

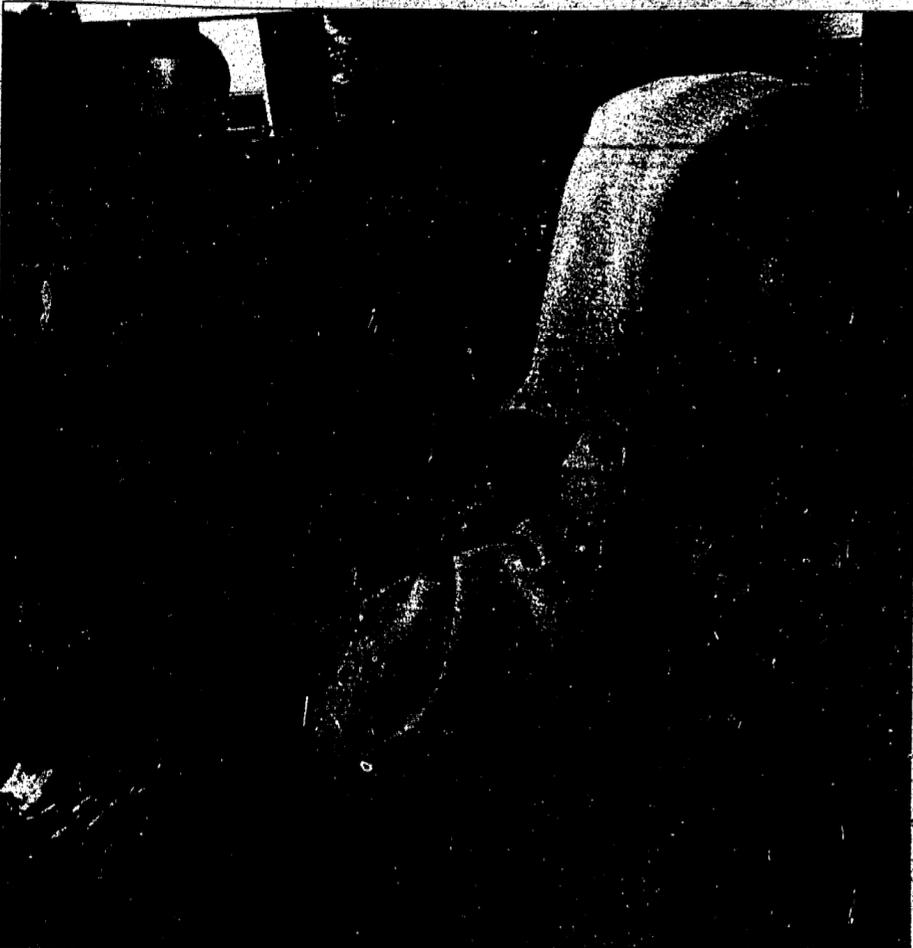
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'Clothes' encounter at Deerfield



Joshua Moss, a Governor Livingston High School alumnus, and Alex DeRose, a student at Deerfield School, transfer clothes during a used clothing drive at Deerfield School on Saturday. The drive will benefit Governor Livingston High School's Project Graduation.

Mountainside receives protection from lawsuits

**By Meave Sheehan
Staff Writer**

Mountainside has received an order of protection that will help the borough fight off lawsuits from developers who want to build on available residential land.

"The borough welcomes development," Borough Attorney John Post said, "but wants to be sure it's in keeping with the character of the community."

In summer 2004, the borough was involved in litigation brought by a developer intending to construct an affordable housing project on a lot about three acres in size near the east-bound lane of Route 22. The housing project was planned with more than 120 units.

Another developer approached the borough more recently, proposing a 35-unit senior citizen housing unit on a lot of about two acres near the west-bound lane of Route 22, west of New Providence Road.

Mayor Robert Vigilanti, in his State of the Borough letter this past January, maintained that land available for residential development in Mountainside was not proportionate to the demand. As a result, the borough was encouraging applications from developers for condominiums and apartments in single-family and non-residential zones.

Vigilanti also stated older homes were being torn down and replaced with larger houses. Additions and renovations to older homes sometimes used the total amount of space on a lot.

In his letter, Vigilanti said a comprehensive plan would be written to address these housing pressures with Mountainside's obligation to provide affordable housing. Municipal Planner Robert Michaels was hired to work with the Planning Board and Borough Council to write the plan.

Earlier this year, Post applied for an order of protection from courts in an effort to ward off lawsuits by

builders during the period of revision. The borough received the order of protection. Mountainside sought more permanent protection from lawsuits by getting certification from the Council on Affordable Housing, certifying the borough has satisfied its constitutional obligation.

"We are working with a court-appointed special master for a plan to build affordable housing," Post said. The affordable housing units will be located on the Barnes Tract on Mountain Avenue. Post said the housing will not take up the entire five-acre property.

The Barnes Tract was once proposed as the site of the borough's community center. Post said there are still several sites available for a community center, but Mountainside has not decided whether to pursue such plans.

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SEF hosts jewelry fund-raiser

**By Dan Burns
Staff Writer**

You may not be the best dressed mother, the trendiest woman or the poshest young lady when you walk into the Springfield Education Foundation's jewelry sale fund-raiser Friday, but chances are you'll be a little more fashionable when you walk out of it.

The foundation is hosting a jewelry and fashion accessory exhibition in the Media Room at Jonathan Dayton High School Friday from 3 to 5 p.m., and then again from 7 to 9 p.m. Guests can expect to find designer-quality jewelry at prices less than \$50, according to Joanne Motsay, who supplies the merchandise for the show.

Motsay will sell necklaces, bracelets, earrings, belts, rings, picture frames, perfume bottles, key chains and much more. The products are all high quality, according to Motsay. In many cases, the product she sells is identical to what department stores are selling, except the price is one-half or one-third of what one would pay there.

"I cherry-pick all of my items. I don't buy in mass," Motsay said. "If I don't like it, I'm not going to sell it."

Friday's fund-raiser will feature items that are ideal for holiday gifts. Motsay will gift wrap any purchase for free, she said.

Motsay supplied the merchandise for a similar fund-raiser the SEF ran in June. That event had a little more than 100 guests in attendance, according to SEF President Steve Wolcott. It attracted a large number of mothers of students and Springfield teachers, Wolcott said.

Guests will be charged a \$5 admission fee, which will go to the foundation. The foundation uses that money for various improvements or grants.

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Scout soars to success

**By Tracy A. Pollock
Managing Editor**

Neither Houdini and his magic tricks nor Darwin and his evolution theories could turn a Tiger Cub into an Eagle. But the Boy Scouts of America did when James Kukucka of Troop 73 of Springfield recently achieved the most elite rank in its organization.

James isn't the first to reach Eagle Scout status, but he is part of a very small group to do so. Only 4 percent of all Boy Scouts attain that rank.

Even more impressive is the fact that James became an Eagle on July 13, when he was 14 years old, while most Boy Scouts don't earn that distinction until they are 18.

His Scouting career began in the first grade, when many of his friends became Tiger Cubs, the first rank of the Cub Scout program, which precedes the Boy Scouts. James, who is now 15, also joined because it "sounded like fun" since he was interested in camping.

Eventually, all of his friends dropped out, but James remained in the program. In the third grade, he had set a goal for himself to become an Eagle and he "wanted to strive for it."

After advancing through the various levels of Cub Scouts, i.e., Wolf, Bear and Webelos, James earned the Arrow of Light Award, the Cub Scouts' highest honor, equivalent to the Boy Scouts' Eagle rank.

In the Boy Scouts, James began earning merit badges, which demonstrate the mastery of a specified skill, and assuming increasing levels of leadership responsibilities in the troop. He served as Troop Guide, Order of the Arrow Troop Representative, Assistant Patrol Leader and is currently Senior Patrol Leader, its highest ranking position.

Intent on reaching his goal of becoming an Eagle Scout, in July 2003, James attended the week-long "Trail to Eagle" camp in Rockaway.

This advanced training program ranks Scout leaders' guidance on reaching Eagle status.

To attain the Eagle rank, a Scout must earn at least 21 merit badges. To date, James has earned 43 badges. Some of his favorites thus far include Lifesaving, a water rescue skill because he enjoys swimming; Astronomy, as he is "interested in outer space and the stars," and Shotgun Shooting, because, it was, as James said, "something I'd never done before."

In addition to obtaining the minimum number of merit badges, a Scout Scout candidate must complete a community service project that shows leadership and organization, has a tangible benefit to the community and is approved by various local and district level Boy Scout committees.

For his community service project, in the spring, James chose to repaint Springfield's more than 100 fire hydrants because it "would make a lasting impression on the town."

By the end of May, James had received the necessary approvals, including those of his Troop 73 Committee, the Boy Scout district representative, the Fire Department and the water company which owns the hydrants.

After being supplied with brushes and paint by the Fire Department and with safety equipment, such as reflective vests and protective masks, by the company for which James' father, Jim, works — Global Terminal and Container in Jersey City — James enlisted the help of troop members who willingly gave their time.

James had estimated the painting of each hydrant, which is red and blue below per the Fire Department's standard, would take approximately 45 minutes. He said, "Some actually took a very long time. They were very old and needed to be fully scraped."

By the time the boys finished painting at the end of June, the entire



James Kukucka of Boy Scout Troop 73 of Springfield was recently awarded a resolution from Mayor Sy Mullman, second from left, to recognize his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout. Also present were Ethel Smith of American Legion Post 228 and Ken Falgenbaum, the township's deputy mayor.

project, from planning to execution, took approximately 200 hours.

When the project was completed, James indicated he felt "a sense of accomplishment that I had been able to plan it all out and get it done."

The water company paid James a fee of \$6 per hydrant for the painting work. He donated this money to his school, Oratory Prep School in Summit, and the St. Barnabas Burn Center in Livingston.

James has received many accolades for his attainment of his six-year goal of becoming an Eagle Scout: a flag was flown over the White House in his honor at the request of Congressman Michael Ferguson; a papal blessing from Pope Benedict XVI was presented by Monsignor Ron Marchewski; commendation letters were received from President George W. Bush, former president Bill Clinton and a representative of NASA, among others, and Springfield Mayor Sy Mullman presented a resolution.

