



BOE proposals spark controv

By Doug McNamara Staff Writer

Sparks flew at Springfield's Board of Education meeting on Monday following a presentation by board mentber Irwin Sablosky, finance committee chairman, on proposed ways to increase revenue in the district.

On the expense side of the ledger, the district faces significant increases in many state-mandated budget areas, which fall outside of the district's purview, said Jacqueline Shaves, board vice president. Sablosky, who estimated 96 percent of the budget is state-mandated, explained the district "is given very little wiggle room ... by the state." For instance, health-care costs could increase by more than 20 percent from last year, he added.

On the revenue side, however, despite the rising mandated costs, state law prevents a district from increasing its property tax levy past a certain point. A further consideration, said Shanes, isn't legal, but rather political. The board is concerned the town's residents will vote down a significantly increased budget in May 2006. So, some of these proposals are steps to mitigate against a failed budget while still generating revenue.

Since the costs for the mandated programs are fixed, the danger is nonmandated programs --- such as extracurricular clubs and activities, the prekindergarten program, student drama productions and sports' teams, to name a few - could face potentially fatal budget cuts, said Shanes.

Both Shanes and Sablosky emphasized the board wants to preserve as many of these non-mandated programs as possible. To do so, it has begun considering moves to generate additional revenue.

At the meeting, Sablosky presented three possible solutions generated by the finance committee. None of them have been officially adopted by the board.

competing prekindergarten programa.

both parochial and private, the com-

prekindergarten program at the Walton School. Similarly, the committee also presented a plan to add a full-day prekindergarten program, with a monthly fee of \$500. "As far as I'm concerned, it needs to be revenue-neutral," said Sablosky, Currently, the district offers a free half-day program and no full-day program.

The board estimated the prekindergarten teaching expenses are approximately \$250,000 and the program's total expense, meaning instructional services and shared services, is around \$300,000-350,000, said Sablosky.

The second proposal was to implement a \$25 activities fee for all students in grades six through 12, which would generate around \$25,000 in additional revenue, Sabloaky explained younger students would be exempt because there aren't as many extracurricular activities at the elementary level as at the middle- and high-school levels.

Third, in light of "the new cooperation between the township and the district," remarked Sablosky, the committee focused on working with the township to lower facility expenses through in-kind services.

For example, the township offered to hire a new groundskeeper whose primary responsibility would be to tend to school grounds. Similarly, the township offered to give the school system technical assistance in equipment maintenance and other matters.

Of the three suggestions, the first, regarding the fee for the prekindergarten program, met with the biggest outcry.

"I think that people feel prekindergarten is being targeted ... It feels like the weight of these problems is being put on the young kids," said one parent. "We were counting on not having this added expense," said another con-cerned young parent, who admitted to being new to Springfield and on the lower-end of the town's income distri-

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dered if the board say the activities .

been made, emphasized later interview. Sab adding, "We are looki mandated) areas ... If y please" send them by e member

In a later interview, he said "each time you look at a particular area, you have a different constituent group' affected. He also urged parents to understand certain non-mandated academic areas receive a greater priority than other non-academic areas.

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For instance, the board would be less willing to cut the fourth year of high-school mathematics, which isn't state-mandated, said Sablosky.

Another fictor complicating this process is a relatively new state law, S-1701 and A-99, which took effect July 1, 2004 and targets a school district's budget. Sponsored by state Sen. Raymond Lesniak and Assemblyman Joseph Cryan, both from Union County, the bill has two main consequences for Springfield.

First, starting for 2005-06 year, the district could only increase its budget by a maximum of 2.5 percent, whereas in the past, it could increase the budget by 3 percent. With a budget of around \$30 million, the Springfield school system can only add about another \$750,000 next year.

Second, the maximum allowed surplus was reduced from 6 percent, or \$1.8 million, to 2 percent, or \$600,000. The district relies on the surplus to fund unexpected emergencies that can't be absorbed by the existing budget, said Schlösky. How-ever, with the current law, there's a much greater possibility the district would have to take any emergency expenses from existing programs.

In addition to paying for emergencies such as a replacement water boilcr, stressed Sablosky, the surplus also funds any new special-education students who move to Springfield after the budget has been passed. Under New Jersoy law, towns aren't permit-ted to budget for how many such sni-

little less rigid: between nine and 12

months. Residents of Springfield have been "The project is on schedule," said given a handful of different dates for the completion of work on Meisel Union County Public Information Director John Salerno, "It will take Avenue Park over the last three years, less than one year and the contractor seemingly a new one every time the told us it will be ready in time for the old date nears its deadline. But as of fail Botball season." last week, residents can now view the

Sigmund said Tuesday it's possible Sunday's snow has slowed the progress of construction slightly, but he doubts it will affect the final date. Facilities at Meisel Avenue Park should be improved once construction

A buildozer sits at Melse Avenue Park prior to work commencing on Nov. 28. It is entited pated the project to renovate the field will be completed within nine to 12 months.

about contaminated soil at the stall field after the springfield achool the proposed a multi-million dollar rule endum to renovate the fields, which was defeated by voters.

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Work at Meisel Avenue Park begins

The Garden State Preservation

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By Dan Burns

Staff Writer

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Construction workers began tilling

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Daving, Parents will come forward with information if they're concerned about a student. Even students give teachers and administrators information about illegal activities, like drug use, if they're concerned for a classmate's bealth.

"We have a caring community. Botwoen the kids and the parents, we

The three weapons offenses reported to the state Department of Education actually stem from two inclues according to Davino. One offense was reported twice, which is a typical

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mittee suggested charging a monthly \$150 fee, which Sablosky called ter Dan Burns can be "much lower than any of those pro-00, ext. 120, or The marman in the lices alam (avalua, come)

foc as a way to "get aven" with the middle- and high-school students. Though parents were quick to Grober Carlona March Keiner Harriston Billing

field, who weren't accounted for in the budget, said Sablosky, meaning before the year even begins, the surplus has a lang dille

education students, new to Spring-

There are always a few special-



porteored craft workshop at Deerfield Middle School on Saturday, above left, 8-year-o te fowers. Above right, Paul Hughes helps his 5-year-old daughter, Jenny, make a de

Deerfield Student Council organizes collection drive for evacuees

By Dong McNamara Staff Writer.

For the Student Council at Decrfield Elementary School in Mountainside, the off-cited "it is better to give than to receive" im't just a maxim only considered during the holiday season and then quickly forgotten. Rather, giving and community service has

become a year-round activity. In the wake of Humenie K

the council organized a schoolwide drive to collect school supplies, as well as money, for Milton Elementary/Middle School in Louisians. Milton had agreed to house 76

evacuees from New Orleans, explained Mountainside resident Debbie Lifoff-

man, who proposed the idea of helping the state of filled with school supplies these students to the council. Within a 2%-week period, they collected 32 boxes of school supplies, as well as \$5,000, for Milton. "I was very grateful... They really marketed the idea to their parents," remarked Hoffman. The school put the donations to good use outfitting every evacuated student with

ARTISTS AT WORK -At the

Carina Farrah of Mountainside

orativa wreath.

iso used the money to buy items, including gym tional supplies and the the money was also the mition for two disaders at Cheers Acadetints choosing squad, said Suzie Kebodeaux, Milton principal in a message sent by e-mail to Hoffman-In addition to helping the Katrina

victims, the council runs a number of yearly service projects, said Linda Shanahan, an eighth-grads language arts teacher and the council's faculty advisor. Most recently, as they've done for almost 10 years, the council set

aside \$500 to buy toys for the Chil-dren's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, said Shanahan.

Shanahan, for one, isn't survivoed at her students' service spirit, which is just a reflection of the town. Mountainside is a very, very generous community. ... The community is service-minded."

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YMCA collects coats

Springfield YMCA, 100 S, Spring-

field 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. They are asking for donations of gently used winter coats for infants, children and adults. You can drop off coats checks: \$25 to the Township of ers, coaches and organizers. any time the Y is open Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.: Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 Dec. 23. p.m. For more information, call mem-

bership services at 973-467-0838.

Girls' softball The 2006 Springfield Recreation Department Girls Softball Program for

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grades two through nine will have registration at Sarah Bailey Civic Center. Recreation Department 30 Church Mall, Monday through Friseeks lacrosse plavers day, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration fees, all of which are non-refundable, are payable in two township. They are looking for play-

Springfield, and another for \$30 to Girls' Softball Parents Organization. The deadline for registration is Тегту

S25 late fee will be payable to the call 973-379-6842.

CLUBS IN THE NEWS

involved.

MOMS Club seeking Booster Club sponsors a variety of new members ways for community members to get

The newly-formed MOMS Club of Springfield and Mountainside is seek-

ing new members. The club was formed to provide networking opportunities for stay-athome and part-time working moms. Events of several types are planned. Meetings are once a month and,

should you decide to join, dues are \$25 per year. The club's next meeting is scheduled for Friday at 10:15 a.m. at the

Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.For more information, call Susan Zarember at 973-218-9043.

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 new members. supports the 24 athletic programs and all student-athletes at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights.

Last year, the Booster Club raised a directly back to the school's athletic scholarships, and team grants.

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 by e-mail to coordinator Susan Winter susanwinter@comcast.net for

The entire community is invited to support the club. Donations may be sent to 175 Watchung Blvd., Berkeley leights 07922.

All proceeds from club fund-raisers and special events go directly to support GL athletes and athletics through its programs of grants, scholarships and awards.

Widowed Persons group seeks members

The Widowed Persons Association of Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, is looking for Path, Mountainside, meets on the sec-

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 record \$36,000 that was channeled is charged. All widowed persons are Hospital invited. On Sunday, the association community, including the launch of will have a Christmas party at Gran new programs, expanded activities, Centurions, Clark, from 1 to 5 p.m. leave a name and telephone number with a \$40 cash bar.

Local organizations receive grants from Heart Program

The Union County Board of Cho- aged the Heart - History, Education, atmosphere for new artistic talents in sen Freeholders awarded a total of and the Arts Reaching Thousands ---- the county," said Union County Free-\$41,755 from the Heart Grant Pro- Grant Program for the past seven + holder Bette Jane Kowalski. "These gram to 34 non-profit organizations years. It has awarded Union Counti- grants provide support for cultural across Union County. In Springfield, the Free Public

Library and Temple Beth Ahn each received a \$1,000 grant. The Union County Division of Union County Cultural & Heritage Affairs has man-

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based non-profit organizations, artists work that enriches the lives of all our and scholars grants to enhance their residents." ability to provide projects relating to history, the arts, and humanities for

"We want to create a welcoming-

Springfield Recreation Department is organizing a lacrosse program in the If you are interested, stop by the

Recreation Department to fill out a form or send message by e-mail to Curry If space is available after Dec. 23, a springfieldlacrosse@comcast.net, or

Softball Parents' Organization.

912-2227

For more information, call 973-

To support these programs, the Vendors wanted for

Super Saturday market The Governor Livingston Highlander Booster Club invites community vendors/crafters of all types to participate in its Highlander Market at Governor Livingston High School. 175 Watchung Blvd., Berkeley Heights, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan.

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

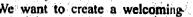
For more information, call Adrienne Trivella at 908-464-4520.

Handcrafter Group

gathers in borough The Handcrafter Group of the Women's Association of the Community Presbyterian Church, 1459 Deer ond Saturday of every month in the church's Memorial Room at 10 a.m. Those attending can use their own

skills or learn new ones. The group is currently making blankets for Runnells Specialized

For more information, call the church office at 908-232-9490 and with lanet.





The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform esidents of various community activities and government meetings. To mail a schedule, send it to Echo Leader, Attn: Managing Editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union 07083.

• The Foothill Club will have a luncheon at B.G. Fields restaurant, 560 pringfield Ave., Westfield, at noon. For more information, call 908-233-

• The Mountainside Planning Board will meet in Council Chambers of orough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east, at 8 p.m. Friday

• The newly-formed MOMS Club of Springfield and Mountainside will old its next meeting at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., at 10:15 a.m. For more information, call Susan Zarember at 973-218-9043.

• The Summit Municipal Alliance and SAGE Eldercare will co-sponsor a rogram titled "Therapeutic Foods" at 11 a.m. at the Summit Recreation Cenr, 100 Morris Avenue.

For more information and to register, call Suzanne Lyon at 908-598-5514. Saturday · Santa is coming to the Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., for

reakfast with Santa. Two seatings are available, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Open to the community, ut reservations are required. Fees are \$5 per child for Y members, \$10 per hild for non-members.

To register, or for more information, call 973-467-0838. • The Handcrafter Group of the Women's Association of the Community resbyterian Church, 1459 Deer Path, Mountainside, will meet the second aturday of every month in the church's Memorial Room at 10 a.m.

For information about the group, call the church office at 908-232-9490 nd leave a name and telephone number with Janet. • Adults with children ages 5 and older are invited to discover what it takes survive in the wild from 1 to 2 p.m. as part of the Outdoor Adventure Series Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Moun-

Each family will learn the fundamentals for shelter and fire building logether the group will build a shelter warm enough to sleep in. Preregistraion is not required. The fee for this program is a suggested donation of \$1 per

For more information, call 908-789-3670.

Sunday • The Widowed Persons Association of Our Lady of Lourdes. 300 Central ve., Mountainside, will meet present its Christmas party at Gran Centurions Madison Hill Road, Clark, from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday

 The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a workshop session the Municipal Annex Building, 10 N. Trivett Road, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

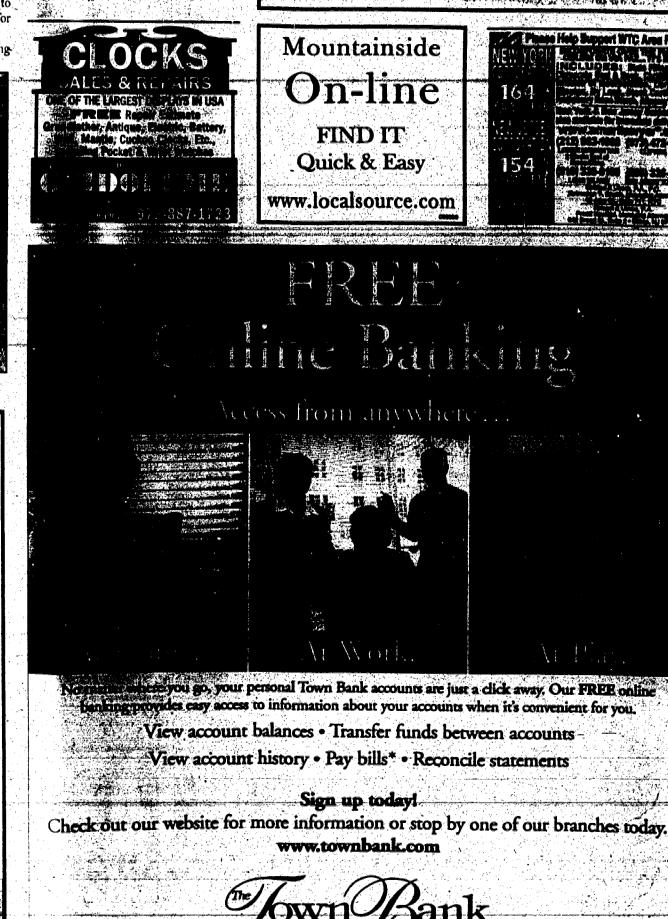
· The Mountainside Board of Education will meet in the media center at eechwood School, 1497 Woodacres Drive, at 8 p.m. • The Mountainside Borough Council will meet for a work session in the nference room of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east, at 8 p.m.

• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a regular meeting in e Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8

· Spring Meadows Summit, 41 Springfield Ave., will host a discussion of he new Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan at 2:30 p.m. The discussion will be presented by Dan Kalem, Medicare's State Health Insurance Program Coordinator for Union County. To make a reservation, call 908-522-8852.

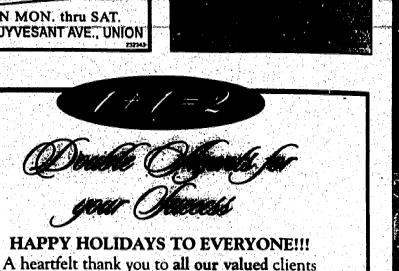
Upcoming

Dec. 15 Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave; continues its fall international statements of the second secon onal film festival with "Hero" at noon and 7 p.m. Admission is free. Space limited to 60 people at each showing. For more information, call 973-376-4930.



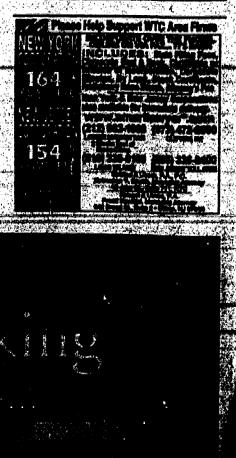
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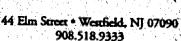
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR





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The 21 girls, ages 6 to 9, who participated in the Springfield YMCA's Girls Night Out, take a break from their dance lessor with the Harmony Square Dancers, also pictured. The sleep over event took place from Saturday to Sunday and included cooking, crafts, dames and movies,

Springfield EMS offers procedures for making 9-1-1 calls

Most medical emergency calls in • When 9-1-1 is called to report a ng 9-1-1.

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The call is routed to the appropriate dispatch agency and the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad is shortly on its way. However, the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad would like to remind

residents that EMS cannot do its job

A deluxe poster of vintage postcard

scenes of the Union County Court-

house and Midtown Elizabeth dating

back to the 1890s is now available

from the Union County Courthouse

The 24x36-inch poster includes 18

historic scenes, taken from vintage

the following ways:

Poster of vintage

Centennial Committee.

postcard available

They should make sure to give the dis- quate numbering. the emergency,

successfully if they do not help out in or four-inch high numbers as required address. under township ordinarice.

Precious minutes are often wasted dents should turn on the front porch or Springfield begin with a person dial- medical emergency, residents should when First Aid Squad members cannot step lights to show the team where to not hang up until instructed to do so. find the resident's home due to inade- stop and also for safety reasons. patcher a complete address and tele- . After a resident calls for help, physical condition, have a driver's phone number as well as the nature of they should send an available family

• Residents should make sure that to the street at the end of a long drive- their community are invited to join the be turned away: persons aged 65 years their home or apartment can be clearly way to show the squad members that team. For information on the Spring- and older, with and without chronic identified from the street with three- they have arrived at the correct field Volunteer First Aid Squad, visit health conditions; residents of long-• If the emergency is at night, resi- or call 973-376-2040.

• Those residents who are in good

license with a clean record and would

COUNTY NEWS

for the Union County Sheriff's Office county complex and of Midtown Eliz- and the preservation of historic arti- mittee and the Board of Chosen Freeabeth over the past 100 years," said facts. Posters can be obtained by call- holders are hosting an ongoing series. Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, ing 908-527-4787 or in person at the of activities celebrating the Union chairwoman of the Union County Union County Clerk's Office, Union County Courthouse's 100 years as a Courthouse Centennial Committee.

