New contract

By Joan M. Devlin

Staff Writer

Tuesday night at Deerfield School, as

the Mountainside Board of Education

unanimously ratified a new teachers'

contract, which had expired in June.

ing an agreement without a display of

anger or bad feelings," Jeanette Mar-

affi, president of the Mountainside

Education Association, said. "It is

nice to know that we can sit down and

have our differences and still work

Maraffi went on to thank this news-

paper for an "encouraging editorial"

about the caliber of the negotiations

and the dignity with which the teach-

ers and the Board of Education had

conducted themselves. She noted that

them out."

"We did ourselves proud by reach-

All was happiness and smiles on

teachers settieu

For 2002, borough mayor looks back on banner year with report

By Brian Pedersen

Managing Editor Mountainside, Mayor Robert Viglianti read his year-end report during the annual Jan. 3 reorganization meeting, touting the borough's accomplishments achieved since the beginning of

Chief among them were improvements in the areas of engineering, recreation, library, zoning and financing. Most of the areas overlapped as the borough's initiatives at improving the town took many forms.

"As you probably know riding around town, we've been very busy little beavers in Mountainside this past year, and Dr. Disko has been the paid for using a \$90,000 special legigentleman behind the helm of all of these projects," said Viglianti.

According to Borough Engineer Michael Disko's report, curbing, drainage, paving, and sanitary sewer cleanups of numerous roads throughout the borough were just some of the physical improvements the mayor cited as being noteworthy accomplishments completed in 2001.

was received and used to provide improvements to the senior citizen Calling 2001 a banner year for community room at Borough Hall. A new restroom, exercise facility, equipment and a computer room for seniors also were added.

> One of the other major improvements the mayor included in his report was the lighting of the Little League Field at Deerfield School. Four light poles were installed at a cost of \$78,300. The installation was paid for using a \$75,000 special legislative grant to the borough and a grant from Union County.

> Bids also were awarded for the lights at Echo Brook Field next to the Borough Hall. The project will be slative grant and funds from a \$100,000 Union County grant for athletic fields. -?

> After the Elizabethtown Water Co. performed massive trenching in the community, the borough received a \$120,000 payment from the water company, with plans to use the money for repaying.

"This spring, when those trenches A Union County grant for \$100,000 settle, we are going to repave all of those roads at no cost to the Mountainside taxpayer," said Viglianti.

This coming year, additional work will be performed on Cedar Avenue and Holly Hill, Grouse Lane and Fawn Ridge, Summit Road and Willow Road, Outlook Drive and Ackerman Avenue, Forest Hill and Deer Path, and a host of other roads.

The interior renovations to the Mountainside Public Library's lobby area and media room were one of the highlights of 2001, made possible by a bequest from Mountainside resident Emma Lausten. Display shelving for new books and materials helped create an expanded world of knowledge and discovery for library users.

According to the zoning report, property maintenance violations were at an all-time low this year since its. introduction in 1994. Zoning Official Valerie Saunders wrote 'This is the first year I have not had to issue a summons for failing to comply with the Property Maintenance Ordinance."

Notable grants the borough received in 2001 were two state special legislative grants and a Union



Mayor Robert Viglianti County Field Of Dreams for \$100,000. In her finance department report, Chief Financial Officer Michelle Swisher said this year the borough came in with a budget of \$7.5 million and a .008 percent tax

During the reorganization ceremony, Fire Chief Gary Cantagallo was officially replaced by John Browne, with the mayor thanking Cantagallo for his years of hard work and dedication.

Getting sworn in for another term by Municipal Judge Bart Barre were incumbent Republican Borough Councilmen Werner Schon and Glenn Mortimer. The Borough Council also elected Keith Turner as council president.

it was in sharp contrast to the nasty arguments in other school districts as seen on television and rancor which she felt was a bad influence on the children. Teachers will receive 5 percent salary increases in each year of the three-

year contract, which runs through the 2003-04 school year. Secretaries and custodial personnel will receive 6.5 percent increases per year, while all health benefits remain the same, which never was a point of contention. All raises are retroactive to July

The Board of Education's agendasaid it more formally; it read, "Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the agreement between the Mountainside Education Association and the Mountainside Board of Education, effective July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2004." And move they did; President of the Board of Education Richard Kress read the statement and the vote was unanimous.

Union members had ratified their part of the agreement at their own a meeting just before the Christmas holidays, on Dec. 21, but the board did not meet formally until Tuesday. Besides Maraffi, several teachers came to the Board of Education meeting, but since it was nearly certain of this outcome, there was no crowd

During the past few months of negotiations, many teachers came to

Increases of 5 percent each year school board meetings wearing red Tshirts to show their support of the union. They had always been respect-

ful, never rude or angry, but just

quietly supportive together. Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller noted another new point in the agreement. "We now have 15 additional minutes of pupil/teacher contact time each day also, which will start as soon as everyone receives a copy of the new contract."

Teachers will be reporting at 8 a.m. instead of 8:15 a.m. to start their day earlier. "This will take place in all grades; the teachers have all agreed to implement this," added Schaller. "It just has to be worked out if they have sitters or child care problems, and the like, but will begin shortly."

Since everything seemed now to be so simplified and specific, Schaller was asked what had held up the settlement for so long a period of time. "Jeanette and I have asked ourselves that also," he said, laughing, but then explained that a lot of the negotiations were due to ineffective language in the old contract.

Maraffi agreed. "This contract is more concise, legally sound and more understandable for the Board of Education and for the staff," she said.