As part of the small but elite group of Boy Scouts who successfully become Eagles, James joins such notable figures as Gerald Ford, former United States president; Bill Bradley, former U.S. senator; cartoonist Milton A. Caniff; J. William Marriott Jr., chairman of the Home Depot; president of Marriott Corporation, and H. Ross Perot, founder of Electronic Data Systems Corporation and The Perot Group.

James' former scoutmaster, Sandy Kaston said, "I've had the sincere privilege of watching James and the other boys in the troop grow into fine young men. Each year, I've watched them progress up through the ranks by going on our monthly campouts, attending Boy Scout summer camp, earning merit badges, teaching each other."

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Grant proposals presented

**By Meave Sheehan
Staff Writer**

At the Nov. 22 Springfield Township Committee meeting, Assistant Township Engineer Sam Mardini presented his proposals for Union County's annual Community Development Block Grant.

Union County receives the funds each year from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The county will distribute \$6 million in funds this year. Last year, Springfield received approximately \$115,000.

Committees are set up by the county to review applications from municipalities. Township Committee member Clara Hareluk has been a member of one such committee for several years.

While Springfield usually applies for four or five different grants, Mardini said the township will only apply for three grants this year. A condition for the grants requires that they be used for improvements in a low-to-moderate income area. Springfield only has a small area that is defined as a low-to-moderate income area.

The first grant application will ask for funds for the township's senior citizen bus service. Springfield receives approximately \$12,000 for this service. The money goes toward the bus driver's salary. The entire service costs about \$30,000 and Springfield received about \$10,000 last year.

The second grant requests funds for improvement in the Church-Mall area to fix curbing and pavement repairs. The total cost of repairs costs \$85,000 and Springfield will ask for \$70,000.

For the third grant request, the township will ask for funds for a handicapped-accessible unisex bathroom on the second floor of the Chisholm Recreation Center.

Hareluk explained that the county, when deciding which grants to give, wants municipalities to show they have already explored other funding options and their request is a last resort.

Mardini will also present the proposals to the county. Mardini said through years of applying for grants, he has developed a sense of how much the county is willing to give.

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Council honors kids; OKs participation in grant program

**By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Reporter**

City Administrator/Police Chief James Debbie opened a packed Borough Council meeting Tuesday night by saying, "We are, first of all, here tonight to honor our youth — one of my great joys. They are inspiring to us."

Parents and children filled the council chambers, in spite of the inclement weather outside.

Two Resolutions of Commendation were awarded: one to the Mountainside PAL Girls Softball Team and the other to the 11-year-old Boys Baseball All-Stars.

All team members were present in their respective uniforms and were asked to stand to receive applause. Coaches from both teams accepted the plaques.

Another honor went to the Livingston Highlander Marching Band, who came in full regalia: that is, Scottish kilts, but without their instruments. Mayor Robert Vigilanti had wanted them to play.

The band won first place in an all-state competition at Governor Livingston High School.

After these honors, Debbie said, "Mothers and fathers, aren't we proud of our children?" A round of applause followed, and after posing for pictures, the council got down to business.

One important resolution that was passed was to authorize participation in the Union County Community Development Block Grant Program for the year. One of the councilmen noted the projects were primarily for seniors. Although no details were specified.

Open for a public hearing, there were no comments or objections and it was passed unanimously.

Four ordinances were also brought to public hearing and passed unanimously, with no comments or objections. The passed ordinances establish requirements for the control of litter in compliance with the state Department of Environmental Protection storm water regulations; prohibit illicit connection to the storm water system; prohibit the deposit of yard wastes into public streets and require leaves be containerized in compliance with the state Department of Environmental Protection's regulations, and prohibit the disposal of anything other than storm water in the municipal storm sewer system.

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School presents 'Guys and Dolls'



Rebecca Witt, as Miss Adelaide, and Robby Kreinke, as Nathan Detroit, perform in Deerfield School's recent production of 'Guys and Dolls'.

Teenager becomes an Eagle Scout at the age of 14

(Continued from Page 1) other Scouting skills and providing community service. I'm glad he stuck with the program and was able to reach his goal of achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Ares Joins National Legacy Group

Springfield resident David Ares has joined National Legacy Group in Cedar Knolls.

Malley honored by Seton Hall Prep School

On Nov. 7 at the Seton Hall Prep Fathers Club Family Mass and Communion Breakfast, the organization honored school nurse Emmaly Malley of Springfield with the Thomas A. Reynolds Award.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Today • 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.

• 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."

• Boy Scout Troop 73 of Springfield is having its annual Christmas wreath sale through Dec. 11. Available for sale are both decorated and undecorated wreaths, \$16 and \$11, respectively; large and small decorated grave covers, \$25 and \$15, and decorated Luminaire kits, \$5.

• 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, at 9:30 a.m. A bagels and spreads brunch will precede the entertainment.

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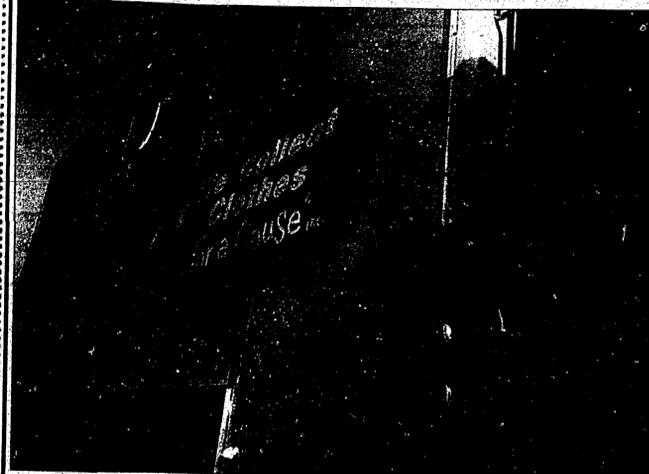
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Clothing comes to those who wait



Mario Rolon waits for more donations at the used clothing drive at Deerfield School on Saturday. The drive will benefit Governor Livingston High School's Project Graduation.

Sale of jewelry will help raise funds for SEF

(Continued from Page 1) the school district needs. June's money went toward the Edward V. Walton School playground fund. The SEF, a non-profit group, also awards a scholarship to one Dayton graduate each year.

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Alarms keep firefighters busy

On Friday at 7:06 a.m., firefighters responded to a South Springfield Avenue business for an activated fire alarm. On Friday at 8:15 a.m., firefighters responded to South Springfield and Hillside avenues for a spill in the road. On Friday at 12:15 p.m., all units responded to a Stern Avenue business for an activated fire alarm. On Nov. 24 at 1:33 a.m., firefighters responded to a Mountain Avenue apartment for an activated carbon monoxide detector.

SENIOR NEWS

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

Return with more suitable plan

Near the top of Springfield lies about 8 acres of land that have gone undeveloped for many years. Several times, builders have come before the Planning Board with proposals for dozens of residential units on the former Baltusrol Swim Club property. And each time, they ask for multiple variances to get their plan approved.

Five years ago, Pinnacle Communities proposed a 96-unit, four-building complex that was denied by the Planning Board. Twenty years ago, a five-story, 117-unit proposal was denied. Now, Garden Homes is seeking to build 93 units in four, three-story buildings. At least the applications are getting smaller. But they'll have to come back several times before there's an application that's appropriate for approval.

One after another, each plan has asked to build three-story structures, which are not allowed in Springfield. And this one is no different. The Planning Board will hear closing arguments from attorneys at Wednesday's meeting after months of testimony from experts and comments from the public.

Each application throughout the years also has asked for too many variances. This one is seeking four variances: to allow construction above 2½ stories; to allow more than 32 units in a single building; to allow living quarters on the third floor, and to build on what's considered a steep slope. There's a reason the township has set codes of how and what can be built; to maintain a character sought by the town's fathers. It's one thing to allow minor variances on some applications, but these go beyond minor and should not be approved.

The owners of the former swim club site deserve to be able to develop their property. But a more appropriate development can be suitable for the site, perhaps one that includes single-family homes and not almost 100 condominiums that require too many exceptions to the township's code.

Shop locally

The holiday shopping season is under way. This year, the calendar has given us more than four weeks to meet the demands of our gift lists. This should be plenty of time, even for those of us who are dyed-in-the-wool procrastinators.

In this season of traditions, we urge all our readers to visit their local stores and shops. Holidays are all about traditions, and a visit to the downtown district is certainly traditional. The faces are familiar. You know where the good parking can be found. You have dealt with the merchants for years, and are on a first-name basis with many of them.

And we are positive that what you find in their stores will make a trip downtown a good start for your holiday shopping.

Local merchants are very in tune with their customers. In many stores, the owners, if not their sales associates, are our neighbors. They are part of our community all year. They know our streets, the schools and the neighborhoods. They know who won the Thanksgiving football game. They know us, and, as all professional merchants, they have done their best to fill their shelves with the merchandise they believe we want to see for this holiday season. They will have gifts, of course, but they also will have those special lawn and home decorations that you are seeing around town. And they will have the freshest meats, vegetables and delicacies for our holiday parties and family dinners.

And, as always, gift certificates from local stores are a good idea. Youngsters without a driver's license can take their certificates and walk to the local video store, athletic shop or clothing store and find what suits them best.

In many county towns, new stores and restaurants are opening. And the general appearance of the commercial districts are getting special attention. Parks are being restored. New lighting and benches are being added. These next few weeks will be a perfect time to see what your town has done for you. And everything looks so festive at this time of year. A visit downtown is more than simply an enjoyable shopping experience.

This holiday season, when the lights, decoration and holiday bustle make everything look so much more exciting, is a good time to visit your downtown district. Plan to spend the afternoon. Meet a friend or two. Plan to have a meal in a restaurant. This year, we are sure you will find a whole new atmosphere downtown.

"It is clear that nothing can bring the good to light, or expose the evil, but full and free discussion."

— Thomas Cooper
Educator, Journalist
1830

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A FEAST FOR 4-YEAR-OLDS — Eleven hungry 'Native Americans' are ready for their feast in Mrs. Meissner's class of 4-year-olds at the Community Presbyterian Nursery School in Mountainside.

Lung cancer awareness is 'breath of fresh air'

Happy birthday, Tom Canavan, and may we continue to wish you happy birthday for years to come.

Your For the Record column that appeared Nov. 23 was quite an inspirational story and if it scares the living hell into one person or many people, you've achieved what you've set out to do and that was to educate people. I am looking forward to the day that our state government passes legislation that bans smoking in bars and restaurants.