The earliest photo is an 1890 shot floor, Elizabeth 07207. designed by Matthew DiRado, direc- of the previous courthouse, which was tor of Special Projects and Graphic built in 1811. Other photos include the personal check made out to "Union Exhibit will be on display through current courthouse, which opened in County Courthouse Centennial Com- Dec. 9. The exhibit includes unique "Below each postcard is a short 1905 and saw additions in 1927 and mittee." To have the poster shipped, artifacts from a time capsule buried in

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County Historical Society; Shallcross is a past president. The poster was Compliance for Union County.

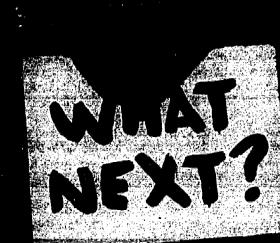
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SENIOR NEWS

Prescription drug plan discussion to occur

Spring Meadows Summit, 41 Springfield Ave., will host a discussion on the new Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan at 2:30 p.m. on program scheduled Tuesday.

The discussion will be presented tor for Union County.

follow the presentation. Light refreshments will be served.

To make a reservation, call 908-522-8852.

Senior Van provides free transportation

The Mountainside Senior Van proides free transportation for borough seniors ages 60 and older.

It is available for trips to doctors, dentists, shopping, hairdresser

5514.

Flu vaccine available The Westfield Regional Health Department, which serves both Mountainside and Springfield, will offer a flu clinic on Monday starting at 2 p.m. The clinic will be in the Westfield Municipal Building Council Chambers, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield. The vaccine will be given out on a

first-come, first-served basis. If you are Medicare eligible, please bring your card with you.

The following are the priority groups that should be targeted to member or friend to the front door or like to make a positive contribution to receive a flu shot, although no one will its Web site at www.springfieldfas.org term care facilities; persons aged 2-64 years with chronic health conditions:

НЕЛЕЯ children aged 6-23 months; pregnan women; health-care personne! who provide direct patient care, and household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children aged 6 months

Proof of residency is require

Free immunizations offered to children

The Westfield Regional Health Department, which serves Springfield and Mountainside, offers free immunizations and physicals to all children from birth to 18 years. This is done through the department's child health clinic. This clinic is conducted twice a month by appointment only.

The department's pediatrician performs the immunizations and physicals.

County Courthouse, Old Annex, first center of law, justice and government in Union County. A Courthouse Cen-Payment may be made by cash or a tennial and Cornerstone Capsule

SALES TAX • SALE

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. A specialized training program to become a rape crisis advocate will be Sept. 27 to Nov. 17 on most Tuesdays and Thursdays between 6:30 and 10 p.m. de no en a sussignation

Summit. seniors.

Refreshments will be served. For more information and to register, call Suzanne Lyon at 908-598-

232-2400, ext. 5, weekday mornings 'Therapeutic Foods'

To make a reservation, call 908-

SAGE Eldercare, a major commu nity resource for services for the elderby Dan Kalem, Medicare's State ly, is pleased to announce that the Health Insurance Program Coordina- Summit Municipal Alliance and SAGE Eldercare will co-sponsor a program

A question and answer session will titled "Therapeutic Foods" on Friday at 11 a.m. This will be at the Summit Recreation Center, 100 Morris Ave.

The featured speaker for this pro-

gram is Josette Sohmer, a registered dietician with Overlook Hospital in

This free seminar is for local area

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COMMUNITY FORUM

What about the good kids?

"Damn kids nowadays." Those three words are usually followed by derogatory comments: "Always getting into trouble," "No respect for their elders" and "Think the world owes them a living." That point of view is perpetuated by the amount of public attention received by children who do something wrong.

If someone mentioned the "Prom Mom," you would know they were referring to Melissa Drexler, who gave birth • to a baby boy and threw him into the trash at her high school senior prom in Aberdeen Township in June 1997. You would recognize the Columbine killers as Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, who went on a shooting rampage at their high school in Littleton, Colorado in April 1999.

Then there's Jeffrey Lee Parson. He is the Minnesota teenager arrested in August 2003 in connection with the release of the W32.Blaster-B Internet worm, And David Ludwig, 18, who was arrested last month in Indiana for allegedly murdering the parents of his 14-year-old girlfriend in Pennsylvania because they did not approve of the two teens dating.

The United States doesn't have a monopoly on kids behaving badly. In England, five children, ages 11 and 12, were arrested in May on suspicion of attempted murder after a 5-year-old boy suffered neck injuries.

These are the types of kids who usually garner the major headlines. That's in addition to the usual assortment of those who get drunk, abuse drugs, have premarital sex, steal, etc.

But we often forget that these behaviors aren't representative of all children. Most are busy with activities at school, their church or synagogue, and community. They spend time with their grandparents and do their chores. They pursue their talents and strive to get good grades.

These are the kids who deserve recognition. Kids such as area residents Taylor McQueen, who was chosen to perform in the opening number of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade, and Springfield resident James Kukucka, who recently became an Eagle Scout at the age of 14. Both were recently profiled in this newspaper because their accomplishments merit such attention.

As a community, we must applaud our youngsters when they succeed, support them if they fail and always encourage them to try. There's an African proverb that says, "It takes a whole village to raise a child," and we at the Echo Leader want to do our part. We aren't suggesting you leave Junior in our lobby for baby-sitting services, but please notify us about your child's special achievements. We want to know. We want our readers in the village, er, township and borough to know as well

Remembering

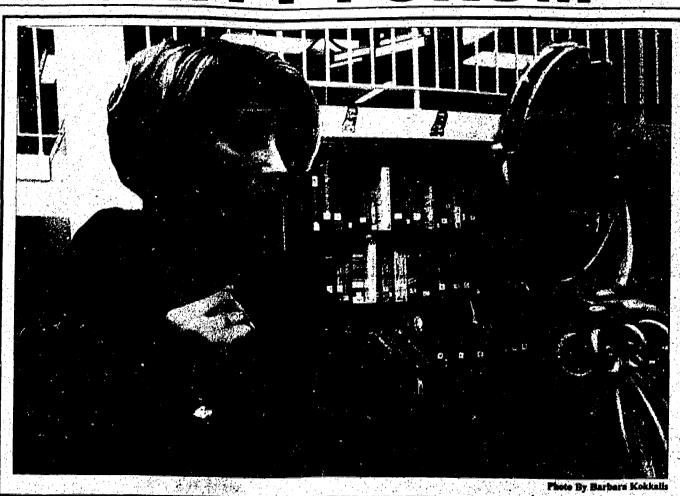
While Dec. 7, 1941 might have begun inauspiciously particularly for members of the armed forces of the United States stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, before it was through, this date would go down in history as "the day that shall live in infamy."

At dawn that Sunday, naval aviation forces of the empire of Japan attacked the United States Pacific Fleet center at Pearl Harbor and other military targets. On completion of the attack. Imperial Admiral Yamamoto is quoted as saying "We have awakened a sleeping giant and have instilled in him a terrible resolve."

As foreseen by Admiral Yamamoto, this sneak attack against Hawaii brought an immediate reaction of unprecedented unity from the American people. Families from every class sent their sons and daughters to war, women joined the industrial work force, and no one was untouched by the effort to bring all of U.S. resources to bear on the wareffort. The U.S. war plans strategy had been "Europe first," but the Japanese attack caused a far greater effort to be directed early on to the Pacific than would otherwise have been expected and fueled the will of the United States to completely defeat Japan regardless of the cost.

Now, 64 years later, the resolve of the United States to meet any challenges has become one of its most steadfast characteristics. Pearl Harbor united our nation and our resolve helped us to beat the Axis powers in World War II and. in time, become a world power ourselves. However, none of this might have happened if our mettle had not been tested in 1941.

Although more and more veterans of World War II die every year, we cannot forget their sacrifices and the nation on which their efforts were built. Every year, on Dec. 7, we honor those who fought and died at Pearl Harbor and we pay special tribute to the veterans of World War II. These heroes have a cherished place in our history. Through their courage, sacrifice and selfless dedication, they saved our country and preserved freedom.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What happened to the laptops? it, the Editor:

What happened to the computer laptop program that was fervently advocat-ed by Superintendent of Schools Michael Davino and nine Springfield Board of Education members many months ago?

Let's trace the advent of the laptop idea. In April 2004, when Davino was appointed with a three-year contract, he proposed giving students individual laptops that they could use in class and also take home every day. As of their last meeting, the contract for parents' signatures regarding responsibilities, repairs, etc., had not been completed.

Early in 2005, all school board members endorsed Davino's proposed laptop program. Later, a great deal of public controversy developed. Consequently, at the April 19 school board election, the school budget was defeated by a large margin.

It is interesting to note that Davino never submitted a written report regarding the use or integration of the laptops into daily classroom work. Apparently, everything was verbal.

When a school budget is voted down, it automatically goes to the local governing body, i.e., the Springfield Township Committee. They cut only \$160,000 from the school budget, showing a general fund of \$26,354,333 included in the total budget of \$30,992,541. The school board eliminated some other items to comply with the \$160,000 reduction, such as the \$6,000 they were spending for the delivery of water coolers for use only by Board of Education paid personnel in their offices, and a few other non-essential items. It retained the expense for laptops for sixth- and seventh-grade students only, excluding those in eighth and ninth grade.

On June 6, at a regular school board meeting, an Apple Computer Co. representative pave a sales presentation. No advance public notice was given indicat-ing this man would attend. Apple is the fivered computer brand of Davino. Some time between June and September, only the tour members of the school board's Finance Committee witnessed a demonstration by competitive salesmen

from the IBM, Dell and Compaq computer companies. The other five members of the Springfield school board never saw those demonstrations. So, how could the school board vote to approve a laptop purchase?

Apple Computer laptop. Thereafter, the Apple laptop computers were purchased and delivered. In September, arrangements were made for the Apple Company. to send their personnel to instruct teachers on their usage so that they, in turn, could teach the students.

At the Oct. 24 regular Board of Education meeting, I requested Davino to give a date when the students would start using the laptops. He answered, "When the teachers are competent with their computer training which would be between November and January." He gave the same answer to the Echip Leader, which included it in its Oct. 18 issue. He should have given a specific date by which he expected the teachers to finish these computer lessons and be able to teach the students accordingly. Or could the training extend to April, May or June?

It is a point of interest that one of Davino's comments regarding the invest-ment in laptops for the Springfield school system was that the township would be the first in New Jersey to incorporate such a technique. Now, it has been learned that the Perth Amboy school system started using personal laptops in September, and their students received them free from a grant and not from tax. payer money.

is still controversial — in the Springfield school system?/By the time the stu-dents start using them in their classrooms, will the present computer technology be obsolete? Why are the Board of Education member not solvely expediting this project, for which the taxpayers are paying a great deal of money?.

Springfield 'Guys and Dolls' was complete success To the Editor:

Rolling the dice on "Guys and Dolls" was no gamble. It was a sure bet! The production of "Guys and Dolls" was recently performed by the atudents at Deerfield School under the direction, guidance and talent of Jeannette Maraf-

Mrs. Maraffi is a tireless perfectionist, which was evident in the casting and assistance in design and set building. And to Principal Burkardt, you should be There are those who have taken the position that the United Nations can be

But for those of us sitting in the audience and watching these students por-form, it truly was an experience. It was almost as though each role was designed

for that student. Truly magnificent roles were played by Rebecca Witt as Miss Adelaide and y Danielle Fine as Miss Sarah. Their voices echoed throughout the room and

ented performers playing the roles of the Hot Box Girls, Crap-shooters, the Policeman and the Mission Band. For Eric Whyte in his role as Brother Arvide Abernathy, there's always a job waiting for you with the Peace Corps. For Dylan Cunningham as Harry the Horse and Joe Komisinski as Big Jule, you guys were absolutely great! A cooperative effort by everyone made for an extremely enjoyable evening.

So Mrs. Maraffi, if in the beginning you had any thoughts or reservations about Guys and Dolls being a gamble or if you didn't know where the ball would stop or the chips would fall, you rolled the dice and scored a big return on your investment. Congratulations to everyone! Gary W. Whyte

Library thanks Beautification Committee To the Edito

The members of the Board of Trustees of the Springfield Free Public Library would like everyone to know of the fine work done at the library by the Springfield Beautification Committee.

First, Mrs. Ruth Schwartz and the members of her committee arranged for the maintenance of the library property by a private landscaper, Cespedes Landscaping, at no cost to the library or the township. Next, the Beautification Committee arranged for Summit Plant and Flowers

to donate the shrubs planted at the front entrance of the library. Finally, the Beautification Committee arranged to have Battaglia Landscapers install patio blocks around and under the two park benches near the library walk. This area was often muddy and unsightly. The patio blocks have made this

an attractive and inviting area to enjoy a nice afternoon. The library would not have been able to do any of these projects without the start Beautification Committee. The Board of Trustees appreciates the efforts of Why. Schwartz and her committee.

To virtually merone's surprise, the school board then chose Davino's preferred The U.S. should get out of the U.N.

There are those in the press, many on the political left, in the so-called "mi dle," and some on the political right, I might add, that are of the belief that the United Nations is a force for good in the world. That it should be supported vigorously by the United States and other member nations. I strongly and emphatically disagree. The United Nations is a corrupt, ineffectual organization that has failed to provide peace, failed to support human rights and has given its support to despotic and tyrannical regimes. It is also an organization that has enriched itself and its members at the expense of other's suffering and is an organizationthat in itself has committed atrocities on a massive scale.

Here are some examples of U.N. corruption and crimes: 1. Since 1991, the United Nations has passed 17 resolutions against Saddam

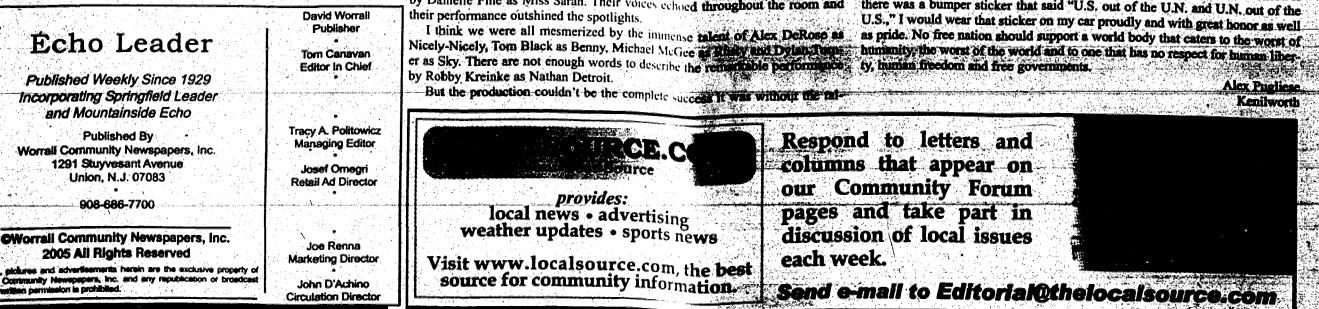
Hussein's Iraq and never enforced any of them. It was only enforced when the United States and its allies took decisive action against Iraq and Saddam. 2. There have been a total of 150 charges of sexual misconduct against U.N. peacekeeping forces and other personnel in Africa and in other countries, Some, if not most, have been committed against children as young as 7 years of age, thus making them child sexual predators as well. So far, the United Nations has not said much on this, nor has it prosecuted anyone with regard to these crimes. 3. - United Nation's officials, including others, have taken kickbacks and bribes in the tens of billions from Saddam Hussein in the U.N. Oil For Food Scandal. This program was designed to help out the Iraqi people who were suffering under Saddam Hussein's tyranny. They never got food or a cent. Instead. the money was pocketed by Hussein and others and they all made off with hefty.

4. The U.N. Human Rights Commission has allowed nations like Cuba, Libya, Iran and other despotic regimes to be members. What is even worse, these tions all have committed atrocities and crimes against their own respected people and have abominable human rights records. Even more horrible, this commission turned a blind aye to the suffering that has happened and is still hap pening in Africa and in the Sudan in particular.

5. Finally, the United Nations has given support and backing to those whom spouse anti-Israel, anti-American and anti-democratic views. Despite the fact Mrs. Maraffi is a tireless perfectionist, which was evident in the casting and that the United States is the biggest U.N. contributor, contributing more than a talent of the many students who performed. Our hats go off to assistant director fifth to the U.N. budget, the United Nations has been ferocious in attacking the states and choreographer Elizabeth Murad and Wayne DeVico for his outstanding. United States and its values.

very proud of the hard work displayed by the students, the staff and the many reformed. That the organization can be made to change for the better. I oppose volunteers who assisted with ticket sales, program book, painting and costumes. this pipe dream. I believe the United States should pack up its bags and leave the United Nations

I am also of the belief the United Nations should be made to leave the United States and be made to set up its headquarters elsewhere. This corrupt organization should have never been supported by the United States from the onset. If there was a bumper sticker that said "U.S. out of the U.N. and U.N. out of the U.S.," I would wear that sticker on my car proudly and with great honor as well-



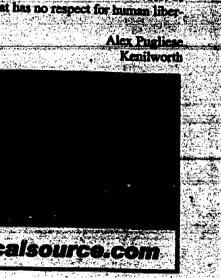
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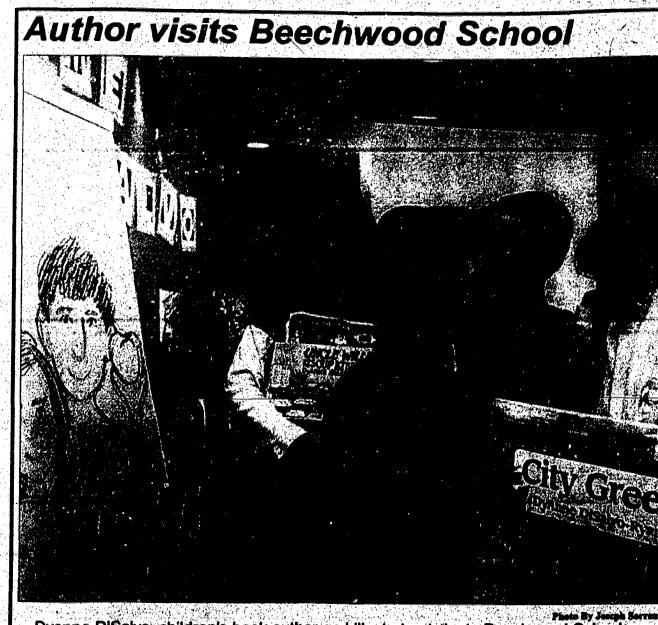
Pearl Harbor

ECHO LEADER

HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU - Township resident Janet Wolcott tries on a pair of earrings during the Springfield Education Foundation's lewelry sale fund-raiser on Dec. 1 at Jonathan Dayton High School. The proceeds from the event will be used for various improvements or grants the school district needs.

Susan Permahos Library Director





Dyanne DISalvo, children's book author and illustrator, talks to Beechwood School second-graders Ali Leontowycz and Georgia Minks at her visit to the school on Nov. 30.