"I think it is fair and equitable for everyone," Schaller said.

The harmony between teachers and school board comes at a time when new construction involving both Deerfield School and Beechwood School is under way and the expanded school system will be in place by September. Both Maraffi and Schaller never at any point during the negotiations thought there was the possibility of a strike, like there has been in Middletown, Monmouth County.

When asked about the prospect of a possible strike, Schaller admanatly said, "Never! It won't happen here."

The only remaining school district in Union County without a new teachers' contract is Scotch Plains-Fanwood. Other districts whose contracts expired in June - New Providence. Linden and Clark — approved new accords. Clark was the most recent district to ratify a deal, approving a settlement just before Christmas. Linden had a new deal settled by September while New Providence approved a contract during the summer.

Man killed Route 22 motor vehicle accident

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

Wilford Adams, 54, of South Plainfield was killed in a motor vehicle accident in Springfield when his vehicle was struck by a tractor-trailer that was backing out of a lot onto Route 22 West on Dec. 27 at 2:09 a.m.

Brian Wolfinger, 24, whose truck was leased from Truck Venture Corp. in Montville, was making a delivery at the Nissan World Dealership in Springfield.

Wolfinger operates a tractor-trailer, loaded with car parts, that delivers for Nissan, said Springfield Detective Judd Levinson. "He goes from dealership to dealership during the midnight shift and he delivers various boxes of

Nissan car parts to car dealerships." Nissan World on Route 22 was one of his usual stops.

Levinson said most of the Nissan property is fenced and gated and that on a normal night, Wolfinger would pull his trailer through and exit via the exit gate.

"On this night in the exit driveway,

Creative kids

there were some motor vehicles that were parked in the lot and they were parked very close to the driveway itself which he wasn't able to get the truck through without striking those vehicles," said Levinson. "So he was basically locked into the parking lot and the only way he could get out of that parking lot would be to back out the same way that he came in."

He backed his 1999 Kenworth truck out of the Nissan lot and onto Route 22 West. Adams' 1999 Toyota Camry struck the trailer of Wolfin-

Adams was pronounced dead at the scene by a medic unit from Overlook Hospital in contact with a doctor from the hospital.

Adams was coming home from his night shift at St. Michael's Hospital.

"According to witnesses, Adams' vehicle was in the right hand, or slow lane, of Route 22, and the tractortrailer was already across the highway," said Levinson. "The trailer section was taking up both of the two lanes of the roadway there and

'According to witnesses, Adams' vehicle was in the right hand, or slow lane, of Route 22, and the tractor trailer was already across the highway.'

→ Detective Judd Levinson

Adams' car, without any attempt to stop, drove completely underneath the trailer."

Levinson said that from a police perspective, Nissan can do anything it wants on the company's property. "If they wanted to actually block up a driveway that night by putting cones across it or something like that, it's their prerogative," said Levinson.

Charges currently are still pending the completion of the investigation.

"There are specific motor vehicle statutes that would cover improper backing onto a roadway, which could also be considered careless or reckless driving," said Levinson.

Adams is survived by his wife-Cheryl and two children, Kevin and

At presstime, the family was looking into possible criminal negligence on the part of Wolfinger and are looking for compensation. They are being represented by Ned Kirsch of Kirsch. Gelband & Stone of Newark.

"The accident is still under investigation so any motor vehicle charges are still pending and any criminal charges that might be a result of this motor vehicle accident would only be made after this entire investigation is reviewed by the Union County Prosecutor's Office," said Levinson. -..

Abandoned baby finds home with family

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

It looks like it just might be a happy ending for a newborn baby who was found abandoned on a residential

doorstep in Springfield last month. The Division of Youth and Family Services has placed the baby with an adoptive family.

"DYFS has preadoptive parents who have already been screened and checked out and had background checks," said Springfield Detective Judd Levinson, the lead detective in charge of the investigation. "The baby has now already been placed with adoptive parents."

It is a tentative adoption as of right now, said Levinson, because the court

and DYFS still have to await the ultimate decision of the Police Department as to the outcome of the investigation.

The female newborn was discovered Dec. 6, by Martin Finston when he came home and looked on his Lynn Drive porch. The baby was dressed in a white one-piece jumper with a matching hat and pink trimming, and white socks with a red and blue band across the top with a scottish terrier dog. She was left with a filled bottle that had a pink plastic top with an elephant on it.

The birth parents who abandoned the baby have not been found yet, although the Police Department has followed several leads.

"We did an exhaustive follow up based upon the clothing that the baby was wearing," said Levinson. "We were able to contact the factory in Mexico and they gave us the United States distributor in Chicago and they gave us a list of all the stores in the state of New Jersey that carry the brand of jumper that the baby was wearing."

Levinson noted how the socks the baby was wearing also were very indentifiable as well as the baby bottle that the newborn was found with.

"We then proceeded to contact, or go to, every one of the stores, which was over 60 stores in the state of New Jersey, to see if we could find one store that sells everything," said

Levinson. "You figure that since everything was brand new you're going to buy it all at one time."

Officers did find some stores that carried some of the items but there were no leads they could follow.

Upon finding the baby, Finston called the police, who rushed to check the baby's vital signs. She was stable. The baby was then rushed to Overlook Hospital in Summit where she remained for a week to undergo tests. She was then released to DYFS which then placed her with the sooptive

The name and location of the adoptive family was not made available by presstime.

Preschooler left alone for hours

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

Patrick Gleason taught his 4-yearold son to always follow instructions, to do as he's told. So when no one told his son to get off the Springfield school bus Monday afternoon, he sat there, parked at Jonathan Dayton High School for two hours, in the cold, crying for his mother.

