer gets into That would be too easy. I'm talking the blood system, that usually spells about literally fighting for my life dur- the end of the patient. At least, in the ing that time period.

l too was a smoker.

More than three and one-half years later, I'm still undergoing cancer treat- me a happy birthday for the fourth ments, which include extremely heavy doses of chemotherapy. By the end of and with all that I've endured, somethis year. I will have spent nine nonths of the year in cancer treatments --- from February through June, and September through December. Isn't that a wonderful way to live? If you think so, keep smoking.

Between the months of September lung cancer cases are being reported and December, I will have been treat- of news is solely needed to reach as for 2005. Of that number, 93,010 ed for my 16th, 17th and 18th tumors many lung cancer patients as possible since diagnosis. All because of this because we still think a diagnosis of horrible beast of a disease called lung lung cancer automatically means

I've endured five surgeries, all, There's a reason lung cancer is thank God, occurring in 2002, and known as the invisible cancer, and radiation and chemotherapy, which have been part derstand it, thinking it's a smokers disfor this specific publication date of the treatment plans each time I've case and it's not their concern. It's been informed of a recurrence. more than that, and it should become That's been eight times in three and evervone's concern.

one-half years. They have not been happy discussions with my oncologist. As I present my personal numbers, be reached at Tcanavan@thelocalreaders might say, "Well, after all this source.com.

Railroad will not eliminate truck trips To the Editor:

In his letter in the Nov. 10 edition, John F. Hyde seeks to reassure us that "toxic garbage trains" will not be routed through Springfield. We hope his information is authoritative. However, it is unfortunate that he uses the expression that the railroad "could eventually eliminate 50,000 truck trips a year." This con-

jures up a vision of whole fleets of existing trucks disappearing from the roads, which is not what I think he means and which is certainly not going to happen. Railroads do not replace trucks; they do not have competing interests. They are interdependent components of a single distribution system. For some pur-poses, one may be more useful than the other, but neither could function effectively without the other. There is a time-proven relationship between them. As the requirement for freight transportation grows, the two services increase their capacities in an approximately consistent ratio.

This is demonstrated by Port Authority figures. Shipments for a recent year show 264,000 containers shipped by rail and 1.936 million shipped by truck; a raise a family. ratio of 12 percent rail to 88 percent truck. As the port expands by a planned 400 percent, to handle the largest container ships, train shipments will increase to 2.024 million containers per year and truck shipments to 6.776 million; a ratio of 23 percent rail to 77 percent trucks. The pattern is similar throughout the industry.

There is more to the Staten Island story. New York City's garbage will be processed at a new facility at Fresh Kills and shipped out on 70 car trains, 4,700 feet long, moving twice per week in each direction. The Howland Hook Marine Terminal and the adjoining Arlington Railyard are expanding to match the Port Authority's plan to increase container handling capacity by 400 percent. Exist-ing factories have also signed on to use the railroad. The volume of train freight traffic crossing to New Jersey will be enormous and not all of it will "make a ber for verification. hard left onto the Chemical Coast Line."

which the diesel freight trains will roll, the staggering truck traffic will create havoc with our roads and taxes. The federal government has estimated that by 2020 New Jersey will have 80 percent more truck traffic volume compared with 998 figures. Road repairs could cost as much as \$3.7 billion a year, by 2020, ccording to the Tri-State Transportation Campaign. Many millions are already committed to widen the Garden State Parkway to accommodate truck traffic

will carry whatever and whenever the market demands. Reality contradicts Mr. Hyde's vision of the "welcome development which will benefit us all."

Thank you for your support To the Editor

We would like to thank the voters of Union County for their overwhelming support in re-electing us. We would also like to thank the many supporters and volunteers who gave their time to help. We pledge to continue providing you with the best possible governmental services, keeping Union County as the finest place in New Jersey to live and

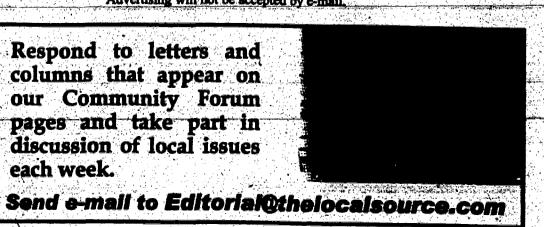
Our policy on letters and columns

The Echo Leader welcomes submissions from its readers. Letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages. This opportunity also is open to all residents, officials and ployees of both Springfield and Mountainside and the County of Union. The Echo Leader reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, contentand style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone num-

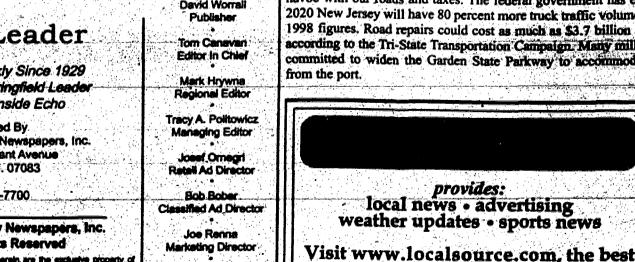
Letters must be no more than 500 words long; longer pieces must be arranged advance with the editor. The Echo Leader accepts letters to the editor and guest columns via e-mail. The add iss is editorial@thelocalsource.com. Letters and essays also may be sent via 1. S. mail to 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, 07083. For publication, all letters as I guest columns must be received by 9 a.m. Mondays to be considered for publication in Thursday's edition. Letters received via e-mail must be on topics of interest, preferably in

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A RELAXING AFTER NOON - Dominique Baccigalupi has her nails done at the Children's Specialized Hos-Recreational nital Department's 'Afternoon of Pampering Nov. 11 in Mountainside. This event provided patients and their families the opportunity to enjoy a relaxing afternoon of massages, hair and nail treatments and snacks.

time, you're still alive." That's certainly true. With a dis-

past it did. But if my oncologist can diagnose me with lung cancer in 2002, and wish consecutive year since that diagnosis. thing has changed.

With advancements in medicine, many lung cancer patients are surviving longer.

This kind of news should be screamed from roof tops everywhere by the medical community. That kind

Editor in Chief Tom Canavan can

As for Springfield, the train may well come through. There seems to be too. much money behind the project to be able to derail it and no inclination in our higher elected officials to protect the community. Once in operation, the train

Herbert Slote Springfield

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ECHO LEADER

Napolitano named partner in firm

Springfield resident Michael Napolitano has been named partner of the accounting and consulting firm, Meisel, Tuteur & Lewis P.C. in Rose-

Napolitano specializes in consulting with family-owned businesses. developing strategies and providing solutions that are designed to help them meet their growth and profitability goals. In addi-

tion, he is experienced in the areas forensic accounting, fraud detection. and marital dispute esolution.

earned a bachelor. of science degree in accounting

University. He is a American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New Jersey State Society of Certified Public Accountants, and frequently lectures on business consulting and management top-

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Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Spring-

field Ave.. will host a winter coat drive

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thousands of winter coats each year

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They are asking for donations of gen-

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Y is open Monday through Thursday,

6 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday, 6 a.m. to 9

p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and

For more information call member-

The Springfield YMCA, 100 S

Springfield Ave., is looking for volun-

teers. for. its. Membership Services department, Volunteers, will meet and

greet members, and assist with front

desk displays and information materi-

If interested, call Pam Halprin at 973-467-0838 or e-mail pamhal-

Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Spring-

This is a special sleepover event for

field Ave. will once again host

"Girls Night Out" Dec. 3 and 4 from

girls ages 6 to 9, featuring pajama

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

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Seidel is Hadassah Woman of the year

sah named Lorraine S. Seidel as its Woman of the Year. In this capacity, Seidel will be presented with the Myrtle Wreathe Award at a brunch at the Hanover Marriott in Whippany at 9 a.m. on Dec. 11.

A 30-year life member, Seidel chairs the organization's American Affairs and Publicity committees. Her additional activities include

membership in the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, for which she chairs the annual tribute dinner and public relations committees, the Springfield Municipal Alliance, and the Springfield Cable TV Committee. She is also a volunteer at Travelers Aid at Newark

Formerly, she was a president of the former Springfield League of Women Voters and served as publicity chairwoman for the Chamber of Commerce's Committee to Support the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Springfield.

Her memberships in Jewish organagement advisory firm serving clients izations include Jewish Women International, Council of Jewish Women,

> party fun, cooking, snacks, crafts, tools for increasing student environs provided by YMCA directors. A engage your students in interdisciplibagel breakfast is served on Sunday nary, hands on experiences that develop per child for non-members. Registra- is \$10 per person. Light refreshments tion is required.

To register, or for more information, call membership services 973-467-0838

Santa is coming

Santa is coming to the Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., on Dec. 10 for Breakfast with Santa. Your child can have a yummy breakfast, make a craft project, and take a picture with Santa.

Two scatings are available, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Open to the community, but reservations are required. Fees are \$5 per child for Y members, \$10 To register, or for more information, call membership services 973-467-0838.

PLT workshop Dec. 1

mal and informal educators are invited o take part in an interactive and educa... tional Project Learning Tree "PLT" takes to survive in the wild on Dec. 10 workshop at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road. Mountainside.

PLT is a nationally recognized activity guide that provides educators with

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Block 23 C Lot 11 Change of Tenancy and Site Plan for Child care center and

Joy Fickett, 1199 Route 22, Block 23.C. Lot 5 - Correction of previous site plan approval for office building, contrary to Sections 1013(c)(3) side yard setbect for existing building and subject to any other buik variances, if required.

Timothy Shee, 1460 Dunn Perkway, Block 10.E. Lot 3 - Continuation of preliminary and final mojor three-lot subdivision. Pre-viously policed Yingent Pereinting, 404 Summit: Road Block, 7C: Lot 12: Preliminary and final mojor, three-lot Subdivision, contrary to Section 1003(U)(3) retaining wall is higher three 0

Applications are subject to the Mountain-aide Land Use Ordinance and are subject to bulk variances, if required. Other, issues may be discussed and action may be taken. Ruth M. Rees Planning Board Secretary U130249 ECL.Nov, 23, 2005 (\$15.38)

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cal Society, and formerly Temple Sha'arey Shalom in Springfield and

Seidel, of Springfield, began her professional career as the Moot Court Coordinator at Rutgers University School of Law in Newark. She worked as a campaign coordinator for the Upper New Jersey Chapter of the ational Multiple Sclerosis Society in Montclair and as public education

League of Union County. For 27 years, she was executive director and a group director with the Northern New Jersey Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, a osition from which she retired in

Seidel noted her activities on behalf of Hadassah are inspired by the magnitude of the cause and the dedication displayed by the local chapter's members. She commented that having been involved with non-profit, voluntary health agencies for most of her professional life, she has been mpressed with Hadassah's position as a global organization that embraces valid issues and takes meaningful positions on many vital matters.

Seidel said, "Being a member of Hadassah enables me to not only serve my local community but also play a part in world affairs."

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games and movies. Adult supervision mental awareness. PLT activities will noming. Open to the community, fees skills in problem solving, evaluation are \$30 per child for Y members; \$40 and research. The fee for this workshop

Participants will receive the PLT guide with over 100 lessons included and six state Department of Education professional development credits. Preregistration is required.

Learn animal tracks

Everyone is invited to learn identify tracks of the common animals that inhabit the Watchung Reservation on Dec. 3 from 1 to 2 p.m. as part of the Outdoor Adventure series at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. Discover the best places to look for

tracks and take a hiles to find out who has been "hiking" around Trailside. Pre-registration is not required. The fee for this program is a suggested donation of \$1 per person.

Survive in the wild

Adults with children ages 5 and older, are invited to discover what it from 1 to 2 p.m. as part of the Outdoor Adventure Series at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Provi-dence Road, Mountainside.

Each family will learn the funda-

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mentals for shelter and fire building Together the group will build a shelter warm enough to sleep in. Pre-registration is not required. The fee for this program is a suggested donation of \$1 per person. For more information, call 908-789-3670.

Recreation Department seeks lacrosse plavers

Springfield Recreation Department s planning to put together a lacrosse. program in the township. They are ooking for interested players, coaches and organizers.

If you are interested in seeing acrosse in Springfield, stop by the Recreation Department to fill out a form or send an e-mail to Terry Curry at springfieldlacrosse@comcast.net, or call 973-379-6842.

Basketball Dick-up games begin at YMCA Weekly supervised pick-up basket ball games are offered for ages 13-16 at the Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Spring-

Wednesday in the gym from 7 to 8 p.m. and will be supervised by YMCA staff. ext. 228.

If dance is your interest, the Sprin field YMCA is offering "Teen Beat, for ages 12-17. This is a beginner/intermediate aerobic workout class using hip hop and other dance styles. The class meets Mondays from 5:45 to 6:15

PUBLIC NOTICE

reparding the application of Zoe's Restau-rant LC for conditional use and site plan approval and any variances that may be necessary as avidenced by the plans now on file of as may be modified at the request of the Planning Board so as to permit-the paration of a restaurant. This application is made for premises located at force Plaza Shopping Center. Out the application let made for premises located at force Plaza Shopping Center. All papers pertaining to the application may be upon in the office of the Administra-trative Officer of the Planning Sourd of the Township of Springfield located in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivet Street Springfield, New Jersey. MAX SHERMAN Attorney for Applicani, Zoe's Restaurant LLC U130087. ECL Nov. 23, 2005 (\$15.13)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD Teke notice that the following decision was made at the regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment held on Tueaday Navember 15, 2005: Application # 2005-14

oplicant: New Jersey Organ & Tissue Tharing Network, Inc. Site Location: 841 Mountain Avenue Block: 3601 Lot(s): 6

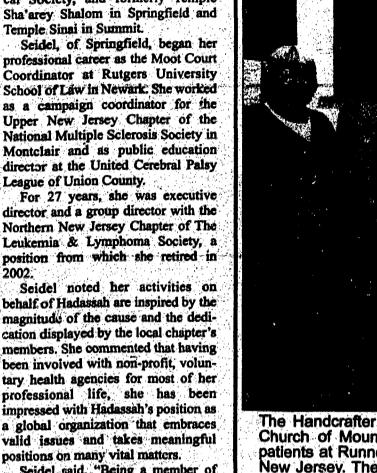
For: Preliminary and Final Site Plan approval, a use variance, and variances for parking and loading dock space, and variances, regarding existing non-con-formines with respect to lot size, lot width and inservious coverage.

Seld application is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Adjustment, Amers Building, 20 North Trivet Avenue, Township of Springfield, NJ and is avail-able for public inspection. Robert C: Kirkpatrick Board Secretary U130099 ECL Nov. 23, 2005 (\$13.13) TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD Take notice that the following dec was gede as the regular meeting of Bard of all sement held on the Manager of 2003.

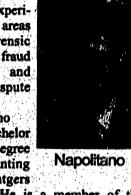
Applicant: Cornerstone Day School, LLC Bite Location: 44 Brown Avenue Block: 3103 Lot(s): 35

For: A day school for special need stu-dents and seriences regarding presidency conditions for minimum for width, mini-mum better from 3-75 zone, animality of the star inter for 22 way drivers, minimum parts and size and place die plan sparstel

Said application is on file in the Office of a the Secretary of the Board of Adjustment, Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Avenue. Township of Springfield, NJ and is avail-able for public inspection. Robert C. Kirkpetrick Board Secretary U130098 ECL Nov. 23, 2008 (\$12,75)







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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2005 - PAGE 7 Volunteers make bankets for hospital The Handcrafter Group of the Women's Association of The Community Presbyterian Church of Mountainside recently handmade and donated a number of blankets for patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County located in Berkeley Heights,

New Jersey. The Handcrafter Group meets on the second Saturday of every month in the church's Memorial Room at 10 a.m. Come use your own skills or learn new ones. The group is currently making items for donation to the Special Wishes Foundation Inc., a nonprofit organization that helps area families in need. For more information, call the church office at 908-232-9490 and leave your name and phone number with Janet.