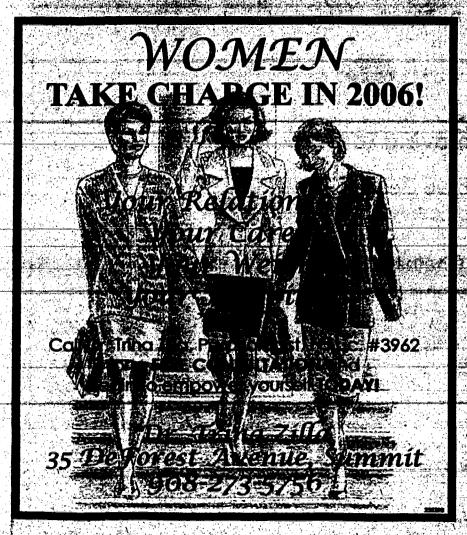
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Max Lessin

Max Lessin, 92, of Burlington, Mass., formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 28 in Lahey Hospital, Burling-

Born in Irvington, Mr. Lessin lived in Newark. Hillside and the budget and cost department of the United States Post Office in Newark before retiring many years ago. Mr. Lessin was a 1937 graduate of Rider University, Lawrenceville, in commerce. He also received a teaching degree in elementary education from the former Newark Normal School.

Mr. Lessin was an Army veteran. He served during World War II. Mr. Lessin was a member of the Nation-Employees and served as its secre-

grandchildren.

Diane Maslo

Diane A Maslo, 52, of Middlesex, fermerly of Mountainside, died Nov. 28 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Maslo lived in Mountainside for many years before moving to Middlesex. She worked for Atlantic Metals, Springfield, for many years. Mrs. Maslo later was a secretary for the recreation department in Mountainside. She was a 1975 graduate of Kean University, Union, where she received a degree in elementary education. Surviving are her husband of 25





OBITUARIES

and Arthur Sauerborn; a sister, Janice grandchildren, and two great-grand-Sauerborn, and two brothers. Donald and James.

Jack Poshkin

Jack Poshkin, 91, a lifelong resi-Springfield before moving to dent of Springfield, died Nov. 28 in died Dec. 1 in the Princeton Care Cen-Burlington this year. He worked in the Compassionate Care Hospice at St. Clare's Hospital, Dever.

Mr. Poshkin was born in Newark. He owned Abbott Display Co., Newark, before retiring 25 years ago. After his retirement, Mr. Poshkin was where he earned a bachelor's degree, a consultant for the Crescent Golf Range in Union for 25 years. Surviving are a daughter, Wendy

Van Why; nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Muriel Weatherston

Muriel Weatherston, 91, of Springal Association of Retired Federal field died Nov. 29 in John E. Runnells Specialized Hospital, Berkeley

Surviving are his wife, Sandra; a Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Weatherson, Dr. Steven Lessin, and four ston lived in Hazlet before moving to Springfield 15 years ago. She was a teacher in the Hazlet School System for 25 years before retiring in 1982.

Surviving are a daughter, Joy Bierstein; a son, Michael; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth Ellison

Elizabeth Ellison, 92, of Washington Township, formerly of Springfield, died Dec. 1 at home.

Born in East Orange, Mrs. Ellison lived in Short Hills, Springfield and Maplewood before moving to Wash- years before retiring. ington Township 10 years ago. She was a salesperson for Root's in Sum- the Hadassah and a member of the Sismit and Bonwit Teller in Short Hills.

years, Herbert; her parents, Theresa Miller; a stepson, Raymond; seven children.

Earl Hendrickson

Earl Franklin Hendrickson, 85, of Princeton, formerly of Springfield,

Born in Newark, Mr. Hendrickson lived in Springfield for 30 years and Hightstown before moving to Princeton three years ago. He was a Springfield police officer for 25 years before retiring in 1972.

Mr. Hendrickson was a Navy veteran and served during World War II. He was a member of the Loyalty Lodge 33 F&AM in Livingston. Mr. Hendrickson also was a member of the Hightstown Elks Chapter 1955 and the Shriners at the Salaam Temple, Livingstor

Surviving are two daughters, Dale Sinkowitz and Randi Wyble; two grandchildren, and two great-grand-

Rose Klein

Rose Klein, 93, of West Orange, formerly of Springfield, died Dec. 2 in the Daughters of Israel Geriatric Center, West Orange.

Born in Newark, Miss Klein lived in Springfield for 40 years before moving to West Orange two years ago. She was an assistant manager in the women's shoe department at L. Bamberger & Co., now Macy's, Newark, where she worked for more than 50

Miss Klein was a life member of terhood of Temple Beth Ahm, Spring-Surviving are a daughter, Barbara field.

EDITORIALS

PAGE 6 - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2005 Springfield man arrested for multiple drug-related charges

On Nov. 23, Michael Picciuto, 21, of Springfield, was arrested on Benjamin Drive for three counts of pos- Street to answere talsification. possession of hypodermic suspended driver's license. needles/syringes.

at Motor Vehicle Services on Center Sim cash.

POLICE BLOTTER

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trolled dangerou's substance offenses New in was arrested on Dundar Road burgundy Mitsubishi Galant. two counts of possession of a prohib- for matthe outstanding warrants out . On Nov. 25, Rasheem Roberts, cles at a business on South Springfield phernalia for packaging and sales and hole be eruge in a motor vehicle and Maple Avenue for obstruction.

• On Monday, there was a report of the thert of a black Northface gym bag a business on Route 22 east on Nov. Route 22 east for theft by deception. Road by a tractor trailer making a cast Items stolen include a black broken Items missing included a DVD Vauxhall, was arrested at Union police County jail for an outstanding warrant influence. delivery to a neighboring home. Icather wallet, medical and dental player, 100 DVDs, a book, wallet, headquarters for an outstanding war- out of Mountainside. • On Monday, Mohammad Adwan, insurance cards, a debit card, two black bag, N.J. driver's license, Social rant out of Springfield. 37. of South Plainfield, was arrested credit cards, NJ driver's license and Security card and two credit cards.

of Springfield, was arrested at Maple Jeep at a home on Irwin Street. theft.

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• On Nov. 29. James Weinberg, 50, a smashed rear window on a 1995 of Newark, was arrested on Route 22 rant out of Georgia and driving while

smashed side windows on two vehi-

• On Nov. 22, there was a report of . On Nov. 21, Jessie Stanley, 52, of marijuana less than 50 grams and sus- . On Nov. 20, Dean S. Jennings, • On Dec 1, there was a report of the burglary of a Mitsubishi Mirage at Newark, was arrested at Staples on pended driver's license.

Mountainside

Township's bravest battle brush fire on Meisel Avenue

Springfield

On Saturday at 6:44 p m., firefighters responded to a Meisel Avenue residence for a brush fire.

fighters responded to South Spring- alarm field Avenue near Jade Meadow for a motor vehicle accident with a spill.

fighters responded to a Briar Hills Cir- medical service call. cle residence for an activated fire

fighters responded to a South Spring- dent with a spill. field Avenue condominium complex

• On Friday at 4:12 p.m., tirefight-

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S SUMBER CH758590 DIVISION CHANCERY COUNTY: UNION DOCKET NO. F710105 PLAINTIFF: BANK OF AMERICA DEFENDANT: RANIL WEERASINGHE WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE OCTOBER 05, 2005 SALE DATE WEDNESDAY THE 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER A.D. 2005 BY VICING Of the above staled with of ab

WEUNESDAY THE 14 TH DAY OF DECEMBER A.D. 2005 By virtue of the above-stated writ of exa-cution to me directed i shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. 1st FLOOR, 1C ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA. ELIZABETH, N.J. on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. 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 northerix state in Hampshire Court, stad public heavy application a

Seed point being and ant 287 51 feet in a avesterly direction along said sideline pro-lected from the projected westerly side-line of Summit Road, and Running, Thence; 1) Along said northerly sideline of Hampshire Court, on a curve to the left in a westerly direction having a radius of 125,00 feet, a distance along the arc of 89.77 feet to a point, thence; 2) Leaving said Court, North 35 degrees 23 minutes 45 second west; a distance of 159,60 feet to a point, thence; 3) North 52 degrees 16 minutes 24 second east; a distance of 128,26 feet to a point, thence; 4) south 80 minutes 24 second east, a distance of 128.26 feet to a point, thence: 4) south 80 degrees 26 minutes 00 seconds east, a distance of 71.66 feet to point; thence; 5) south 00 degrees 44 minutes 21 second east, a distance of 164.67 feet to the point and place of beginning. THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITH-OUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUB-LICATION

UDGMENT AMOUNT"

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November 17, 23, Dec. 1, 8, 2005 U129292 ECL (\$111.00)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

TAKE NOTICE that the Work Shop Ses-sion scheduled for Tuesday, December 27, 2005, at 7 p.m. in the Annex Building, will be held on Wednesday, December 27, 2005, at 7 p.m. in the Caucus Room, Town Hall. The Regular Township Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 27, 2005, at 8 p.m. in Town Hall. Kathleen D. Wisnisweki Township Clerk

U131150 ECL Dec. 8, 15, 2005 (\$10.50) SHERIFF'S BALE SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH758583 DIVISION: CHANCERY COUNTY: UNION DOCKET NO. F985804 PLAINTIFF: WM SPECIALTY MORTGAGE

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FIRE BLOTTER

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• On Friday at 9 06 p.m., firefight- • On Dec. 1 at 5:12 p.m., firefight- fighters responded to a South Springers responded to Morris Avenue and ers responded to a South Maple field Avenue business for an activated • On Saturday at 5:53 p.m., fire- Keeler Street for a motor vehicle acci- Avenue residence for a lock-out

• On Dec. 1 at 7:34 a.m., firefight- fighters responded to exit 49 on Route responded to a Morrison Road resi- fighters responded to a Laurel Drive ical service call. for a motor vehicle accident with a ers responded to South Springfield 24 east for a motor vehicle accident dence for smoke in the basement; residence for an activated fire alarm. Avenue for a motor vehicle accident. with injuries. • On Dec. 1 at 9:10 a.m., all units

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE DEFENDANT: CARMELO ROMAN: MORT-GAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: OCTOBER 07, 2005 SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 14TH DAY OF-DECEMBER A.D. 2006 By virtue, of the above-stated writ of exe-cution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1st FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, ELIZABETH, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the atternoon of said day, All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cesh or certified check at the conclusion of the salen. RE: WM Specially, Mortague LLC y Camelo ROMAN, ELE, OCKET NO: F-0808-04 MUNICIPALITY: Springfield Twp. COUNTY: UNION STATE OF N.J. STREET & STREET NO: 17 Lincoin Road TAX BLOCK, 709 LOT 42 DIMENSIONS OF LOT 288' x 82' NEAREST. CROSS STREET: 150' from SHOT STREET & STREETS (ILANY): NONE The Sheriff hereby reserves ine right to adjourn this sale wilhout further fields inrough publication. "JUDGMENT AMOUNT" TWO MUNDED ELIGHTY-THREE THOU-SAND EIGHTY-EIGHT & 93/100 (\$283, 088.93) ATTORNEY: POWERS KIRN, LLC SUITE C. 9 E. STOW ROAD

IORNEY: WERS KIRN, LLC ITE C - 9 E. STOW ROAD), BOX 1568 (MARLTON) LAUREL, NJ 08054 ERIFF RALPH FROEHLICH LL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED A LL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED A E. UNION COUNTY SHERIFF

HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND 98/100 TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT (\$304,975.98) November 17, 23, Dec. 1, 8, 2005 U129290 ECL (\$91.50)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD TAKE NOTICE that on the 20th day of December 2005, at 8:00 3 clock p.m., a hearing will be held before the Springfield Board of Adjustment at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountein Avenue, Spring-lield, New Jersey on application #2005-16 regarding the appeal or application of Norberto Luis for a variance or variances or other relief so as to permit construction of an addition requiring a side yard vari-ance on the premises located at 227 Leisk Ave. and designated as Block 3601. Lot 32 on the Township of Springfield Tax Map.

The application, plans and survey are on File in the Annex Building, 20 North Triv-ett Street and svellable for inspection between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Monday through Friday lexcluding

P.M. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Any interacted party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Norberto Luis, Applicant U130631 ECL Dec. 8, 2005 (\$10.50)

BORGUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE TAKE NOI ICE that sealed bids will be received by the Borough Clerk of the Bor-ough of Mountainside for: JANITORIAL BERVICES AT THE MOUN-TAINSIDE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND FIRE HOUSE House Bids will be opened and read in public at the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, N.J. on December 29, 2005 at 10:00 A.M., prevailing time.

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esponded to a Morris Avenue busi- fighters responded to South Spring- School for an activated fire alarm. • On Dec. 1 at 1:07 p.m., firefight-ers responded to a Bryant Park Drive • On Nov. 30 at 1

• On Saturday at 1:44 p.m., tire- Avenue business for an activated fire apartment complex for a medical serve ers responded to a Mountain Avenue County Mutual Aid. business for a medical service call.

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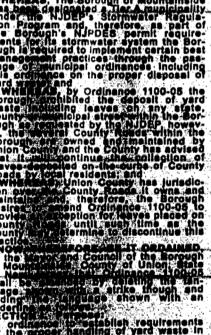
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lowing ordinance was passed and edopt-ed on second and final reading at a Reg-ular Meeting duly held by the Mayor, and Council of the Borough of Mountainaide, County of Union, New Jersey in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Moun-tainaide, New Jersey on the 29th day of November 2005. November 2005 Judith E. Osty, RMC, CMR Borough Cierk ORDINANCE 1099-2005 AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ILLICIT CONNECTIONS TO THE STORM WATER SYSTEM IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVI-RONMENTAL PROTECTION'S STORM WATER REGULATIONS UT31110 ECL Dec. 8, 2005 (\$9.00) BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

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BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINBIDE OUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

All bide shall be in accordance with the following plans and specifications. Pro-posal blanks, specifications and instruc-tions to bidgers may be obtained at the office of the Borough Clark, Mountainaide Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainaide, New Jersey. Bide must be made on the Borough's form of bid and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Bor-ough Clark, Borough of Mountainaide, 1365 Route 22, Mountainaide, New Jer-ough Clark, Borough of Mountainaide, 1365 Route 22, Mountainaide, New Jer-ey 07692 and mailed or hand delivered at the place and hour named. Bide abail be andoraed on the outside of the enve-lage with the name and address of Bide der and: ANTORIAL SERVICES AT THE MOUN-TAINSIDE MUNICIPAL BUILDING POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND FIRE

POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND FIRE HOUSE Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond equal to tan percent (10%) of the full amount bid, not to exceed \$20,000.00 and made payable to the Borough of Mountainside as a Proposal Guaranty. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of PL 1978 c.127 (NJAC 17/27).

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Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of PL 1978 c 127 (NJAC This Borough of Mountainside hereby bids and to award the contract to any bid-der whose proposal. In the Borough's judgment, best serves its interest, By order of the Mayor and Council Judith E. Osty, Borough Clerk U131105 ECL Dec. 5, 2005 (\$19.50) BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE

east for two outstanding warrants out suspended. the theft of various items at a under 50 grams, possession of drug 30, of Irvington was arrested on Route session of a controlled dangerous subdriving while suspended.

• On Sunday, Martyn Freeman, 21, • On Nov. 20, there was a report of of Plainsboro, was arrested on Route a theft from a 2005 G35 Infinity at possession of a weapon during con . On birday, trica Mingo, 24, of was filled. The person was driving a . On Nov. 21, there was a report of 22 east near Cornell Parkway for an the 1000 block of Route 22 east. outstanding warrant out of Newark. Items stolen include the insurance • On Saturday, Giomar Martinez, card and registration for the vehicle, ited weapon, possession of drug para-of multiple out sdictions, an open alco-20, of Philadelphia, was arrested on Avenue. Nothing was reported miss-Avenue. Nothing was reported miss-26, of Elizabeth, was arrested at a house keys, a cell phone and clothlocation on Route 22 for possession of ing.

36, of Bridgewater was arrested on • On Dec. 1. Walter Singleton, 49. Route 22 west near New Providence

• On Nov. 15, Rodolfo Garro-Han-• On Dec. 1, Marlon Peek, 29, of per, 46, of Manville, was arrested at a Plainfield, was arrested at a location location on Route 22 east for exhibit-• On Nov. 22, there was a report of . On Sunday, Joseph Bedford, 21, or Route 22 for an outstanding war- ing false identification.

for a motor vehicle accident. ness for an activated fire alarm. . . . On Nov. 28 at 7:50 a.m., fire- . On Nov. 28 at 7:50 a.m., firefighters responded a pumper to Union fighters responded to a Leslie Court • On Nov. 30 at 10:48 a.m., firefight- Fire Headquarters on a request from residence for a medical service call. • On Nov. 28 at 9:22 a.m., fire-• On Nov. 29 at 1:55 p.m., fire- fighters responded to a Clinton

> • On Nov. 28 at 4:56 p.m., fire . On Nov. 29 at 3:52 p.m., fire- fighters responded to Route 22 east for fighters responded to Morris and a motor vehicle accident with injuries. Meisel avenues for a motor vehicle . On Nov. 28 at 5:29 p.m., firefighters responded to a Hillside • On Nov. 29 at 4:09 p.m., fire- Avenue apartment complex for a med-

• On Nov. 28 at 6:47 p.m., fire-• On Nov. 29 at 11:39 a.m., fire- • On Nov. 29 at 10:41 p.m., fire- fighters responded to a Franklin Place . On Nov. 30 at 9:47 a.m., fire- fighters responded to Dayton High fighters responded to Route 24 west residence for a reported electrical fire.