"He sat on the bus because he was. told the rule is you don't stand up until we tell you to stand up," said Gleason. "Now there's an aide and a driver, neither of which told him to get up."

Gleason's son is a preschool student at Edward V. Walton for afternoon classes. He just started taking the bus a week ago.

"What didn't happen but was supposed to happen was a thorough check of the bus to make sure that not only each child is off but that every piece of equipment is off," said Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler.

Gleason voiced his concern, and utter disgust, at the Board of Education meeting Monday night. He asked if it was a New Jersey state law to check the buses before they are parked for the day.

"I'm not sure what the law is but regardless of the law, it's our procedure and standard practice to do it and it should be done, law or not," said Mahler.

Gleason questioned the district's policy on checking with a child's home when the student is missing from class. "No phone call was made to my house that my child did not report to class," he said.

Mahler said the extension they tried was not working and it seemed to be a glitch in the school's phone system. "That's not an excuse," he said. "That should not have been the end of it. They should have kept calling you," he told the parent.

Gleason said that if that number

was not working the school could have tried the other numbers he had listed in case of an emergency. "There's also other numbers," he said. "There's at least three phone numbers, one of which is my office; that was not called."

Gleason's son sat on the school bus from 12:30 p.m., where it parks for the day at Dayton, until the driver came back to get the bus at 2:30 p.m.

"No call was made to my house at 2:30 when he was brought back to school," he said.

"If a 4-year-old doesn't show up to class a phone call has to be made," Gleason said.

Mahler said he will investigate the situation in detail. "First thing in the morning I will meet with the individuals who were involved and I'll do an investigation and find out what happened," he said.

Gleason believes the four people most responsible for the situation were the bus driver, the aide, the nurse, and ultimately, the principal. Mahler offered to provide Gleason's son with counseling to help deal with any trauma. "We will be guided by what you and your wife have to say and recommend to us," Mahler said.

Mahler again reaffirmed his sincerest apologies for the situation and promised to investigate. "I'll do my investigation first thing in the morning with all the people involved and I'll get back to you with exactly what I find out and then I'll make a recommendation to the board as to what actions might need to be taken," he

The Board of Education also offered Gleason its sincerest apologies. 'This is something that never should have happened and the best we can do is to make sure it never happens again," said Board of Education President Stephen Fischbein.



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• The Mountainside Board of Education conducts a public hearing at the Planning Board meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, to review the Beechwood and Deerfield school projects.

 The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders sponsors the second annual Adopt-a-Trail orientation meeting, rescheduled from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Nov. 27, at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

Preregistration for the orientation meeting is required. Call Trailside at 908-789-3670, Ext. 221, to register.

• Mountainside Youth Baseball continues its 2002 season registration in Deerfield School cafeteria, 302 Central Ave., from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fees are payable at the time of registration.

For information, call 908-273-3262. • The Springfield Public Library's Teen Music Party comes back to the library at 66 Mountain Ave., from 7 to 9 p.m. The party for sixth- to ninth-graders takes place in the Donald B. Palmer Museum, and includes dancing, games, snacks and a professional disc jockey.

For more information, stop by the Children's Desk or call 973-376-4930, Ext. 232.

• A beach-themed creativity program takes place at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. Call 908-789-3670 for information. The fee is \$2 per craft.

· "Crossing Boundaries: Problems and Prospects of Multicultural Communication," a lecture presented by Kean University President Ronald Applbaum, takes place at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, at 8 p.m. Grant monies will support a series of lectures presented monthly on the topic of multiculturalism at Temple Beth Ahm

For more information, call 973-376-0539, Ext. 11

• The American Performance Studios, 448 New Providence Road, Mountainside, begins new class sessions. Molly McCloskey Barber of Westfield, and formerly Miss Molly from TV's nationally syndicated "Romper Room," will teach acting, improvisation, and character development two days a week. Jeannette Ferrell Maraffi, soprano and local music teacher, will teach vocal development and repertoire. The classes are open to students ages 8 to 18 and are grouped according to age and experience.

For information, call 908-233-3622. • The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave. • The Mountainside Borough Council meets for a regular session at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

Jan. 17 • The Springfield Library Board of Trustees will conduct a reorganization meeting at 8 p.m. in the conference room of the library, 66 Mountain

Upcoming

Jan. 20

• Experience life in the winter woods and view slides of the birds, mammals and insects that spend the winter in the Watchungs at a program offered at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, at 2 p.m. A hike to look for animal signs will follow the presentation. A donation is suggested.

Call 908-789-3670 for more information

Jan. 23 • Ladies Night Out for the Mountainside Newcomers Club will take the form of a Chinese supper in a member's home. Call 908-317-5765 for more information and to RSVP.

• Disney classics come to life in a special program for the whole family offered by the Springfield Recreation Department at the Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford at 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$35 per person and includes transportation to the arena. The bus departs at 6 p.m. from the Chisholm Community Center.

Register at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, by making checks payable to the "Township of Springfield."