'Skinny Dip' discussed The (Really Good) Books Discus-

sion Group at Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will meet Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. to discuss "Skinny Dip," by Carl Hiaasen. For two decades, Florida native

Carl Hiaasen has mined the seamy side of the Sunshine State. "Skinny Dip." his 11th novel, starts out with a splash.

Chaz Perrone, the only marine biologist in the world who doesn't know which way the Gulf Stream runs, throws his wife, Joey, overboard from the deck of a cruise ship. He forgot that she was a swimming champ in high school. Joey avoids death by linging to a floating bale of marijua-

Hiaasen's novels are loaded with unseemly, incongruous bizarre happenings. Joey haunts and taunts her homicidal husband and takes the reader on a hilarious, pure Hiaasen ride through the warped politics and mayhem of the human environment. the human heart.

Discussions take place at 7 p.m. in field, Ave. Games take place every the Palmer Museum. Call to reserve a copy of the book at 973-376-4930,

> Candy Sing-a-long, as she sings in the key of "P" 10:30 to 11 a.m. Friday in the Palmer Museum, for children up to days, Dec. 20, Jan. 3, 17 and 31. 5 with a caregiver.

The Miss Candy series continues on Thursdays in December, Dec. 1. 8. Jersey State Council on the Arts. 15 and 22, from 10:30, to 11 a.m.

sing along. Children love to sing, Arts, through a grant administered by especially action songs. And who the Union County Division of Culturwouldn't want to go on a bear hunt, or al and Heritage Affairs and the Friends Strate in called you may appear either Visit the ballpark, or near about the old on person or by spent of atomey and states who swallowed the tyre atom of the third with the ball and the swallowed the tyre atom of the tyre atom ist. Visit the ballpark, of hear about the old of the Springfield Free Public Library. Miss Candy's enthusiasm encourages even the shyest child to partici pate, and of course, she gently encourages good manners.

AT THE LIBRARY

Artists' Showcase Local artists are invited to join the Artists' Showcase to be sponsored by the Friends of the Mountainside Public Library in February.

Painters, photographers, printmak ers, sculptors and others in the fine arts are encouraged to participate. Exhibit your works for one low entry fee and keep the sale's proceeds! Suggested price range is \$25 to \$150 per

Deadline to join is Dec. 15. Call the library at 908-233-0115 r more information

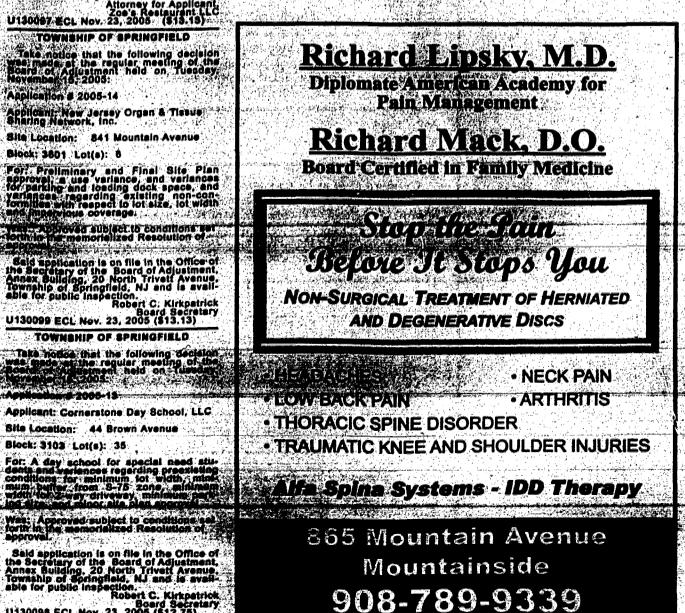
Lunchtime Video Series Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will continue its Lunchtime Video Series "Classic/Classy Comedies and Mys-

teries," Dec. 6 at noon. The second film in the secrics came wo'years after the original husband and wife hit starring William Powell and Myrna Loy. This time they're out to solve a series of murders, while engaging in bubbling repartee and champagne.

text for chemistry, but it's a good pretext-just-the-same-centering-on-Loy/scousin who's accused of murder. The **Miss Candy Sing-a-long** fine cast also features young Jimmy Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Stewart, though it's obviously not his Mountain Ave., will present Miss film. The 1936 film is black and white and runs 112 minutes. It is not rated. The series will continue on Tues-

Funding for the video series has been made possible in part by the New Department of State, a partner agency "P" for people - so everyone can of the National Endowment for the Bring a brown bag lunch to the program. Coffee and cookies will be pro-

For information, call 973-376-4930.



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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALI **By JR Parachini** Sports Editor

For all but two Union County teams, it will be time to put the shoulder pads on once more before feasting on something other than an opponent

Thanksgiving football is here. It all begins tonight with two games and concludes tomorrow

morning with six more. Brearley will host Hillside tomorrow and then begin preparations for its Central Jersey, Group 1 championship game against Florence.

Summit has already concluded its season

Tonight, Linden and Cranford will attempt to clinch a winning season, both owners of a 5-4 record Linden will host Union in the first holiday series game between the two to be played at night. Linden and Union's holiday series ran from 1932-1990 and then resumed i 2002.

Plainfield, Elizabeth, Governor Livingston and Roselle Park are four other 5-4 squads seeking a victory to clinch a winning season.

Elizabeth leads Union County with 24 consecutive winning seasons. The last time the Minutemer finished under .500 was in 1980 when they went 4-5.

Roselle Park and Roselle will meet for the 88th time, this year's game at Roselle's Arminio Field. Roselle Park has won the last two meetings and leads the series 44

Plainfield-Westfield and Mil lville-Vineland are right up the with Roselle Park-Roselle for the longest holiday rivalries in the

In last weekend's state playoff Union, Rahway and New Provi dence were defeated in their respective finals.

That leaves Brearley as the onl Union County representative in sectional final New Providence was the onl

Union County school in a final last year, fulling at Florence 35-7 in the Central Jersey, Group 1 final.

Brearley lost at Florence 33-20 in last year's semis. The Bears are 9-1 and have won eight in a row.

Florence is 10-0, has won 3 traight and the section the past two years. The Flashers host Riverside today and are heavy favorites to win a 35th straight game. Florence last loss to Paulsboro 50-0 in the 2002 South Jersey, Group 1 final. Happy Thanksgiving.

WEEK ELEVEN GAMES Wednesday, Nov. 23 (2) Union at Linden, 7 p.m. Cranford at Kearny, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 24 (6) S. Plains at Elizabeth, 10:30 a.m. Johnson at Rahway, 10:30 a.m. Roselle Park at Roselle, 10:30 a.m

Hillside at Brearley, 10:30 a.m. Plainfield at Westfield, 11 a.m. New Prov. at Gov. Liv., 11 a.m.

WEEK 10 PLAYOFF SCORES **NJSIAA Semifinals** Friday, Nov. 18 (2) North 2, Group 4 Phillipsburg 56, Union 14 Central Jersey, Group 1 Brearley 20, Burlington City 0

Saturday, Nov. 19 (2) Central Jersey, Group 2 Raritan 14, Rahway 0 North 2, Group 1 Verona 15, New Providence

WEEK ELEVEN PICKS (8) Union over Linden

Cranford over Kearny Elizabeth over Scotch Plains Rahway over Johnson Roselle Park over Roselle Brearley over Hillside Plainfield over Westfield New Prov. over Gov. Livingston Last week: 1-3 This year: 87-30 (.744)

UNION COUNTY AS OF NOV. 21 1. Rahway (8-2) 2. Union (7-3) . Brearley (9-1) I. Plainfield (5-4) 5. Cranford (5-4) Elizabeth (5-4) 7. Linden (5-4) 8. New Providence (7-3) 9. Gov. Livingston (5-4) 10. Johnson (6-3) Scotch Plains (3-6) Roselle Park (5-4) Roselle (3-6) Hillside (3-6) Summit (1-9) Westfield (1-8)

Floyd scores three TDs to lift squad in playoffs By Timothy Denman

Staff Writer

KENILWORTH - The Brearley football team is 48 inutes away from winning a state championship.

semifinal played last Friday night at Ward Field. Second-seeded Brearley will now play top-seeded and wo-time defending champ Florence in the final. Kickoff is Dec. 2 at 5 p.m. at Rutgers Stadium in Piscataway.

Florence (10-0) has won 34 in a row and will extend that streak to 35 straight by beating Riverside (2-7) home tomorrow morning. Florence won at Riverside 54-6 on Thanksgiving last year.

Brearley will also host a game on Thanksgiving as the Bears are getting ready for Hillside (3-6). Brearley blanked Hillside 33-0 in Hillside last Thanksgiving. Brearley (9-1) has a more modest eight-game winning

streak, which is the longest in Union County at the moment. The Bears have outscored the opposition 297-60 and have three shutouts. Florence, which defeated Brearley 33-20 in last year's

semifinals, have outscored 10 foes by a 298-71 margin, including three shutouts.

"That was the longest bus ride of my life." Brearley senior fullback Jake Floyd said of the return trip from Florence last fall.

Florence's last loss was to Paulsboro 50-0 in the 2003 South Jersey, Group 1 final.

"We have been waiting to play them again," Floyd said. "It is not often that you get a second chance and it would be great to make up for last year and end their winning streak. We have been saying all year that we are the best team in the section and now we have a chance to prove it."

Floyd, a Springfield resident who attends Dayton. helped Brearley prove that it was the best team on the field Friday night against Burlington City. He rushed for and went out and proved it."

all three Brearley touchdowns and helped cement defense that forced six second-half turnovers.

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"The defense was so fast today," Floyd added. "The defensive line was having a great day stopping the run. I Brearley reached the Central Jersey, Group 1 final for am the middle linebacker and didn't have the opportunithe first time after blanking Burlington City 20-0 in a ty to make many tackles because they were getting them

The Bears first lit up the scoreboard on the first play of the second quarter when they capped a nine-play 73yard drive with a 15-yard scoring run by Floyd.

Floyd and fellow senior running back Robert Shippey took the hand-offs from junior quarterback Anthony Evans as Brearley marched down the field mostly with the run to take a 6-0 lead. The two ball-carriers split the running duties right

down the middle on the night, each touting the rock 21 times. Floyd gained an even 100 yards and Shippey 98. "We have been preaching from day one to run to the ball and we did a great job of that tonight," said Brearley

fourth-year head coach Scott Miller (33-8, .805) The score remained the same until the start of the fourth quarter when Floyd capped a five-play, 25-yard drive when he powered into the end zone from four yards

The scoring drive was set up after Brearley senior linemen Brian Kizelevich recovered his first of three fumbles in the second half.

Brearley put the game out of reach with just over six minutes to play when Floyd scored on a six-yard run. The scoring drive was set up by a Steve Margolin intercep-

"The defense was amazing today," Miller said. NOTES: The Bears were 9-2 in 2004, but with only four returning starters were definitely overlooked at the start of the season.

"We were underdogs all season long," Floyd said "We knew we were better than what everyone was saying."

GL will clinch winning season with win over New Providence

By JR Parachini Sports Editor.

Before we stuff ourselves with turkey, stuffing and cran- ci). berry sauce and are then subject to another Dallas Cowboys game on Thanksgiving, it's time for some good, old-fashioned season-ending high school football.

For four Union County teams - Union, Rahway, Brearley and New Providence - they hoped this would be their second-to-last game, with a sectional final to follow. The schedule this year includes two games tonight and six tomorrow. The same eight matchups were all played on

Thanksgiving last year.

Here's a closer look: TONIGHT (2)

Union at Linden, 7 p.m. Cranford at Kearny, 7 p.,

TOMORROW (6)

Scotch Plains at Elizabeth, 10:30 a.m Johnson at Rahway, 10:30 a.m.

Roselle Park at Roselle. 10:30 a.m.

Hillside at Brearley, 10:30 a.m. Plainfield at Westfield, 11 a.m.

New Providence at Gov. Livingston, 11 a.m.

Summit is the only Union County team that will not play on the holiday. The Hilltoppers completed their season Nov. 12 with a 35-14 victory over Harrison in a crossover sectional consolation contest.

Here's a look at the holiday matchups:

TONIGHT Union (7-2) at Linden (5-4): As of press time. Union was putting in its final preparations for last Friday night's North 2, Group 4 semifinal at Phillipsburg.

Union, sparked by running backs Chris D'Andrea, Paul Harper and Corey Williams on offense and by linebackers over GL in the quarterfinals. Isa Abdul-Quddus and Darryl Green on defense, were four quarters away from reaching the sectional final for a second time in three years.

Linden is just plain happy not to be playing at Piscataway. The Tigers were defeated by the host Chiefs 45-0 in the North 2, Group 4 quarterfinals, ending a three-game Linden winning streak. Piscataway also defeated visiting Linden by a score of 27-0 in last year's semifinals.

The Tigers, who are attempting to clinch a second consecutive winning season, are sparked by junior quarterback Jerry Jones and senior running back Laron Capers on offense and by senior lineman Ray Wegrzynek and sophomore defensive back Desmond Wade on defense. 2004: Linden 13, Union 0

Cranford (5-4) at Kearny (4-5): My vote for the best team from this neck of the woods not to make the state playoffs is Cranford. What happens so often in high school new coach suffers through a 1-9 campaign that he will call a rebuilding year.

Cranford first-year head coach Erik Rosenmeier can call this a rebuilding year for the Cougars, but he can also call it a highly-successful one as well. Rosemneier and his first staff as a head coach kept the newcomers believing in themselves. Cranford's 5-4 record could easily have been Westfield is coming off its first win, which was a 30-14 trisomething like 7-2.

The Cougars lost close games - all by one touchdown to Group 4 playoff teams Linden, Plainfield and Irvington and won close games against Watchung Conference-National Division rivals Scotch Plains and Westfield.

Sparked by senior quarterback Mark Zamorski, senior running back Chris Brown and senior lineman Greg Federici on offense and by senior lineman A.J. Tubelli, senior linebacker Nick Gunning and sophomore back Simon Smith on defense, the Cougars' success was probably the most unpredicted in the county this year, just ahead of play- Andrew Trivella and junior running back Matt Zimmer- is a lot. The kids are dragging after that. The function is to make the correct read off teams Governor Livingston and Brearley. Cranford will clinch a fourth consecutive winning sea-

son with a victory. My vote for Union County Coach of the Year goes to teams gualified for the state playoffs.

Rosenmeier over GL's Terry Hanratty and Brearley's Scott Miller. I pick Rosenmeier because it was his first year as a was a perfect 7-0 in sectional consolation games.

head coach and he only had one returning starter on both sides of the ball (Brown) and two total (Brown and Federi-Hanratty began as a head coach at GL last year and did

a fine job. His team was also hit hard by graduation this year, but not as hard as Rosenmeier's. Before last Friday night's home playoff game against Burlington City, Miller's four-year record was 32-8 (.800). He also did a fine job this year with a team that lost the Union County Offensive Player of the Year - Vinny Russo - to graduation. Johnson's Gus Kalikas is to be commended as well after his first team last year finished 1-9.

Kearny, led by senior running back Alfie Esposito, finished 5-5 last year while playing an independent schedule after forfeiting the 2003 season.

2004: Cranford 38, Kearny 0

TOMORROW Scotch Plains (3-6) at Elizabeth (5-4): The visiting Raiders are coming off a 40-25 win at Montgomery in its shut. Those are the kinds of kids i like. consolation contest. Elizabeth lost at Irvington 41-21 in the North 2. Group 4 quarterfinals.