And for the naysayers who only think about their own personal gain, take the blind-folds off and try to look at the overall picture. We're talking about quality-of-life issues here, not just the blind assumption that business may decline a bit.

For the past four years, I've been involved with a health issue called F.O.P., which afflicts some 14 children/young adults in the State of New Jersey. FOP is an extremely rare and incurable disease that turns normal muscles, tendons and ligaments to bone and eventually the body will form a second skeleton within the confines of the normal skeleton.

My friend's daughter has FOP and we have taken a relatively unknown disease and spearheaded an awareness campaign that has brought us to the State Capitol in Albany, New York, City Hall in New York City, the State Capitol in Trenton, and this past July, the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. I for one can attest that it's been a long hard struggle to get this far and especially in such a short time span.

As Tom Canavan pointed out with

Point Of View

By Gary W. Whyte

alarming facts and figures, it's extremely important to step up awareness efforts so that people become educated, activated, motivated and liberated. Until I read Tom Canavan's article, I had no idea that November was Lung Cancer Awareness Month.

The month seemed to come and go without any particular fanfare about Lung Cancer, and that's sad.

On May 19, 2003, I had the distinct honor and privilege to be invited to Trenton by Senator Tom Kean Jr. when his bill, SJR-43, came up for a vote on the Senate floor.

SJR-43 was introduced by Senator Kean on behalf of FOP Awareness. It received a unanimous 37-0 vote by the Senate. On Dec. 15, 2003, I was again invited to Trenton when AJR-46 came up for a vote by the General Assembly.

AJR-46 was introduced by Assemblyman Joe Cryan on behalf of FOP Awareness.

It received a unanimous 80-0 vote by the Assembly. As luck would have it, just prior to AJR-46 being introduced, the Speaker announced the stem cell research bill as the next item on the agenda. The stem cell research bill was introduced by Assemblyman Neil Cohen. It was an unbelievable

experience for me to be sitting in the gallery that day watching and listening as our elected officials debated stem cell research.

The bill was passed that day and when it was signed into law, the ceremony was done alongside of Christopher Reeve who was at Kessler Institute at the time. As with all battles and fights, Christopher Reeve fought a good one. This summer, Christopher Reeve's widow, Dana, announced she had inoperable lung cancer. In a recent interview she announced that her tumor was shrinking and shrinking and shrinking.

Dr. Roman Perez-Solar, chairman of the Oncology Department of Montefiore Medical Center in New York, was recently quoted as saying, "People think this is a disease of smokers, but in reality, between 10 and 20 percent of our patients have never smoked... like Dana Reeve."

And in closing, I would like to share with you the story of Ellen and Ed Hogrelus, who lost their daughter Kristin in an automobile accident in July 2003. The Hogrelus family have turned their tragedy into a ray of light and hope for others. For the past two years, two special families have been the recipients of the funds raised at the Kristin S. Hogrelus Memorial Golf Outing. This year's event was a fundraiser to benefit the Knecht Family.

David Knecht, a non-smoker, was diagnosed in 2004 with inoperable lung cancer and died this past spring, leaving behind his wife, Cathleen, and two beautiful young girls, Katie and Megan. So as I sat and listened to the

story about David Knecht that evening and I looked at those two beautiful girls, you ask yourself the million dollar question: how does something like that happen?

In the media we were all introduced to Dana Reeve, the remarkable woman who was always beside Christopher Reeve. A major source of love and support, she now is dealing with her own personal health issue — lung cancer. When personalities like Peter Jennings and Dana Reeve came public about their lung cancer, very much like Tom Canavan did in his recent article, they provided a service to countless numbers of people. And like the old saying that you can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink it, we can only hope and pray that people take hold of their life and do the right thing.

As Tom Canavan so clearly indicated, lung cancer is a disease that affects both the smoker and the non-smoker and great advances have been made. So Tom, we join in, along with your oncologist, in wishing you a happy birthday and many more to come.

On a personal note, this story is in honor of my Uncle Frank, who was the best uncle anyone could possibly have.

He was a heavy smoker and died of lung cancer a few years ago. You died too young Uncle Frank and we miss you an awful lot.

Gary W. Whyte is a resident of Mountainside.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Correction to previous letter

To the Editor:

In my letter of Nov. 23, the comment about trucks on the Garden State Parkway was plainly in error. The reference should have been to rebuilding the New Jersey Turnpike, specifically the section between Exit 8A and Exit 6, which is estimated to cost \$1.3 billion.

Herbert Sloie
Springfield

Town must get its priorities straight

To the Editor:

The Department of Public Works of Springfield needs to get its priorities straight. Instead of worrying about putting warning notices at people's homes for putting leaves in the street, they should worry about fixing the streets in the township. The time spent with these notices could be well spent fixing many other problems, e.g., pot holes, that have been neglected for quite some time.

All the politicians talk about beautifying Springfield. Nothing is ever done to make this town the way it was and the way it should be. It is embarrassing driving through the center of Springfield after driving through towns in the surrounding areas.

Let's get our priorities straight!

Louis Herkalo
Springfield

State leaders must act quickly

To the Editor:

As New Jersey enters the post-election period, an important piece of business remains unfinished: Fulfilling unmet school construction needs.

This summer, the state stopped work on more than 200 necessary projects in our 31 poorest school districts. There is still no completion date in sight. Meanwhile, in other communities, voters this year approved the vast majority of projects. They went to the polls with the expectation that state funds would offset the property taxes needed for construction. Today, many of these school districts

await word on how the state will support their construction programs.

New Jersey was at the cutting edge nationwide when it established an \$8.6 billion program for new schools in 2000. Now those funds are nearly gone. Newspaper investigations and government reports cite numerous reasons why the money declined so rapidly under the state's stewardship. Although the state funding has diminished, the need for modern, safe school facilities has not shrunk.

As early as 1990, the need for school construction and renovation was placed at \$10 billion, according to the New Jersey School Boards Association, an advocacy organization for the state's local school districts. Going forward, school construction needs will grow, rather than recede. The U.S. Department of Education predicts increased enrollment through 2013. As our school buildings age, upgrading of classrooms, libraries and science laboratories — needed for New Jersey to keep pace with neighboring states — will remain critical.

State government must learn from the past and ensure accountability and efficiency in its school construction funding program. But it must also move forward — and move forward quickly. "Bridge funding" is an essential first step. It would ensure completion of projects now on hold in poor communities and provide grant funding to lessen the property tax burden of voter-approved school construction elsewhere. Clearly, bridge funding needs to be a top priority for the administration and Legislature during the post-election period.

On behalf of all local school districts, I urge our state's leaders to address the need for school construction and renovation as quickly as possible.

Edwina M. Lee, executive director
New Jersey School Boards Association

No wonder Congress is ignored

To the Editor:

We have too many big months offering advice and opinions about the situation in Iraq. Those big months are on both sides of the conflict and Congress. Election time provides us with many opinions. It is any wonder that people ignore Congress?

Joseph Chieppa
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EVENTS

Holiday craft workshop at Deerfield School

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

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 items.

All kids are welcome and admission to the event is free. The cost of the crafts will be \$1.50 and more.

Refreshments will be available for a nominal fee. For more information, call Sheila Hibberson at 908-233-6150 or Lori Palladino at 908-301-9116.

Brighton Gardens to conduct craft fair

Brighton Gardens of Mountainside, 1350 Route 22 west, is having their first craft fair on Saturday. Doors will be open to the public at 10 a.m. Crafters are needed for the event, set up time is 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$5 per 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.

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., on Sunday from 2 to 4

p.m. The house, built circa 1741, was the home of Dr. Jonathan Dayton and 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.

Annual Holiday Concert at church on Monday

The Parish Community of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, invites everyone to attend its annual Holiday Concert on Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Featuring choirs from the church, including the Children's Choir, the Contemporary Ensemble, the Adult Parish Choir and soloists, the concert will last approximately one hour with refreshments to follow in Pollard Hall.

A congregational carol sing-along will also be featured.

Admission is free. For more information, call Mary Ann Harmer, music director, at 232-3954.

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 fee is \$14 per person.

Stop by the Recreation Office for a registration form or call 908-232-0015 for information.

B'nai B'rith Lodge sponsors musical trip

B'nai B'rith Lodge 2093 of Springfield 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., Metuchen, on Dec. 18 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 each. Make checks payable to B'nai B'rith Lodge 2093 Springfield and mail to Jerry Kamen, 2824 Morris Ave., Union 07083-4827.

For reservations and information, call Jerry Kamen at 908-687-9120 during the day or at 908-277-1953 in the evening.

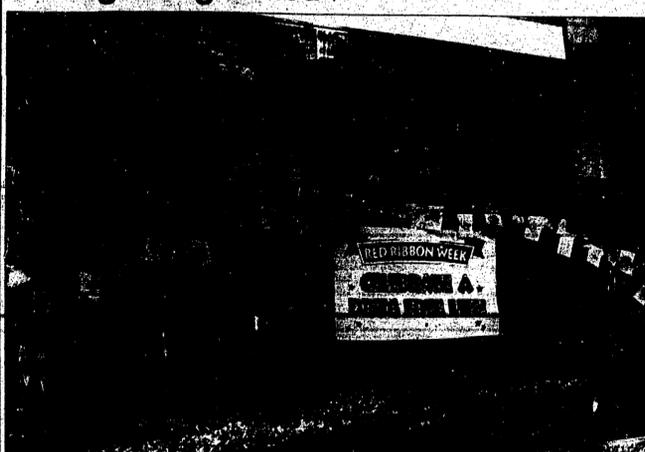
Booster Club fair seeks vendors, crafters

The Governor Livingston High-Lander Booster Club invites community vendors/crafters of all types to participate in its Highlander Market Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Governor Livingston High School, 175 Watching Blvd., Berkeley Heights.

Part of Super Saturday, an annual event that draws more than 700 fans and participants of all ages, Highlander Market offers local vendors and crafters the opportunity to showcase and sell their wares.

For more information and to reserve space, call Adrienne Trivella at 908-464-4520 or send a message by e-mail to ade81458@aol.com.