Township addresses traffic flow

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

tive Service Excellence certification At the Springfield Township Committee meeting Tuesday night, a conpension, engine performance and cerned parent thanked the committee electrical systems. The course also for placing a police officer at Edward includes an introduction to the V. Walton School on Mountain Dynanmeter inspection training Avenue to help with the exiting traffic flow, and asked them to look into having an officer direct traffic into the parking lot during the morning drop-The award-winning culinary arts

During the drop-off in the morning, between 8:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m., students do not really go in until roughly 8:50 a.m. and most parents are parked in the lot waiting, crowding the lot, making it hard to get in.

tary and kindergarten school, has a rule stipulating that parents must bring their children to the door. This is down there to begin with." the reason for all the parking in the

"I'll discuss it with the police chief," said Township Administrator Richard Sheola. "I'm not going to

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The parent pointed out that there is said Sheola.

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so much traffic coming down Mountain Avenue that it is hard to make the turn into Walton during the morning. "I've been down there a couple of so that I was there, there was more pal alliance committee, to re-zone a need for the exit than the entrance." An officer originally was placed

"It's tough to get out the exit down Municipal Court administrator. by the Lutheran church," said Sheola. "I've had discussions with the superintendent about it, and I won't go into it here, but there's some general: approved several resolutions, includ-

22. Without the officer there, parents Atlantic Health System.

found it virtually impossible to make a left onto Mountain Avenue when attempting to exit the Walton lot.

Ordinances and resolutions The Township Committee briefly introduced several ordinances Tuesday night. Some of them were: times and so has Sy Mullman and amending the regulations regarding from where I sat, for the half hour or snow removal, to establish a municiland use ordinance, to amend a resident only parking on Colfax Road and Profitt Avenue, to amend prohibited outside Walton, on an interim basis, in parking on Morrisson Road, and to establish a three-year term for the

All of the resolutions are set to be finalized on Jan. 22.

The Township Committee also issues we've had with traffic flow ing the redemption of a tax sale certificate, the utilization of a temporary Part of the problem stems from the \ bridge on Morris Avenue and a proheavy traffic flow coming from Route fessional services agreement with

"You heard us go through six introductions of ordinances and six resolutions, and I just wanted to point out that the reason you heard so many is because this is a very active Township Committee," said Committeewoman Clara Harelik. "We are trying to deal

with a lot of issues that affect this

Harelik briefly went through some the ordinances and resolutions

"We are certainly trying to keep our eves on everything but we need your help," said Harelik, "That's the bottom line. We need the public to let us know when there are issues that effect their neighborhood or their street and the best we can do is try to follow

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toy collection totals unwrapped. Some of the toys were Children who received toys from passed onto organizations that dealt directly with children whose parents the Springfield Toys For Tots toys

went on it's just unbelievable how the

generosity in people is coming out,"

said Corea. "Overall, the community

just really came together and showed

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"We got an awful lot of toys just

Mountain Avenue advertising the

Ernst said they had toy donations

from offices and companies from

"Anybody that drove under that ban-

their overwhelming generosity."

were lost in the Sept. 11 terrorist collection drive must have been smilthis holiday season, as this year Although the entire Springfield the Fire Department collected approximately 10,500 toys, more than dou-Fire Department participates in the bling last year's total. Toys For Tots program, four firefighters in particular spearheaded the The collection started Nov. 1 and drive. In addition to Ernst they are Joe ran until Dec. 14. Toys were dropped. Popolo, Marc Corea and Carlo off at the Fire Department, located

behind Town Hall. Last year over 4,000 toys were collected. Toys For Tots is a national toy collection drive started by the Marine Corps Reserves. The toys are distributed to various organizations that half of what they got last year. deal with needy and underprivileged

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

ECHO LEADER

"We gave an estimate to the Marine Corps Reserves of 10,500," said firefighter Tom Ernst. "We gave another two pickup trucks full to the Union County Prosecutors' office, which has various charities, so we're figuring -out with the drive with the something like another 500 to 700 tovs there.'

The Fire Department pointed out from the banner," said Ernst, referring how the toys this year were extraorto the huge banner which hung over dinary. Bicycles, a TV set, and voice activated Techno Dogs were all event. donated. "In previous years it was a dollar, two, three dollar toys," said Ernst. "I'd be very surprised if we had \ Summit and Cranford and Kent Place School. "All around here," said Ernst. anything under seven or eight

Many Americans are involved in

some sort of volunteer activity but for

4-H Seeing Eye puppy project mem-

bers, it is a way of life. All the mem-

bers of this important 4-H club raise

puppies for the Seeing Eye in Morris-

town, until they are old enough to be

trained as guide dogs for the blind.

Puppy raisers at 4-H, or adult mem-

bers of the club, are responsible for

the care, training and exposure neces-

sary to prepare their furry charges for

the life ahead of them - being the

eyes and constant companion of a

Seeing Eye before being placed with a

At the annual achievement night

hosted by 4-H to honor outstanding

members, Brittany received several

awards. She had done a project book

about her puppy raising experience

and was awarded both an excellent

ribbon and a county medal for her

efforts. Brittany also received a Best

in Division rosette for her obedience

work with Gerti during the annual

county fair. Several of the club mem-

bers, including Brittany, took part in

the annual quiz bowl conducted for

4-H Seeing Eye members and she was

awarded a special pin for her work.

Brittany's club teams took first and

second place in the competition

The Seeing Eye puppy project is

Registration

Registration for the 2002-2003 Pre-

opens now

very proud of Brittany and all of their

against other counties.

other members and families

Keeler

earns

award

Springfield doubles Ernst noted how in Bound Brook, their Toys For Tots program was advertised and sought toys on TV because their program received only "Nowadays with everything that

The Tiger Scouts of Springfield recently gave their time to helping other children by donating toys for the Springfield Toys For Tots drive, organized by the Township's Fire Department.

ner must have donated. That's a busy

Many of the neighboring towns. whose companies had office parties, had asked their employees to bring a toy to donate to the drive.