Scotch Plains is 3-0 against Elizabeth head coach Jeff Wiener, including a win at home by a 13-12 score last year, a 6-0 triumph in Elizabeth two years ago and a 33-6 home games for you. win three years ago. The Raiders are sparked by junior twoway lineman Colin Campbell.

Elizabeth leads Union County with 24 straight winning seasons since the 1981 campaign. Elizabeth last had a losing season in 1980 when it finished 4-5. The Minutemen, sparked by senior linebacker Nate Thompson on defense, player that is working hard will accept the challenge that our coaching staff is need to win to keep their winning seasons streak alive. 2004: Scotch Plains 13, Elizabeth 12

-Johnson (6-3) at Rahway (8-1): Both squads qualified for the Central Jersey, Group 2 playoffs, with Johnson eliminated 27-0 at Carteret and Rahway winning 35-7 at home

The Indians, sparked by senior running back Christian Johnson and senior lineman Ishmyl Johnson, sought to get past visiting Raritan last Saturday to reach the final. Johnson, sparked by senior linebacker Mark Franciotti, has improved a great deal after finishing 1-9 last year.

2004: Rahway 14, Johnson 6

Roselle Park (5-4) at Roselle (3-6): This will be the 88th meeting, ranking right up there with Plainfield-Westfield and Millville-Vineland. Both won their consolation games a week and a half ago, Roselle Park in wild fashion on the last play of the game. Senior quarterbacks Kyle Dugan of Roselle Park and Mike Dease of Roselle will call it a high school career. Roselle Park has won the last two games and leads the series 44-35-8.

2004: Roselle Park 35, Roselle 6

Hillside (3-6) at Brearley (8-1): The Comets would really love to get a fourth victory and know that they will football is that a team does well, then the coach leaves on a have their hands full trying to stop Brearley's vaunted runyear in which almost every key player graduates and the ning attack of seniors Jake Floyd and Robert Shippey. The Comets are capable on offense with junior quarterback Jeron McMillian and senior fullback Rashawn Evans. 2004: Brearley 33, Hillside 0

Plainfield (5-4) at Westfield (1-8): Plainfield seeks a winning season with a victory and lias one of the most talented wide receivers in the state in senior Donald Jones. umph at home over Columbia. Senior two-way tackle kids on the team that play other sports that they wouldn't have before because Cowles Stewart is a standout.

2004: Plainfield 40. Westfield 0 New Providence (7-2) at Governor Livingston (5-4): New Providence entered last Saturday's North 2, Group 1 semifinal at Verona with a seven-game winning streak, tied for the best in Union County with Brearley. The Pioneers per hour and being enthusiastic for two and a half to two hours and 45 minutes. are led by the play of fullback Jeff Cumming and halfback Chris Savarese.

GL has been sparked by the play of senior quarterback man, a Mountainside resident.

2004: New Providence 19, Governor Livingston For the second straight year, nine of 16 Union County

Also for the second consecutive season, Union County

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Working hard: what does it exactly mean? Grid mentors offer insight **By JR Parachin**

Sports Editor So many times we here football coaches - and coaches of other sports as well explain to us how hard their players are working. For example:

"Our kids are working real hard and showing a lot of effort." "I'm proud of all the hard work our team has put into the season." "I have the hardest working kids and we will never be out-hustled." Here's how Union County football coaches responded to the question: what

does working hard mean to you? Joe Goerge, Dayton: "Working hard means from the minute you step on the field. I think coaches are better prepared as football coaches than other coaches. because we're not obnoxious or standoffish to the point of asking kids to go like the devil for every period out there.

"We call it 'great adventure.' We have old-fashioned stations and from ride to ride, each ride is a minute spread out on the four corners of the field. After a warmup, we break into individual periods. "Kids take their cue from the coach and as coaches, we have to coach every

second we're out there. That's how the kids learn. We always have water there and tell the kids to take water with them and drink as much as they want any "High school age kids' bodies work find, but their minds get in the way and

would rather they run five sprints than jog 10."

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Terry Hanratty, Governor Livingston: "Football is a game of one-on-one. If you lift weights and work out every day, you will get stronger than your opponent. Most of the time it comes down to which team is stronger and that all starts in the weight room in the off-season. "In addition to being a one-on-one confrontation, football is also a team sport. Individual play is important, but at the end of the day it all comes down

to what the team did "The kids need to work hard as a team to learn to play as a team if they are going to succeed. That comes down to paying attention in practice, learning the alaybook and giving it their all on the practice field." Marc Crisafi, Union: "It's a tempo that the team sets, from drill to drill, play

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for some of them that's the biggest road block. We have to motivate them. I

George DiGrande, Summit: "Working hard is a player who consistently does what you ask of him and takes care of himself year-round. "He should be attentive and organized and use his time efficiently. We look

"I always tell the kids that if you are not getting better, then you are getting

"Kids getting to the football, running in and out of the huddle; it's a tempo players set that tells you how hard kids are working. A big part of it is what the

kid is doing when the play is not hear him." John Wagner, Roselle Park: "The coaching staff shouldn't have to ask players to hustle, it should be built in. In the pre-season; we work on the kids' con-

litioning. Once the season gets under way, we believe that a quick, rigorous practice will be all the players need to sustain that conditioning We practice from 3:05 to 5:30 p.m. every day and that is it. We want the kids to have time at night to do other things like their homework and watch TV and

"In order for them to have that extra time, however, they need to give 100 percent the whole time they are out there on the practice field." Scott Miller, Brearley: "Someone that is hard-working for me is a player

that is constantly moving. He jogs to and from the huddle. Not everything about "The mental part of the game is huge. If a kid keeps making the same mistakes, it proves that he is not listening to you and, in turn, isn't working hard.

The physical side of the game is important, but the mental side is just as impor-Jeff Wiener, Elizabeth: "A hard-working kid is someone who comes

work every day, punches the clock like a factory worker and keeps his mouth "Kids with great, God-given ability tend to put it in cruise control. I prefer a

kid who is constantly working, working and working to get to All-State status. Working hard is a blue-collar mentality. "Blocking, tackling and running - those are the kinds of things that will win

Jim Hopke, Hillside: "A kid that is working hard does everything 100 miles an hour. He is giving his all in everything he does, from stretching to running in and out of the huddle. Everything has a sense of urgency. Discipline is a big.

"We are on the kids for everything, from buckling their chin straps on up. A

Bucky McDonald, Linden: "Kids have to give 100 percent on every play. Football players have to be able to turn it on and off. They need to be able to go all out for a play or a drill and then be able to flip the switch to relaxation mode.

"A kid just needs to keep trying to improve. That kind of motivation has to "If a kid listens to what you say, it transfers to results on the field. You can tell how bad a kid wants to improve by how he works in drills at practice. I

always tell the kids, 'don't let me break you."" Gary Mobley, Rahway: "What we look for day in and day out is consistency. We just want our players to get a little better each day. We want them to be

on time and work at completing the task at hand in a mature manner. "Playing football is a voluntary thing. We want to make sure that the kids know that when they are here they are expected to work and be able to take criticism constructively and move on.

"We can't have kids pouting and throwing tantrums every time they are corrected for something. It takes away from valuable practice time." Chris Satterfield, Roselle: "It's all about sacrifice. It's the difference between spending your summer at the beach or spending it in the weight room.

A player has to work to improve his craft. He has to be willing to sacrifice some "A kid that is always running, whatever we are doing, and doing it at full

speed - that is a hard worker. He is one of the first to get to the lockerroom and one of the last to leave. He is always talking to the coaches about what he needs Gus Kalikas, Johnson: "A player has to have a good attitude and do what is

asked of him. He treats practice with the seriousness that is needed in order for "We had 40 kids that went to East Stroudsburg over the July 4th weekend for

a foothall camp. That kind of dedication is what it takes to be a hard-worker. They gave up a holiday to practice football. We also want our kids to play multiple sports to stay in shape. We have some

"That being said, we also want our kids to have a life outside of sports. When

they are here, we expect them to give 100 percent." Erik Rosenmeler, Cranford: "Working hard means being in the weight room in the summer, being at practice every day on time and going 100 miles "There's also the physical demands. For 20 minutes we have two groups run-

"We don't stop the dtill to make corrections. We must get off 80 plays, which

There are five 2-0 teams in Union County, with Johnson among them. The Crusaders finished 1-9 last year and have now won three of four dating back to last season. Plainfield is another. The Cardinals have won five straight dating back to last year when they won their last three to finish 5-5. Staff writer Timothy Denman contributed to this story.



Perception and reality

Among the more trumpeter events at the League of Municipalities Convention last week in Atlantic City was the session on ethics led by my old law school classmate Lee Solomon. Solomon currently serves as an assistant U.S. attorney and key confident of top man Chris Christie.

The crowd that met in the ballroom over the convention center for the remarks wasn't as large as the party held later that evening by Jersey City Councilman Junior Maldenado at the Sands. It was larger than the event held by Linden Mayor John Gregorio at Caesar's, but there were major elevator problems at that hotel to dampen the crowd,



Solomon's speech didn't much notoriety. He spoke to officials that "perception was reality." Still, when Solomon, an ex-freeholder and legislator, said the overwhelming number of local officials were hard working and honest he lost any chance of a juicy headline in the Sunday papers. Solomon spoke about the "creeping danger" of the public official who feels that since others engage in bad conduct, that makes

The U.S. attorney also spoke about the "sense of defeatism" being experienced by public offi-cials who do the right thing but get hit with the brush of comption in

The second secon which she termed well inten-tioned by the contribut. The theme included that area states problem is the public official whose vote benefits himself or a family member sometimes under the guise of reform or needed

There is a lot of reason for defeatian by the public officials. Seeing a \$5-billion state budget deficit, unfunded pension mandates and a transportation must fund about to go broke, the local officials know the so-called fiscal leaky bag will end up on their lap. Mary Jeanne Hewitt, the Hawthome Borough administrator. said. "Denders nave lug. two choices, cut service or increase

property taxes." She added, "We're gonna have to be the bad guys. We're going to be the voices of doom that say, you gotta bite the bullet."

One official who wouldn't face any bullet biting is Cranford Commissioner Ann Darby, who did not seek re-election. One of Darby's contributions, though unintention al was het ability to hold attentio during her commissioner's com

ments at the end of meetings. The corporate double speak she brought with her from Wall Street made those remarks sometimes an adventure in decoding. With only two meetings to go, Darby was running true to form last week. On the subject of health officials enforcement of code viola-tions she invited concerned citizens back to the next meeting saying, "No sense in you hearing it filtered through us." Translation: Come and hear it for yourself.

Darby added, "We should work through the people who are gain-fully employed." Translation: We should rely on the township pro-

On the political front Darby congramitated the two local victor rights candidates who "ran for th two vacating state." Translation Congratulations to each winning seat on the Township Committee Acadeny congrantations to local officials who evidently face

rough time next year. An atterney, Frank Capece I

resident of Cranford,

A tree grows in Roselle Park Couple donates tree for annual exhibit at county courthouse

By Lauren DeFilippo Staff Writer

Robert and Marilyn Wojtech will give and cranberry to set the mood. a holiday present to the county this

sen as the county's holiday tree this family living room, were planted in vear. The tree was selected after com- the backyard. ing in second to last year's pick.

from last year," Marilyn said, explain- New Jersey.: ing that initially, she had responded to a newspaper advertisement last year the tiny tree grow to its current stature about donating a tree.

Each year, a tree is selected to stand in the Union County Court- it," she said. house rotunda during the holiday season. Oftentimes, members of the Shade Tree Bureau will fell the tress county's Shade Tree Bureau make and load it onto a flatbed truck which notes about appropriate-sized trees. while they make their rounds all year round, Union County Public Information Director John Salerno said.

a home in Edison, near the Clark bor- between 20 and 30 workers to haul the collected at the event will be distrib-

"They enjoyed their tree for many years, and now children and adults in Union County will have a chance to to 15 feet to fit through the courthouse- ter at 908-789-3670; Watchung Stable enjoy it over the holidays," Freehold- doors, according to the county. at 908-789-3665, or the Union County er Chairman Rick Proctor said in a In previous years, it has taken three Department of Parks, Recreation and prepared statement. Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities at 908-527-4900.

The Roselle Park couple planted the tree in their backyard in the mid- inviting her daughter and grandchil-1980s, after they had used the tree to dren to see the tree once it is decorat-

decorate their dining room for the hol- ed at the county courthouse in Elizaidays. Marilyn Wojtech said she deco- beth. "I'm sure it's going to look beau-Longtime Union County residents rated the small tree with gingerbread tiful and that other people are going to When the holidays were over, the

small tree, and a larger one which had tree from Dec. 12 until it is removed Their 18-foot blue spruce was cho- previously taken up residence in the just before New Year's Day.

Both trees had been purchased "I guess they still had my name from a friend's tree farm in northern celebration Dec. 4 from 2 to 5 p.m. at

Over the years, Wojtech could see Mountainside, rain or shine. from her kitchen window. "Obviously we're going to miss

On Dec.12, the Union County hear wish lists from 2 to 4:45 p.m. will transport it from Roselle Park to p.m.

Elizabeth The tree will be hoisted onto the er, it is suggested that patrons bring a front steps of the courthouse by a donation of a dry or canned food item, Since 2003, trees have come from crane. From there, it will take or a new, unwrapped toy. All items tree from the top of the steps, into the uted through local charities. courthouse, and to set it in its stand.

The tree will probably be cut down call Trailside Nature and Science Cen-

Wojtech noted that she will be

A beacon of history Summit home dates to Revolution

home's former residents preside over

Originally, the small four-room home included the central hallway. The first parlor is used as an educational center. The room is outfitted

other Summit collectibles. two Congressional Medals of Honor that Summit residents received during

medals

The medal on display belonged to Corp. Thomas O'Shea, who was only 17 when he died as part of a machine. gun unit The room also contains a diorama of Revolution-era Summit, which Revolution, the rebel army that emblem of Summit High School. tredge painting approximately 20 or so become become behavior parlor, located just Interestingly enough the original throughout the state that would let behavior first room, is interpreted as home did not have a kitchen. Accord-

with a felevision for presentations, and Among those collectibles is one of

Deutsch said the city is the smallest municipality to ever receive two of the

denotes the location of peacon No. 10-

General Washington know it British & Victorian library. Vintage books as ing to the Summit Historical Society. On the walls, paintings of the troops ware seen on the move.

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With significant changes in U.S. passport laws Passport application forms may be obtained at - ber is 908-527-4966 Clients are asked to arrive at tions, are done by the state Division of closing time to allow for ig these with plans to travel to ensure that their Courthouse in Elizabeth and the Annex, 300 North staff assistance with the passport process.

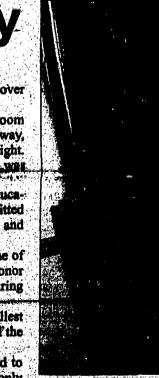
all air and sea travel to or from the Caribbean, all air and sea travel to or from the Caribbean, http://www.ucnj.org/ctycletk/passport.html. Bernnida, Central and South America. As of Dec. The Westfield america is the only county clerk? 31, 2006, a passport will be required for all air and office in the state that is open during evening hours. sea travel to or from Canada and Mexico. As of Dec. The annex is open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tues-31, 2007, a passport will be required for all air, sea days and Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on and land border crossings.