Let's get organized



Fifth graders from the James Caldwell School in Springfield hold up their new assignment pads. These daily homework organizers were purchased for each student in the school with money from an Exxon Mobile Educational Alliance Grant, coordinated by Jeffrey Pinkava, owner of Pinkava's Motor Company on Morris Avenue in Springfield.

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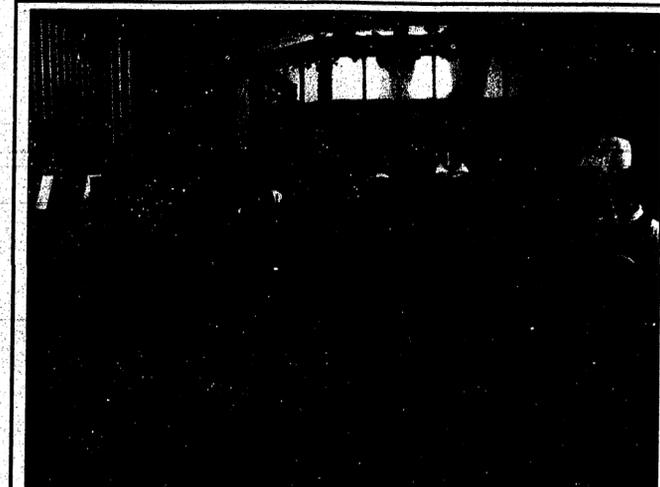
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Mary Ann Harmer, top right, joins the members of the Children's Choir of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mountainside, as they prepare for their Holiday Concert on Monday at 7:30 p.m.

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Springfield kicks off Toys for Tots campaign

Once again the Springfield Chamber of Commerce is co-sponsoring the Toys for Tots program with the Springfield Fire Department. Scott Seidel, chamber co-chairman, said "The chamber will be donating one large banner to the program and plans to contribute additional funding as well.

According to firefighter Tom Ernst, the program coordinator, people can drop off new unwrapped toys at the Springfield firehouse. "Last year everyone was incredibly generous. We

had tremendous piles of toys here at the firehouse. This year, we have made arrangements to load toys into trailers at the firehouse. We made several trips last year to drop off toys at the Marine Corps Warehouse in northern New Jersey. We filled several trucks and trailers and I hope this year will be even more successful," Ernst said.

"For larger donations of toys, arrangements can be made to pick them up. So, at your local corporate holiday party, collect toys instead of

exchanging gifts," Ernst said. "Even with the success of previous year's collections, many children still do not receive gifts as the program runs out. We collect toys for all needy children. We tend to receive most toys for younger children and not enough for the older ones."

Toys will be accepted at the holiday lighting ceremony at Town Hall Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. There is a rain date of Dec. 13. No wrapped toys will be accepted. For more information, call Tom Ernst at 973-912-2267.

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Caregivers honored

Home Instead Senior Care, a non-medical home care company based in Springfield, honored several of its caregivers for their extended service at a presentation at the Springfield Library on Oct. 27.

The company serves the elderly in Union and Essex counties.



Fidella Baker displays the certificate she received for her 3,000 hours of service, with Director of Staffing Laurie Saks.



Hasdy Narine is honored for his 3,000 hours of service by Staffing Specialist Stacey Dratch and Director of Staffing Laurie Saks.



Director of Staffing Laurie Saks congratulates Betty Harris on her 2,000 service hours.

Schedule for leaf collection

Due to recent state regulations, the Township of Springfield has enacted new measures for leaf collection.

The new measures, which take effect immediately, are as follows:

- Do not place leaves within 10 feet in any direction of a curbside storm drain or catch basin.
- Do not place any debris such as rocks, sticks or logs in leaf piles. This causes a danger to everyone. If debris is found in a pile, it will be bypassed and become your responsibility to remove.

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

For more information, call the Springfield Public Works Department at 973-912-2225.

Schedule for county roads

The county of Union has issued a leaf collection schedule for all county roadways within the township. All residents on the streets listed below are required to place their leaves in the curb area no more than seven days before the listed collection date.

Other than collection dates, property owners on county roads must adhere to the same procedures previously listed for residents of township streets.

Springfield

- Morris Avenue to the Summit border, Friday.
- South Springfield Avenue, from the Mountainside border to Mountain Avenue, Friday.
- Main Street, from Morris Avenue to the Essex County border, Monday.
- Hillside Avenue from Mountain Avenue to Route 22, Monday.
- Meisel Avenue from South Springfield Avenue to Morris Avenue, Tuesday.
- Mountain Avenue, from Morris Avenue to Route 22, Tuesday.
- Shumpke Road from Orchard Street to South Springfield Avenue, Dec. 12.

In addition to his more than 26 years of Wall Street trading and investment management experience, Sebastian is a contributing author to "Living & Learning: Achieve Retirement & Education Security," published by Quantum Press in July 2005.

He is a graduate of the Rutgers School of Management and the New Jersey Institute of Technology. Additionally, he is an adjunct professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, N.J., where he teaches Retirement Planning & Employee Benefits in their Financial Planning Certificate program.

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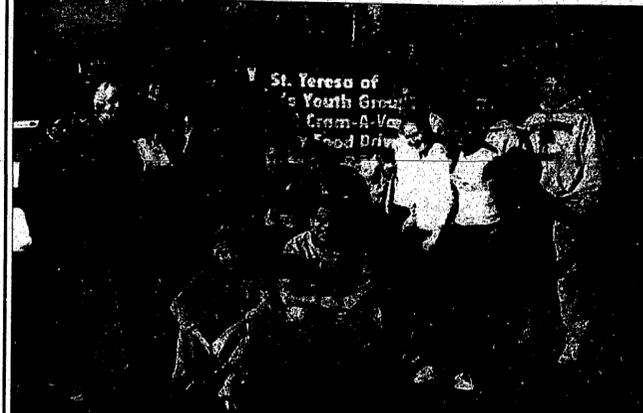
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Helping those in need



Members of the youth group at St. Teresa of Avila Church collected food for the needy at Kings of Summit on Nov. 20 at its annual Cram-A-Van event. The items will be distributed to the needy of the area and in the Gulf Coast region, where many were displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Fitzsimmons receives award for charity work

James Fitzsimmons of Summit, an Exclusive Agent with Allstate New Jersey Insurance Company, was awarded a 2005 Agency Awards in the Community Award for his commitment to volunteering in the community through the Summit PBA.

With this award comes a \$500 grant from The Allstate Foundation to the Summit PBA.

Fitzsimmons was awarded the honor for his tireless efforts with the group — specifically his work with the group's Youth Bike Ride, an event to promote bike safety and awareness.

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Carpet store joins breast cancer initiative

This fall, Cove Discount Carpet One, 335 Springfield Ave., is once again leading the way in the fight against breast cancer, along with more than 550 other Carpet One stores throughout North America.

After successful fall 2004 and spring 2005 "Carpet One Welcomes Your Support" campaigns, Cove Discount Carpet One kicked off their second year of supporting the American Cancer Society in October for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

From October through December, the store will donate 25 percent from sales of specially designed welcome mats to their local American Cancer Society Division to fund breast cancer research and awareness programs.

Carpet One will introduce five new designs this fall, featuring nature-inspired colors and themes of the season. A pink ribbon, the internationally-recognized symbol for breast cancer awareness, will also appear on each mat.

Through this initiative, which began in October 2004, Carpet One stores have raised more than \$250,000 for the American and Canadian Cancer Societies. Carpet One is excited to continue their "Carpet One Welcomes Your Support" campaign this year and hopes to surpass this past year's donation total.

"We are thrilled that we've had the opportunity to join together with other Carpet One stores in the fight against breast cancer," said Donna Dwyre of Cove Discount Carpet One.

"Because members of our community have been so supportive of this wonderful cause, we have truly been able to make an impact. We're looking forward to the upcoming year — I think it will be an even greater success."

According to the American Cancer Society, in addition to raising necessary funds, Carpet One is also increasing consumer awareness of breast cancer through this campaign by providing their customers with important health messages.

"Thanks to the efforts of Carpet One, we have been able to not only further vital breast cancer initiatives nationwide and in the communities we serve, but we have been able to distribute thousands of information packets to help people understand what they can do to help themselves and their loved ones in the fight against breast cancer," said Angela Geiger, vice president of corporate initiatives for the American Cancer Society.

Consumers can purchase these stylish welcome mats to give new life to their entryway, porch or deck this fall, while also supporting breast cancer awareness.

For information on this initiative, call 908-273-0220. The following is a sample of the variety of welcome mat designs available, each emblazoned with a pink ribbon that is paired with distinctive fall themes and tones.

• Autumn Welcome: Maple leaves and a border of rich autumn tones surround the simple message of optimism captured by the word "Hope."

• Celebration: A unique pattern of swirling colors complemented by a warm background.

• Seasonal Stripes: Contemporary stripes featured in a range of vibrant fall colors backed by a warm inviting tone.

• Fall Bouquet: Wandering vines and flowers in a variety of blues and pink tones, framed by a distinct black border.

• Holly and Berries: Show your support for the cause this holiday season with this winter-themed welcome mat, featuring holly and berries on warm reds and browns.

The indoor/outdoor welcome mats are extremely durable, stain and water-resistant and machine-washable. All four welcome mats are available from through December at Cove Discount Carpet One for \$19.99 each.

Some of the projects that we need help with involve doing Internet searches, researching products or vendors for special events; doing desktop publishing for fliers, invitations, manuals; or creating a Powerpoint presentation.

Take the first step by calling SAGE Eldercare's Volunteer Office at 908-598-5514.

In addition to special projects, your volunteer service can also help with any of the programs and services offered by SAGE Eldercare, including the Meals-on-Wheels, Grocery Shopping, Errand Service, Bill Paying, Chore Service, Workshop Craftsman or Spend-A-Day program.

Participants learn ways to cope with substance abusing family members.

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CLUBS IN THE NEWS

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 Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

A bagel and spreads brunch will precede the entertainment. There will be a \$5 charge for non-paid-up members of either organization, wives, significant others and other persons interested in attending.

Ramsen, who started out in the Borscht Belt and, early on appeared on "The Ed Sullivan Show," had key humor roles on such TV programs as "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.

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 items.

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.

MOMS Club seeking new members

The newly-formed MOMS Club of Springfield and Mountainside is seeking new members.

The club was formed to provide networking opportunities for stay-at-home and part-time working moms.

Frank Chillemi

Frank M. Chillemi, 87, of Springfield died Nov. 21 in New York University Medical Center, New York City.