"I don't know how many people we had call here telling us that their offices were holding Christmas parties and they wanted to donate toys,"

Brittany Keeler, a fifth grade student at St. James

School in Springfield, recently received several awards

for her efforts at raising two pupples for the Seeing Eye

in Morristown. Here she is with her first puppy, Gerti, a

yellow lab, and Stacey, a golden retriever.

The Fire Department plans on running the program again this holiday season and they hope to get just as good a turnout.

"The whole community really came together to make it a great year for Toys For Tots." said Corea. "Hopefully next year it will be even

EVENTS

an American steakhouse into a Japanese restaurant with a sushi bar and lounge. Once the governing body approves of the transfer, the request has to be submitted to Trenton, according to the Borough Administration. When approval comes from the state, which usually takes roughly two weeks, the transfer is officially completed.

By Brian Pedersen

Managing Editor

from Alexus Steakhouse & Tavern in

Mountainside and transferring it to his

own eating establishment. Joe

Tranchina, owner of Arirang Hibachi

Steakhouse and Sushi Bar, made a

brief presentation at the Borough

Tranchina plans to buy both the

license and the building, located at

Route 22 West, transforming it from

Council work session Tuesday.

Next, Mayor Robert Viglianti the liquor license. asked Tranchina what his timetable was for building the new restaurant "We have plans that we are going "We wish you luck." to be submitting to the building department," said Tranchina. "We

We will be submitting plans to renovate the building and convert it to our

operation." Tuesday. Tranchina said he is only consider-

already met with the zoning officer.

Proposed budget for high school revealed

Performance studio starts new classes

The American Performance Studios, 448 New Providence Rd. Mountainside; announces the beginning of new class sessions beginning

Mrs. Molly McCloskey Barber of Westfield and formerly "Miss Molly" from Channel 9's nationally syndicated TV show "Romper Room" will teach acting, improvisation and character development two days a week. Jeannette Ferrell Maraffi, soprano and local music teacher, will teach vocal development and repertoire.

All classes are conducted in Mountainside. Call 908-233-3622 for further information. Program offers look

at winter wildlife Experience life in the winter woods with animals and view slides of the birds, mammals and insects that spend the winter in the Watchungs in a program offered by Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence

Rd., Mountainside, 2 p.m., Jan. 20. What strategies do they employ to survive the cold? A hike to look for animal signs will follow. Donation is

Create beach crafts at Trailside Sundav

Do you have a stash of natural history items you collected on beach walks? So do we. Come find out about sea creatures, egg cases, bivalves and snails. Then we will create shell collage pins or magnets. The event takes place Sunday, 2 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Rd., Mountainside

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Mahler said that each principal in the Springfield School System has talked to their staff, asked them what they need to run their program, and what they think they might need to start a new program.

"It's of course going to be a number that will choke a horse," joked Mah-Dayton Principal Charles Serson "We know that. We know that there are things in here that we very much need. We're not going to put things in here that we thought would be fun to have." Each school will be presenting their

proposed budgets in front of the board. The schedule is as follows: • Jan. 28, Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School presentation at

• Feb. 4, Edward V. Walton School and Special Education presentation at

March 4, District-wide presenta-

tion at Dayton. "We also know that, especially this ernor, we are going to get our state that we need, to make the final hard ened decision, very late," said Mahler

"During the day, I'm the Sr. V.P. & CFO. At night & on weekends, I'm just Coach Dan."

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Prior to pursuing their contract for the restaurant, Tranchina said he made notice to Zoning Official Valerie Saunders that they were going to renovate the building. According to Tranchina, Saunders sent them a letter stating that as long as they stay in the constraints of the existing building and do not change the parking lot, car port, or enlarge the footprint, that no planning board or zoning approval would be needed, but to have a building permit, they would need to submit

ing modifications to the existing foot-

print of the building, with no addi-

upgrades, line striping, and surfacing

If any planning board approval was needed. Tranchina said he would have gone before them with his plans before attempting to close the deal on "That building has got quite a his

tory in this community!' said Viglian-If all goes according to plan, open-

ing day is tentatively set for June or July of this year. The transfer will be discussed at the next public Council meeting on

By Joshua Zaitz

Staff Writer At the Springfield Board of Educa-

tion meeting Monday night, discussion focused on the Jonathan Dayton High School 2002-03 proposed budget of \$322,815.

stood in front of the board and presented the proposed budget for the high school for the 2002-03 school year. The 2001-02 budget was \$255,205. The proposed budget for next year represents an increase of 26

"Budgets are very very difficult to put together, and not because of the process itself, but because you have so little flexibility when you're put- Gaudineer. ting it together," said Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler

Serson said that part of the reason for the proposed increase was because. it includes many things that could have been included in other districtwide areas, but that the high school felt they needed and wanted to include