Currently, U.S. citizens returning to the country from within the Western Hemisphere are not The Elizabeth office is open from 7:30 a.m. to by an Annrak employee. The same rules apply to sey Division of Elections, 44 S. Clin required to show a U.S. passport.

ing those with plans to travel to ensure that their Courthouse in Elizabeth and the Annex, 300 North documents are up to date. Ave. East, Westfield. Applications and related infor-Effective Dec. 31, a passport will be required for mation can also be found online at is available online at http://travel.state.gov or by

> Mondays. Wednesdays and Fridays; the phone number is 908-654-9859

4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; the phone num- unaccompanied children ages 15 to 18.



built in 1741.

countyb@yahoo.com.

By Lauren DeFilippo Staff Writer the goings-on. Editor's note: The is part of an ongoing series, about historic sites Aroughout Union County. Roundly considered to be Sum-A stairway to a second-floor loft was also part of the original surfaces on Distor Parkway is steeped in local

The house, which was built by Benn Carter in 1741 is now home to the Summit Historical Society and its ever-growing collection of local arti-

Deutsch said that what makes the Carter House so unique is that much of the home is original. In fact, it remained in possession of descendants

of the Bonnel Family for 167 years. John Bonnel acquired the home in 1759 from the Carters. It was then passed on from generation to genera-

A tour of the home begins at the front door, which, the experts have Inside, all of the furniture is original to the time late 18th and 19th cen-

tion until 1908. said is origina tury,

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enjoy it also," she said.

The public is invited to view the

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders also will sponsor the county's annual holiday tree lighting Watchung Stable, 1160 Summit Lane,

The highlight of the afternoon for many youngsters will be visiting with Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and some hard-working elves will join Santa to The afternoon's festivities will cul-

minate with the tree lighting finale at 5 There is no admission fee, howev-

For more information or directions.

Lauren DeFilippo can be reached at 908-686-7700, ext. 119, or union-



Roselle Park residents Robert and Marilyn Wojtech will donate their tree for the Union County County Courthouse's Christmas tree.



A portrait of the original owner Benjamin Carter, hangs above a desk at the Carter House in Summit, which was

The notoriety of the beacon per-also on display. The toom also con-According to Deutsch, during the sists even today, as the beacon is the tains an original Worthington Whittredge painting.

the kitchen was solded to the hk

the 18th and 19th century, Utensils and appliances sit alongside spinning wheels and and candle forms. "It's not a grand house," Deutsch said, "it's a typical New Jersey Dutch

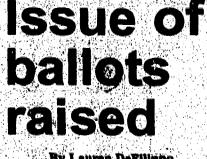
farm house." However, unlike some of the state's that the line for name, typically transother typical dutch farm houses, the lated as "nombre" instead read "escri-Carter House was moved from its ba en leva de imprenta o a maquina, original location along River Road, which directly translated means someless than half a mile to its current site thing like "write in letter of the press." on Butler Parkway in 1986. It was moved to make way for the

Aircast building, Deutsch said Despite the risky maneuvers required for moving the home, only a According to Piwowar, some of the

restored, Deutsch mid The Carter House is open every-Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to noon and

Wednesday from 1:30.10.4 p.m. Lamer Derlitppo can be reached at 908-080-7700; est: 119, or union-countyb@pabgo.com

calling, toll-free, 1-877-487-2778. Clin trolsted development, Amtrak has also under-taken beightened security measures. Amtrak cus-taken beightened security measures. Amtrak cus-taken beightened security measures and recommended torners 18 years old or older must produce valid photo identification when obtaining, exchanging and submitted to his office. To contac



By Lauren DeFilippo On one hand, you have a resident, who came before the Board of Chosen Freeholders on Nov. 9, just one day after a General election, and on the other, you have the state and the office of the Union County Clerk.

Nancy Piwowar of Plainfield told have voted in one of the most interes ing municipal races, did not. Piwowar said citizens did not participate because they could not understand the nstructions on the Spanish-language absentee ballot application.

A new law this year regardir osentee ballots allowed residents to request absentee ballots without

Secting an opportunity to get more han ever involved in the democratic process, volunteers involved in the rite-in campaign for incumbent lainfield Mayor Albert McWilliam mought the applications to their Span ish-speaking residents. That's where Today, the small kitchen serves as a Piwowar got involved. As a volunteer, display space for household tools of she worked helping people apply for the 18th and 19th century. Utensils absentee ballots. She learned from and appliances sit alongside spinning another volunteer that approximately 250 residents did not vote becaus they could not understand instruction on the application.

Specifically, Piwowar pointed out fused by the space labeled "munici-pio," which asked the applicant to name the town where they live. few bricks were dislodged during the residents took that to mean their coun-whole process. which were later ty, not their municipality.

"Hispanic voters in Plainfield at disenfranchised." she told the board.

The same day, Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi released a statement that her office processed 6,469 applications as compared with 4,607 in the last gubernatorial election, an increase of 40 percent. Rajoppi's office is not responsible

for drafting the language on the absentee ballots. The text, and the transla-

guage applications previously. In an c-mail, state Commission and refunding tickets; storing baggage at stations; the state Division of Elections, cal checking baggage: and, on board trains, if requested 609-292-3760 or write to the New Jerton Ave., Trenton, 08625.

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'Broom Bowl Challenge'

Warinanco Ice Skating Center Roselle will present the Thanksgiving Broom Bowl Challenge, a combination of the games of broomball and bowling. Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Children 4 through 17 years of age who are competing in the challenge will be divided into three age groups. A gift certificate to the Ice Chalet pro shop will be awarded to the first place winner in each age group.

The Warinanco Ice Skating Center apply to this event.

and Recreation at 908-527-4900. Linden Lanes donated supplies for the event.

Mothers & More

At its Dec. 7 meeting, the Union County Chapter of Mothers & More will host Jennifer Mooney, an accountant and mother of two, who will discuss the basics of income tax preparation and how to identify and make the most of your available tax deductions

The meeting is open to the public and will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Fanwood Recreation Center located in Forest Road Park in Fanwood. Refreshments will be provided.

Mothers & More, is a national, nonprofit organization that champions the value and necessity of all mothers' work to society, paid and unpaid, within and outside of the home. The local chapter offers support to both working and stay-at-home moms through mom and tot outings, moms' nights out, playgroups, craft groups, and more.

The Union County Chapter holds at the Fanwood Recreation Center.

to mothersandmore.org.

Donations sought

The National Alliance on Mental They will purchase, wrap and distribute holiday gifts to individuals attending Union County Psychiatric Clinic Behavioral Healthcare in Plainfield the community. Distribution of presents will take place in early December NAMI, at UCPC.

equested are donations of personal care items such as shaving cream, oothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and other toiletries that will be placed in gift bags and distributed, along with deadline for gift collection is Tuesday.

tional rehabilitation and social/recre- additional information. ational activities are also provided.

07974. Indicate that the check is for representative," Rajoppi said. "Veter- older with proper identification and a you prefer to roll up your sleeves for St., Elizabeth. oiletry articles, call Sandy at 908-272-8049 for drop-off information. For information about joining NAMI, call 908-233-1628.

Arc awards dinner

Each year the Arc of New Jersey is located off Thompson Avenue in holds an awards program which hon-Warinanco Park, located near the bor- ors the best in individual, organizader of Roselle and Elizabeth. All regu- tional, and corporate support for peolar admission and skate rental fees ple with developmental disabilities and their families. Jacalyn Lott, assis-Union County Department of Parks statewide winner of the Martin Papish Award

> ably expected. The award recognizes extraordinary service to those served. There is a show of outstanding com- will visit the following locations: mitment to the field and to promoting a better quality of life for the people 249 E. Front St., Plainfield, 10 a.m. to with developmental disabilities. The noon; Twin City Supermarket, 600 Martin Papish Award is not a lifetime Park Ave., Plainfield, 1:30 to 3:30 achievement award, but it should be p.m. noted that length and quality of serv-

29 at the Victorian Manor in Edison, p.m. Should you wish to attend the awards resdev@arcunion.org.

ID cards for veterans

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi would like to remind veterans living in Union County that they can receive meetings on the first and third their free military discharge identifica-Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. tion cards at the County Clerk's office. The wallet-size card is honored as For more information about this proof of service in the United States meeting, call Stacy at 908-928-9841 armed forces. It can assist in receiving or Marilyn at 908-568-2633 or log on educational benefits, death benefits, licenses, and the property tax rebate.

The identification cards are available to veterans whose Certificate of Honorable Discharge and DD 214 Illness of Union County is asking the forms are recorded at the Union Counpublic to join them in participating in ty Clerk's office. Benefits from honortheir annual Holiday Star project. able military service an limited to the veteran and their spouse, parents, children, heir or personal representative. "The distinctive red, white and

blue cards have a raised seal certifying and would welcome donations from proof of recording from the Clerk's office," Rajoppi added.

If a veteran's discharge papers have during a Christmas party given by never been recorded, the original document must be presented at the Union A cash donation is preferred, rather County Clerk's Office. Documents will be recorded in the Union Co Money will be used to buy winter Veterans' Index and the original will jackets at discounted prices. Also be returned to the veteran. Photocopies of Honorable Discharge or DD 214 documents cannot be accepted for

If the original documents are lost, veterans can write to the National Perthe clothing, to each individual. The sonnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Blvd., St. UCPC offers out-patient, individ- Louis, 63632. Those who have already ual, group and family therapies, coun- recorded their documents in the seling and medical monitoring. Voca- Clerk's office can call the office for

"All veterans can be assured that

To make a cash donation, mail a access to their discharge papers is lim- who plan to skate on a regular basis. the Holiday Star Project. To donate ans' documents are archived in a shielded or caged helmet. secure area and they are not accessible

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to the public." ed in the Union County Courthouse at sons for individuals with disabilities. 2 Broad St., Elizabeth. Office hours Other features include a Pro Shop and are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon- a refreshment stand. day through Friday.

For more information, call 908-659-7403

Senior outreach

The Union County Division on For more information call the Skat- tant executive director of The Arc of Aging in the Department of Human ing Center at 908-298-7850 or the Union County has been selected as the Services will bring its Outreach Services Program for Senior Citizens to Plainfield on Monday and to Elizabeth This award is in recognition of an on Dec. 1. The Outreach Services Proemployee of The Arc of New Jersey or gram offers senior citizens informaone of its local chapters whose service tion and help with applications for a goes one step beyond what is reason- variety of important government assistance programs.

The Outreach Services Program

Monday, Supremo Supermarket.

• Dec. 1: Supremo Supermarket, 25 ice do factor into the selection process. S. Broad St., Elizabeth, 10 a.m. to The Arc of New Jersey will have an noon; Twin City Supermarket, 1016 awards dinner and ceremony on Nov. Sherman Ave., Elizabeth, 1:30 to 3:30

Union County representatives will dinner and ceremony, call The Arc of be available to help residents complete Union County. Office of Resource the necessary applications for a num-Development and Public Relations at ber of programs, including gas and 973-315-0020 or 0022 or by e-mail at electric support, pharmaceutical assistance, and home energy assistance. There will also be screening for Supplemental Security Income eligibility, and information about the Senior Health Insurance Program.

For more information on the Outreach Services Program and other programs offered by the Union County Division on Aging, call the division's toll-free number at 1-888-280-8226.

Ice skating center

open for season Warinanco Ice Skating Center, a facility of the County of Union, is now open for the 2005-06 ice skating sea-

son on Skating sessions will be as follows: • Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon...

5:30 p.m., and 6 to 8 p.m., which is a

• Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 Updated volunteer

• Sundays, 1 to 3 p.m., 3:30 to 5:30

This schedule may be subject to change on holidays. Call the Skating Center to find out if changes will be

\$4 for children 17 and younger, and \$4.25 for senior citizens. Skate rental is an additional \$3. Discount cards are available for Union County residents

over the Internet can visit http://www.ucnj.org/lincs/volunteer to register as a volunteer.

check, payable to "NAMI Union ited and available only to the veteran, There will be open hockey on and organizations seeking volunteers. County," to NAMI Union County, his/her mother, father, wife/husband, Wednesdays 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. for a It is a helpful resource to find a wealth Office of the Court Administrator, P.O. Box 724, New Providence, brother, sister, child, heir or personal fee of \$7 for participants ages 18 and of volunteer opportunities - whether Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad

The skating center also offers group and private skating lessons and The County Clerk's Office is locat- hockey clinics, as well as skating les-

> Hockey clinics begin Sunday and run for six weeks. The Warinanco Ice Skating Center is located off Thompson Avenue in James W. Horne Jr., chief executive Warinanco Park, Roselle. Park officer of United Way of Greater entrances are located on St. Georges Avenue, Thompson Avenue, and Third promote volunteerism and mobilize Avenue

For more information, call 908-298-7850 for a recorded message, or 908-527-4900 for the Union County Department of Parks, Recreation & Facilities.

Medical reserve corps seeks volunteers

The Union County Local Information Network and Communication System has launched a unit of the Medical Reserve Corps and is seeking volunteers.

Last month, the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services announced the statewide initiative to recruit and coordinate volunteers to assist during a public health emergency in partnership with state county and local health departments. The New Jersey Medical Reserve

Corps was created through the New six weeks. Jersey Citizens Corps program, a federally organized program that is designated to strengthen the state's overall homeland security activities.

The Union County Medical Reserve Corps is part of the statewide collaboration and is actively looking for citizens to help Union County lows: Session II, Nov. 17-20; and Sescommunities respond to a terrorism sion III, Jan. 12-15. You can only reg- today's air travel. event or natural disaster.

UCMRC volunteers needed include medical and public health professionals such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, and epidemiologists. Many community members --- interpreters, chaplains, office workers, legal advisors, and others -- can fill key support posi-

Interested volunteers can call the Union County nursing coordinator, eshaykevich dicnj.org for more infor- -

www.ucnj.org. Also, anyone wishing to enroll

The Union County Board of Cho- that hears matters involving alleged sen Freeholders and United Way of juvenile offenders. The juvenile, par-Greater Union County have put the finishing touches on the third edition invited to discuss the offense and of the County of Union Volunteer Directory. This latest edition is the most expansive edition yet, featuring more than 500 volunteer opportunities at 120 organizations in the Union County area,

related matters with the committee. The JCC considers the facts and makes recommendations to the judge for a resolution that would aid in the juvenile's rehabilitation. The program is designed to divert juveniles charged The third edition of the County of with minor offenses to their local JCC Union Volunteer Directory includes instead of a court proceeding.

Family Court.

Internet	Director
Agape Family Worship Center	http://www.agapecenter.org
American Bank of New Jersey	http://www.asbnj.com
Blani Image Makers	
Burgdorff ERA	http://www.burgdorfl.com
Crossroads Christian Fellowship	http://www.ccfou.org
DaunnoDevelopmentCo	
ERA Village Green	http://www.eravillagegreen.com
Eye Care Center of NJ	http://www.eyecarenj.com
First Night of Maplewood/So. Orange	http://community.nj.com/cc/firstnight-soma
Forest Hill Properties Apartments	http://www.springstreet.com/propid/389126
Grand Sanitation	http://www.grandsanitation.com
Holy Cross Church	http://www.holycrossnj.org
Hospital Center at Orange	
JRS Realty	http://www.century21jrs.com
LaSalle Travel Service	
Mountainside Hospital	http://www.AtlanticHealth.org
Nutley Pet Center	http://www.nutleypet.com
Pet Watchers	http://www.petwatchersnj.com
Rets Institute	http://www.rets-institute.com
Skincare Products	
South Orange Chiropractic	THE TRANSPORT OF A DECEMBER
Summit Area Jaycees	http://www.angelfire.com/ni/summitic
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Trinitas Hospital Turning Point	http://www.ukinizisnospitati.com
Union Center National Bank	
Unitarian Universalist Church	
United Way of Bloomfield	http://www.initarhesuhiromfiairi.org
YoungVibes Entertainment	http://www.unicowayorounicou.org
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detailed information on the agencies cleanup or gardening projects, or . choose to spend quality time at a sen-

ior center or child care program. The volunteer directory is also available online at www.ucnj.org. Additional volunteer opportunities can

be found at www.uwguc.org. "Local volunteers are the driving force that help keep Union County a great place to live and work," said Union County. "It is our mission to-

our community to improve the lives of our neighbors."