Born in New York City, Mr. Chillemi lived in Commack, Long Island, before moving to Springfield 10 years ago. He was a brake mechanic at Garden City Brake, Long Island, for 20 years before retiring 24 years ago. Mr. Chillemi was a member of the Masons of Long Island. He also was a starter for Freeprot Auto Races, Freeprot, Long Island, for 25 years.

Surviving are his wife, Santina; two sons, Roger and Frank Jr.; a daughter, Catherine Ericc; and four grandchildren.

James T. Rau

James T. Rau, 66, of Mountainside died Nov. 22 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Rau lived in Woodbridge before moving to Mountainside in 1970. He was a broker for 30 years with Invened Associates in New York City.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy; two sons, James T. Jr. and John B.; a daughter, Valerie J.; a brother, Herbert; a sister, Rosemary Guillot; and four grandchildren.

Ronald Denner

Ronald Denner of Springfield died Nov. 21 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Denner moved to Springfield many years ago. He was a longtime teacher for the Newark Board of Education before retiring. Mr. Denner received a bachelor's degree from Jersey City State University.

Surviving are a sister, Iris Segal, and a brother, Jordan.

Helen Rosin

Helen Rosin, 88, of Springfield, formerly of Hillsdale, died Nov. 23 in the Cranford Health and Extended Care.

Obituaries

Obituaries are listed in the Obituaries section of the newspaper. For more information, contact the funeral home or family mentioned in the notice.

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 volunteer 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 of new programs, expanded activities, scholarships, and team grants.

To support these programs, the Booster Club sponsors a variety of ways for community members to get involved.

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 a message

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 is charged. All widowed persons are invited.

On Dec. 11, the association will have a Christmas party at Gran Center, Clark, from 1 to 5 p.m. with a \$40 cash bar.

Handcrafter Group gathers in borough

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

Those attending can use their own skills or learn new ones. The group is currently making blankets for Runnells Specialized Hospital. For more information, call the church office at 908-232-9900 and leave a name and telephone number with Janet.

Public Notice

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH759590
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. 0710105
PLAINTIFF: BANK OF AMERICA
DEFENDANT: RANIL WEERASINGHE

WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE:
OCTOBER 05, 2005
SALE DATE:
WEDNESDAY THE 14TH DAY OF
DECEMBER AT 10:00 A.M.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for public sale at the public COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1st FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH AVENUE, ELIZABETH, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said date, all successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sale. The property to be sold is located in the Township of Springfield in the County of Union, and the State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 4 Hampshire Ct. Springfield, New Jersey. Tax Lot No. 18 Block No. 3201.

Dimensions of Lot: Beginning at a point in the northernly sideline of Hampshire Court, said point is a distance of 152.80 feet to a point (thence: 3) North 52 degrees 23 minutes 45 second west, a distance of 152.80 feet to a point (thence: 4) South 80 degrees 12 minutes 00 second east, a distance of 71.68 feet to point (thence: 5) South 20 degrees 00 second east, a distance of 164.87 feet to the point and place of beginning.

THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJUST THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.

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Approximate dimensions: 150' x 100' x 100' x 225' 225' Nearest cross street: LIVINGSTON AVE. (253,305.72) TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT (\$283,088.93)

"JUDGMENT AMOUNT" TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY AND 93/100 (\$283,088.93)

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Learn animal tracks

Everyone is invited to learn to identify tracks of the common animals that inhabit the Watchung Reservation on Saturday from 1 to 2 p.m. as part of the Outdoor Adventure series at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaintide.

Recreation Department seeks lacrosse players

Springfield Recreation Department is planning to put together a lacrosse team in the township. They are looking for interested players, coaches and organizers.

Girls Night Out

Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., will once again host a "Girls Night Out," Saturday and Sunday, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 a.m.

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.

Survive in the wild

Adults with children ages 5 and older are invited to discover what it takes to survive in the wild on Dec. 10 from 1 to 2 p.m. as part of the Outdoor Adventure Series at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaintide.

Springfield YMCA seeks volunteers

The Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., is looking for volunteers for its Membership Services department. Volunteers will meet and greet members, and assist with front desk displays and information materials.

Body sculpting begins

Develop a total body workout and get muscle endurance in the fall session of body sculpting. Classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. at Borough Hill, 1385 Route 22 west, Mountaintide.

YMCA collects coats

Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., will host a winter coat drive for New Jersey Cares through Dec. 20. NJ Cares collects and distributes thousands of winter coats each year primarily to homeless family shelters.

Girls' softball

The 2006 Springfield Recreation Department Girls Softball Program for grades two through nine will have registration at Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mail in form or deliver. Register by Dec. 23.

RECREATION

Youth basketball sign-ups begin

The Mountaintide Recreation Department begins Youth Basketball sign-ups at the recreation office in Borough Hill.

Men's 40-40 basketball

The Mountaintide Recreation Department offers a 40-40 basketball program for men whose waist or age is more than 40. It meets on Mondays from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Deerfield School Gym, 302 Central Ave., Mountaintide.

Basketball cheerleading

Basketball cheerleading 2005 will be offered by the Springfield Recreation Department for grades third through eighth.

Women's volleyball

Women's volleyball will meet Wednesdays from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Deerfield School Gym, 302 Central Ave., Mountaintide.

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Wine and spirit price list. Includes sections for Perennial Favorites, Sparkling, Value Wines, and various wine types like Cabernet, Merlot, Chardonnay, etc.

Spirits price list. Includes sections for Bourbon, Gin, Rum, Scotch, Vodka, Whiskey, and various brands like Jim Beam, Gordon's, Beaulieu, etc.

Total Wine & More. 950 Springfield Road, Route 22 East, Union, NJ 07083. (908) 688-2453. Mon-Thurs 9am-9pm, Fri-Sat 9am-10pm, Sun 12pm-7pm.



Summit Executive Director Christine Hodde, second from left, presents a check to the Summit Red Cross. Also pictured are Mayor Jordan Glatt and Bruce Black of the Summit YMCA.

Teen raises \$15K for charity

Summit resident Adrienne Cohen, a sophomore at Kent Place School, was personally touched by the enormous losses suffered by families due to Hurricane Katrina and was inspired to help.

EDUCATION

Lifeguard Certification

Summit YMCA, 67 Maple St., will offer a Lifeguard Certification Class Dec. 26-30. Participants must attend all sessions, which meet Dec. 26-29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Dec. 30, 9 a.m. to noon.

Computer lab open

The Summit public schools are sponsoring an open computer lab for the public in Room 107 at the high school, 125 Kent Place Blvd., Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m.

NEWS CLIPS

BRIDGES, Red Cross coordinates efforts

BRIDGES and the Summit Area Red Cross are coordinating clothing donations in order to maximize the benefit to both organizations and the populations they serve.

Fitzsimmons receives award for charity work

James Fitzsimmons of Summit, an Exclusive Agent with Allstate New Jersey Insurance Company, was awarded a 2005 Agency Hands in the Community Award for his commitment to volunteering in the community through the Summit PBA.

1 Silver Ct., Springfield (Near Rt. 22). Indoor Baseball & Softball Facility. Wide variety of programs for ages 6-18. www.theballparkonline.com 973-376-9295

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Richard Revello

Richard T. Revello, 74, of Bridge- water, co-owner of a business in Union and Springfield, died Nov. 16 in the Raritan Health and Care Center, Raritan.

George Skambas

George E. Skambas, 88, of Spring- field died Nov. 19 at home. Born in Lynn, Mr. Skambas lived in Westfield before moving to Spring- field 12 years ago. He was the founder and owner of Skambas and Bierman, New York City. Before that, Mr. Skambas was advertising vice president for Arlan's Department Store.

Poster of vintage postcard available

A deluxe poster of vintage postcard scenes of the Union County Courthouse and Midtown Elizabeth dating back to the 1890s is now available from the Union County Courthouse Centennial Committee.

Veterans can get IDs

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi would like to remind veterans that they can receive their free military discharge identification cards at the County Clerk's Office.

Training offered for rape crisis advocates

The Union County Rape Crisis Center is looking for caring, supportive, and committed individuals who can assist survivors of sexual assault during daytime, evening and weekend hours.

Worship calendar

With two weekly Teen classes. We have active Senior and active Jr. NCSY and Sr. NCSY chapters for pre- and post-adolescent youth. Express God's love through outreach ministries. Praise God through music with our professional music ministers.

OBITUARIES

Born in Newark, Mr. Chosney lived in Irvington before moving to Summit 45 years ago. He was a supervisor at Pabst Brewery, Newark, for many years before retiring 23 years ago. Mr. Chosney was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II and attained the rank of corporal.

Scott Wheeler

Scott E. Wheeler, 40, of Crownsville, Md., formerly of Summit, died Nov. 12 in the Good Samaritan Hospital, Baltimore.

Education

holders are hosting an ongoing series of activities celebrating the Union County Courthouse's 100 years as a center of law, justice and government in Union County.

Mothers & More

Mothers & More is a national, non-profit organization serving mothers who are by choice or circumstance altering their participation in the paid workplace over the course of their active parenting years.

Speakers available

The Union County Office of Citizen Services offers a countywide speakers' bureau. Drawing on the expertise of employees in the areas of Consumer Affairs, Veterans' Affairs and Volunteer Services, the freeholders established a process to provide speakers to senior citizen centers, community audiences, schools, and other organizations.

Courthouse tours

The Office of the Court Administrator of the Union Vicinage Superior Court of New Jersey announces that it is instituting a new courthouse tours program entitled "Taking a Closer Look at the Union Vicinage" this fall.

Election dates brochure

A pamphlet outlining all of the important 2005 election dates, candidate petition filing deadlines, absentee ballot deadlines, and campaign-finance report deadlines is now available at public libraries.

House Harriers Running Club. Mr. Wheeler completed many marathons, including the Marine Corps Marathon, Washington, D.C., and the New York City Marathon. He was a youth group leader at Calvary Episcopal Church, Summit. Mr. Wheeler was an Eagle Scout. He was a member of the Boy Scout Troop 162 of Central Presbyterian Church of Summit.