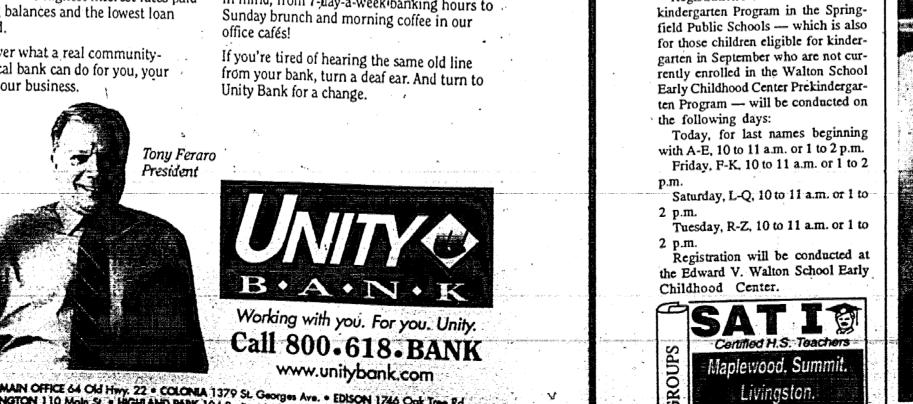
in their budget. During his presentation, Serson broke down each of the areas of the high school by subjects, guidance, offices, and so on, stating the prop-

osed budget for each area. "Knowing from the past how little state aide we get, how difficult it is to put everything in the budget, you can go about it one of two ways," said Mahler. "You can go about it very conservatively or you can go about it in what I think is the very honest approach — and that's the approach we're taking and you'll hear that from each of the principals."

• Feb. 25, James Caldwell School and Thelma L. Sandmeier School pre sentation at Dayton.

year with the transition to a new govaide figures and some of the things Everything that has and will be presented to the board will continue to be

Serson said that Dayton students have a wonderful opportunity to interact in all kinds of clubs and other things that many other high schools don't have. These things are not always figured into the original



HOW TO MAKE A CUTE

QUILT - Nicole Viteson.

left, Nancy Mustafa and

Alexandra Diamond of Kris-

tine Murray's third-grade

class at Thelma L. Sand-

meier School in Springfield

have fun making self por-traits on the quilt top during

Birch Hill, 1,100; Old Tote Road

Birch Hill to Poplar Avenue, 1,300;

Outlook Drive W. cul-de-sac, 90;

Wychwood Road cul-de-sac, 80; Wal-

nut Avenue, 720; Birch Lane and sec-

tion of Oak Tree Road, 630; Knoll-

wood Road, 1,300; Knightsbridge

Road and South/North cul-de-sac,

850; Camelot Court, 550; Rising

Way, from Chipmunk Hill to West-

field, 370; Ravens Wood, 770; Junip-

er Way, 430; Highwood Road, 400;

Forest Court, 290; Fox Trail, from

Grouse to Deer Path, 460; Bridle Path,

from Birch Hill to Mohawk, 570:

Indian Trail, sections, 660; Brian

Patch Wood Valley to cul-de-sac,

Additional work would include

various drainage and sanitary sewer

projects in the borough as well as pav-

ing roads impacted at the water utility

in 2002 a \$30,000 grant from the

Department of Transportation for

Route 22 pedestrian sidewalk

Recreation Department

2001 was another exciting and pro-

ductive year for the Recreation

Department. Lights were installed at

the Deerfield School Little League

baseball field, and the contract was

awarded to light the ball field at Bor-

With funds received from the

ough Hall for softball and soccer.

Senior Focus grant, renovations were

made to the Community Room,

including the addition to the senior fit-

ness room, the computer room, and a

restroom. The senior fitness room

The Recreation Department added

several new programs for youth,

including introductory field hockey, a

walking club, kung fu, and a U12 girls

The Community Room continued

to be well utilized, and over 1,050

hours of programs and activities were

In March, Assistant Recreation

Director Frank Masella received the

New Jersey Recreation and Park

the Year award at the annual state

Association Young Professional of

opened in October.

softball travel team.

The borough will also be receiving

a special class project.

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EDITORIALS

Unwelcomed news

Clean neighborhoods and clean commercial districts are a true benefit to any community. They promote a sense of civic pride among residents. They send a message to shoppers that the downtown area is safe and welcoming. They help preserve property values.

We were thus concerned when we heard that the Legislature in Trenton was hesitating in approving funding for the Clean Communities program. This initiative, which provides money to local governments to fund clean-up efforts and educational programs dealing with recycling and the environment, has done much for Springfield and Mountainside.

The Clean Communities program works by imposing a small tax on businesses, especially on those businesses such as food retailers that tend to be one of the major contributors to a community's litter problem.

The money collected statewide isn't much, perhaps \$15 million in a good year. The cash is passed to the county level which, in turn, passes it to local communities. Last year, Union County received slightly less than \$700,000.

And while much of the grant money is used to supplement the salary of a code enforcement officer, the cash also helps fund periodic clean-ups of streets, lots and green spaces.

If Trenton balks, it would be difficult for the towns to absorb the cost. Budgets are tight these days and picking up litter doesn't hold the same weight as road repair, salary increases and the purchase of police, fire and DPW

Litter is ihevitable in our disposable-oriented society. We hope that if the program is not funded by Trenton that community groups consider litter clean-up as a worthwhile spring project. The Scouts have always been strong supporters of the Clean Communities program; with commercial donations, they might be able to continue their efforts. We hope so. The cleanliness of a community, like the proliferation of litter, is usually contageous.

Reach for the STAR

Union County is leading the way in trying to help people whose employment was affected by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Since that fateful day, thousands have lost their jobs and the economic downturn has worsened.

The New Jersey Statewide Airport-Related Emergency Employment and Training Program is expected to begin operation this month at Elizabeth's RexPlex recreation center, adjacent to Newark International Airport, since the program targets airline-related fields. Until the STAR center opens at RexPlex, a temporary staff is working at the Retail Skills Center at Jersey Gardens Mall.