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lawn care or landscaping services, shall not sweep, rake, blow or otherwise place yard waste, unless the yard waste is con-lainerized, in the street. If yard waste that is not containerized is placed in the street, the party responsible ior place-ment of yard waste must remove the yard waste from the street or said party shall be deemed in violation of this ordifiance. b. Notwitheranding the shows for any be deemed in vicistion of this ordifiance b. Notwithstanding the above for an orderity which fronts on a County Road un-containerized leaves, from the proper ty may be placed on the County Road, i front of the property for collection b Union County in accord with the rules an regulations established by the County for

SECTION IV. Enforcement: a. The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Department of Public Works and Police Department of the Borough. b. County Rosd leaf collection regula-tions shall be enforced by Union County. SECTION V. Violations and Penalties: Any person(s) who is found to be in viola-tion of the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION V. Violations and Penalties: Any person(e) whole found to be in viola-lice of the provisions of the ordinance shalf be tubled to a fine as provided for accvide vi. Severability: Each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconsti-

portion of this Ordinance to be unconsti-tutional, void, or ineffective, for any cause, or reason, shall not effect eny other portion of this Ordinance. BECTION VII. Effective date: This Ordinance. ce shall take effect und U131111 ECL Dec. 8, 2005 (\$61.13)



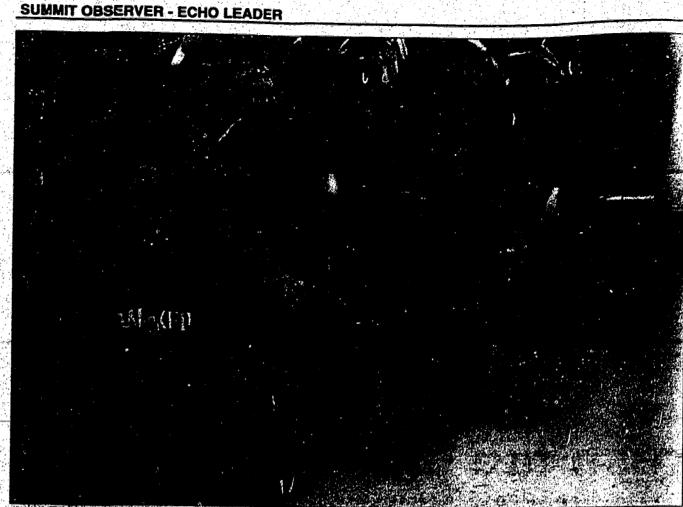
AUCTION p.m. Lackland Bell Storage, Mountainaide, NJ 07092 at public suction. Listed below are the unit

DESCRIPTION Filing Cabinet, Hospital Bed, Dresser Misc Boxes, Office Chairs Totes, Tool Box, Dresser, Hand Truck

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Fourth-graders Annika Hanen and Phoebe Rhinehart show off the Thanksgiving Tree their Girl Scout Troop 90 made for the seniors at SAGE Eldercare. The troop visited SAGE Eldercare's Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Care Center on Nov. 22.

Scouts 'spend-a-day' with seniors

Members of Girl Scout Troop ing their ecology badge, the girls rated and personalized with 90 of Franklin School in Summit made a Thanksgiving Tree with thoughtful words for the seniors to visited SAGE Eldercare's Spend- the theme. "Seniors Make the read. Center on Nov. 22.

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Children ages 4-11; 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesdays: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study: Junior/Senior High Ministry. Active Youth Ministry; Wide-Range Music Program. Ample Parking, Chair Lift provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further informatic participate theorem of the (672)

further information contact church office (973) 379-4351. Mondaya - 7:00 pm - ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE.

There are formal classes for both High School and pro-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also appenders a Pro-School Momen's Logging Men's (Chil), youth groups for sinth

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JEWISH-ORTHODOX

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Greenfield, President, Congregation Israel is a Modern Orthodox synagogies, There are two daily weekday morning Minyate at 6:15 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Delly weekday Mincha/Maariv asprices are also hold. Cell the shill office for

times. There are two Shabbat morning services at

BVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH

A-Day Adult Day Health Care World a Better Place." The tree For more information about the was decorated with an outline of Spend-A-Day program, call Jessi- ty have been so supportive of this won-As part of the process of earn- each girl's hand, creatively deco- ca Rosenzweig at 908-598-5519.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

with two weekly Teen classes. We have an active Senior Set and very active Jr. NCSY and Sr. NCSY chapters for pre-teens. Our Sisterhood, Adult Education and Youth groups provide a wide array of communal programming. For further-information call the synagogue office at 973-467-9666. JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (973) 379-5387. Church Mall, #40, near Morris and Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor/ Education Director; Nina Greenman, Pre-School Director; Mindy Schreff, Family Life Educator; Edward Fink and Hank Rottenberg, Co-Presidents, Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. Shabbet worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:00 FM, with monthly Family and Alternative

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HOLY CROSS EUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 973-379-4525, Fax 973-375-5887/ Remo Madson, Pastor. Our Sunday Working Service takes place at 10 a.m. For information about our midweek programs, contact the 4:00 p.m.

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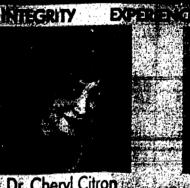
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Carpet store joins breast cancer initiative

leading the way in the fight against be an even greater success."-North America.

2005 "Carpet One Welcomes Your Sup- through this campaign by providing port" campaigns, Cove Discount Carpet their customers with important health One kicked off their second year of sup- messages. Awareness month."

awareness programs.

inspired colors and themes of the sea- Cancer Society. son. A pink ribbon, the internationallymat :

Through this initiative, which began in October 2004, Carpet One stores have raised more than \$250,000 for the American and Canadian Cancer Socictics. 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. opportunity to join together with other

"We are thrilled that we've had the Carpet One stores in the fight against breast cancer," said Donna Dwyre of Cove Discount Carpet One. "Because members of our communi-

derful cause, we have truly been able to

worship, Christian Education, Choir, ongoing 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.: Mon's Fellowship-2nd Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m.; Choir-every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. We also host various Outside group meetings: Springfield Gardon Club, Children's

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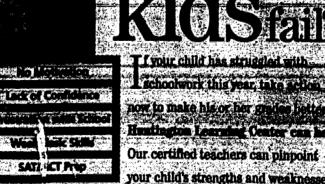
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breast cancer, along with more than 550 According to the American Cancer The following is a sample of the

October for National Breast Cancer One, we have been able to not only fur- captured by the word "Hope." ther vital breast cancer initiatives Since October, the store has been nationwide and in the communities we swirling colors complemented by donating 25 percent from sales of spo- serve, but we have been able to distrib- warm background. cially designed welcome mats to their ute thousands of information packets to . Seasonal Stripes: Contempore local American Cancer Society Divi- help people understand what they can stripes featured in a range of vibrant fall sion to fund breast cancer research and do to help themselves and their loved colors backed by a warm inviting tone. ones in the fight against breast cancer," . Fall Bouquet: Wandering vines and Carpet One has introduced five new said Angela Geiger, vice president of flowers in a variety of blues and pini designs this fail, featuring nature- corporate initiatives for the American tones, framed by a distinct black border

recognized symbol for breast cancer stylish welcome mats to give new with this winter-themed welcome mat awareness, has also appeared on each life to their entryway, porch or deck featuring holly and berries on warm this fall, while also supporting reds and browns.

One, 335 Springfield Ave., is once again to the upcoming year - I think it will For information on this initiativ call 908-273-0220.

other Carpet One stores throughout Society, in addition to raising necessary variety of welcome mat designs availfunds. Carpet One is also increasing able, each emblazoned with a pink rit-After successful fall 2004 and spring consumer awareness of breast cancer bon that is paired with distinctive fall themes and tones.

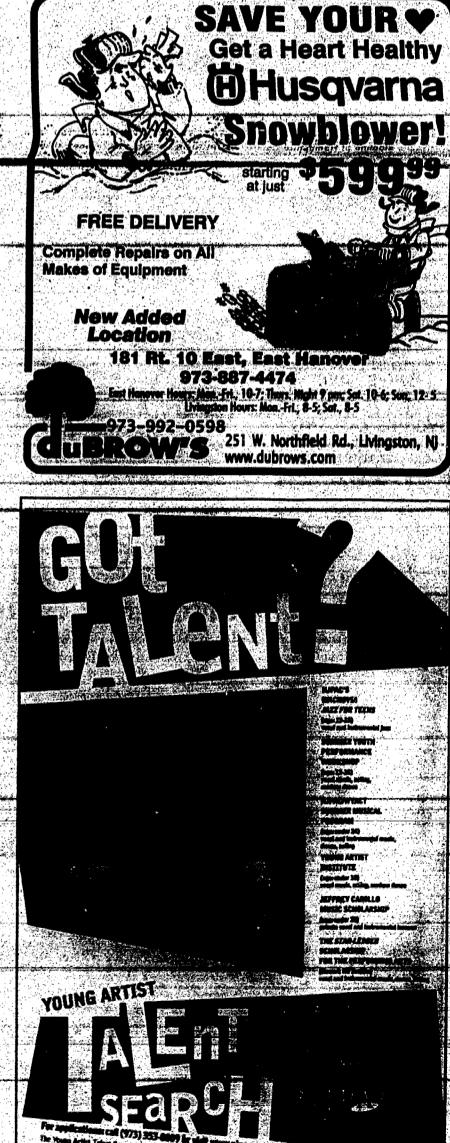
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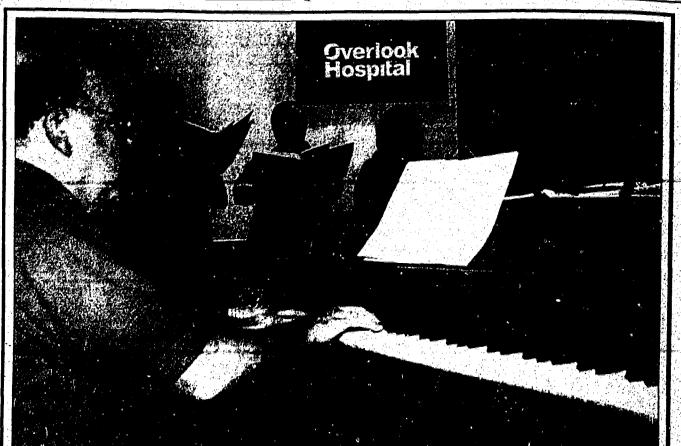
. Holly and Bernies: Show your sup-

Consumers can purchase these port for the cause this holiday season





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Photos By Barbara Kath LIGHTS OF LOVE — Above, members of the Casuals from the Choral Arts Society of Westfield perform at the 'Lights of Love' concert on Dec. 1 at Overlook Hospital. Below. 6-year-old Kyle Hubbard of Summit is lulled to sleep with visions of sugarplums from 'Twas the Night Before Christmas.'



Now boarding: changes in passport and Amtrak requirements are on track

With significant changes in U.S. with plans to travel to ensure their documents are up to date.

Effective Dec. 31, a passport will or from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Central and South America. As of Dec. 31. 2006, a passport will be required for all air and sea travel to or from Canada and Mexico. As of Dec. 31, 2007, a passport will be required for all air, sea and land border crossings.

Currently, U.S. citizens returning to the country from within the Western Hemisphere are not required to show a U.S. passport.

Passport application forms may be obtained at the county clerk's main office in the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth and the Annex, 300 North Ave. East. Westfield. Applications and related information can also be found online at http://www.ucnj.org/ctyclerk/passport.html.

The Westfield annex is the only county clerk's office in the state that is open during the evening. The annex is open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The phone number is 908-654-9859.

The Elizabeth office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The phone number is 908-527-4966. Clients are asked to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to closing time to allow for staff assistance with the passport process.

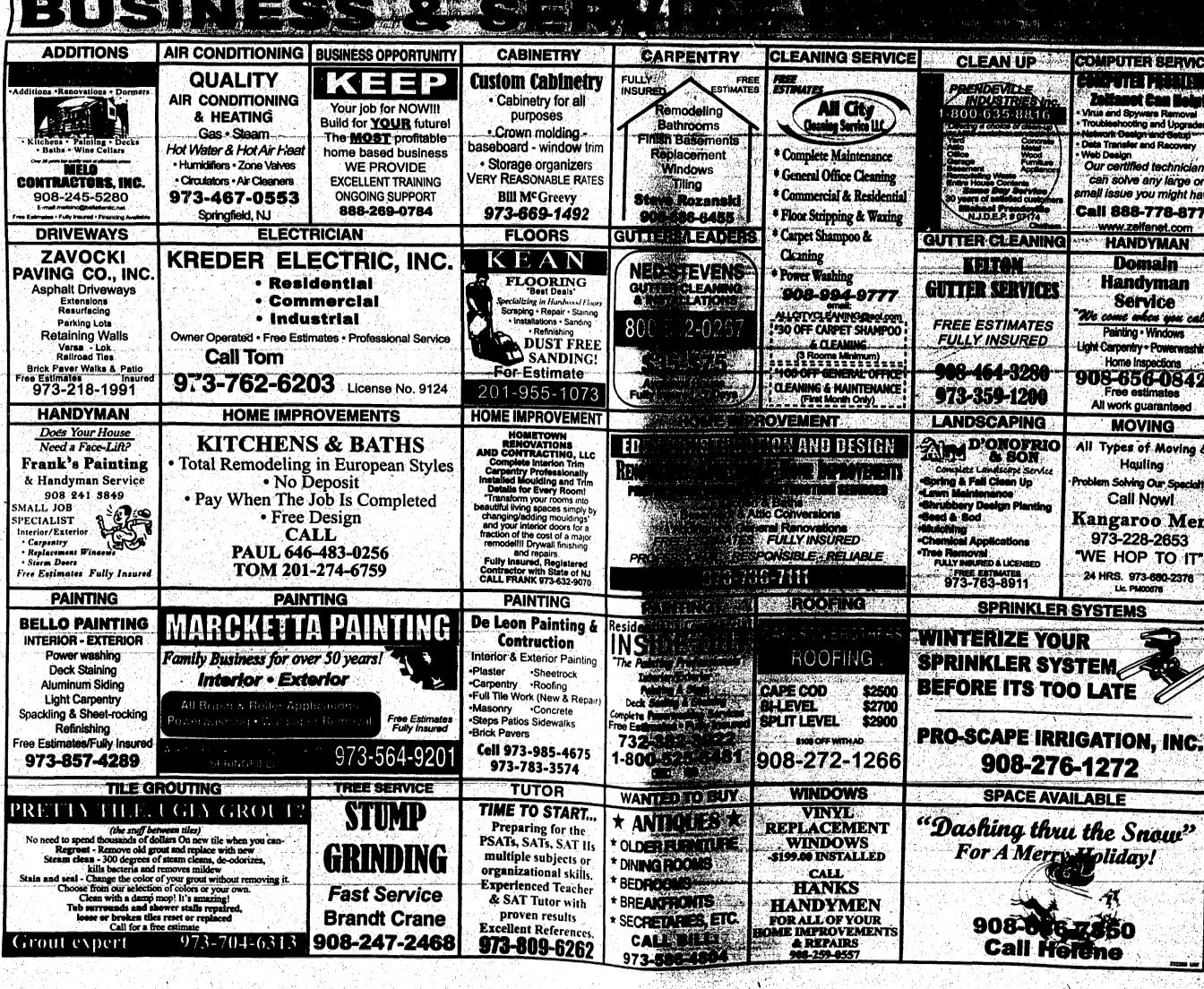
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In a related development, Amtrak has also undertaken heightened security measures. Amtrak customers 18 years old or older must produce valid photo identification when obtaining. exchanging and refunding tickets; storing baggage at stations; checking baggage; and, on board trains, if requested by an Amtrak employee. The same rules apply to unaccompanied children ages 15 to 18. Examples of valid identification include passport, driver's license, student identification, and military identification.

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

Coach Plerre Pellaton of Springfield goes over game strategy with his New Jersey Dev-ils Youth Hockey Club players in a game at South Mountain Arena.

Coach guides entertaining hockey team to success Springfield's Pellaton has quite a resume

AA 16-and-under team has been turning heads up and down Midget level. the Garden State thanks to a very special import from Switzerland.

It's not a speedy forward or hard-hitting defenseman. It's the man behind the bench.

Pierre Pellaton of Springfield - coach Pierre as he mown to two generations of players in New Jersey and Europe - has his high school-aged players whirling and flying around local rinks in a high-scoring motion offense that is as entertaining for hockey fans to watch as any pro game.

"In the 1970s and 1980s when Wayne Gretzky and the players who came over from Sweden, Finland, Czechoslovakia and later Russia introduced this style of play to fans in North America, they called it the European system," Pellaton explained during a recent Devils practice at the team's home rink at the Richard J. Codey Arena at South Moun- to 1999, he coached several Devils teams before returning tain in West Orange.

"The NHL eventually got away from the motion and flow offense and went to a more defensive and less exciting trapping style during the 1990s," Pellaton said. "Today,"

League play,

To achieve the fast-paced motion and offensive flow, to join the Swiss National team in 1964. Pellaton has placed a high premium on skating, passing and Knee and shoulder injuries sidelined his playing career teamwork.

He puts his players through two practice sessions each week during which they work on their skating and puck Stints with the New Jersey Golden Blades from 1973 handling skills. The team also works on a variety of breakout plays and offensive plays in its opponent's detensive zone.

"We try to stretch the ice and create openings so that our players can use their skating skills to get free in the other team's end and generate shots on net." said Pellaton, whose --resume includes lots of international hockey experience about life," Pellaton suit both as a player and coach.

"Coach Pierre is very demanding, but he's a real-char-acter and lots of fun to play for," said Alex Wirt, a 14-year-

The New Jersey Devils Youth Hockey Club's Midget old defenseman from Chatham playing his first year at the

It's a sentiment echoed by the rest of the Devils team. which is drawn from throughout North Jersey and New York. The team includes Cory Alexieff of Middletown.

Kearny, Jason Harden of Summit, Bubba Jasinski of Lyndhurst, Andrew Moscardelli of West Nyack. Erik Olson of Morristown, Nicholas Pappas of Alpine, Chi Peinado of Short Hills, Bryan Robinson of South Orange, Michael Kei Toeda of Verona, Anthony White of East Hanover and Wirt

For Pellaton, the 2005-2006 season marks his second tour of duty with the Devils youth organization. From 1988 ley Conference. to his native Switzerland where he coached with the Neuchatel-Young Sprinters HC Junior Elite team during the 1999-2000 season.

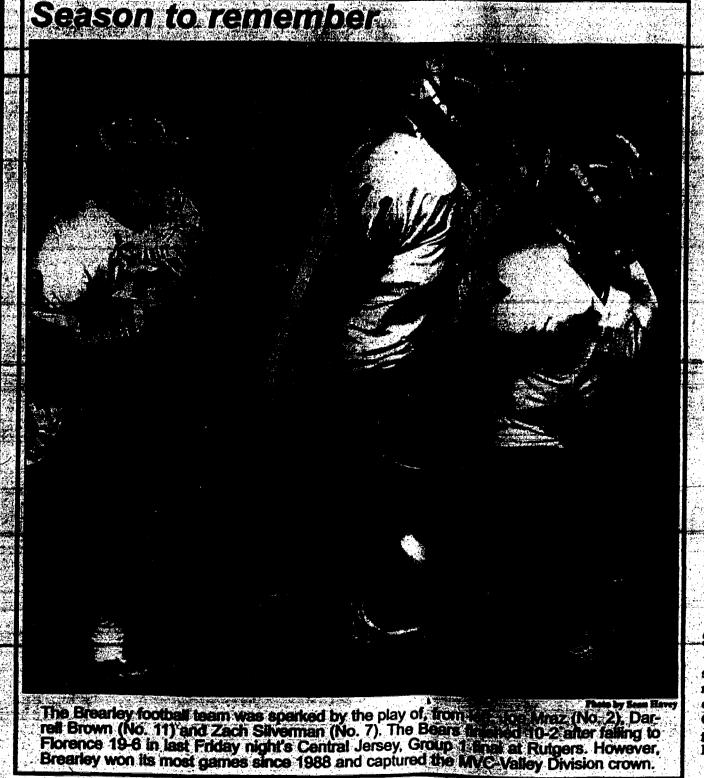
He served as head coach of the Universite of Neuchatel with the new smiles that were introduced after last you is team from 2000 to 2002 and in 2002 shough 2004 was the foction of Native responses to called pro coaching director for the Neuclistel Young Sprinters . Pollaton's Devils have adapted to the new style and are specified being his love affeir with hockey beak in the sporting a 10-6-1 record in their New Jersey Youth Hockey. 1950s when he joined his boarding school's team. His style

of play caught the attention of coaches and he was invited

and by 1970 he was in New Jersey where he volunteered to coach for the Livingston bockey club.