To receive a copy of the County of Union Volunteer Directory, or to add your organization's volunteer needs to future editions of the directory, call Susan Pepper, coordinator of Union County's Office of Volunteer Services, at 908-527-4753, or c-mail spep-

per@ucnj.org.

Register for hockey clinics, skating lessons

Registration for the first session of hockey clinics and ice skating lessons will begin tonight at 7 p.m. at the Warinanco Ice Skating Center and will run through Sunday, or until classes

Hockey clinics will begin Sunday lessons will begin Friday, and run for

Register in person. Applications will not be accepted by mail. You can pick up a registration form at the Warinanco Skating Center or call the Department of Parks. Recreation &

Facilities at 908-527-4900. Other registration dates are as folister in person and on the registration

dates for the session you prefer. The Warinanco Ice Skating Center is operated by the Union County Department of Parks. Recreation and Facilities. The ice skating center is located off Thompson Avenue in Warinanco Park. Roselle, Entrances to Warinanco Park are located on St.

and Third Avenue. Ella Shaykevich, at 908-518-5620 or skating center, call 908-298-7850 for a

mation. • Fridays, 10 a. m. to noon, 3:30 to

family session during which children ages 17 and younger must be accompanied by an adult, and 8:30 to 10:30

p.m., 1 to 3 p.m., and 8:30 to 10:30 directory completed

p.m., and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m.

General sessions cost \$5 for adults,

For more information, contact the

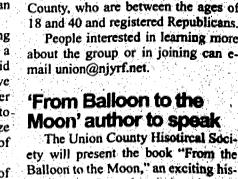
Juvenile Conference Committee.

Georges Avenue, Thompson Avenue,

For more information about the ice - recorded message or visit

Juvenile committee seeks volunteers Volunteers are being sought for the

Juvenile Conference Committee of the ents/guardians, and complainant are



ety will present the book "From the Balloon to the Moon," an exciting history of New Jersey's aviation pioneers Dec. 4 at 3rd Westminister Presbyterian Church North Avenue, Elizabeth. at 2:30 p.m., preceded by a board meeting at 2 p.m.

director of the Aviation Hall of Fame Museum at Teterboro Airport will be the guest speaker. For a history of aviation in New Jersey and the exciting people that made it happen, his book will be available for purchase.

who stepped foot on the moon, each aviator's perilous conques is recounted in fascinating detail.

Both entertaining and educational. and will run for six weeks. Ice skating this engrossing book is a passport back to when courageous young men and women risked all for the glory of

> ful industry and "From the Balloon to. the Moon" brings all its history into proper focus. It projects the state of New Jersey into the forefront of the development of aviation from the box kites of dreamers to the grand realm of

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eans of travel for recreation, employ-ant, shopping or schools and potentially key intermodal transfer points. I and state law provisions will be pplied. DBE/ESBE firms are encouraged renning and Community Development, ureau of Transportation Planning, Coun-of Union, Administration Building - 1st loor, Elizabethiown Plaza, Elizabeth, NJ 7207, (908) 527-4086. In order to be ualified for review, proposal applicants re required to aubmit ten copies (one "ignet and nine copies) of their complet-1 proposal by 4100 b

Young Republicans The Union County Young Republi-

cans is a social and civic organization for young professionals in Union County, who are between the ages of 18 and 40 and registered Republicans. People interested in learning more about the group or in joining can e-

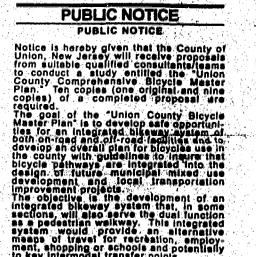
Moon' author to speak

Author H.V. Pat Reilly, executive

From the first balloonist who land-ed in a New Jersey pasture to those

Aeronautics has been a most color-

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE





Rayna Gillman of West Orange and to the United Kingdom to teach will bring her mixed media art quilts surface design. Her work has been fea-

Working in mixed media on textiles and paper, Gillman integrates text Bouras Galleries is located in and images through a variety of sur- Bouras Properties at 25 Deforest Ave., face design, collage, and printmaking techniques. Notes for her instinctive sense of color and her improvisational quilts and will be included in this exhibit. Captivated by found and recy- various city-sponsored events. Along cled objects, Rayna has stated that she with the idea of a venue for N.J. arists using the fragments, I am giving them new life."

Gilman travels around the country

Orileads photo forum

The New Jersey Photography Forum and the Watching Arts Center invite you to attend the opening reception for the 11th annual juried photography exhibit presented at the Arts Center through Tucaday.

The opening reception will be on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m; at which time the awards of excellence and merit will 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 display.

You can learn more about the New Jersey Photography Forum by visiting the Web site at www.njphotoforum.com or by contacting Nancy Ori at nancyri@comcast.net.



their faithful. Marshall Tucker opened might be taking it a bit far, his stylings preachers. And talking to Daniels, you the evening, playing songs such as are certainly more varied than most, find no reason to doubt his conviction The signs posted all over the Ritz "Can't You See" and "Fire on the ranging from southern rock and coun- and sincerity. Theatre said, "No Smoking." However, Mountain." Doug Gray, the only try to hard-driving rock and fusion - When asked about his legacy, he Charlie Daniels must not have seen remaining original member of the yes, fusion. All his music was infused made it clear that he was less concerned them, because his music was on fire, band, really seemed to enjoy perform- with an energy you might expect from with what people think about him after Teaming up with Marshall Tucker, the ing for the crowd at the Ritz, more than a younger man. Charlie Daniels Band brought some a few of whom came primarily to see southern-fried, classic rock to the Ritz this venerable southern rocker and his as "Long Haired Country Boy" and Christian faith is very important to him Theatre in Elizabeth this past Saturday band.

And for this writer, it would be a just in time for the holidays, "A Caroli- bers to play their own songs, as he took live up to that standard. One gets the? night where expectations went up in na Christmas," Marshall Tucker is still a break, sitting visibly in the rear of the feeling that he does more often than not. making the music their fans love to stage. When asked before the show Charlie Daniels Band has a new The show, the bands and the man far hear, even if Gray's voice has dropped about his band, Daniels said, "These DVD, "CDB DVD LIVE," its first live exceeded the experience I had antici- an octave or two. And, they're doing it guys are a great group of guys to play concert DVD, filmed July 4, 2005, on pated. And speaking to the Elizabeth for the fans, "for the smiles on their police on-hand for security, they, too, faces," said a genuinely friendly Gray.

were pleasantly surprised by the good - If you stayed home because you

wasn't for lack of quality music or lack thing but what you expected.

"The Legend of Wooley Swamp," and and that the golden rule plays a big role With a new Christmas album out he allowed a couple of his band mem- in his daily life, even if he can't always with.

Charlie Daniels was his genuine nature. Throughout Saturday night at the of energy - on part of the musicians or While terming his music eclectic dealers, home intruders, rapists and TV Charlie Daniels at any age.

He played some of his classics, such his life today: honestly. He said that his

Perhaps what struck one most about than 100,000 fans.

the Riverfront in Nashville before more

nature of the crowd. This was a whole- expected a straightforward country- His songs lend voice to thoughts and Ritz, I heard more than one person say some concert that still found a way to music concert from a performer who is feelings of the average working man. that if they were half as "cool" as Charin the twilight of his career, you missed For example, in his song "Simple lie Daniels is at his age, they'd be While the show was not sold out, it a great show by Daniels that was any- Man," he sings about a notion of down- happy. Truth be told, most performers home, common-sense justice for drug would be lucky to be half as "hot" as

Author's book oozes food, spirit, family

WORRALL NEWSPAPERS

By Donald E. Neske

Correspondent

flames - in a good way.

By Jeff Cummins

Associate Editor

There are times when one becomes

even if they really haven't.

ferent circumstances.

book than culinary expertise.

share, to enjoy each other as well as the

Better still, Greco explains the name so immersed in a culture that they feel of her book, and does it in a way that as if they've always been a part of it, almost everyone can relate to.

"I grew up in an Italian neighbor-Granted, I've never been Italian, but hood, among first and second-generamy wife's family is, and I've heard so tion Sicilians and Neopolitanos at 433 many stories at the kitchen table that 15th Avenue, Newark 3, New Jersey, there are times when I could see myself Bigelow 8-1068 ... TO BE EXACT!" with them, in different eras, under dif- wrote Greco. "But, as my mom would describe it, 'Next door to the chicken That's exactly the spirit that Vita market.' I hated it when she would say Greco's book, "Next Door to the Chick- that. I don't know why. Living there en Market," invokes. Greco grew up in didn't embarrass me. I guess I just did-Newark, and though she's long since n't want to be part of that address."

moved to Linden, her book resonates Under the guise of writing a cookwith the feel of "the old neighborhood." book. Greco has created a book that's as Ostensibly, "Next Door to the much about homecoming, and recon-Chicken Market," is a cookbook, and it necting with one's roots, as it is about conveys plenty about cooking Italian her personal experiences of family and dishes. But there's a lot more to her cooking for family get-togethers. That's the essence of Greco's book. It's rooted "Chicken Market" has a real, in the Italian experience, but it's univerauthentic Jersey feel to it. It includes sal, conveying the universal themes of stories of Newark and Irvington. Linden family, togethemess and the esprit de and Roselle Catholic High School. If corps that every good family should there's one overriding theme, it's fami- possess.

ly and the roles that cooking and dining . For more information on "Next" together play in the family: Door to the Chicken Market," send her "The table was the meeting place, an e-mail at vitagreco@aol.com, or log the place to discuss, to congratulate, to on to her homepage at http://Homecelebrate, to argue, to sign report cards, town.aol.com/vitagreco/myhome-

lesson plans, to type something for able as an expert food panelist at dad's business, and, of course, to learn www.iparenting.com and on Hub-

but there should be some time set aside be reached at journmins@thelocal-

Gilman's art is at **Bouras Galleries**

to the Bouras Galleries in Summit. tured in Quilting Arts Magazine; she The exhibit will run through Decem- has been published in several books: ber. The galleries are open to the pub- and been a guest artist on HGTV's lic by appointment only. To make an "Simply Quilts." Her work has been appointment, call Linda Cole 908- shown in museums and galleries around the country and in private col lections around the globe.

Summit. Bouras, owner of the building, is very community oriented and has supported many charitable and approach to design, her carly pieces civic organizations in town and are more recognizable as traditional throughout the country, Bouras Properties has also been the location for is "haunted by how easily we throw goes the added bonus that part of the away, tear down and rebuild ... by re- proceeds from any sales at the Bouras Galleries go to benefit Overlook Hospital. Call Cole for appointments at 908-277-6054.



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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2005 - PAGE B3

The Charlie Daniels Band performed an excellent show on Saturday night at the Ritz Theatre in Elizabeth that featured many of his original compositions and many of the songs he has made popular over the many years of his long career.





Nov. 28 to Dec. 4

ARIES, March 21 to April 19; Look forward to a liberating intellectual experience this week. Although you may see things differently from others, be willing to

share your new perspective. TAURUS, April 20 to May 20: Give in to the process of compro-

Say hello to Cinderella

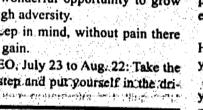
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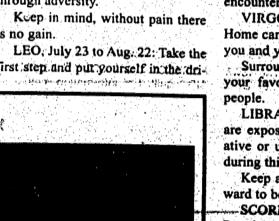
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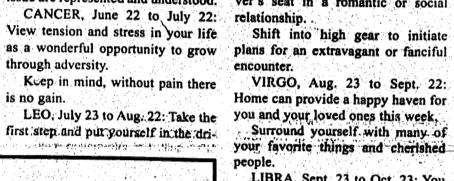
Turn your attention to a business or mise and ensure that both sides of an first step and put yourself in the dri-

most efficient way to make your. View tension and stress in your life

is no gain. LEO, July 23 to Aug. 22: Take the







LIBRA. Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: You are exposed to many different, creative or unusual concepts and ideas during this time.

Keep an open mind and look forward to being mentally stimulated. SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 21: with others that dreams are con-Practice caution and take your time ceived and born. Make a concerted Mark Twain, Woody Allen, Lucy tions or gifts.

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1976, 30-year reunion, 2006.

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ning reunions:

Keep in mind your budget and look for high-quality items at bargain prices SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 22 to Dec.

21: You have reached a major turning point or starting point. Review the recent past and gain

insights or clues about which way you should go. CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 19: Important information is hidden

from view. What appears to be real, under scrutiny, might not hold up. Look within for guidance, truth

and understanding. AOUARIUS, Jan. 20 to Feb. 18: It is through a special

friends or associates.

REUNIONS

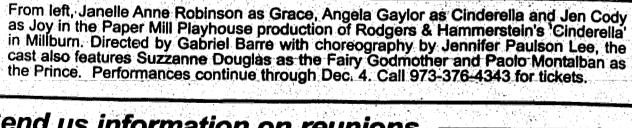
Dorey at joeyd041@comcast.net. · Rahway High School Class of 1980 is organizing its 25 reunion. Call 732-288-2857 or send an e-mail to Ron Knox rahway25reunion@aol.com for more information.

· Hillside High School Class of '85 will hold its 20th year class Entertainment - Friday at poon. above reunions, write to Reunions reunion on Friday at The Sheraton -Sports news and game results -Newark Airport, 128-Frontage Road, Monday at noon. lishtown 07726, or call 732-617- Newark. The evening will begin at Letter to the Editor -- Monday 9 7:30 p.m. For more information con- a.m. · Hillside High School, Class of tact Lisa Helmstetter Edmund at General news and information-1975, will have its 30th reunion at LAHedmund@aol.com, Kimberly Monday 5 p.m.



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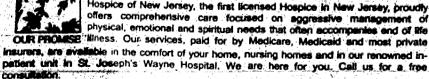
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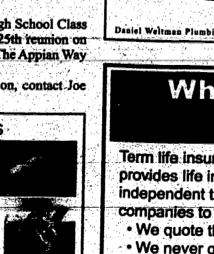
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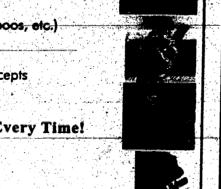
Costa's Restaurant, Roselle Park, on Saturday. Anyone with information about missing classmates may contact Shirley Anne at 908-241-8298, or send a message by e-mail to hhsclas-

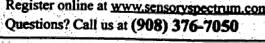
sof1975@comcast.net. · Hillside High School Class of 1960 is planning its next reunion for 2007

Forward your contact information to Linda Arotzky Lieb at Hillsidehigh 1960@aol.com. West Orange High School Class

of 1980 will have its 25th reunion on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at The Appian Way restaurant in Orange. For more information, contact Joe







PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20 Unexpected compliments or criticisms from a boss or superior could catch you off guard. Stay centered and rise above

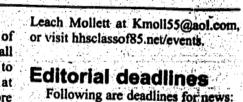
adversity or moments of self-doubt. If your birthday is this week, get ready for an exciting and wonderfully unpredictable period in your life.

Prenare to blaze new trails or to uncover opportunities that you never knew existed.

Self-discipline and great organization are important tools in your quest for success. Pace yourself and avoid taking on

more than you can comfortably manconnection age or master Also born this week: C.S. Lewis,

when shopping for seasonal decora- effort to spend quality time with Liu, Joseph Conrad and Francisco Franco.