The Union County STAR Opportunity Center is an employment, re-employment and training center that focuses specifically on people who have been affected by the events of Sept. 11. The airline industry has a tremendous impact on the economy, not just in the state, but regionally as well as nationally. And Newark Airport is among the busiest in the entire United States. It has been said that six jobs are created for every job in the airline industry, ranging in different fields such as tourism, travel and food service.

The Union County Department of Human Services is the lead agency on this project, operating the center and securing the \$3.2 million federal grant for the initiative. Other entities are involved as well, including Union County College, the Retail Skills Center and the state and federal departments of labor, among others. The National Emergency Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor was made available to states experiencing certain unanticipated emergencies that result in the dislocation of workers.

The federal dollars will operate the facility while IKEA has pledged to donate the necessary furniture. The center provides services for employees but also businesses related to the dozens of airports within the state.

Residents whose employment has been affected by Sept. 11 should know that there is help available to them. The center can help citizens in searching for new work, training, filing unemployment insurance claims and other support services — all at one central location. In times like these, residents can use all the help they can get and Union County has

The Statewide Airport-Related Employment and Training Program can be accessed at 1-866-UCSTAR-6 or 1-866-827-8276.

'No matter what a man does, he is not fully sane or human unless there is a spirit of freedom in him." -Charles Horton Cooley, sociologist, 1902



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2001 proved to be banner year for borough

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remarks were delivered at the Mountainside Borough Council reorganization meeting Jan. 3. This is the first of two parts.

2001 proved to be a banner year for Mountainside. So vast were our By Robert Viglianti accomplishments that this year's report is the longest in this administration's history.

The following are reports regarding Engineering, Recreation, Library, Zoning, Finance, Police, Senior Citizen, Public Works, the Mountainside Fire Company, Rescue Squad and an update on this administration's continuing legal actions to see that Mountainside receives her fair share of the assets of the dissolved regional school

Engineering The following projects were worked on and completed during the year 2001: Drainage improvements on Bayberry Lane. The cost was \$13,174, with funds from the borough's infrastructure bond. This corrected a drainage problem

The firehouse parking lot and Watchung Avenue were reconstructed with curbs, lighting, sidewalks and drainage. The cost was \$109,269. Internal television inspection and cleaning of various sanitary sewers

were inspected on streets scheduled for paving and on streets with suspected sewer problems. The cost was \$22,274, using bond funds. Paving improvements, some drain-

age and some curb work was completed on Prospect Avenue and Sylvan Lane. About 3,300 lineal feet of roads were improved. The cost was \$171,364, using bond funds. Paving improvments, drainage, and

curbs were completed on Old Tote Road, from Central Avenue to Wood Valley Road, and Sunny Slope, from Ledgewood Road to Belair Court. A total of over 1,840 lineal feet were improved. The cost was \$197,000, using funds from the bond. Paving improvements were made

on Robin Hood Road and Tanglewood Lane. Work included paving, drainage and curbs. About 2,020 lineal feet were involved. The cost was \$260,000, using funds from the bond. Internal television inspection and cleaning of 8,213 lineal feet of the Mountainside 18-inch sanitary sewer

trunk line was completed. The cost was \$21,847, using funds from the Internal television inspection of

commensurate water supplies.

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Development brings water shortage

Surprise, surprise, we are going to have a water shortage problem.

New Jersey keeps building and "black topping" and makes no provision for

the Borough

about 57,000 lineal feet of sanitary sewers in the borough was completed The cost was \$47,429, using bond

Paving improvements on Parkway

and Greenwood Road were completed. Work includes curbs, drainage and paving improvements. Total length was 1,440 lineal feet. The cost was \$184,593, using bond funds. Paving improvements, drainage and curb work were completed on 1,600 lineal feet of Bayberry Lane

The cost was \$201,430, using bond Drainage improvements were made at various locations including Barton Drive and Pembrook Road intersection, Dogwood Way cul-de-sac, Hidien Circle, Sunny View Road and Sunny Slope. The cost was \$59,942, using bonds funds.

Additional projects, which utilized grant funds are the following: A \$100,000 Union County grant

was used to improve facilities in the Community Room. Work included a new ADA restroom, an exercise room for seniors, exercise equipment and a computer classroom for seniors.

Wood Valley Road, Section 1, was completed last spring using a grant from the state Department of Transportation. This section was 1,900 lineal feet from New Providence Road to Old Tote Road. Work included paving improvements, curbs and some drainage. The final cost was \$159,231, using a \$120,000 grant. Wood Valley Road, Section 2.

from Old Tote Road to Central Avenue, a length of 1,200 lineal feet, was completed. Work included paving, curbs and drainage. The cost was \$137,232, using a \$105,000 grant

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Lights were installed at the Little League Field. Four light poles were installed. The cost was \$78,300, which was paid for using a \$75,000

Joseph C. Chieppa

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special legislative grant to the borough and a grant from Union County. A \$20,000 Community Development grant is being used to install ADA automatic door openers at the work is ongoing.

Echo Brook Field located adjacent to the Municipal Building. The project will be paid for using a \$90,000 special legislative grant and funds from a \$100,000 Union County grant for athletic fields. The bid for the project was

from the water utility to help pay for repaying streets that were trenched during the recent water line The borough received a \$100,000

grant for athletic field improvements from Union County. Planned improvements include lights and a sprinkler system at Echo Brook Field and studies of possible field A grant of \$140,000 was received

recently from NJDOT to improve Woodacres Drive. The paving, drainage and curb improvements would Preliminary estimates are \$154,000 for the proposed work, which is in

Projects under construction currently are the following: internal television inspection and cleaning of \$80,915 lineal feet of sanitary sewers. The bid price was \$59,051. Work is still ongoing on this project.