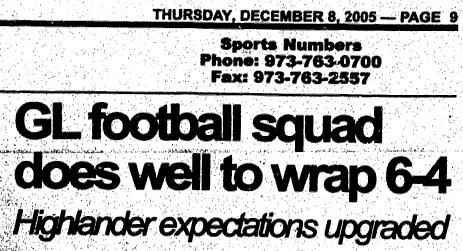
through 1977, the New Jersey North Stars from 1977 through 1982 and the Morris County Colonials from 1982 through 1988 followed.

He was coach of the silver medal team in the first Garden State Games in 1983. "Hockey is a great game that teaches you a lot of lessons



John Beatrice of Randolph, Buck Brennan and Joe Drew of Rockaway, Michael Garlasco of Mahwah, Brian Gaven of

SPORTS



By Timothy Denman Staff Writer

Governor Livingston football coach Terry Hanratty is 12-9 in his first two seasons at the helm. That includes two winning campaigns and consecutive state playoff appear

ances. Not bad

A winning season was realized this year after the Highlanders knocked off New Providence 10-0 on Thanksgiving morning in Berkeley Heights. The Nov. 24 victory was only the third-ever for GL over New Providence

The Pioneers, who reached the North 2, Group 1 semifinals, finished 7-4. "We hope this is just the start of good things to come at GL," Hanratty said. "The goal is to change the state of mind of the kids in the program. We want them to come into the season with the expectation of making the playoffs and to have them be willing to work to get there." The holiday series is 5-2-1 in favor of New Providence. The teams have met

a total of 24 times. The success Hanratty and his players have enjoyed over the past two seasons

should help to change the culture of the football team for years to come. After reaching the North 2, Group 2 semifinals last season following only the second playoff win in school history, GL did extremely well to qualify for the Central Jersey, Group 2 playoffs this year as the seventh seed. After falling to Rahway 14-0 at home in the regular season, this time GL played at second-seeded Rahway in the quarterfinals and were defeated 35-7.

However, the Highlanders were good enough to bounce back on Thanksgiving and beat a 7-3 New Providence team to finish with a winning record once

"We didn't take the loss to Rahway as hard as the score might indicate," Hanratty said. "The team was just happy to be there. Making the playoffs was our goal at the start of the season and we fulfilled it."

GL graduated many top players from last year's team, including the likes of Chris Bergeski and Brian Arrigoni. This year's team was hit hard by graduation, with a number of players starting varsity for the first time.

Making the playoffs and beating New Providence on Thanksgiving will do loads for the team's confidence next season." Hanratty said. If the season-finale is any indication, the Highlanders will be in good hands

next fall. GL received key contributions from several underclassmen that helped it post a shutout victory. GL took the lead for good in the second quarter when junior Matt Zimmer-

man broke loose on a 68-yard sweep, breaking two tackles near the line of scrim-Smigelski of Mountain Lakes, Mike Tahan of Morristown, mage. The Mountainside resident scored the game's only touchdown to give GL a 6-0 lead.

Zimmerman, playing organized football for the first time, had an outstanding season for the Highlanders and was one of the top players in the Mountain Val-

Junior varsity placekicker Nick Hrynkeiwicz converted the point after attempt to put GL up 7-0. Hrynkeiwicz got his first varsity kicking experience against New Providence

He stepped in for the injured Eric Toglia, who broke his leg at the end of the Rahway playoff game 12 days carlier.

was the A junior, Hrynkolwicz was at it again later in the second quarter when he printers hailed a 22-yard field food to put the Highlanders out in front by a 10-0 score. That will all the differences would need as it dominated the International second second and the later of the Provididn't get a mist down until the second half "The defense played outstanding," Hauratty said. "They have a strong run-

ning game and we were able to shut them down. The defense definitely lead the way for us."

"Tommy is one of the guys we will be seeking contributions from next year.

Hanratty said. "If he can come in and average five yards per carry like he did against New Providence, that will be a big boost to the offense."

NOTES: The Highlanders were sparked by a number of talented seniors cluding quarterback Andrew Trivella, defensive tackle Tim O'Sullivan, fullback-linebacker Ryan McAdam, linebacker Rob Yannotta and two-way tackle about life," Pellaton same, "It's very rewarding to coach this group of young men Brian Donner, and watch them develops and manife both as players and as GL outproved 10 opponents 131-111 and finished with winning records at home and on the road, both at 3-2.

All-Conference Girls' Tennis MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE

MOUNTAIN DIVISION - Jean champion: Governor Livingston FIRST TEAM - First singles: Anna Burke, Oak Knoll

Second display Allis Tismey, Governor Livingston Third singles: Paige Geiger, Governor Livingston First doubles: Jessics Baroff and Jen Berntson, Governor Livingston Second doubles: Jean Namkung and Tina Chou, Governor Livingston

SECOND TEAM - First singles: Ashley Amalfe, Johnson Second singles: Common Mater, New Proy, and Andrea Soriano, Oak Knoll Third singles: Amy Demorcuille, Oak Knoll First doubles: Caitin McGovern and Samantha Colgan, Oak Knoll and Priscilla Barletta and Daniella Puorro, New Providence

Second doubles: Samantha Singleton and Ryan Olson, Roselle Park and Ellie Price and Alex Corrado, One Knoll

HONORABLE MENTION

Singles: Katie Tierney, Governor Livingston; Katie Bundy, Roselle Park; Stephenic Amalie, Johnson; Kristie Cavanagh, New Providence; Kristina Jimenez, Roselle Park

Doubles: Lisette LaForge and Danielle Rinaldi, Roselle Park; Nicole King and Lisa Guo, New Providence

VALLEY DIVISION - Team climiples: North Plainfield FIRST TEAM - First singles: Klistyne Delesus, Rahway

Second singles: Taiwo Oyelola, Roselle Third singles: Kia Dawkins, Rahway First doubles: Satin Banks and Ashley Rodriguez, North Plainfield

Second doubles: Andrea Somoza and Jasmine Campbell, North Plainfield

SECOND TEAM - First singles: Kehinde Oyelola, Roselle and Katherine Arauz, Technology

Second singles: Jen Hughes, Roselle Catholic Third singles: Nins Ngobidi North Planfield

First doubles: Francine DePaolo and Dana Aagard, Roselle Catholic Second doubles: Devia Harrell and Jessica Rang, Technology

HONORABLE MENTION Doubles: Nataliz Rior and Regina Simon, Technology

St. James CYO hoop tearns triamph Celebrating its 10th year, St. James the Apostle, Springfield, began its CYO season in fashion with several victories. First-year coach Bruce Pearl was rewarded with a total team effort from the 5th-6th grade Blue Team in a 14-4, win over St. Helen's, Westfield. The 5th grade team defeated St. John, Clark 36-6. Chris Masucci and Matt Disko led the scoring with 12 and eight points. The 6th grade teath defeated St. Helen's, Westfield 18-9 behind eight points from Mike McGee and a fine effort at point guard from Mike Fischetti, St. James is fielding 10 CYO teams this year, including three girls' squads.

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STUDENT UPDATE

Davton High School announces honor roll

The following students at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield were named to its honor

roll for the first marking period: Freshmen Kimberly Baldwin Amy Batallones, Simona Brody, Kyle Chaikin. Theja Channapragada. Anna Dorokhin, Caroline Egnatuk, Jonathan Friedman, Charles Green, Colin Greten, Shawn Gutman, Rebecca Hersh, Katic Imbriano, Christina Karas, Casey Kennedy, Jessica Khordos, William Kirk, Paula Krause, Gregory Krupit, Jacqueline Kuczynski, Justin Lam, Jolie Marrin, Joanna Podberezniak, Aleksandra Polshakova, Eric Rosenberg, Julie Salant, Shelby Saunders, Tanya Stanziale, Michael Stigliano, Michelle Talis, Sarah Terhune, Renato Thompson. Robert Yannazzone and Liat Zabludovsky

Sophomores Kaitlyn Baker. Fiona Cani, Carissa Clark, Erin Cunningham. Natalie D'Amore. Nicholas Florenza, Amy Gardner, Kenneth Glennon, Scott Goldfarb, Hauffe, Margot Kotler, Veronica Kozlov. Eliav Levy. Joel Loeshelle. Liliya Magid. Lisa Mlynarski. Jonathan Nunez, Peter Sandler, Jennifer Seale, David Steinman. Charline Tetlyvski. Melanic Wang. Jay Williams, Carly Wolkoff and Stephen Wortman.

Juniors Laura Alonso. Carly Athan, David Boa. Jonathan Beri. Michele Capece, Alvssa Cariani, Sarah Coan, Jodie Cottage, Rose Crosby, Sharon David, Cynthia Del Aguila, Lisa Genovese, Mariana Gorn, Lauren Hallczer, Justin Herrel. Akeama Hill. Sarah Hurwitz. Christina Imbriano, Igor Kaplunov, Alyssa Karl. Samantha Kennedv. Lucy Liu, Karina Lopez, John Man-Mason, Megan Oshea, Noah Peyser. Benjamin Preston. Rose Romano. Haley Rottenberg, Allison Schachtel, Michael Schwartz, Adam Schwarzberg, Danielle Shai, David Shewitz, Dana Shliechkorn, Sharon Shliechkorn, Dori Strober, Allison Szczepanski, Natalie Tashlitsky, Valarie Upton, Jason Usdin, Sandi Wilkenfeld, Meryl William, Nurit Zabludovsky and David Zaitz.

Seniors Alex Blum, Dalila Boclin, Samantha Boettcher, Melissa Bookbinder, Natalie Castellüccio, Nicole Corigliano, Anna Dachille, ment, Robert David Efrus, William do, Ariana Cioffi, Devin Corrigan, B-

J. Floyd, Joseph Furnaguera, Shaina Sarah Dickert, Alyssa Giannone Goldberg, Alexander Grey, Kerri Kelly Goense, Peter Goggi, Samual Griffin, Melissa Ann Guida, Fideliya Gulchina, Ilana Gutman, Adam Hirst, Maria Inneo, Jaclyn Janowski. Michael Levy. Christopher Mattice. Lam Nguyen, Ashley O'Connor, Marco Pannella, Jonathan Price, Marisa Proto, Bianca Rhodes, Michelle Rittweger. Rachel Rothspan, Zachary Silverman, Jamie Stauhs, Matthew Steitz, Kathryn Stigliano, Michael Stromeyer and er. Jacqueline Wells, America Wilson Allen Vanow

Deerfield School honors students

The following students at Deerfield School in Mountainside were

honored for the first marking period. Eighth-graders who achieved the high honor roll are Justin Amezquita. Geoffrey Barnes. Jasmine Chan. Alyssa D'Antuono: Theresa Dugan, Danielle Fine. Erica Gennaro. Paul Mirabelli, Patrick Pindar, Katelyn Pires and Jean Ruggiero.

Eighth-graders who made honor roll are Lynn Bager, Alexa Mario Grant, Lauren Guida, Dana Barone, Kara Butterniore, Mallory Corrigan, Alex DeRose, Natanya Gornstein, Michelle Harpster, Blake Hotz, Katarina Kingston, Nicole Koszowski, Michael Miller, Kelly Montagna, Sam Levitine, Racquel Neto, Ayesha Rele, Allison Schrul and Erika Uzzolino.

Seventh-graders who achieved the high honor roll are Heather Ciallella, Brendan DiLandro. Patrick Eichner. Tyler Frezza, Bari Grossman, Jacque- versity in 1865. line Grossman, Diane Jlelaty, Matthew LaBau, Ayla Meyer, Mark Montesano and Jennifer Ouaglia.

Seventh-graders who made the honor roll are Anthony Apigo Samantha Frungillo, William Giannone, Stephen Hart, Sara Hoffman, Daniel Kelk, Jesse Kline, Allison narino, Elena Martinez, Kelsey Leow, James Murdoch, Nadia Ouazzi, Alexa Rocha. Jennifer Romano, Samantha Schrank, Kevin Sforza, William Sforza and Eric Whyte

> Sixth-graders who achieved the high honor roll are Amanda Amezquita, Vincent Bennett, Lucille Cheng, Alyssa De Angelis, Alexandra Dubinsky, Logan Kelley, Abigail The Pingry School in Bernards Rome Pires, Arabella Pluta-Ehlers, Scotland ship recently announced that Mont Preston, Stephanic Scoticld, Connor tainside resident Maxwell Instants

Sixth-graders who made the honor roll are Jenna Barbera, Lillian BarGreenberg, Adam Greene, Mariasa Haggar, Sean Hahner, Kenneth Hoffman. Andi Hoy, David Jennings. Adam Jlelaty, Kaelli-McKenna Kinsop, Aubrey Marcantonio, Michael. McGee, Luke Mirabelli, Francesca Naidzin, Grace O'Brien, Brianna Palumbo, Stephanie Pinto, Jason Pon. Jennifer Reis, Steven Ruggiero, Eric Shen, Vienna Vitollo, Lauren Wagnand William Worswick.

Nemiroff named Andrew J. Rider scholar

Jennifer Sara Nemiroff, a junior elementary education major from Springfield, was among 53 students recently honored as Andrew J. Rider Scholars at Rider University.

The Andrew J. Rider Scholars are approximately the four seniors, three iuniors, and three sophomores in the top one percent of their class in each of Rider's five academic units - the College of Business Administration. School of Education. School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Continuing Studies and Westminster Choir College. The award was named for the founder and first president of

Each honored student received certificate from President Mordecha Rozanski during a ceremony on Nov. 5. The presentation was part of the Founders' Day celebration, which marks the establishment of Rider Uni-

Area residents receive academic honors

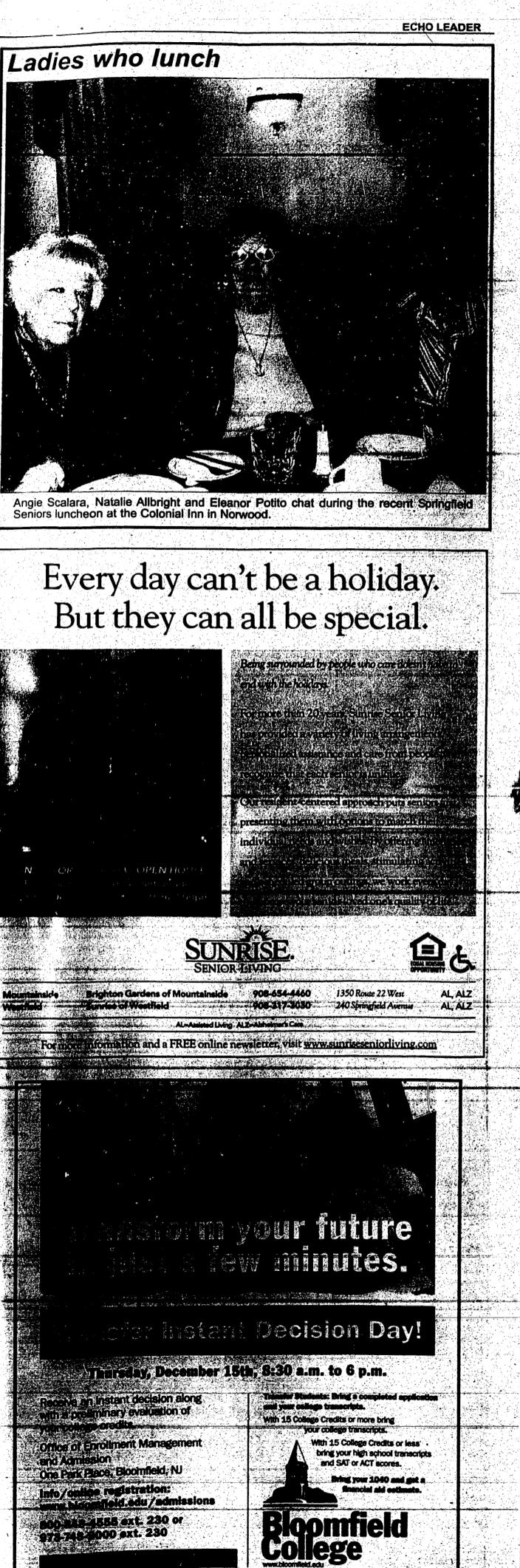
The following students were recently named to the academic honor roll at Roselle Catholic High School for the first marking period. From Mountainside. Daniel Berger and Lindsey Gilcrest received Honor-

able Mention. From Springfield, JulieAnne Casas received Honorable Mention

Borough resident

appointed to honor roll Headmaster Nathaniel Conard of Stevenson, Logan Turner and Alexan-dra Zoraian. was appointed to the Middle School first quarter honor roll. User uniger The honor roll recognized successful for achieving a B+ average or better,

Emily Jean Delguidice, Nicole Dia- reto, Daniel Boyle, Stephanie Catal- with no individual grade lower than a





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Group seeking change hears how it was done

Significant adjustments If the county gets its way,

may become part of the Juvenile Detention Inservention Alterna tive program.

They will join a small number of counties such as Atlantic, Essex and Monmouth bringing charges to dealing with that dif-ficult problem of troubled youth. The funding is provided by the oblighteration of the states' Juvenile Justice Commission and the Am E. Casey Fund looking for so-called "viable alternatives to incarceration.

Left By Frank Capece

The goal is easy to recogniz When incarceration is the lass alternative, it means something less drastic than locking up th

kide has been found The staggering cost of hous-ing troubled kids is also reduced. One juvenile expert called it "buying in" to the alternative.

The effort requires the coop-enation of courts and cops and human services people who search for alternatives including counseling, non-detention custo dial sentencing and simply reach-ing the kids before it's too late. An casy goal, hard to imple

ment but worth the effort. Bases officials point to a 3/1 percent drop in detainees when the JBIA type involvement takes place.

For the human services peo-ple, the changes are coming a both whos of agerplants. The rederal mandated chenges in solution a

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ney more now to have less later An attorney, Prank Capece is a

resident of Cranford.

By Lauren DeFilippo Staff Writer County government has roots that

reach back as far as the settling of the ment's Steering Committee, said the big event. of the United States in the 17th century. event offered some inspiration for the And un According to the National Association of Counties, the first county govemment was created in 1634 in James City, Va.

Despite its long and storied existence, some New Jerseyans in Essex and Union counties are working to decrease and even completely dismantle county government.

The supporters of the movement. who organized themselves as a group called "Change County Government, feel county government has essentially. gotten too big for its britches --- taxing too much money from residents and delivering too few services.