A. Craig Hall

A. Craig Hall, 90, of Summit died Nov. 19 at home. Born in Mount Carmel, Conn., before moving to Summit many years ago. In 1976, he founded Craig Research, Summit. From 1976 until 1978, Mr. Hall was a consultant for Exxon Corp. Before that, he was an engineer with Underwood Typewriter, Naval Ordnance, Mobile Research, Sharpless Corp. and Exxon. Mr. Hall

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Rose M. Seale

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL



The high school ice hockey season will commence around the state tonight. Here, Dayton's Rob Carroll, at left, skates against Watching Hills in last year's Central Conference-Blue Division playoff final at South Mountain Arena in West Orange.

Dayton and GL ice hockey are set to skate end-to-end

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action-packed game of hockey," Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski said. Kowalski is a liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

The first-round schedule is as follows: Monday: Old Bridge vs. Westfield, 6 p.m. Morris Knolls vs. Cranford, 8:30 p.m. Tuesday: Mendham vs. Summit, 6 p.m. West Essex vs. Cranford, 8:30 p.m.

GL will face West Orange in a Central Conference-Blue Division game at South Mountain Arena in West Orange at 7:45 p.m. Johnson will play Livingston - two more Central Conference-Blue Division games - at South Mountain Arena.

White Division (7): Montclair-Kimberly Academy, Summit, Montgomery, South Brunswick, Westfield, Watching Hills, Bernards. Defending playoff champ (16): Westfield and Verona. They compete for Van Cort Cup in the division playoffs.

Blue Division (7): Johnson, West Orange, Millburn, Dayton, Livingston, Governor Livingston, Hillsborough. Defending playoff champion: Watching Hills. They compete for the Kelly Cup in the division playoffs.

Power booters wrap with 3-1 win

The NJ Rangers were victorious 3-1 and the teams played to a 3-3 tie. The NJ Rangers are an elite regional soccer team from Morris County and the Skyhawks matched them step for step two weeks ago.

Goaltender Drew Fartstein was sharp in goal, making nine saves for the shutout. In a road game on the Sunday of the weekend, Springfield beat Roxbury by a score of 5-1. Roxbury scored 90 seconds into the match before Springfield scored the game's first goal.

Accounting for the Roadrunner goals were two by Kazari Trought and Francis and one by Bomber Sack. Also playing well for Springfield were Jason Barreira and Kyle Schmidt.

The Skyhawks finished the year at 6-2-2 and in second place in a highly-competitive MCYSA 9-and-under Flight 3 Division.

SPORTS

Brearley vs. Florence for state championship

KENILWORTH — "This is the biggest game of my life," Brearley senior tailback Robert Shippey said. "This is it," senior fullback Jake Floyd said. "This is my last high school game. We're going to give everything we've got. We're ready."

That's what was said last Thursday morning at Ward Field as Brearley was putting the finishing touches on a 19-0 victory over Hillside. Now the Bears are well on preparation for tomorrow's clash with two-time defending champion Florence in the Central Jersey, Group 1 title game.

Brearley improved to 10-1 with its ninth straight win. The Bears won 10 games for the first time since the 1988 team finished 10-1 after falling in the North 2, Group 1 final.

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Sports Numbers

Brearley vs. Florence for state championship

KENILWORTH — "This is the biggest game of my life," Brearley senior tailback Robert Shippey said. "This is it," senior fullback Jake Floyd said. "This is my last high school game. We're going to give everything we've got. We're ready."

That's what was said last Thursday morning at Ward Field as Brearley was putting the finishing touches on a 19-0 victory over Hillside. Now the Bears are well on preparation for tomorrow's clash with two-time defending champion Florence in the Central Jersey, Group 1 title game.

Brearley improved to 10-1 with its ninth straight win. The Bears won 10 games for the first time since the 1988 team finished 10-1 after falling in the North 2, Group 1 final.

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BAPTIST

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - "SERVING CHRIST IN THE 21st CENTURY." 243 Shingle Rd., Springfield Rd. Pastor: Mackey, Sr. Pastor, Sunday: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages - Nursery through Seniors. Spanish Sunday School 9:30 am and 3:30 pm. 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery care. 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club and Program for Children ages 4-11; 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. 7:00-9:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study. Junior/Senior High Ministry, Active Youth Ministry, Wide-Range Music Program. Ample Parking. Child Life provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4351. Mondays - 7:00 pm - ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH AHIM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 973-376-0539. Mark Mallich, Rabbi; Richard Kagan, Cantor; Hanlynn Garlen, President. Beth Ahim is an egalitarian Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekly services Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM Sun.-Thurs. 7:45 PM Shabbat (Friday) 6:00 PM Sat. 7:30 PM Shabbat Day 9:30 AM. Festivals & Seminars, 8:30 AM. Festival & Holiday mornings 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third-through grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for both through twelfth graders, and a Day Adult Education Program. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

JEWISH-ORTHODOX

CONGREGATION ISRAEL OF SPRINGFIELD 339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 973-467-9666. Chaim Marzen, Rabbi; Alan J. Yater, Rabbi Emeritus; Solomon Greenfield, Congregation Israel is a Modern Orthodox synagogue. There are two daily weekday morning Minyan at 6:15 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Daily weekday Mincha/Mariv services are also held. Call the shul office for times. There are two Shabbat morning services at 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM, as well as Junior Congregation at 9:30 am. The Nursery School conducts classes for children aged 2 1/2 to 4. A summer camp is also available to children of this age. Adult classes are held three nights a week.

METHODIST

SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (SUMC) -

Worship calendar

with two weekly Teen classes. We have active Senior and active Jr. NCSY and Sr. NCSY chapters for pre- and post-adolescent youth. Express God's love through outreach ministries. Praise God through music with our professional music ministers. Glnay Johnson, lead. Dea. Crista-Felipovich, lead. Sunday 9:30-11:00 am. Wednesday 7:30-9:00 am. Thursday 8:00 pm. In Chapel. We also host various outside group meetings: Springfield Garden Club, Children's Community Choir, Learning Disabled Group, and All ages. For information about any of our programs or services, call Glnay at the Church Office: 973-379-4320, Mon. through Fri. 9:00 am.-12 noon; 1:00pm-4:00pm

JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Ave., Morris Plains, NJ 07960. Cantor: Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi: Amy Dennis, Chofetz: Director: Miriam Schreffel, Family Life Educator: Edward Fink and Heidi Edelberg, Co-Presidents: Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:00 PM, with monthly Family and Alternative worship. Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM following worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturdays mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday afternoons for 4-7; and Tuesday evenings for post bar/bat mitzvah students. Pre-school classes are available for children ages 1 1/2 through 4. The temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Renaissance Choir and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (973) 379-5387.

LUTHERAN

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 973-379-4523, Fax 973-379-8877, Remo Madson, Pastor. Our Sunday School, Mountainview, NJ 10. Am. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 PM. PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SUMMIT, 1459 Deer Park, Mountainview, NJ 07092. You are invited to join us in Worship Services on Sundays at 10:30 am. This is a place for you to enjoy uplifting music and the most relevant messages that will inspire you. We offer a warm and friendly environment with Bible study, Sunday school and active adult and youth groups. For further information, please contact Dr. Christopher Bidlen, Pastor at 908-232-9940.

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COUNTY NEWS

Free firearm safety kits are available

The Union County Sheriff's Office will provide free firearm safety kits to county residents through a partnership with Project ChildSafe, a nationwide firearms safety education program.

The safety kits, which include a gunlock, will be available to county residents from Sept. 1 through Nov. 1. Just as we alert motorists to drive safely because our children are back in school, it is also important to remind people about protecting our children from preventable firearm accidents," said Sheriff Ralph Froehlich.

Project ChildSafe, a program developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, will distribute millions of firearm safety kits throughout the country over the next year. The program is funded by a U.S. Department of Justice grant with additional funding provided by the firearms industry.

By partnering with Project ChildSafe, the Union County Sheriff's Office is participating in a growing national effort to promote firearms safety to all gun owners. Project ChildSafe is distributing gunlock safety kits in all 50 states and five U.S. territories.

Safety kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Union County Sheriff's Office in Elizabeth between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The gunlocks are designed to fit most handguns, shotguns and rifles. A maximum of two gunlocks are available to each individual.

For more information, call Lt. Michael Frank at 908-527-4450 or visit www.projectchildsafe.org.

Mothers' walking club

Want to get the kids and yourself out of the house, but need some motivation? Some area moms, members of the Union County Chapter of Mothers & More, have solved this problem by forming a walking club, meeting

in Tamaquas and Nomahagan parks. Moms meet at different times to accommodate kids' naps and moms' work schedules.

In addition to the walking club, the Union County Chapter of Mothers & More offers evening meetings on topics of interest to mothers, mom and tot outings, playgroups, a book club and a craft club.

Members also have the opportunity to participate in national e-mail support networks and to volunteer in a variety of areas including chapter coordination, membership, online services, publications, media relations, marketing, and advocacy.

Mothers & More holds meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St., Westfield, which are open to the public.

For more information about becoming a part of Mothers & More, call K.C. Bree at 908-789-8626 or Kim Grossman at 908-889-2286 or log onto www.mothersandmore.org.

Volunteers sought

Make a difference in your community by donating your time for important work. The courts are actively recruiting volunteers for various programs involving juvenile offenders, children and families in crisis, and courthouse operations. Opportunities are available countywide.

Comprehensive training provided. Bilingual applicants are especially encouraged to apply. For more information, contact Eric Chait, volunteer coordinator, Office of the Court Administrator, 2 Broad St., 15th Floor, Elizabeth, 07207; call 908-965-2688 or e-mail to eric.chait@judiciary.state.nj.us.

YWCA seeks volunteers

The YWCA of Eastern Union County, 1131 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth, is seeking volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, call Lynn at 908-355-1500, ext. 18.

Grants are available to help fight litter

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites non-profit groups to fight litter in parks and playgrounds, along stream banks, and on the streets by participating in the

Union County Clean Communities Program. Funds are available to non-profit groups of 10 or more volunteers who are willing to clean up targeted Union County parks, streams and roadways.

Each non-profit group must agree to provide a minimum of 10 workers, with the grants ranging from \$100 for the smallest group to \$300 for a group of 40 or more volunteers.

The Clean Communities Program will determine which areas will be targeted for clean-up. Gloves, garbage bags and safety vests will be available for the volunteers. Youth groups will need at least one adult to accompany every 10 youth workers.