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ART SHOWS

"CONSUMED: PAINTINGS BY VALERI LARKO," will be on exhibit 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.rahwayartsquild.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 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 Ort of Berkeley Heights, Sigal Lenz and Jeanne Smith of Fanwood Adnan Giuliani of Scotch Plains and Dolores Brink of Rosella Park. 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.

THE ARTS GUILD OF RAHWAY. located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway, presents "A Separate, Reality: Ar Eclectic Exhibition of Realistic Visual Artworks," from Jan. 11 to Feb. 10, with an opening reception on Jan. 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Featured artists include Thomas Andersen, Alleen Bassos, Allen Maertz, Jennifer Mazza, Douglass Newton, Leah Oates, Roger Sayre, Chanlotte Schulz, Rebecca Sittler, Brian St. Cyr and Randall J. Stoltzfus. The exhibition will be curated by Samantha Mae Dorfman. For more information, call 732-381-7511, or log on to www.rahwayartsguild.org.

LANDSCAPES will be the focus of Landscope: Recent Landscape Imagery," at the Arts Guild of Rahway, 1670 Irving St., Rahway, from Feb. 19 to March 17 with an opening reception on Feb. 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Featured artists include Patricia Brentano, Peter Glaccio, Laura Lou Levy and Roger Tucker. For more information, call 732-381-7511, or log on to wine anthe system lid or good

LOCAL ARTISTS are invited to join the artists' showcase to be sponsored by the Friends of the Mountainside Public Library in February. Painters, photographers, printmakers, sculptors and others in the fine arts are encouraged to participate. Exhibit your works \$25 to \$150 per piece. The deadline to join is Dec. 15. Call the library at 908-

233-0115 for more information. THE VISUAL ARTS CENTER of New Jersey will present the third exhibition in our Emerging Artists Series, beginning_on_Dec._16_and_continuin through Feb. 3. This special exhibitio will showcase the work of five Master of Fine Arts candidates who will be graduating in 2006. The artists all attend New Jersey colleges and uni-versities offering Master of Fine Arts programs. The artists chosen are Stephen Shingler from Montclair State University; Neil Callander and Jeffrey Thompson from Mason Gross School of Fine Arts, Rutgers; Lydia Viscardi from William Patterson University, an Todd Doney from New Jersey City University. For more information, call 908-

273-9121, or log on to www.artcenterni.org for more information on classes, exhibitions and special events. THE DONALD B. PALMER MUSEUM

at the Springfield Public Library, 68 Mountain Ave., Springfield, plans the following exhibits: New Art Group through Dec. 30.

Robert Parker, Jan. 9 through · Louis Winarsky, Feb. 21 through

March 30. For information on these exhibits and other programs at the Donald B. Palmer Museum, call 973-376-4930:

BERKELEY HEIGHTS ARTIST NANCY OR is featured at a permanem complet at Berkeley Heights Public Library, 200 Plainfield Ave., Berkeley Heights, För Information, call 908-484-9333. Only work is also featured at the New Providence Public Library, 377 Elmwood Ave., New Providence. through December. For Information, call 908-865-0311.

ALLYSON HURLEY is exhibiting her work at the Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple SL, Summit, through the end of November. For more inforStepping Out

mation, contact the Summit Library at For Information, call 908-233-3535. examples of her work.

BOOKS

THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN BOOK GROUP will meet at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan 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.

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ED LEIBOWITZ of Westfield will appear at The Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St.; Westfield, on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. to sign copies of his book, "It Takes More Than a Whistle To Coach Basketball: A Simple and Complete Guide to Becoming a 'Real' Basketball Coach." For information, call 908-233-3535.

GEORGE SMITH, a native of Westfield, will appear at The Town Book Store. 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. to sign copies of his book. "Spike: The Amazing Chicken," on Dec. 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m: For information, call 908-233-3535

Artist's work at Summit library

Murray Hill. For the 18th year, the Suburban Community Music Center, in cooperation with the New Jersay Symphony Orchestra, will host the Meet the Orchestra series for children ages 3 to 8. For more information, call 908-790-

CROSSROADS IN GARWOOD will leature 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 908-292-5666, or visit the

Web site, www.xxroads.com. COFFEE WITH A CONSCIENCE **CONCERT SERIES** of Westfield has

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Allyson Hurley is exhibiting her work at the Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St., Summit, through the end of Novem-ber. For more information, contact the Summit library at 908-273-0350.

Star-Ledger have partnered to publish a new book titled "World of Wonder: Exploring the Realms of History Sci-ence, Nature and Technology." The book brings together 90 of the most fascinating subjects surveyed by the World of Wonder series. The book is now available for purchase in the Kean University book store and on the Web site of The Star-Ledger at http://www.ni.com/worldofwonde

WEEKLY STORY TIMES are preser ed 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-

BOOKS BY AND ABOUT WOMEN Plans for the December meeting 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.

RENOWNED CARTOONIST FRANK THORNE will wear his tri-cornered hat and 18th century costume to present and discuss his latest graphic novel, The Illustrated History of Union County," on Dec. 3 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Barnes & Noble, 240 Ro 22 West, Springfield, Thome's profits will benefit the restoration of the Frazee House in Scotch Plains. For

information, call 973-376-6581, THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT at the Springfield Barnes & Noble , welcomes local author and former Peace Corps volunteer Pete Watson to hear about his latest book, "The Heart of the Lion." Watson will present African marketplace artifacts as part of his exciting display and discuss what it was like to live and work in Africa with the Peace Corps. For information, call 973-376-8581

THE STINKY CHEESE MAN is back in town for fun and stories. Parents, be sure to bring your camera to take i special photo with Stinky Cheese Man before he rune away. The Stinky Cheese Man comes to the Springfield Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, on Dec. 1 at 11:30 a.m. For information, call 973-376-6581. WESTFIELD NATIVE EDDIE EIN-

HORN will appear at The Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign oppies of his new book. "The Living House of Oz," and his new book of plays, "Golern, Shylock & Methuselah."

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a Guide for Goys, at The Town Book Store, 255 El Broad St. on Dec. 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. For information, call 908-233-3535

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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 pantime 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.

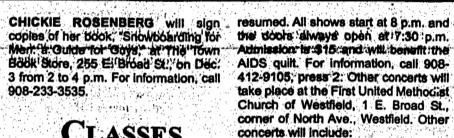
LIBERTY HALL MUSEUM on Morris Avenue in Union has scheduled its popular Lunch and Learn series, which is free to members of the public who are invited to bring their lunch and learn. Lunch and Learn takes place on a Tuesday from 12:15 to 1 p.m. Space is limited, so call 908-527-0400 for your reservation.

Liberty Hall Museum 1003 More Ave. Union. chronicles more than 200 years of New Jersey and U.S. history. The museum is open to the public Wednesdays through Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays, from noon to 4 p.m., April through December. For more information about upcoming Liberty Hall events or for reservations, call 908-527-0400.

LEARN THE ART OF GIFT WRAP-PING from Bey Miller, and Henny Spotts of All Wrapped Up, who will demonstrate how to create holiday gift. baskets on Dec. 6 from 12:15 to 1 p.m., as part of Liberty Hali Museum's Lunch and Learn series. Admission is free and the time is 12:15 to 1 p.m. Guests are invited to bring their own lunch, Space is limited, so call for a reservation. Liberty Hall Museum is located at 1003 Morris Ave., Union. For more information about upcoming Liberty Hall events or for reservations call 908-527-0400 or visit on the Internet at www.libertyhalinj.org.

CONCERTS

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Dec. 10. DAVID SANCIOUS AND LARRY CORYELL will perform at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway, on Dec. 2 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and \$25, \$15 and \$20 for subscribers. For more information, call 732-499-8226, or log on lo

A HOLIDAY DOO-WOO CELEBRA-TION will be held at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway on Dec. 3.st 7:30 p.m. Performers will Include Fred Parris & The Satins, Terry Johnson's Flamingoes, Jimmy Clan-ton, Frankle Ford, Emil Stucchio & The Classics: The Passions, and John Kuse & The Excellents. Tickets are \$35 For more information call 732-

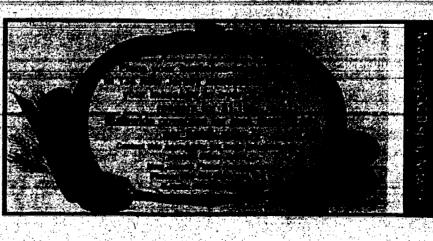
499-8226, or log on to www.ucac.org. ORCHESTRA OF ST. PETER BY THE SEA will perform at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway, on Dec. 10 and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25. For more information, call 732-499-8226, or log on to www.ucac.org. THE SUNDAY NIGHT MUSIC CLUB, a Sanctuary Concerts Production, Creations quilt shop, Park Avenue, presents folk music legend Enc Ander-Scotch Plains, sent on Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at the HICKORY TREE CHORUS, an award-Watchung Arts Center, 18 Stirling Kolid, Watchung. Admission is \$15,

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

SCRIPTS

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

THEATER

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- prize winners will receive \$600, \$400, and \$200 U.S. savings bonds, respectively The winning scripts will be honored with professional script-in-hand performances during New Jersey Family Week at the theater in March when professional theaters in New Jersey offer free programming for young peo-

The contest is open to students in New Jersey in gradus nine to, 12. Scripts at any stage of completion are eligible. Deadline for submission in Jan. 31. There is a \$5 entry fee, Mail to The Theater Project, Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. NJ 07016. For information, call 908-659-5189.

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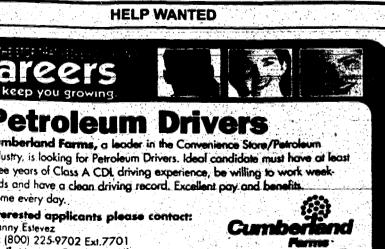
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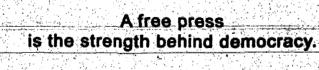
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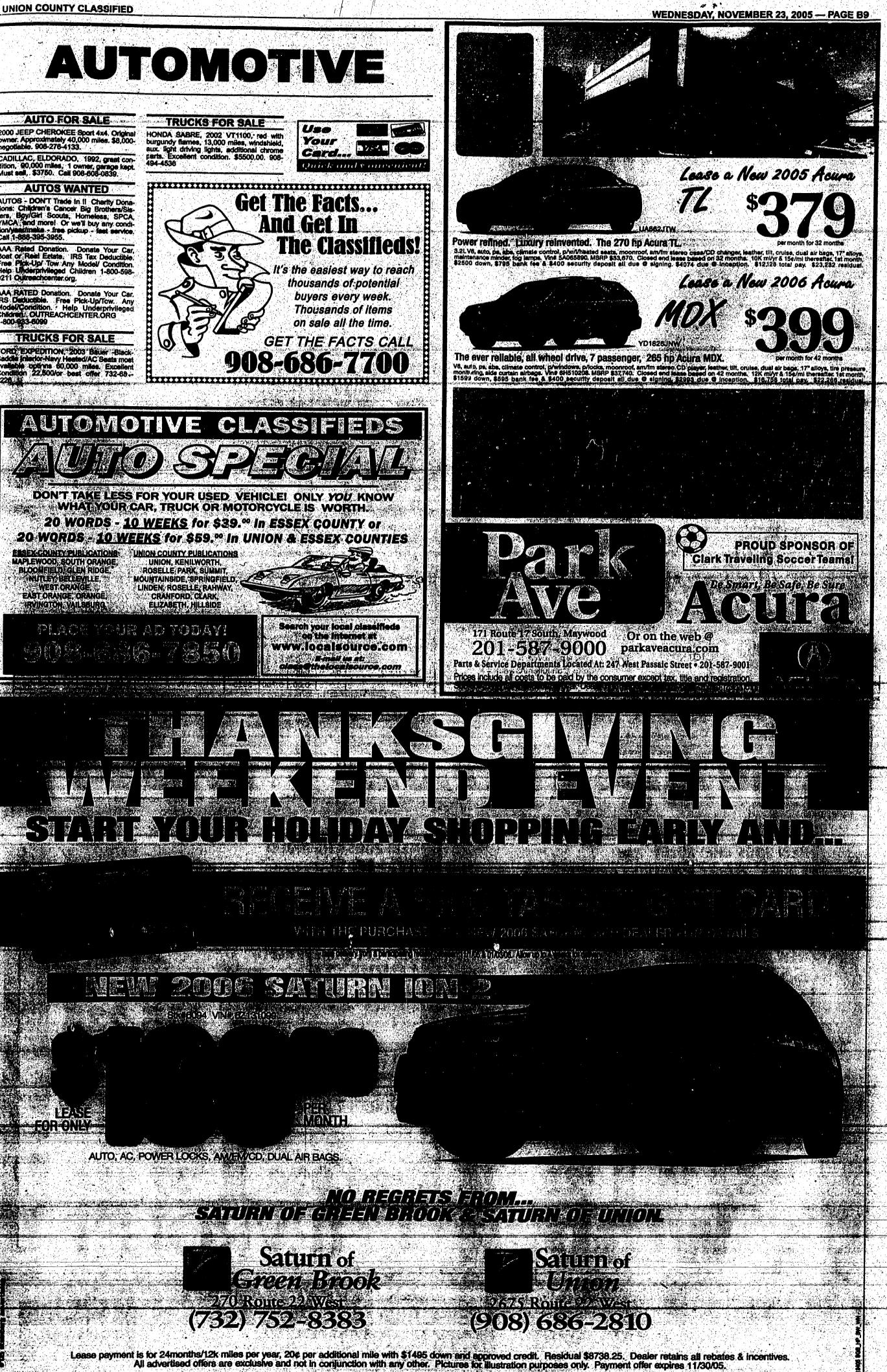
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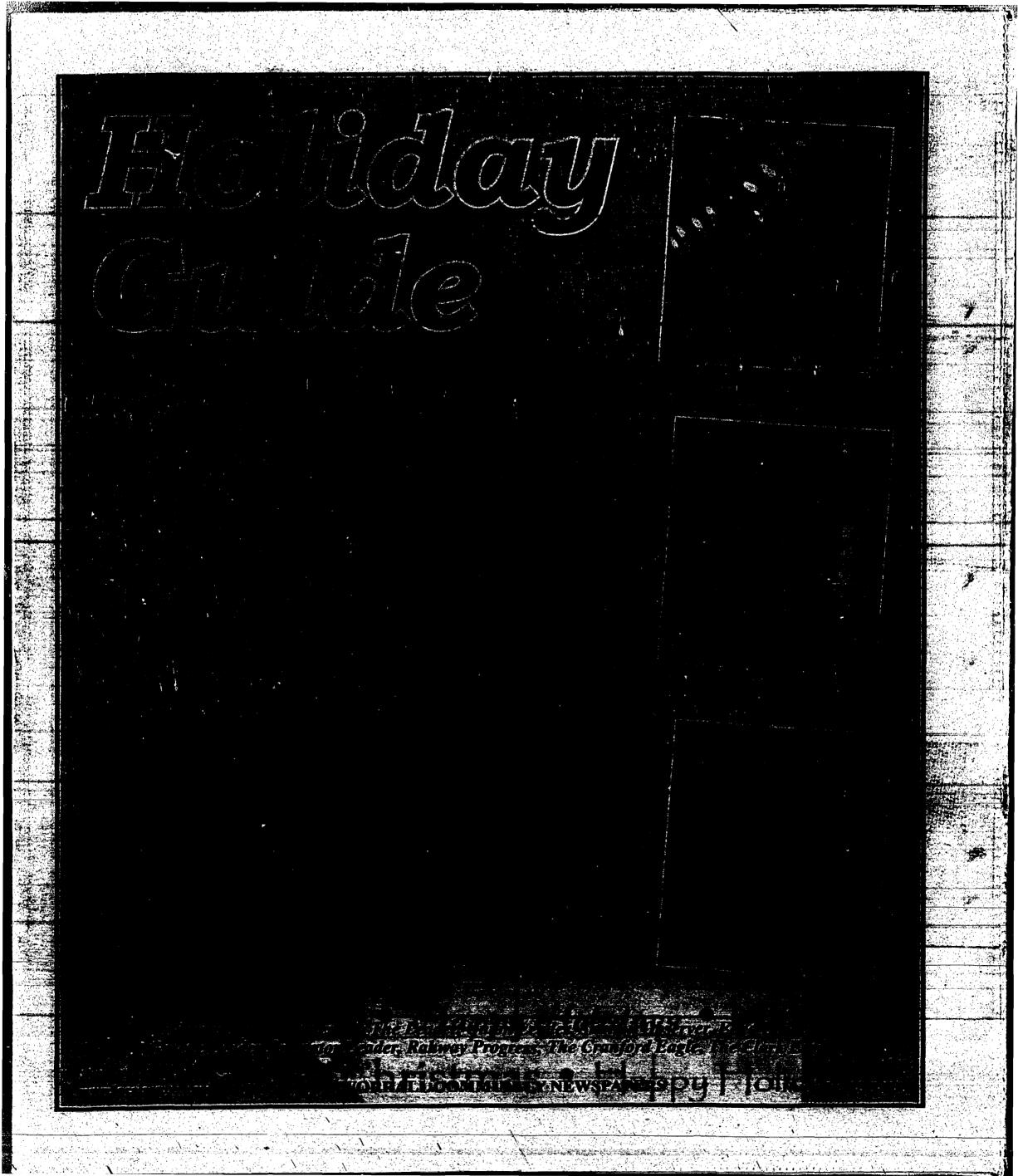
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That's because gift-giving in the business environment has its own set of rules and guidelines.