Many of the supporters of the movement come from the western parts of both counties, rather than their urban conters, and county seats, like Elizabeth and Newark.

Cm Nov. 30, the group met in the Cedar Grove town hall to learn how a state, in this instance. Massachusetts, went about minimizing its number of county governments from 14 to five

The discussion, led by six-term Massachusetts state Senator Richard T. Moore, D-Worcester, attracted approximately 60 people who were eager to hear how the Bay State accomplished the feat. The event was originally slated to

take place at the end of October, but bad weather forced a rescheduling. Unfortunately, for the most part Moore was preaching to the choir.

Representatives from towns that support a move toward secession from their home counties - Millburn, Sum-

Officers a loop to a loop

Council member Kelly Hatfield, who lution took nearly three decades, with explained. also serves on Change County Govern- gradual steps setting the stage for the

"It shows us opportunities," she tion of county government was initiat-Massachusetts county government only took place in the last 10 years.

Essex County Freeholder Muriel Shore, also a Republican, echoed Hatfield's comments and said that Massachusetts' example offers the group a good template with regard to the organization's efforts and moving forward with their mission.

Shore also serves on the Change County Government Committee. So now exactly did Massachusetts get rid of more than half of its county governments? The effort took a lot of

egislation and bi-partisan support at the state level. "It's not going to happen overnight," Moore said after his presentation. He also noted that supporters put-

ting an end to county government face a lot of criticism. "You need to be prepared for that," he said, "but listen to what their objections might be and what the criticism

might be because it's an opportunity then to frame your position, knowing what the other side of the argument is." Essentially, in Massachusetts, county government had "outlived its usefulness," he explained over the hour that followed.

He said the goal of dissolving county government was to shift financial burdens to a fairer version of taxation for the residents of the state.

However. Moore also pointed out that the results did not happen The entire timeline of county disso- taxes in

landscape, the move toward the abolicommittee

Setting the Scen In 1974, the state legislature of Massachusetts stopped controlling county budgets.

"That lent itself to legislatures rewarding themselves." Moore said of the years before that decision.

A knowing murmur went through the audience at that glimpse at the familiar issues of nepotism and pay for nlav

That same response was repeated later when Committee member Sally Goodson brought up dual office hold-

Moore explained that in Massachu setts, individuals can hold more than one office, but they can only take home the salary for one. He also noted that those who

two positions must abstain from voting on issues that pertain to their other title. Continuing with his description of the events leading to abolition, Moore said that in 1978. the county courts systems were reformed, and taken over by

the state, which absorbed all of the employees and their costs. This action was championed by freeholder candidates on both sides of the political aisle in both Union and Essex County during the last election as a fast and easy way to cut some of

the county's expenses. In 1980, the Massachusetts state legislature adopted "Proposition 2 1/2."

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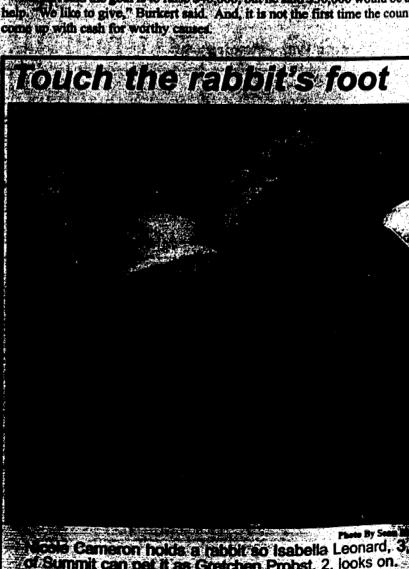
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\$17,000 for the Kenner Police Department. The Union County Corrections Officer donated a month's worth of dues, totaling \$12,000. Corrections Officers in the county's P.B.A. Local 199 pay \$50

union dues each month. The Sheriff's Officers also donated a month's worth

Nicole Cameron holds a rabbit so Isabella Leonard, 3 of Summit can pet it as Greichen Probst, 2, looks on.

The Kenner officers have lost their homes, are living out of cars, and have Instead of uniforms, the officers have been writing "police" on their civilian clothing with a magic marker, a prepared statement released by the county said. Additional contributions have come from the Sheriff's Superior Officers FOP Local 103, and the local PBAs of Roselle Park, Westfield, and Union Township: Buttert said the goal is to raise \$40,000, but he said \$30,000 would be a great help. "We like to give," Burkert said. And, it is not the first time the county has

County is home to 24 local law enforcement unions. Many of them the the first to respond to devastation that followed Hurricane Katrina, a single of the responded to offer emergency assistance, many were constant the local police department of Kenner, La. ers in Kenner don't have enough uniforms," alet Detablish said in a preparet oved by flood waters." tes worthy cause." Union County Corrections Officer Ken Burkert said, untert was the officer who brought the idea of a collaborative fund-raising effort is the Union County Conference. The conference is an organization that " brings together members of every law enforcement agency in the county. Burk-

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of dates totaling \$5,000.



A special exception was made for areas that experienced growth over the And, unlike the current New Jersey course of the year. In instances where communities did. in fact, experience growth a new valuation would be consaid, noting that the dissolving of ed by the state, rather than a grassroots ducted, and property taxes would be capped at no more than 2 1/2 percent of the valuation.

"That started to strangle the countics...(and) became a vice grip on come of the bigger counties," Moore said.

A decade later, legislative efforts to reform or abolish county government in Massachusetts begin to gain steam at the state level and with politicians. Moore himself began to push for the abolition of the county level of government in the state Senate.

Other Factors:

Moore also highlighted other elethe abolition of county government. Among these factors are antiquated

county boundaries Using his home county, Worcester, as an example, Moore explained that there was little common interest between communities at opposite ends

of the county boundaries. Worcester County borders the state of New Hampshire to the north and Rhode Island and Connecticut to the South

That, coupled with a general lack of public interest in county government, the low visibility of the county commissioners and their services also lent support to the abolitionist cause, as did the unstable financial situations of the counties themselves, he said.

The effects of red-running budgets in large counties like Middlesex and Worcester and their impact on the The law prohibited any increase entire state, and its credit rating, were more than 2 1/2 percent in property also a pressing concern, Moore said.

The movement also gained politic support from the Sheriff's and Regis

Throughout the 1990s, eight of the state's counties reorganized themselves, but not all in the same manner. Some established a commission

form to oversee services and programs while others created regional councils. Though legislatively, much changed for counties in the state, they did not entirely cease to exist.

County boundaries are still around because. Moore said, it would have been too cumbersome, clerically, to do. away with them, and the state's electoral districts typically follow county boundary demarcations.

Tying up Loose Ends

In order to oversee the major down sizing of county government, the state retained the office of County Treasurer The position was then converted to Head of the Regional Retirement System. That person would oversee the payment of pensions to those who had retired from the county administration before it was dissolved.

This action, along with the orderly shutdown and the gradual phasing out of county government, helped curb complete and total upheaval of the

The Summit Common Council and the Change County Government Steer ing Committee will co-sponsor an education forum "The Millburn and Summit Studies on County Government" on Dec. 15.

The event will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Council Chambers at Summit City Hall, 512 Springfield Ave. It is free and open to the public.

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ness of Union County is asking the public to join them in participating in their annual Holiday Star project. They will purchase, wrap and distribute holiday gifts to individuals attending Union County Psychiatric Clinic Behavioral Healthcare in Plainfield and would welcome donations from the community. in early December during a Christmas party given by NAMI, at UCPC.

A cash donation is preferred, rather than to purchase clothing directly. Money will be used to buy winter jackets at discounted prices. Also requested are donations of personal care items such as shaving cream, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and other toiletries that will be placed in gift bags and diseach individual. The deadline for gift collection is Tuesday.

UCPC offers out-patient, individual, group and family therapies, counseling and medical monitoring. Vocational rehabilitation and social/recreational activities are also provided.

To make a cash donation, mail a check, payable to "NAMI Union County," to NAMI Union County, P.O. Box

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: MARY LOU BAKER, her heirs, devisees, and personal representa-tives, and her, their or any of heir suc-cessors in right, title and interest

COSSORS In right, title and interest YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, ESQS., plain-liff's attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone num-ber 1-808-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint and Amendment To Forecto-sure Complaint filed in a civil action, in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGIS-TRATION SYSTEMS, INC. is plaintiff, and MARY LOU BAKER, et al., are defen-dants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-17476-05 within thirty-five (35) days after 12/08/2005 exclusive of such date, or if published after 12/08/2005, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered

Sandy at 908-272-8049 for drop-off returned to the veteran. Photocopies of information. For information about joining NAMI, call 908-233-1628.

ID cards for veterans

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajop ni would like to remind veterans living in Union County that they can receive Distribution of presents will take place their free military discharge identification cards at the County Clerk's office. The wallet-size card is honored as proof of service in the United States armed forces. It can assist in receiving educational benefits, death benefits, licenses, and the property tax rebate.

The identification cards are available to veterans whose Certificate of Honorable Discharge and DD 214 forms are recorded at the Union County Clerk's tributed, along with the clothing, to office, Benefits from honorable military service are limited to the veteran and their spouse, parents, children, heir or personal representative.

"The distinctive red, white and blue cards have a raised seal certifying proof of recording from the Clerk's office," Rajoppi added.

If a veteran's discharge papers have never been recorded, the original document must be presented at the Union that the check is for the Holiday Star be recorded in the Union County Veter-

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COUNTY NEWS Project. To donate toiletry articles, call ans' Index and the original will be Honorable Discharge or DD 214 docu- 2:30 p.m. ments cannot be accepted for recording. If the original documents are lost, veterans can write to the National Personnel Records Center, Military Person-

nel Records. 9700 Page Bivd.: St. Louis. 63632. Those who have already recorded their documents in the Clerk's office can call the office for additional infor-

"All veterans can be assured that access to their discharge papers is limit- p.m., and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. ed and available only to the veteran. his/her mother, father, wife/husband, brother, sister, child, heir or personal representative," Rajoppi said. "Veterans' documents are archived in a secure area and they are not accessible to the \$4 for children 17 and younger, and

The County Clerk's Office is located in the Union County Counthouse at 2 available for Union County residents Broad St., Elizabeth. Office hours are who plan to skate on a regular basis. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Ice skating center open for season

Warinanco Ice Skating Center, a 724, New Providence, 07974. Indicate County Clerk's Office. Documents will facility of the County of Union, is open for the 2005-06 ice skating season on

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Program to culminate time marking 100th anniversary Union County history that was pub- stamp the fourth

Board in 1981 and reprinted in 2003

Other speakers will include Union

County Freeholder Chairman Rick

Proctor, Union County Superior Court

Assignment Judge Walter R.

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The program will include the

unveiling of the 2005 cornerstone time

capsule and some of its contents; per-

formance of patriotic songs by the

and a solo performance by William C.

Lee Jr., a member of the Centennial

There also will be a flag salute,

All Union County residents are

the past year's Courthouse Centennial

invited to attend the program. Refresh-

Representatives from the U.S.

Postal Service will be on hand to

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Committee.

Celebration activities.

ments will be served.

The Union County Board of Cho-Committee will host a cornerstone closing program Friday at 1p.m. in the Union County Courthouse at 2 Broad St., in Elizabeth.

"This cornerstone program is the culmination of our wonderful events and exhibits marking the courthouse's 100 years as a center of law, justice and government in Union County." said County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, who chairs the Courthouse Centennial Committee, "The finale will be extra special and I'd like to thank all those Cranford High School Chord Lords; who supported the efforts to celebrate the history and heritage of our coun-

Robert J. Fridlington, professor emeritus of History at Kean University in Union, will be the main speaker. Fridlington is a trustee of the Cranford Historical Society and a past

president of the Union County Historical Society

He is the author of Union County Yesterday, a 68-page introduction to

Skating sessions will be as follows: • Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30 to

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon

• Fridays, 10 a. m. to noon, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., and 6 to 8 p.m., which is a family session during which children ages 17 and younger must be accompanied by an adult, and 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. • Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1 to 3 p.m., and 8:30 to 10:30

• Sundays, 1 to 3 p.m., 3:30 to 5:30

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

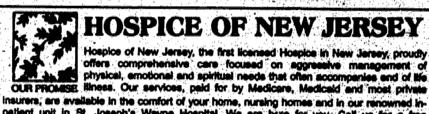
General sessions cost \$5 for adults. \$4.25 for senior citizens. Skate rental is an additional \$3. Discount cards are

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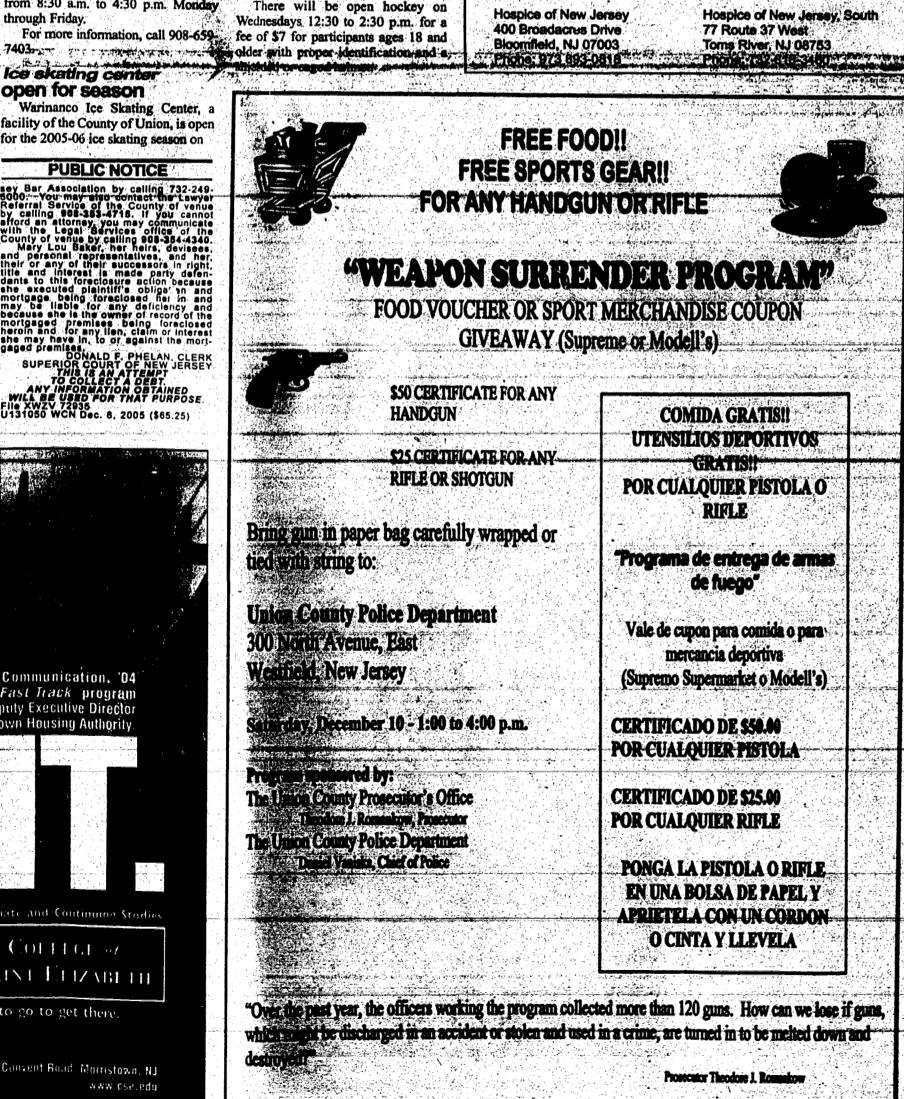
and private skating lessons and hockey clinics. as well as skating lessons for individuals with disabilities. Other features include a Pro Shop and a refreshment stand.

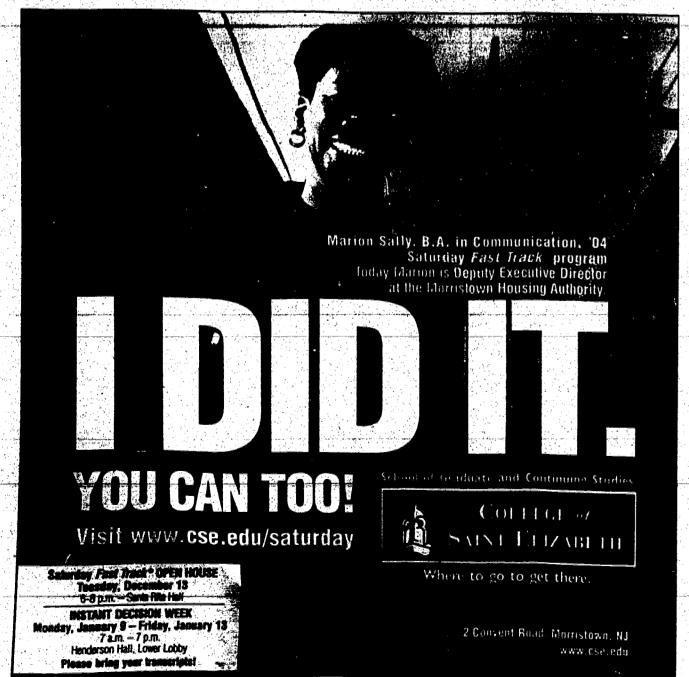
Hockey clinics begin Sunday and run for six weeks.

The Warinanco Ice Skating Center located off Thompson Avenue in Warinanco Park. Roselle. Park entrances are located on St. Georges Avenue, Thompson Avenue, and Third Avenue. For more information, call 908-298-7850 for a recorded message, tive to recruit volunteers.



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sen Frecholders and the Union County lished by the Union County Cultural postmark page issued by the commit-Courthouse Centennial Celebration and Heritage Programs Advisory tee to highlight the events of the Courthouse Centennial.

> The special postmark cancellation pages are available as a set of four or they can be purchased separately. They will be available for sale following the ceremony or by contacting the Union County Clerk at 908-527-4787 A commemorative poster featuring

photographs of 18 vintage postcard scenes also will be available. The Centennial Committee issued the poster to memorialize the many

different facades of the Union County Courthouse throughout its history. The poster will be for sale follow.

ing the ceremony or by contacting Chief Warrant Officer Lester Sargen bagpipers, and a video retrospective of at the Union County Sheriff's Office by calling 908-527-4450. Proceeds from sales will go to pay

for preservation of historic artifacts. For further information about the Courthouse Centennial and Friday's program, call the Union County Clerk's office at (903) 527-4787.

The skating center also offers group or 908-527-4900 for the Union County Department of Parks, Recreation & Facilitics.

Medical reserve corps seeks volunteers

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

Last month, the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services announced the statewide initia-

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patient unit in St. Joseph's Wayne Hospital. We are hute for you; Call us for a fre

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Union dancer moves up to bigger role in 'The Nutcracker' at Kean By Jeff Cummins

Associate Editor

WORRALL NEWSPAPERS

Megan Guinta went to the ballet numerous times with her mother when went to see "The Nutcracker." something special would happen.