To request a mini-grant application for more information about the Clean Communities Program, contact the Union County Bureau of Environmental Services, 300 North Ave., East, second floor, Westfield, 07090, or call 908-654-9890.

Volunteer directory available online

The County of Union Volunteer Directory, an initiative of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, is now accessible online at Union County's Web site.

Union County's Office of Volunteer Services, collaborating with United Way of Greater Union County, provides this first edition of the volunteer directory at www.uvcnj.org. Updates and group projects can also be found on United Way's Web site at www.uvcnj.org.

The County of Union and United Way have a strong tradition of working together to promote volunteerism by linking those who need help with those who can help," Freeholder Deborah Scanlon said.

"Now we have the Internet to help us continue bringing people together to help each other."

The directory features a comprehensive list of ongoing volunteer projects and contact information. It includes an alphabetical list of organ-

izations and agencies, followed by a list of volunteer interests referred by category.

"Volunteers play a vital role in keeping Union County a great place to live and work."

"Whether it's reading to children at an after-school program, spending time with seniors at a local center or assisting in clean-up projects, local volunteers offer their time and energy to make good things happen," Scanlon said.

Directories are also available by

mail by calling 908-659-7413. Questions about volunteering or adding an organization's volunteer needs to the Web site directory and future editions should be directed to Susan Peppers, coordinator of Volunteer Services at 908-659-7413.



Displaying some of the letters to be sent to Iraqi children as part of the Operation Iraqi Children Project of Central Presbyterian Church are Summit children Brittany Beaman, Karina Veloso, Molly Richardson and Sienna Thornhill. Standing behind the children are Kris Robbins and Eve Japlan.

Children write letters for Iraqi peers

After U.S. troops assembled nearly 100 bags of school supplies for the Operation Iraqi Children Project of Central Presbyterian Church, Summit children wrote letters for the kids in Iraq.

The letters will be sent to one of the newly constructed women's centers in Diyalah Province, Iraq. Packers Eve Japlan, Marjorie Olcott and Angela Schneller formed the

"packing platoon" for this project. Kaplan, a local financial planner, was glad to take time from her busy day to serve, explaining, "I am so hopeful that these gifts will build a bridge between their country and ours, that I made it a priority to contribute some time."

Children from Jefferson School in the Student Council with their advisor Mrs. Kris Robbins wrote letters to the

children and Mrs. Jackie Campagna guided the first- and second-grade students of the Learning Center in decorating the envelopes. Cub Scouts of Pack 26 contributed more letters.

Romany Benson, mother of Club Scout Connor Murray, emphasized that the scouts enjoyed the idea of sending letters to the other side of the globe where our troops are helping bring freedom to the families of Iraq.



In case you missed it

In case you missed it during the holiday shopping, a lot of events are taking place by outside forces to affect pocketbooks and lifestyles. For example...

Today, The State Department of Environmental Protection will start a hearing at 10 a.m. in Trenton on the subject of chemical plant security. That's a subject that directly affects Union County, where talk exceeds dollars of assistance.

The purpose of the hearing is to re-examine the state's approach to protecting facilities that store hazardous materials. The vulnerability to this supply should start to be seen as a crisis.

Left Out

By Frank Capose

Soon: Coming off the 4 percent increase just last week in natural gas costs, hardware stores should be doing a bang up business in insulation.

Industry publications were speculating earlier this week that a natural gas shortage could lead to chemical plant closings, just to ensure home heating needs.

Owen Kern of the American Chemistry Council was quoted, "We were fat, dumb and happy because everybody thought that the supply was never exhausted."

Never: The next time some local pool makes a grand announcement about seeking funding to solve the flooding problem that plagues communities and thus takes the burden off the hard pressed local taxpayers...

Union County

Sheriff officers display 'Tree of Hope'

By Lauren DeFilippo Staff Writer

A Union County holiday tradition is still going strong inside the county's court house in Elizabeth.

For the last nine years, the employees of the Union County Sheriff's Office have been sponsoring a Tree of Hope.

Instead of finding presents beneath the tree, ornaments on the boughs contain information about a child in need of a Christmas wish.

The whole program started when former Sheriff's Officer Nancy Zimmerman saw a little boy crying outside the courtroom to which she was assigned.

It was very close to Christmas. However, the little boy was not crying because his mother his mother was headed to jail, but because he would have to go to a shelter for the holidays, and he was not sure Santa would be able to find him.

Zimmerman then tracked the little boy down and delivered him some Christmas presents on behalf of Santa, and the rest is history.

Nine years later, names and ages are submitted to the Tree of Hope organizers, from local social service institutions such as the St. Claire's Home for Children, which cares for children born with HIV, and battered women's shelter. Names, ages, sizes, and Christmas wishes are transferred onto the tree, Sgt. Marianne Hopko said.

The tree can now sponsor as many as 100 children.

"The title 'Tree of Hope' is very appropriate," Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich said, "because that's what the parents of these little people see, someone else who cares."

The tradition has been so successful because, Hopko said, "there is such a need, especially in the city."

Currently, half of the efforts are from original founders who are still involved with the project, Hopko said.

"You know what's nice," the sheriff said, "as new people come in, they join this philosophy and this attitude, and they become part of it very quickly," he said. "That's a tradition I'd like to see go on forever."

"Nobody pushes them." Froehlich said. "They feel good about it."

The tree is put up during Thanksgiving week, and already, approximately eight ornaments have been taken up by officers and other court house personnel.

"It's a good feeling to give back," Hopko said, noting that that feeling is what keeps people coming back year after year.

"It just kind of runs itself," Hopko said, admitting that while there still is work to be done, people looking to do something for others during the holiday season seek out the tree, rather than the organization.

"People are asking me before I get the tree up," she said.

And so far, Hopko said, she has not seen any donation burn-out. With the effects of two hurricanes still being felt along the Gulf Coast and throughout the country, people may be less inclined to give as much as they have previously because of all the other causes currently out there.

To the contrary, the Westfield organization, Atlas Pythagoras Lodge No. 10 actually increased its donation that they made to the group this year.

"My concern is that all the children on that tree are taken care of," she said.

Reeves-Reed to liven its gardens in winter

By Lauren DeFilippo Staff Writer

Editor's Note: This is part of an ongoing series about historic sites in Union County.

When Susie Reeves lived at 165 Hobart Ave., she used to post a sign at the top of what is now the driveway letting passersby know what flowers were in bloom.

That tradition is still alive at the nearly 200-year-old estate on which she lived, which is now a living museum, literally.

The Victorian-era home, which sits on the 12.5 acres of land, now functions mostly as the administrative headquarters of the Reeves-Reed Arboretum.

The arboretum, known as the "Winter House" after its resident who commissioned its construction was built in 1889, is an early Colonial Revival style.

The simple architectural details, such as the arched doorway, and the symmetrical facade are also typical of the style, volunteer Maria McDowell said.

Inside, only three of the rooms remain interpreted in a period style. The living room holds period furniture as well as a grand piano and the Arboretum's horticultural library.

A display of objects found on the grounds, including glassware and china is also located in the room.

The dining room and now enclosed sun porch also function similarly to the way they did when the home was built. Today, many of the original details remain, such as the wood floors, and the moldings and pocket doors, but the focus of the historic site is more on its outdoors, rather than its interior. The historic focus of the site, however, is nature, and education, not only for school children but for adults as well.

Established as a museum in 1974, there are thousands of plant varieties throughout the grounds, McDowell said.

Among these are various types of roses, azaleas and wooded plants. All of them are carefully labeled and maintained by volunteers.

Like the house, the gardens have their own history.

Initially, the Wilsons, sometimes called the "Wilson family," partner Calvert Wilson, who helped design Central Park in New York City, to develop a plan for the grounds.

However, there is documentation that only part of his design was implemented. The grounds, volunteer Betty McAndrews wrote in her book "The Clearing on the Hill: The Story of the Reeves-Reed Arboretum."

In 1916, the property was purchased by Richard and Susie Reeves. They lived there for just over half a century.

During that time, Susie Reeves was very much involved in Summit's fledgling gardening movement, joining the municipality's three-year-old garden club in 1919.

She served as the organization's

Vo-Tech program aids teens

By Lauren DeFilippo Staff Writer

Earlier this fall, the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools started a historic new program of study that would give its students a leg up on the competition after they had finished their schooling.

A partnership between the county and the New Jersey Regional Council of Carpenters brought about the program, which will not only train students, but also offers apprenticeships, which guarantees their future employment.

The arrangement is the first one of its kind in the state of New Jersey.

Funding for the program is through the New Jersey Construction Corporation's Construction Trades Training Program for Women and Minorities.

According to Vocational-Technical Superintendent Tom Bistocchi, the new program has two parts — the preparation and testing component and the apprenticeship.

The first portion of the program is designed for recent adult high school graduates or those who did not complete their high school education.

This year, 13 students were chosen to participate in the pilot program.

During the first section of the program, students are trained on matters of safety, introduced to different types of tools and machinery and later how to use them proficiently. Bistocchi said. The section also includes a math component that covers fractions, measuring and reading blueprints, and the concept of scale, the superintendent said.

"A carpenter doesn't just pick up a hammer and drive a nail into a piece of wood," he said. "Math is incredibly important."

Bistocchi noted that often, it is the mathematical areas of carpentry training where students fall out of the program.

Following a 12-week certification program at the school, which includes a written examination, students then move on to a four-year apprenticeship program.

Frank Spencer, executive secretary treasurer of the New Jersey Regional Council of Carpenters, said the program will open many doors for the people seeking careers in carpentry.

"The combination of the certificate and apprenticeship programs will ensure these individuals move into quality jobs," Spencer said in a prepared statement.

Each year, 10 students will be selected to participate in the program, and Spencer said, the selection of the candidates is the key.

Having 13 students successfully complete the program makes it enormously successful, Bistocchi said.

"Those types of numbers will encourage other types of unions (to set up agreements)," the superintendent said.

Bistocchi also said the idea for the current program came from the left union. "They approached us," he said.

The details of the agreement were worked out with the help of Union County Freeholders Alex Mirabella and Daniel Sullivan.

For more information about the Tree of Hope, contact Sgt. Hopko by phone at 908-558-2574 or by fax at 908-820-3022.

Lauren DeFilippo can be reached at 908-686-7700, ext. 119 or unioncounty@yahoo.com.