Jacqueline Whitmore, Office Depot's world-renowned etiquette expert, has the "etiquette essentials" that every businessperson should keep in mind this holiday season.

• Set a spending limit for gift-giving exchanges. Once a price limit is set among co-workers or for your office's Secret Santa exchange, make sure you stick to it. Limits help participants select an appropriate gift at an affordable price. Whenever you overspend, you run the risk of looking like a show-off. On the other hand, spending considerably below the norm might come off looking stingy.

• Give thoughtful and useful gifts. Gifts that lend both organization and style to an disc. office environment are always appreciated. To enhance a drab cubicle, give a colorful desk accessory like a photo frame, pencil cup or a flashy business card holder. Gift cards are a fantastic option because they allow your recipient to choose his or her own gift. Office Depot provides a little warmth to your gift card by accompanying it with the "Teddy B Caring" Gift Card Holder; proceeds from the teddy bear purchase go to Toys for Tots.

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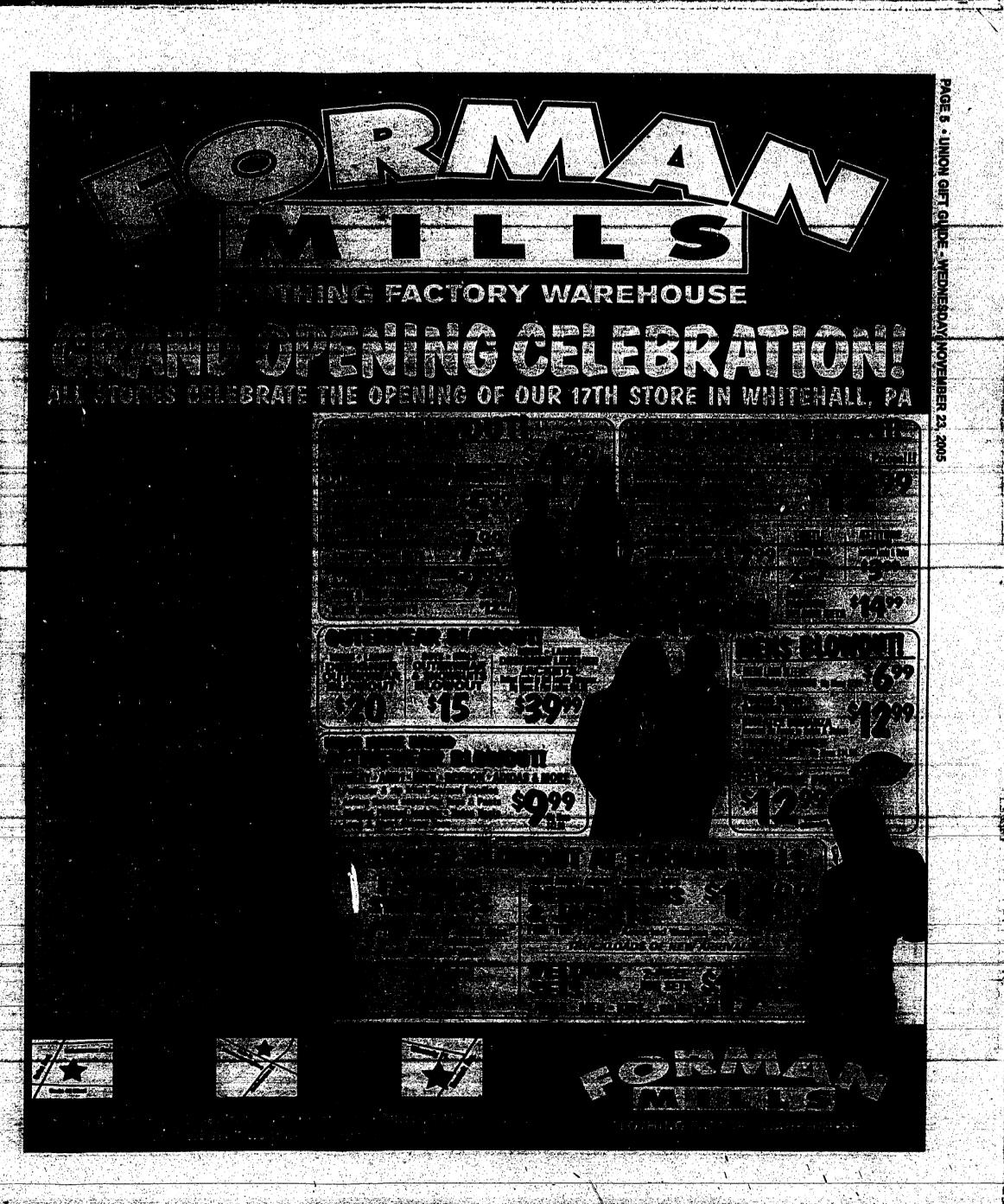
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You can do similar totes for people who knit, sew, cook - the possibilities are endless. • You can personalize all fabric gift bags, including those meant for wine bottles. This makes a great addition to any host or hostessgift.

If you are willing to invest a little sewing time, here are a few simple gifts to make from scratch.

• A table runner is an easy project that you can add holiday glamour and sparkle to.

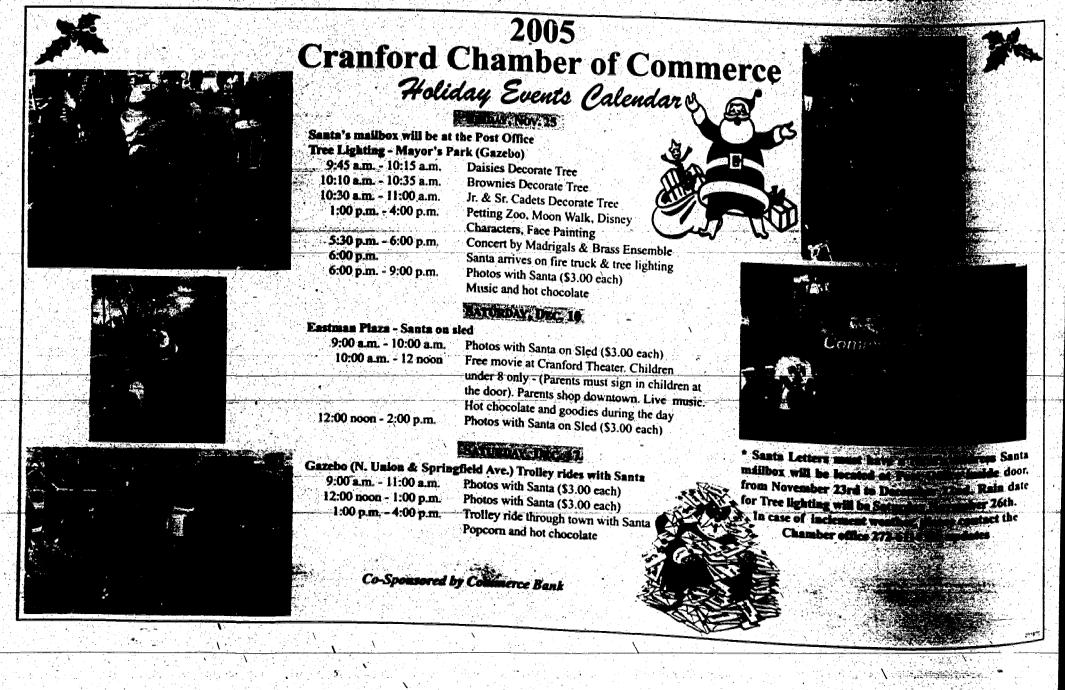
Drop the feed dogs on your machine and show off your specialty threads with freemotion stitching. Stitch out names on matching place cards or napkin holders for a lovely gift

· Make a pillow, a throw or, if you're really ambitious, a small quilt or wall hanging, using colors that you know they will love, or better yet, using fabrics that have sentimental value.

• Sew a special ornament for everyone on Sec GIFTS, Page 7



You can thread paint or use embroidery to parson for your daughter or some other lucky girl on your use metallic thread and Glitz crystals to make it really sparke. Or if the loves dogs or horses, you can embroider that on the back of a lacko



During the holidays, jeans are the gift that fits

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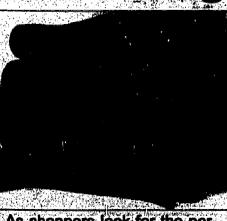
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As shoppers look for the perfect apparel purchase this holiday season, they must not Wenook ears the Ultimate wardrobe solution.

rise jean that will give the lengthening effect. of the low rise look with the comfort of a little more coverage.

thight, and then opening at the leg, the boot-

is pear-shaped or full-figured, look for fin ishing variations. When it is lighter in the center of the leg and darker on the outside parts of the leg, it creates the illusion that the leg is longer and therefore creates a slimming effect.

In addition, choose pockets wisely; size is key. The best tip is that the pockets should a correspond to the size of the jeans. Small pockets on large jeans accentuate the figure.

. Laid-back look - The low loose style i for guys who prefer a laid-back look. The loose jeans provide extra room through the seat and thigh and are straight through the knees

looks great on guvs with a slimmer build, asthe jean is straight through the seat and thigh. The jean still has plenty of room, but is not as loose on the thigh as the loose fit.

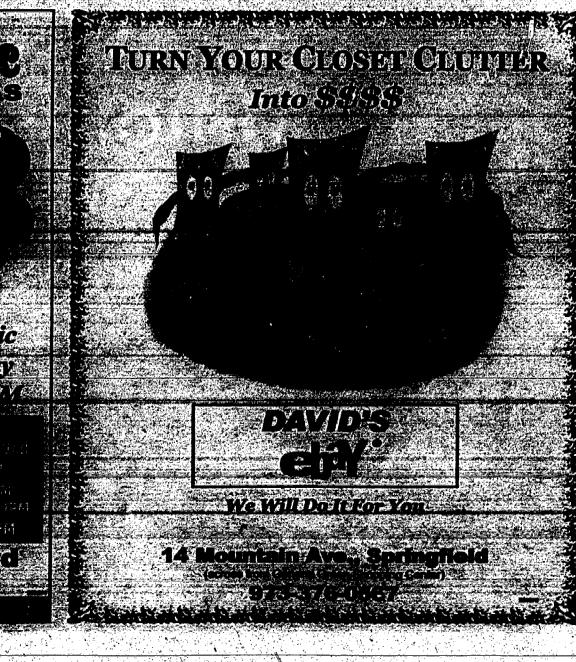
This season, shoppers can find a gift that • Hourglass — If a person has wider hips everyone will want to keep - and wear. With or thighs, a bootcut style will help balance these simple tips in minit, every gift will fit their body. Slightly fitted through the hip and and bring holiday cheer.

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If you are looking for great Christmas presents for the women in your life or you suits, blazers, sweaters, jeans, pants, skirts need a knockout dress for a special occasion and blouses, Right now, they are showcasing or a warm coat, Deja View Boutique in Rahway is the place for you.

Located at_85 E. Cherry Street in the downtown area, Deja View has a wide selec- babes. tion of fall and winter clothing and accessories, including Coach, Dooney Bourke and from noon to 6 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays Gucci purses. They also carry raccoon, lamb, from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from leather and suede coats, mink and marmot noon to 5 p.m. Call 732-396-3636 for more

Dell View carries wool skirt and pants evening dresses; purses, shoes and jewelry. They have clothing and accessories for

women of all sizes, from petite to bodacious

Deja View Boutique is open Wednesdays



Township's tree-lighting ceremony set for Dec. 4

The 22nd annual Holiday Celebration after the ceremony, children may visit with lar festivities will kick off the holiday season tions. The building will be gaily lit with holand will include the Municipal Brass Ensemble, under the direction of John Bunnell, and off the holiday shopping season in Union the United Methodist Church Choir under - Center The Union Center Special Improvethe direction of Jonathan Schneider.

to light the tree at about 6 p.m. Immediately p.m.

Tree Lighting Ceremony will be in from of Santa Claus in the main meeting room of the the Municipal Building in Morris Avenue in ... Municipal Building and have their picture the township of Union on Dec. 4. The popu- taken by Mayra Molina of Molina Producin the township. Township of Union Mayor iday lights and wreaths, an 18-foot Christ-Joseph Florio will welcome Santa and the mas tree and many other holiday decora-holiday revelers. Entertainment will begin at tions, including replicas of Santa, his rein-5 p.m. on the steps of the Municipal Building deer and other holiday favorites. The tree-lighting ceremony will also kick

ment District will provide free horse-drawn Earnage rides through the center on Nov. 25, The tree lighting ceremony will feature Carriage rider through the center on Nov. 25, Santa Claus, who will arrive via a fire truck Dec. F and Dec. 16 between 5:30 and 8:30

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Children of all faiths enjoy messages of 'Holy Baby' If retail stores seem more religious this sen, president of HolyBaby.com, which sells

holiday season, here's why: religion is hot, and merchants are catching on. "We're racing to meet holiday demand,

which came on strong when retailers began stocking up in October," says Dede Lauge-

the new hit video, "Holy Baby! 2."

Catholic book and gift storeowners say success of the multilingual, Catholic Holy Baby! series has inspired an array of media companies to produce religious programming for babies and children of all faiths. "It doesn't matter whether they're

Catholic, Protestant or Jewish," said Nathalie Mabe, vice president of KinderKlassics.com, which sells Jewish children's goods. "Parents want to move away from the secular

stuff and they're adding in religious-themed gifts and media programming in droves."

George Harden, a professor of education at Washburn University, studies holiday buying trends of families and says the children's See RELIGION. Page 11

Stocking stuffers are a great place to be creative

stuffers every year? Looking for new and imaginative gift ideas sure to please your children? In order to be successful in your stocking stuffer venture, you'll have to get creative ... very creative. Here are some helpful hints that will guide you along on your stocking stuffer shopping endeavor:

Think of favorites. What are your child's---favorite animals, sports, characters, colors, candies or foods? Include favorites as stocking stuffers and you're guaranteed a smiling child this holiday season. If they collect something - action figures, baseball cards, Beanie Babies - throw one in as a stocking stuffer for a guaranteed hit.