"I've seen 'The Nutcracker,' just about every year." said Guinta. "Whenever I'd hear the music, I'd just start dancing."

How fitting then that Guinta was part of the New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble's 36th annual production of "The Nutcracker" last weekend at Wilkins Theatre, on the campus of Kean University in Union.

Guinta has been dancing for more than 11 years, and she was also in last year's performance of "The Nutcracker." Still, this year, things were just a little bit different. This year, Guinta faced the pressure that comes with having a larger role in the performance.

said Guinta, when interviewed prior to some dance lessons."" the performances. "I definitely know While the New Jersey Dance Thewhat I'm doing more than I did last atre Ensemble has a year-round proshe was younger. But whenever they year. I was in the children's march last gram, members prepared for months at have also benefited from working with year. This time I know the party scene Drew University in Madison in antici- some of the world's most notable and I understand the party scene better. Right now I'm not that nervous, but I'm sure I will be when I'm about to go on."

For parents who think that seeing their children perform in "The Nutcracker" sounds like a lovely idea, consider this: A substantial commitment is required. Rehearsals are held for about five to six hours a day. Saturday and Sunday, for months leading up to the performances.

But in Guinta's case, that wasn't a deterrent. In fact, her presence in the play was virtually inevitable.

"When I was little, if I watched a video of 'The Nutcracker,' I'd try to guests Rosemary Sabovick-Bleich, copy what they were doing," said Guinta. "It got to the point where my

"Last year I was really nervous." mother said. 'OK, we've got to get her

pation of their appearance at the dancers, teachers and choreographers Wilkins Theatre. Other times, they from prominent dance companies. rehearsed at Yvette's Studio in Cran- including David Parsons, Alvin Ailev ford and at the School of the Arts in Twyla Tharp, Elisa Monte, Nacho New Brunswick.

The ensemble is directed by Nancy Turano, who has also honed her technique at Yvette's Studio.

Performers in the New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble were joined by Donald Williams, principal dancer from Dance Theatre in Harlem; Jessica Batten of the Cedar Lake Dance Ensemble: Bradley Shelver of Limon Dance Company: James Pierce III of Ailey II and Complexions; and special Joseph Fritz and Eduardo Vilaro. Guinta has also trained privately with

Sabovick-Bleich, a former principal dancer with the New Jersey Ballet. Guinta and the other performen

with the Dance Theatre Ensemble Duato, Beiart and Joffrey.

Needless to say, there are many reasons why the New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble is considered one of the top pre-professional ballet companies throughout New Jersey and the entire New York Metropolitan area. Still, Guinta has her own preferences when it comes to dance.

"I definitely prefer modern dance to ballet." she said. "The movements are freer than ballet."

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Tchekmazov joins music studio

By Jeff Cummins Associate Editor

boost last week when noted cellist Andrey Tchekmazov joined its staff.

Tchekmazov completed post-graduate studies at Juilliard. In addition to of the cello, the way the bow is held carning a Master: of Music degree and the total arm movements, and how from the Moscow Conservatory. He's the bow strokes the string. This is performed in solo recitals in New extremely important for pitch, accura-York, Japan. Brazil and Italy, and also cy, and it also affects the tone. The stuin chamber and orchestral performances in the United States, Russia and Brazil

But for Ted Schlosberg, founder and executive director of the New Jersev Workshop for the Arts. the thing that really jumped off the page about Tchekmazov was his teaching ability. "He's able to look at a person playing and immediately diagnose what's

quick analysis, and he knows how to the New York Lyric Chamber Players,

improve the performance.

"He looks at the whole person playing: how they sit, the positioning dent needs to learn how to achieve the vibrato, how to move the fingers in the vibrato fashion, which beautifies the sound. He's able to do all these things in a tone of voice that's not destructive to the student."

Among Tchekmazov's many accomplishments, he was appointed principal cellist of the Sao Paolo Symphony and the Moscow Chamber wrong," taid Schlosberg. "He does a Orchestra, he's a founding member of correct the problem immediately. This and performs regularly with the

is a key characteristic of a super Jupiter Chamber Players in New York. teacher. You have to recognize when He was the first-prize recipient of the The Music Studio of the New Jer- someone is performing, how to com- Koussevitsky Cello Competition in sey Workshop for the Arts received a municate what must be done to New York, he won the grand prize at the Vittorio Gui International Chamber Music Competition in Florence, Italy, and won the third prize and was named the Critics Award winner at the Premio Trio de Trieste in Italy.

> Tchekmazov has also premiered works of contemporary composers, such as Ralf Ytrehus, Ira Cremer and George Warren. He's been on the faculty of the Moscow Conservatory Preparatory Division: the Metuchen Conservatory of Music, and the Long Hill Music Center. He has also taught at the Lakewood Music Festival and the Rio de Janeiro International Cello Encounter in Brazil.

performer, that's a given," said www.njworkshopforthearts.com. Schlosberg. "He's been trained, and he knows the total repertoire of the cello."

Andrey Tchekmazov The Music Studio is located at 150-152 East Broad St., Westfield, Music educators offer instrumental and vocal

music lessons to both children and tions. For more information on The Associate Editor Jeff Cummins

may be reached at journins@thelocalsource.com



A celebratory scene from The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's production of 'As You Like IL' which is on the compa-ny's Main Stage in Madison through Dec. 31. For tickets, call 973-408-5600 or visit www.ShakespeareNJ.org.

Season finale shines like a December star

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some of Shakespeare's loveliest poet y and songs, brilliant themes and joyous odes affirming that life is good. Director Bonnie J. Monte staid, "It leaves one with the feeling that the world is full of possibility." Much of the play's nationess is one's brother — or in the case of Ros-alind, Cark Carmichael's snations alind, Cark Carmichael's snations of Gent the butt of jokes, bit this a more complicated character than sual. Thus, his delivery of "The Seven Ages of Man" speech is more a of Shakespeare's lovel the galaxy of Man" speech is more a and intelligent Elizabeth Betmett; a

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Megan Guinta of Union, left, as Fritz, and Caroline Dietz as Clara in the New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble production of 'The Nutcracker,' which was performed last weekend at Kean University in Union.

New Arts Group is

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showcased at library Arts Group.

· The New Arts Group was formed is that it is a group of artists unified lection of art; the themes are chosen by a vote of the group. Springfield's

Ori and Jim Fuess are two of the p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 to 3:30 seven members of the NAG who will p.m. For information call 973-376be showing their artwork. Ori does 4930.

Are you afflicted by the post-elec- photography and mixed-media work tion blues? Come to see Spring- Fuess also does mixed-media work. field's presentation of "Person to as well as abstract painting. Susan Person - Thing to Thing - Everything Ahlstrom is from Sterling and does Relates to Something Else," a collec- three-dimensional and mixed-media tion of artwork exhibited by the New work. Edison resident Muriel Harris paints both abstract and representational works. Frances Heinrich, from from the members of the Visual Arts Princeton, uses multi-media three-Committee of the Watchung Arts dimensional art for different areas of Center in New Jersey who developed Union County. Paul Pinkman has opportunities for artists to exhibit made abstract art featuring the faces their work and were responsible for of people he knew from Union Counhanging those exhibitions at the cen- ty. One was his mother, who is from ter. The group is now an independent Roselle. Thom Lynch, who is curadults in formats of multiple dura- entity. What makes the NAG unique rently on display at the Springfield library, is now from Pottersville, but Music Studio, call 908-789-9696, or by purpose rather than style. One of his paintings recreate the places in "He's a world famous cellist as a log on to the group's Web site at the ideas that holds the group togeth- our memory: the Echo Bowling er is that each show is themed, and Lanes, the Union Drive-In movie has a central idea or focus. This theatre, and Colantoni's Shoes in brings seven different views to each Springfield. He also has surrealistic show rather than just a random col- paintings to delight the eve and mind. The Donald B. Palmer Museum is

> located in the Springfield Free Public presentation is "Person to Person - Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Spring-Thing to Thing - Everything Relates field. Hours of the exhibit are Monto Something Elso. The exhibit day, Wednesday and Thursday 10 trkeley Heights residents Nangy and Saturday from 10; antar to 4:30

Clark gallery focuses on works of pastel

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Diversity Art Gallery will hold its sey Center for the Visual Arts. She loves 15th exhibition in Clark with the focus portrait work and landscapes, which on pastels. Each of the displays includes often feature perched villages along the various themes, styles and types of art which are on display for the enjoyment and education of the public. The gallery the Westfield Art Association 81st specially encourages attists and popu- annual members' exhibition in 2005, a ations in the surrounding Union. Mid- Dr. Furman and Mildred Finck Memordiesex and Easer county areas to be a ial Award, from the 2005 duCret School part of the visual arts program. of Art annual fine arts show, and an Pastels are frequently referred to as Edward Pardee Methorial Award, also chalk because a filler, usually clay or from the 2005 duCret School of Art

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TAURUS, April 20 to May 20: Stay one step ahead of financial problems with solid planning and disciplined spending. Use a secret stash of cash or savings only in case of an emergeney:

GEMINI, May 21 to June 21: The dynamics or charismatic force behind a close personal relationship is intensified. Avoid manipulative pe strive to keep the peace.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22: The workplace is the scene for a mental showdown. Enjoy matching wits or strategies with a colleague or coworker and getting a lot accomplished. LEO, July 23 to Aug. 22: Social

acceptance is very important to you. Just be yourself, present a warm smile and a generous spirit, and you will win

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the approval of loved ones and peers. unwanted intrusions or harmful tox- explain.

will get a chance to prove to a sibling or peer that you can be trusted. Do what you must do to keep a powerful secret that is meant for your ears only. SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 21:

stick to it.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 22 to Dec. 21: You cannot substitute conviction plate and do not hesitate to express your strong and convincing opinions.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 19: quickly open the door. ubconscious activities are likely to affect your performance in the real Robinson, Ted Nugent, Nostradamus, world. Do your best to balance hopes J. Paul Getty, Ludwig van Beethoven and wishes with logic and reasoning. and Arthur Fiedler.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 20 to Feb. 18: VIRGO, Aug. 23 to Sept. 22: Strive Information about certain friends or to gain control of your domestic envi- colleagues will come to light this ronment and create a safe haven for week. Rise above quick judgment and you and your family. Guard against give them an ample opportunity to

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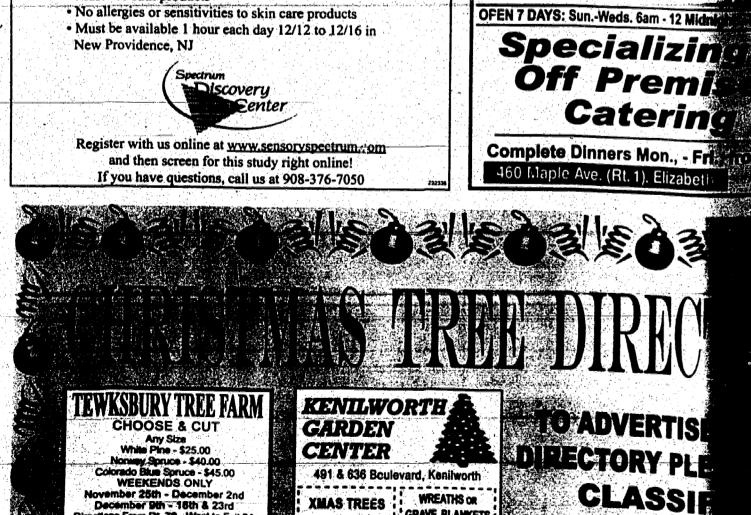
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Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area. The calendar is open to all groups and organizations in the Union County area. To place your free listing, send information to: Worrall Community Newspapers, 463 Valley St., P.O. Box 158. Maplewood 07040. Faxes may be sent to 973-763-2557.

<u>ART</u> SHOWS

"CONSUMED: PAINTINGS BY VALERI LARKO," will be on exhibit through Dec. 16 at the Arts Guild of Rahway, located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For more information, call 732-381-7511, or log on to www.rahwayartsguild.org.

DIVERSITY ARTS GALLERY will host its 15th exhibition in Clark, titled "Just Pastels." The 60-piece pastel exhibition will be open to the public through Jan 8, every Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m., and by appointment. Community groups are invited to call for group meetings. Among the exhibitors will be Nancy Ori of Berkeley Heights, Sigal Lenz and Jeanne Smith of Fanwood, Adrian Giuliani of Scotch Plains and Dolores Brink of Roselle Park. Diversity Arts Gallery is located at Union County Baptist Church, 4 Valley Road, Clark. For more information, call 732-574-1479 or visit the Web site at www.diversityart.com.

THE ARTS GUILD OF RAHWAY located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway, presents "A Separate Reality: An Eclectic Exhibition of Realistic Visual an opening reception on Jan. 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Featured artists include Thomas Andersen, Aileen Bassos, Allen Maertz, Jennifer on to www.rahwayartsguild.org. LANDSCAPES will be the focus of

"Landscope: Recent Landscape WEEKLY STORY TIMES are present Imagery," at the Arts Guild of Rahway, 1670 Irving St., Rahway, from Feb. 19 to March 17 with an opening reception on Feb. 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Featured artists include Patricia Brentano, Peter Giaccio, Laura Lou Levy and Roger Tucker. For more information, call 732-381-7511, or log on to www.rahwayartsguild.org.

LOCAL ARTISTS are invited to join the artists' showcase to be sponsored by the Friends of the Mountainside Public Library in February, Painters, photographers, printmakers, sculptors

and others in the fine arts are encouraged to participate. Exhibit your works for an entry fee and keep the sale's THEATER UNDER THE STARS presproceeds :: Suggested price range is \$25 to \$150 per piece. The deadline to join is Dec. 15. Call the library at 908- Friday, Saturday and Dec. 16 at 7:30 233-0115 for more information.

will showcase the work of five Master Web site at www. of Fine Arts candidates who will be graduating in 2008. The artists all attend New Jersey colleges and universities offering Master of Fine Arts programs. The artists chosen are THE DUCRET SCHOOL OF ART is Stephen Shingler from Montclair State University; Neil Callander and Jeffrey hompson from Mason Gross School of Fine Arts, Rutgers; Lydia Viscardi from William Patterson University; and Todd Doney from New Jersey City University. For more information, call 908-273-9121, or log on to www.artcenternj.org for more information on classes, exhibitions and special events.

at the Springfield Public Library, 66 popular Lunch and Learn series, which: Rahway on Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets at 8 p.m. at the Connection, Morris

following exhibits: • New Art Group through Dec. 30. Feb. 16.

· Louis Winarsky, Feb. 21 through March 30. For information on these exhibits and other programs at the Donald B. Palmer Museum, call 973-376-4930. BERKELEY HEIGHTS ARTIST NANCY ORI is featured at a permanent exhibit at Berkeley Heights Public Library, 290 Plainfield Ave., Berkeley Heights. For information, call 908-464-9333. Ori's work is also featured at the New Providence Public Library, 377 Elmwood Ave., New Providence.

BOOKS

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through December. For information,

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

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

KEAN UNIVERSITY'S OFFICE OF Artworks," from Jan. 11 to Feb. 10, with UNIVERSITY RELATIONS and The Star-Ledger have partnered to publish a new book titled "World of Wonder: Exploring the Realms of History, Science, Nature and Technology." The Mazza, Douglass Newton, Leah Oates, book brings together 90 of the most Roger Sayre, Charlotte Schulz, Rebec- fascinating subjects surveyed by the ca Sittler, Brian St. Cyr and Randall J. World of Wonder series. The book is Stoltzfus. The exhibition will be curated now available for purchase in the Kean by Samantha Mae Dorfman. For more University book store and on the Web nformation, call 732-381-7511, or log site of The Star-Ledger at http://www.ni.com/worldofwonder

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

BOOKS BY AND ABOUT WOMEN Plans for the December meeting will be announced and available at Customer Service. The December book is "Bread Alone" by Judith Ryan Hendricks, New mation, call 973-376-6581.

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ents "The Dragon Slayers' Academy," a world premiere musical. The show runs p.m.; Saturday and Dec. 10 and 17 at THE VISUAL ARTS CENTER of New 3 p.m. and Sunday and Dec. 11 and 18 Jersey will present the third exhibition at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for general in our Emerging Artists Series, begin- admission, \$18 for seniors and \$15 for ning on Dec. 16 and continuing students and children. For more inforthrough Feb. 3. This special exhibition mation call 973-325-0795 or check the

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located at 1030 Central Ave. and is situated on a seven-acre campus in a historic residential area of Plainfield. The school offers full-time and parttime day and evening classes in fine art, graphic design/computer graphics Ilustration. For information call and 908-757-7171, fax: 908-757-2626, or visit the Web site at www.duCret.edu.

LIBERTY HALL MUSEUM on Morris



Mountain Ave., Springfield, plans the is free to members of the public who are \$25. For more information, call Avenue at Maple Street, in Summit. are invited to bring their lunch and 732-499-8226, or log on to learn. Lunch and Learn takes place on www.ucac.org. · Robert Parker, Jan. 9 through a Tuesday from 12:15 to 1 p.m.: Space is limited, so call 908-527-0400 for 240 Southern Blvd., Chatham, at the p.m. for extra help. Admission is \$2 for vour reservation.

Liberty Hall Museum, 1003 Morris Ave., Union, chronicles more than 200 years of New Jersey and U.S. history, ryteller Ellen Musikant on Saturday at 8 The museum is open to the public p.m. For information call 973-376-4946

THE SANCTUARY CONCERTS.

Presbyterian Church, presents Klezmer/Bluegrass group The Klezmer Mountain Boys with Jewish folktale sto-

Wednesdays through Saturdays, from or visit www.sanctuaryconcerts.org.



On Saturday at 8 p.m. Father Alphonse Stephenson and the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea return to the Union County Arts Center for their annual holiday spectacular. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased by calling 732-499-8226 or online by visiting the Web site at www.UCAC.org.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays, from Admission is \$15 and includes homenoon to 4 p.m., April through Decem- baked desserts and coffee. ber. For more information about. THE SUNDAY NIGHT MUSIC CLUB, upcoming Liberty Hall events or for a Sanctuary Concerts Production, reservations, call 908-527-0400.

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series continues at the Suburban Com- 376-4946, or log on to www.sanctu- part a cappella harmony in barbarshop members are welcome. For more infor- munity Music Center, 570 Central Ave., aryconcerts.org. Murray Hill. For the 18th year, the Sub- MICHAEL SMITH AND ANNE HILLS urban Community Music Center, in: will perform as part of the Sanctuary cooperation with the New Jersey Sym Concert Series at the Presbyterian phony Orchestra, will host the Meet the Church, 240 Southern Blvd., Chatham, Orchestra series for children ages 3 tos at 8 p.m. on Jan: 8, Admission is \$15, CROSSROADS IN GARWOOD WII

feature the following: Every Monday, Open Mic Night.

Every Tuesday, Jazz Jam.