County to celebrate annual holiday tree lighting rite

Union County's annual holiday tree lighting celebration will be held Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Watchung Stable in Mountainside.

The entire family will enjoy this seasonal afternoon filled with fun. "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 hear wish lists from 2 to 4:45 p.m. The afternoon's activities will culminate with the tree lighting finale at 4 p.m.

There is no admission fee, however, it is suggested that patrons bring a donation of a dry or canned food item, or a new, unwrapped toy. All items collected at the event will be distributed through local charities.

For additional information or directions, call Trailside Nature and Science Center at (908) 789-3670; Watchung Stable at (908) 789-3665; or the Union County Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities at (908) 527-4900. Watchung Stable is located at 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside.

Children will delight at lead-line horse rides and children's crafts. Also, the Union County Police Department will be available for the children's D-clip identification program throughout the afternoon.

The Watchung Stable Auxiliary, a volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the Watchung Stable and its riding programs, will sell Poinsotia's and

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Warriano Ice Skating Center employees Corey Winard, left, and Dave Turin, right, set the bowling pins for broom bowlers. Players interested in getting on skates are playing the game simply have to rush a broom and see how many pins they can knock down. It's great fun for the little kids.

County to celebrate annual holiday tree lighting rite

Union County's annual holiday tree lighting celebration will be held Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Watchung Stable in Mountainside. The entire family will enjoy this seasonal afternoon filled with fun. 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 hear wish lists from 2 to 4:45 p.m. The afternoon's activities will culminate with the tree lighting finale at 4 p.m. There is no admission fee, however, it is suggested that patrons bring a donation of a dry or canned food item, or a new, unwrapped toy. All items collected at the event will be distributed through local charities. For additional information or directions, call Trailside Nature and Science Center at (908) 789-3670; Watchung Stable at (908) 789-3665; or the Union County Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities at (908) 527-4900. Watchung Stable is located at 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside. Children will delight at lead-line horse rides and children's crafts. Also, the Union County Police Department will be available for the children's D-clip identification program throughout the afternoon. The Watchung Stable Auxiliary, a volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the Watchung Stable and its riding programs, will sell Poinsotia's and

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SATURDAY December 3rd, 2005
EVENT: 'Peppermint Boutique' Craft Fair
PLACE: Mother Seton Regional High School, Valley Road, Clark, NJ (GSP exit 135, across from Crown Plaza Hotel)

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY & SUNDAY December 3rd & 4th, 2005
EVENT: Flea Market & Collectible Show
PLACE: Rayway High School, 1012 Madison Ave., (off Westfield Ave.), Rayway

THURSDAY

December 1, 2005
EVENT: Big Indoor Flea Market
PLACE: Roselle Catholic High School, 1 Raritan Road, Roselle

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SATURDAY December 10th, 2005
EVENT: Fine Crafts & Alternative Gift Festival
PLACE: First Unitarian Universalist Church of Essex County, 35 Cleveland Street, Orange, NJ (one block off Main Street, two blocks from Orange Train Station)

BAZAAR

SATURDAY December 3rd, 2005
EVENT: Holiday Boutique
PLACE: Battle Hill Moravian Church, 777 Liberty Avenue, Union, N.J.

OTHER

SATURDAY December 3rd, 2005
EVENT: Holiday Jewelry and Giftware Sale
PLACE: New Eyes for the Needy, 549 Millburn Avenue, Short Hills, NJ

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LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: Do your best to make sense out of confusing, yet mandatory paperwork. Read the fine print and if necessary get explanations from a teacher or interpreter.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 21: Avoid the check-in-the-mail hassle or dilemma. Pay bills online or go the extra mile to deliver a payment or gift to the receiving party in person.

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The following schools are planning reunions:
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Schaible in concert in Clark on Sunday

Alice Schaible, of the Truth Overflwing Music Ministry, from the Philadelphia area, will be appearing in a free concert on Sunday at 11 a.m., at the Union County Baptist Church, 4 Valley Road, on Clark Circle, Clark.

Schaible grew up in a missionary family in Irian Jaya, Indonesia. Her presentation has a refreshingly honest content with a variety of musical styles. Deepened ministry through the growth pains of life adds to a strong connection with the audience.

Schaible has recorded her hopeful message in churches, ladies' conferences, youth events and to an audience of 10,000 in India. Her music is contemporary in style, yet the message is crystal clear and is sure to encourage, challenge, and inspire listeners as it explores such themes as happiness, hope, dreams and the power of God's love.

Chatham Players to perform on Friday

The Chatham Players will kick off its 17th anniversary production of Philip William McKinley's musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" on Friday.

In this version, produced exclusively at the Chatham Playhouse this December, Dickens serves not only as narrator, but also as a character that befriends Scrooge and walks beside him during his life-changing journey through memories and premonitions. While the script remains true to the original story, the playwright also pulled from letters that Dickens wrote to family and friends.

Poets will appear in Fanwood for reading

The Fanwood Arts Council will present poet D.M. Dutcher and 10 winners of the 2005 Fanny Wood Poetry Awards as featured readers in the Carriage House Poetry Reading Series at 8 p.m. tonight.

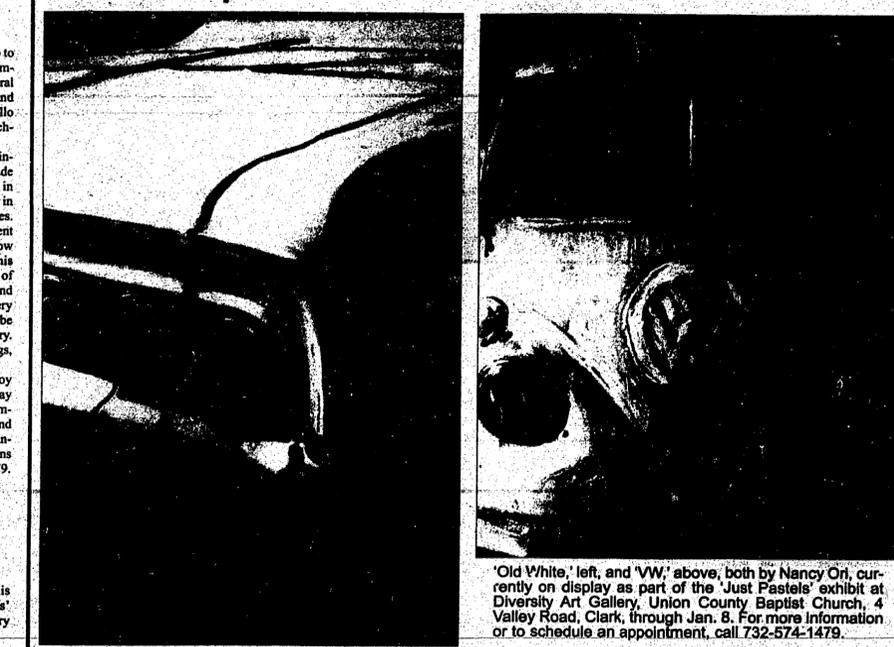
The winners had their poems selected from more than 400 entries in the third annual Fanny Wood Poetry Awards competition. The winners include Edwin Romond of Wild Gap, Pa.; Susan Rothbard of Livingston; Terese Halseheid of Haddonfield; Anna Evans of Hainesport; Penny Harter of Summit; Gwen T. Samuels of Rahway; Madeline Tiger of Bloomfield; John Chorzay of Montclair; Michael Szweczyk of South River; and Gerri Black of Ocean City.

The public is invited to attend the reading. Admission is free. Books and magazines containing poems by the featured readers will be available for purchase. For information or directions, call Fanwood Arts Council directors Adele Kenny 908-885-7223 or Tom Plante 908-885-5298.

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Autmotive pastels



'Old White,' left, and 'VW' above, both by Nancy Ori, currently on display as part of the 'Just Pastels' exhibit at Diversity Art Gallery, Union County Baptist Church, 4 Valley Road, Clark, through Jan. 8. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 732-574-1479.

Works to be displayed by Elizabeth artist

JCC MetroWest will present a joint exhibition featuring paintings by Elizabeth resident Dario Scholis and sculptures by Milton Ohring from Dec. 18 through Jan. 29 in the Gaellen Gallery of the Lautenberg Family JCC, Aidekman Family Campus at 901 Route 10 East in Whippany. An Opening Reception will be held on Dec. 18 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Dario Scholis was born in Ecuador and studied art at the Escuela de Bellas Artes of the Universidad Central del Ecuador and at the Corcoran School of Art in Washington D.C. His work has been exhibited in cities throughout the United States, Europe and Latin America.

Scholis, a mixed-media painter, illustrator, and designer, created the Sept. 11 Memorial in Elizabeth and has worked in arts-in-education programs across New Jersey with homeless and at-risk children.

"My themes are usually related to the elements which surround us every day, like musical instruments, fruits, flowers, chairs, landscapes, houses, etc. All of these are part of our lives," Scholis said. "I use acrylic most of the time because the medium dries faster and allows my creativity to move at a faster pace. The colors I use are brilliant and terracotta. Brilliant because they mean life, and earth colors which reflect warmth."

Milton Ohring graduated from the High School of Music and Art in New York as an art major. He went on to study science and engineering at Columbia University where he obtained a doctorate in metallurgical engineering, and then pursued a nearly 40-year academic career at the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken. Now in retirement, he has returned to his first love, art.

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The Gaellen Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, contact Caroline Murray at 973-530-3413, or send e-mail to cmurray@jccmetrowest.org.

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According to a study conducted by the National Association of Realtors in 2003, 14 percent of sellers today conduct transactions without the assistance of a real estate professional, a decline from 18 percent in 1997, and a trend that appears to have stabilized. In 44 percent of these for-sale-by-owner transactions, the buyer knew the homeseller in advance.

It is telling that only half of recent owners-sellers said they would sell their current home without the assistance of an agent again. Why the change of heart? "Selling a home is a complicated process which involves much more than putting a 'for sale' sign in your yard and an advertisement in the local newspaper," states Hank Nalbadian, broker/owner, ERA Nalbadian Realty. "Without an agent, a homeowner must figure out how to set the proper price, prepare the necessary paperwork, such as disclosure forms, comply with the maze of real estate regulations, determine whether a buyer is qualified, negotiate a selling price and so much more. Agents take care of the day-to-day and keep the

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