• Mini-games or card games. Travel-size editions of your child's favorite games or card games that can be played in the car are good examples. They have the added benefit that they can be used to occupy the children on any future long car rides or visits to grandma's house.

• Educate them. School supplies are often overlooked as stocking-stuffer items, but shouldn't be! These gifts can be used throughout the year and will probably need--to be purchased regardless. Think your child

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The unique Mark-My-Time digital bookmark is the perfect fit for a stocking stuffer - colorful, slim and reasonably priced at under \$10. won't like gifts related to school? Try som

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still grab their attention. The unique Mark-My-Time digital bookmark is the perfect fit love a box of his or her very own brand new for a stocking stuffer - colorful, slim and reasonably priced at under \$10.

You'll be amazed at how excited your kids will be about reading when they can electronically record their daily reading times. A countdown-timer and alarm tells them when they're done or they can set a cumulative time and watch the minutes add up throughout the day. It's a great feeling when they can see how much progress they've made. They will actually look forward to picking up a book and reading again. In adi, tion to serving as a useful tool during reading sessions, the Mark-My-Time digital bookmark is also ideal for timing music practice acssions, timed math fact activities, meetings and homework study sessions.

· Start a tradition with ornaments. Many families enjoy giving each member a special ornament as a stocking stuffer to open and. then hang on the tree. When kids grow up and move out, their own ornament collection begins with the set of 18 or so ornaments they've received throughout childhood. Finding ornaments that commemorate a special memory for that year adds a special touch.

· Arts and crafts. What child wouldn't markers or crayons? Kids love to create and draw, so, like the school supplies, these are probably gifts you will end up buying at some point anyway. Coloring books, colored Post-its, gel pens, colored pencils and paints are not only a popular choice, they can also be used for other activities well after the holiday season has passed.

. Wrap it. If you can find the time, wrapping each stocking stuffer makes the opening even more fun. It's the perfect way to use up all those leftover scraps of paper from wrapping your larger Christmas gifts. You can also leave one or two items unwrapped and sticking out of the top of the stocking

Whether it's with an ornament, school supply or arts and crafts item, take the extra time this holiday season to match your child's unique personality and interests with just the right stocking stuffer.

The smiles on your children's faces whe they peek inside their stocking will be worth the effort.

To order the unique Mark-My-Time digital bookmark or to locate a retailer, visit www.mark-my-time.com.





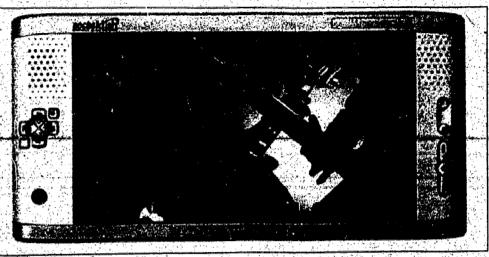
Personal electronic devices on everyone's gift list

Dasher, Dancer and the gang will have to themselves this holiday season. Santa n't gained weight — but the sleigh has, as sonal electronic devices claim a spot

ngside all the traditional toys. The Consumer Electronics Association nd that portable computer products such as P3 players, portable DVD players and per-nal planners can be found in roughly-15 per-nt of homes, and that approximately 4 mil-n households plan to purchase a portable

In households plan to purchase a portable edia device within the next year. It seems people can't board a bus, take a lik or even do their homework without an P3 player dangling around their necks. And hat parent hasn't given thanks for the stable DVD player that knows the kids enter-

ned in the back scar during family trips? This holiday's hothest gift for technology vers is the PocketDISH from DISH Netork. It's a single device that replaces your P3 player, photo storage equipment and on portable DVD player. By connecting the ocketDISH to a DISH Network digital video order, users can load and watch hours of r favorite television or movies. With the nit, users can also create postable music braries, store thousands of photos and play ames, eliminating the need for multiple



The most compact model features a 2.2-inch LCD screen With a 20-gigabyte hard drive for storage of up to 20/hours of DISH Net-work programming or 10,000 songs, the player can also store up to 200.000 photos.

devices. Imagine being_able to take your favorite sit-coms, reality shows or last night's game with you anywhere and watch them anytime.

PocketDISH comes in three models with a 2-inch. 4-inch or 7-inch screen. One of the most advanced portable media devices on the market. PocketDISH uses USB 2.0 technolo-

gy for ultra-fast transfer speeds from select DISH Network DVRs. A full-length movie can be sent to the hard drive in less than 10 ninutes. Also compatible with other devices such as VCRs, camcorders, DVRs or PCs, the 4-inch and 7-inch PocketDISH units can record video from other sources.

The PocketDISH with the 7-inch wide- 800-333-DISH.

screen LCD display is equipped with a 40gigabyte hard drive that can store as much as 40 hours of DISH Network programming and can even record video from other sources. It can also store as much as 20,000 songs or 400,000 photos. The long-life, rechargeable lithium-ion battery provides approximately four hours of video or 12 hours of music.

With a 4-inch LCD screen, the second 2 PocketDISH model offers a 30-gigabyte hard drive for storage of up to 30 hours of DISH in Network programming or can record video from another source. In addition to holding up to 15,000 MP3, WMA and WAV music files, the AV500E can store up to 300,000 photos.

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PocketDISH accommodates the most gogo schedules, allowing you to keep up with the movies, memories and music that shape N your life. No longer do you need a bag to lug all your technology. All you need is a Pocket. S To learn more, visit www.pocketdish.com or S to learn more about-DISH Network, call 1-

Religion is a popular item for gift-giving this holiday season

(Continued from Page 10) ipping point." Harden says the appeal of ligious gifts for children indicates a back-

country to imbue children with solid reli- - hits the market and becomes a national prise a "parallel universe" for consumer gious teachings," Harden said. "That trend phenomenon."

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lash against materialism and media violence. explains why something like 'Holy Baby!' Mabe said the burgeoning Catholic, Jew-"There's a huge movement across the - with a seemingly small, alternative niche ish and Protestant gift-goods markets com-See 'HOLY.' Page 14

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Give your child a gift to grow and develop with From the day a child is born, it is the par- - kit includes eight easy-to-handle panels, paste

ents' job to help their child grow and devel- and step-by-step hanging instructions. op. Early on, the nurturing is done through close contact, speech and touch; as the child gets older, by providing him or her with an environment in which to thrive.

This holiday season, give your child a gift which will help him or her develop a love of learning — a room with a purpose. When your child is ready to trade the baby animals and ABCs on the walls for a new look, take your design inspiration from a typical elementary school classroom. Go with a theme that is both imaginative and educational.

Geography is a great school subject to use as a decorating theme. Whether your child is already an accomplished world traveler or has only made it as far as the next state, putting up a world map will allow your child to travel the world anytime. Think bigger than just a world map out of the back of a National Geographic Magazine. Why not a world map that takes up the whole wall? A fun and colorful wall-sized world map wall mural is offered through the Pottery Barn Kids catalog, www.potterybarnkids.com. You can also 5 find a variety of accessories and bedding to reports. compliment this decorating theme.

The Pottery Barn Kids bedroom features an 8 foot 8 inch high by 13 foot wide world map mural that covers one standard wall. The mural shows, in detail, up-to-date country boundaries, capitals, major cities, oceans, time zones, latitude/longitude, topography, elevations, ocean depths, shipping lanes and even nautical miles. It is simple to hang in just to www.potterybarnkids.com for more decopart of a Saturday afternoon. The wall mural

"The cool thing about this map is that since it's printed on a heavy coated paper, kids can write on it with a dry-crase marker," according to Susan Kelley of Environmental Graphics, the wall mural's manufacturer, "One great idea for kids is to use our world map wall mural as a way to plan for and remember a family trip. Kids can outline the travel route" and mark points of interest they will be visiting. After the trip, it can be used to display photos and other souvenirs from their trip. Because of the sheer size of this wall mural, it is easy to see the details of a given area that would be altogether lost on a smaller map."

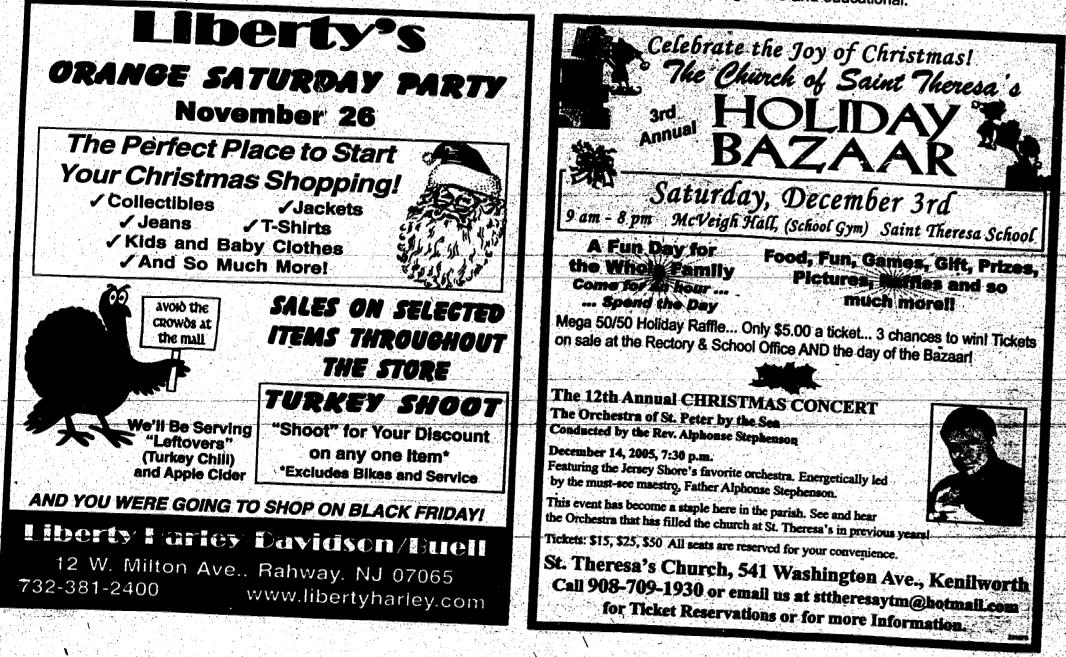
Once the mural is up, there will be no need to change it in just a couple of years. This decor will grow with your child. A younger child will enjoy the world map's beautiful colors. Also, you can begin teaching your toddler or young child where different oceans, cities, countries and continents are located. As your child gets older, the map can be used as a reference for family trips, current events, geography lessons and school

To complete your child's."world traveler". room will not take much more work. Just paint the other bedroom walls in an earthtone pallet - perhaps a shade of blue or green - to match the wall mural and then add matching bedding and pillows.

Now you are done and have given your child the best bedroom in the world! Log on rating ideas for kids' rooms.



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Personalized USB is the latest must-have accessory

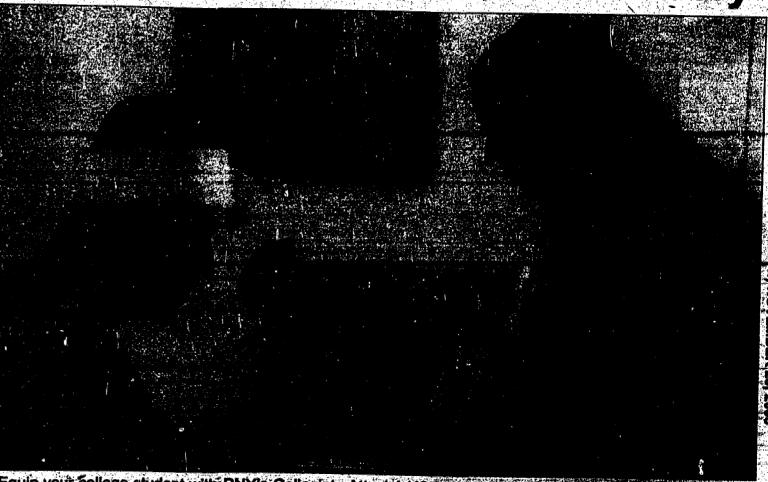
Looking for the perfect holiday stocking stuffer? How about something every member of your family can enjoy? Simple, a personalized USB 2.0 flash drive --- the latest must-have portable memory storage accessory for today's technology-driven family member.

This portable gadget allows you to transfer large amounts of data quickly and easily from one computer to another. USB flash drives connect to almost any desktop, note-book or mobile PC/MAC; making it easy to copy files, music and images/photographs onto a USB Flash drive and take it wherever you need to go.

About the size of a pack of gum, the popularity of the USB flash drive continues to flourish as storage sizes increase and price ranges decrease. Place it in your briefcase, wear it on your keychain or toss it in your backpack for ultimate mobility.

Here are a few examples of how USB flash drives are designed for every member of your family; Mom, On-The-Go

Mom drives the kids to school, to soccer practice and rehearsal for the holiday play all while capturing every moment of her family's life on a compact digital camera. Rather than leaving the images on the camera or a desktop, she can download them onto PNY Technologies' Attaché 2.0 USB flash drive and carry them with her to share with friends and family. The drive is ideal for moms who want to print the pictures quickly for a scrap See HIGH-TECH, Page 14



Equip your college student with PNY's Collegiate Attaché USB 2.0 Flash Drive. Custom printed with college and university logos, the drives promote (icademic pride and help students stay organized. The drives are ideal for students with a strict college budget, since they can be used and reused throughout their aca-demic career. Taking the place of stacks of floppy disks, the portable device can store term papers, music or the teen's favorite college football team's stats.

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'Holy' merchandise have appeal

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the parallel universe, she explains, one can find a religious version of nearly anything in the secular realm

"Name the board game, and there's likely a religious version," Mabe said. "There's just so much outside influence affeoting children - the TV, the Internet, video games - that parents want to get control of the content."

Ian Rutherford, owner of AquinasAnd-More.com religious store, says he's finding the more boldly spiritual a children's item appears the better it sells. He said the first 'Holy Baby!' — featuring prayers of the rosary - took off when parents discovered the positive effects it had calming fussy babies and teaching toddlers to pray. Rutherford said the first "Holy Baby!" outsells. 'Veggie Tales" and his other children's

media two-to-one, and he expects "Holy Baby! 2" - featuring songs and prayers of the Eucharist - will do even better.

"We have five children, and all have watched the wonderful 'Baby Einstein' shows and others like them," said Laugesen, creator of "Holy Baby!" and "Holy Baby! 2." "We also wanted something that would fill them with the sights and sounds of our faith, so we created 'Holy Baby!' to instill what we call 'The Language of Prayer.' Apparently, we weren't alone in wanting it."

Neil McCaffrey, president of Book Center of the Rockies - a fulfillment house for religious books and gifts --- says HolyBaby.com is only one of several new success stories in the religious goods segment. Some of his publishers, he said, have seen increased sales of 50 to 100 percent in the past two years

High-tech gifts prove popular

book or to use as her digital "brag book." Dad, The Tech-Savvy Executive You're never quite sure which city he's in

or exactly what time his meeting was scheduled, but wherever he is - you know he's buried in his laptop. For the business professional dad, a USB flash drive provides him with the freedom to work on documents at home or on the plane; carry presentations to the client's office, or store images, photos and art files to take to a professional printer. Some USB drives even offer data encryption technology to safeguard private information, such as financial or medical records. PNY's - device can store term papers, music or the Executive Attaché was designed with the teen's favorite college football team's stats.

business professional in mind; the drive is an attractive, compact, removable storage device and stylish ballpoint pen in one. The College Student

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