COFFEE WITH A CONSCIENCE CONCERT SERIES of Westfield has resumed. All shows start at 8 p.m. and on to www.ucac.org. the doors always open at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$15 and will benefit the AIDS quilt. For information, call 908-412-9105, press 2, Other concerts will take place at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 E. Broad St., corner of North Ave., Westfield, Other

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presents folk music legend Eric Andersen on Sunday at 7 p.m. at the

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> 973-376-4946, or log on to www.sanctuaryconcerts.org.

SOULFUL VOICES GOSPEL EXTRAVAGANZA will be held Sunday at 7:30 p.maat the Union County Arts Church Gospel Choir. Admission is \$35 to \$45, all bges are welcome. For more nformation, call 732-499-8226, or log

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Y-SQUARES, a local square dance Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at club Frank K Hennly School, Raritan Road, Clark the fee for each lesson is \$4. lon, call. 908-298-1851, 5 or 908 241-9492. HIT INTERNATIONAL group has begun a

Beginners are welcome, no partners are needed. All sessions begin at 8 p.m.; newcomers may arrive at 7:30 the evening. Call 973-467-8278 for information and a flier listing the season schedule.

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY IN ELIZA-BETH. Pick your choice of social dancing, \$9 per person, or Latin dancing, \$10 per person, at the Bayway Polish Club, 625 Pulaski St. For information, call 908-355-3131.

GRANTS

THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS invites local nonprofit organizations, individual artists and scholars to apply for funding from the 2004 Union County HEART - History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands - grant program. To request HEART

grant information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth 07202; call 908-558-2550, Relay users dial 711; or send inquiries via e-mail to information, call 908-241-5758 culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

HOBBIES

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC. meets at 295 Jefferson Ave., Union, behind Home Depot on Route 22 East. The club is open to the public Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call 908-964-9724 or 908-964-8808. send inquiries via e-mail to TMRCInc@aol.com or visit the Web site at www.tmrci.com.

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

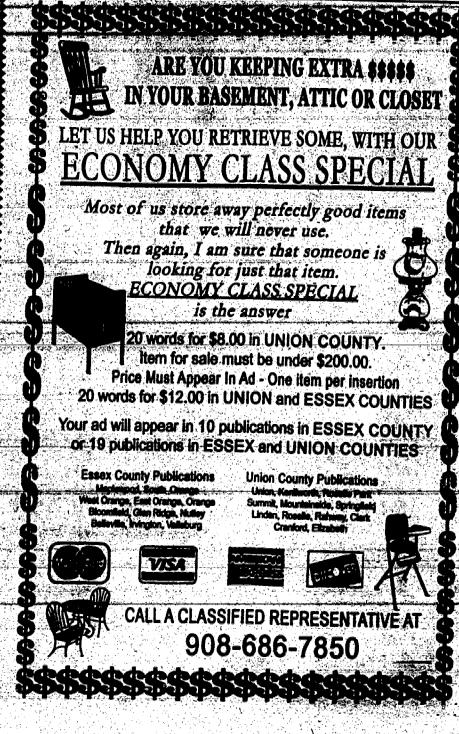
KNITTING GROUP meets every Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. Knitters are encouraged to bring a favorite project to the Springfield Barnes & Noble Café.

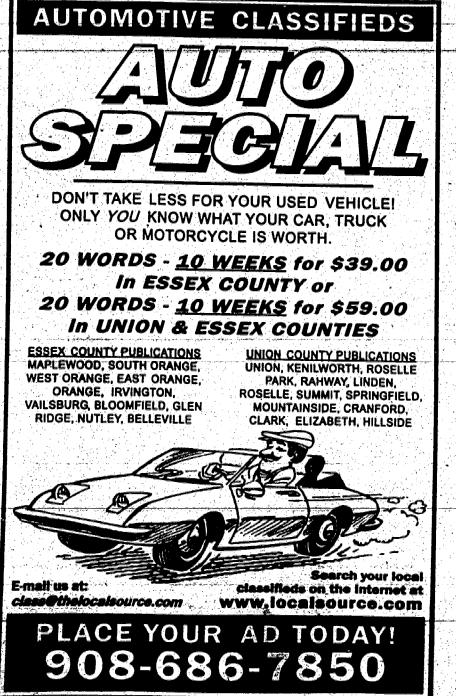
HICKORY TREE CHORUS, an awardstyle, meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the New Jersey Youth Symphony Music Center, 570 Central Ave., New Providence: Open to residents of both Essex and Union counties. To learn more about Sweet Adelines, Hickory Tree and its quartets,C women and teen-aged gins who sing are urged to visit the Web site, hickory reechorus.org., send a message by email to info@hickorytreechorus.org., or

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JAZZ

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

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

<u>KIDS</u>

TALES FOR TOTS PRESCHOOL STORYTIME will be offered at Barner and Noble, Route 22 West, Springfield Mondava and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. and the Kids' Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m. For information, call 973-376-8544.



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

SCRIPTS.

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

SINGLES

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

SOCIAL SINGLES DANCING, for 45-year-olds and older, mosts everythose day at 7 p.m. fait the Yankas Buffet Grand Ballroom, 2660 Morris Ave., Union. Admission is \$7. For information, call 908-888-8818.

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YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS WIL compete THE INTERNET LOUNGE 256 South for the 2008 fourth and the Young Ave., Fanwood, hosts an Open Mic/ wrights Competition for New Jersey Karaoke Night on Sundays at 7 p.m. Join the group for a cup of gourmot col-fee and a wide variety of organic foods and participate in an original poetry reading, a stand-up comedy routine or a musical number There's point and participate of the standard a musical number. There's no cover \$200 U.S. savings bonds, respectively. charge, and petrons can come in The winning scripts will be hono make new friends, surf the Web or play with professional script-in-hand per-a game of Diablo2, NeverWinterNights, formances during New Jersey Family WarCraft, or Counter-Strike, To set Week at the theater in March when about a schedule of events, call 908- professional theaters in New Jersey 490-1234 or visit its Web site: ofter free programming for young peo-

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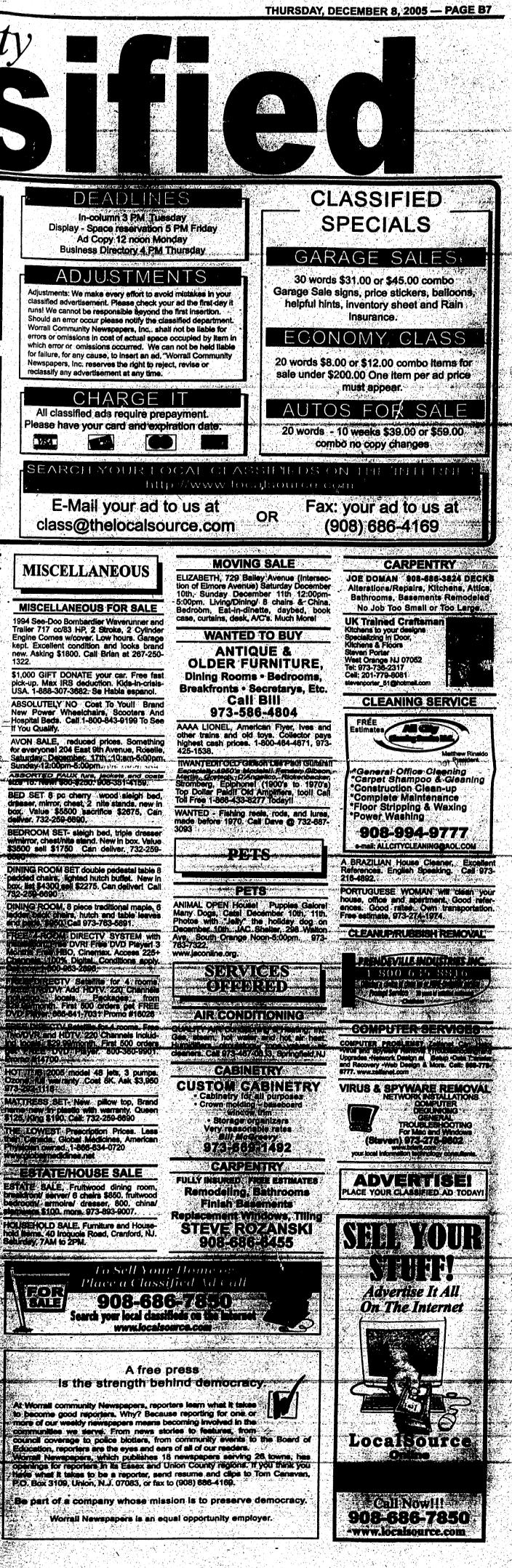
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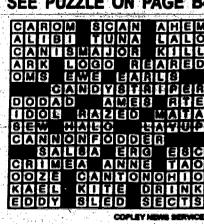
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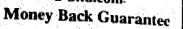
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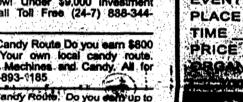
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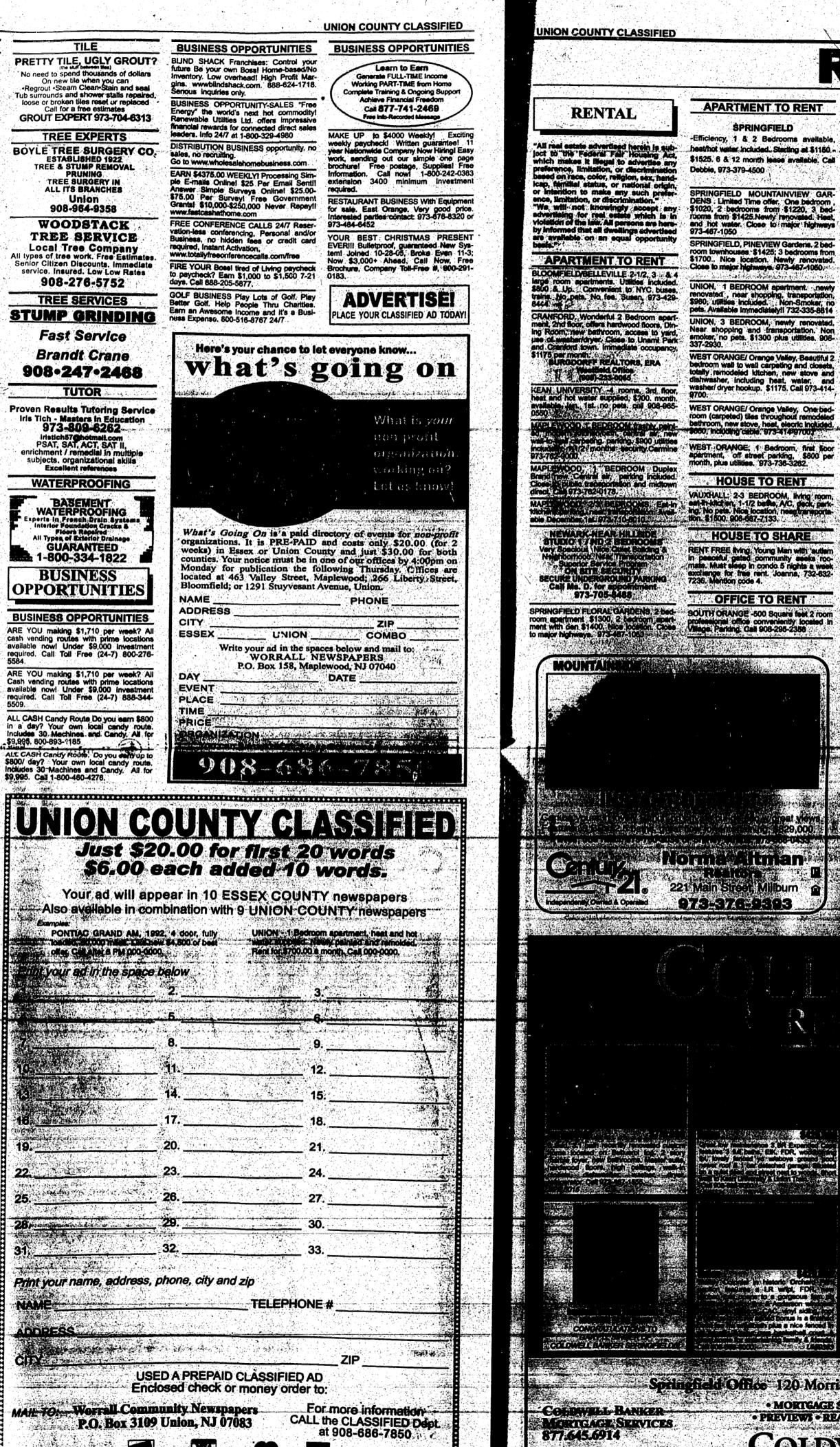


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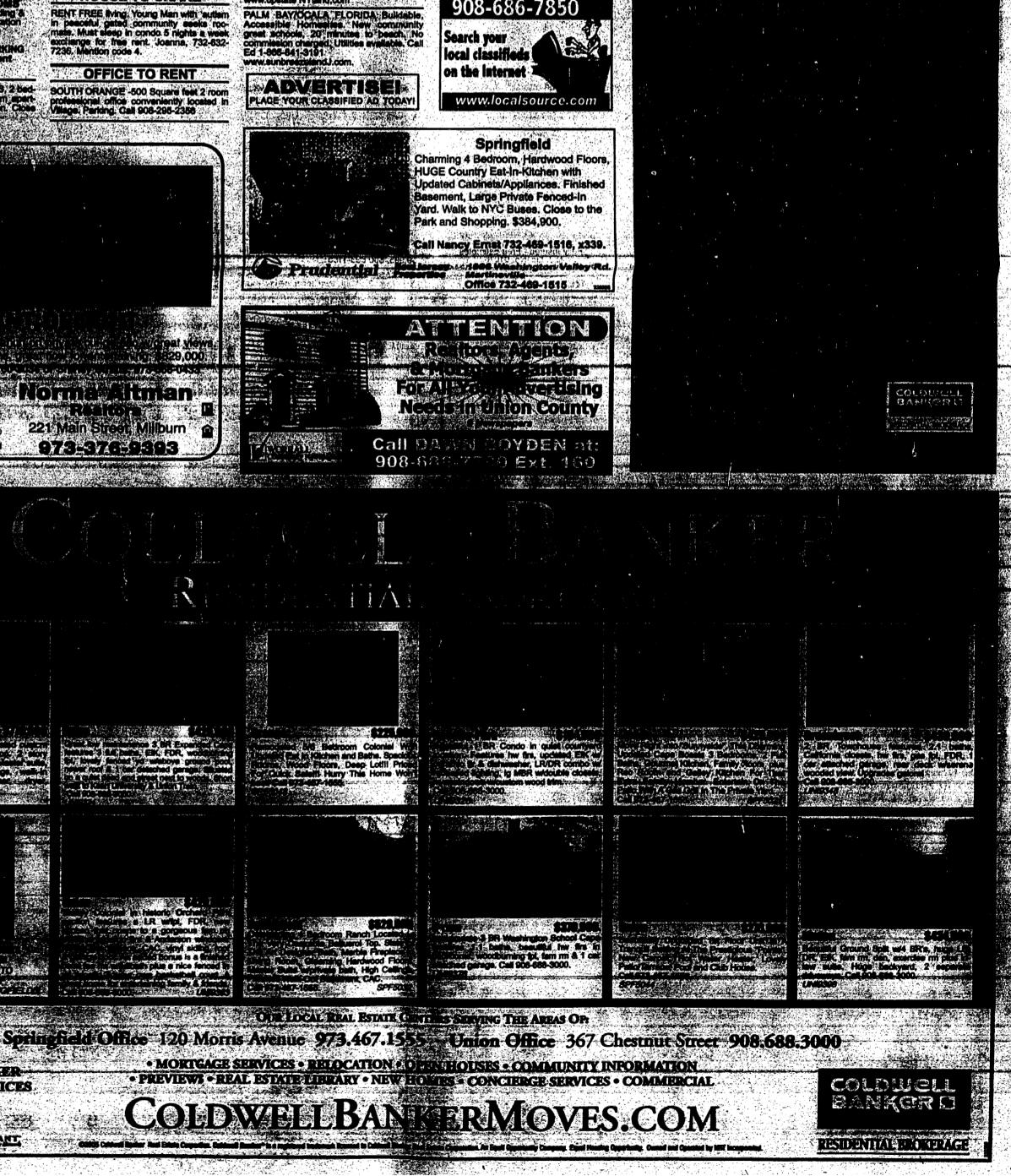
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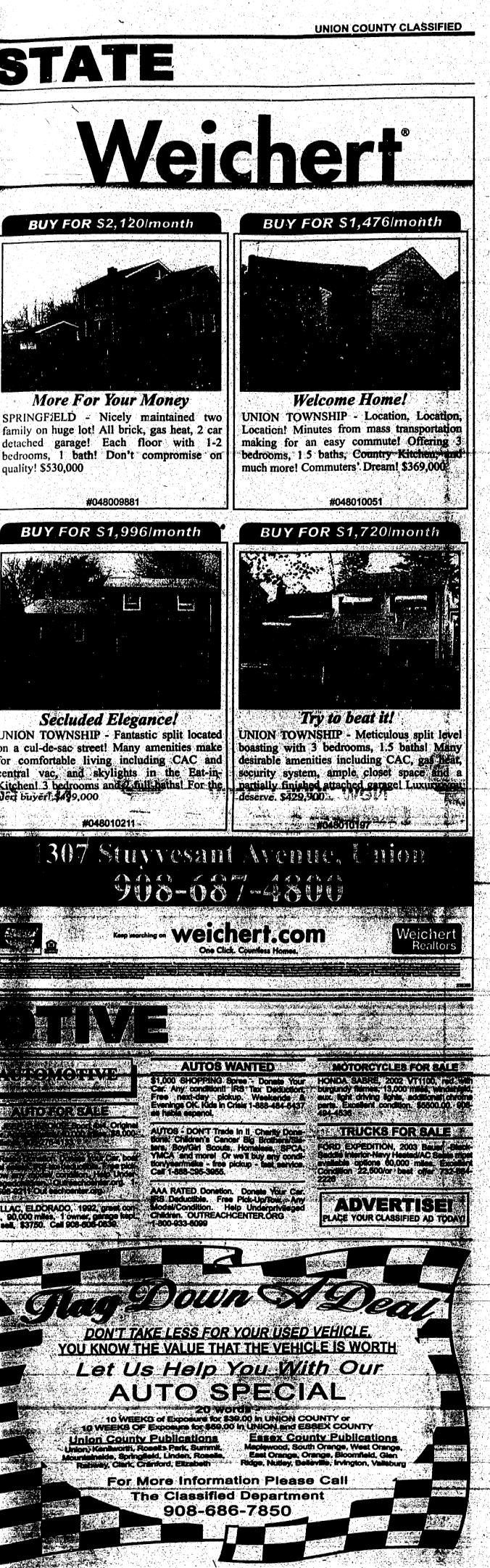
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