Avenue and Chapel Hill.

Three small roads are also in the project: Turanabout Circle, Chattin

A bid was taken for rehabilitation of sanitary sewer manholes in October. The bid price was \$153,217. Work includes rehabilitation of hundreds of

manholes to reduce runoff, water infiltration and inflow into the sanitary sewer system. This reduces sewer charges to the Rahway Valley Sewer-Work proposed for 2002 includes

the following road sections: Hillside

Avenue, 550 feet; Queen's Lane, 220; Nottingham Way, 330; Friar Lane, 160; Woodacres Drive, 1,500; Old Tote Road, from Wood Valley to

Bids were awarded for lights at the

The borough received \$120,000

start at New Providence Road and pipeline construction. proceed westerly 1.500 lineal feet.

Paving improvements on various streets, Contract 2001-16, was bid on Sept. 11. The contractor expects to start construction work in March. The bid was \$206,535. Intersections to be paved include Cedar Avenue and Holly Hill, Grouse Lane and Fawn Ridge, Summit Road and Willow Road, Outlook Drive and Ackerman Avenue, Forest Hill and Deer Path, New Providence Road and Dunn Parkway, Holly Hill and Old Farm Road, Ackerman

Court and Woodacres Court.

age Authority. Work is scheduled to be completed in the spring.

Concerned about an issue facing the governing body or Board of Education in your town?

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Republican Robert Viglianti is the mayor of the Borough of

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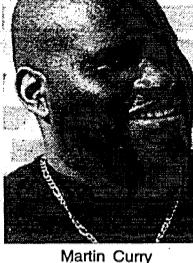
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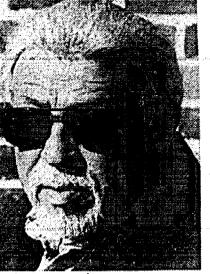
We're asking What was your favorite movie of 2001?



"'Ali.' Will Smith did a real good job.



"I like action movies like 'The Fast and the Furious' and 'Rush



Leonard Condo

Christiana Faro

"I liked the movie with Russell Crowe and Meg Ryan where the guy is trapped in the rain forest. can't remember the name of it.'

great books of our civilization. The

winter selections range from essays to

The group meets the third Thursday

Chekhov's "Rothschild's Fiddle"

will be discussed Jan. 17. Rothschild.

the coffin maker who moonlights as a

fiddler, offers a most detailed study in

how to find the comic in the tragic.

With the January selection, the

group starts the Great Books cycle at

the beginning. The discussion group

The other upcoming selections are

"On Happiness" by Aristotle, Feb. 21;

"The Heart of Darkness" by Joseph

Conrad, Apr. 18; "Conscience" by

Kant, May 16; and Marx's "Alienated

Labor," June 20. Members of the

group take turns leading the discus-

sion. The Great Books compilation

may be purchased for \$20 at the Cir-

The Springfield Free Public

Library is located at 66 Mountain

Ave., Springfield. For information

Egypt upon the invitation of Joseph.

family who does not have a Hebrew

name would like to receive one, call

Rabbi Mark Mallach at the Temple

Beth Ahm, Springfield, no later than

on Feb. 18. To select an appropriate

name and to make all of the necessary

arrangements, call 973-376-0539.

Ext. 15, or send an e-mail to

Bagger elected whip

Assemblyman Richard Bagger, R

Union, was elected Senate Deputy

Republican Whip by the Senate Repu-

blicans for the 2002-03 Legislative

Session. He represents the 21st Legi-

slative Districts, which includes

Mountainside and Springfield, and

will begin his term Tuesday.

ridinrebbe@aol.com.

Therefore, if you or anyone in your

culation Desk.

"The Apology" by Plato, Mar. 21;

of each month at the Springfield Free

Public Library at 10 a.m.

welcomes new members.

AT THE LIBRARY

Library has host of January events

Once again the Springfield Free Public Library's Teen Music Party will take place in the Donald B. Palmer Museum for sixth to ninth graders, Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m.

The music party will have space for dancing, games, snacks and enjoying the sounds spun by Manhattan Entertainment's D.J. Priore. The gathering is part of the outreach that youth services staff has been doing for teens. Their goal is to provide a place where teens can socialize and feel comfortable

Funding for this program is made possible by the family of A. Leigh

Other youth services programs for January include the following: P-J Storytime, which invites kids to attend in their pajamas, is scheduled for Jan. 17, from 7:30 to 8 p.m. Intended for children ages 3 and older, the programs include stories and a simple project. Parents are welcome. Preregistration required.

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offer fresh insights

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will provide a strong foundation in the

The 16-session course will be con-

ducted Saturday afternoons at Temple

The Mother Goose Group promotes the enjoyment of language through nursery rhymes, simple stories, songs and activities for toddlers ages 11/2 to 3 years old and their parent or caregiver. Plan to stay and play afterward. The program will be conducted on Jan. 17 and 24 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. No advance registration.

Library Babies supports languagebuilding through lap-sit games and other activities for babies and younger toddlers up to 18 months old in the comfort of a parent or caregiver's lap. Plan to stay and play afterward. The program is scheduled for Monday from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. No advance

All the above programs will be conducted at the Springfield Public Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 Library, 66 Moutain Ave., Spring- p.m. field. For information, stop by the Children's Desk or call 973-376-4930. 973-376-4930, Ext. 232.

Meeting rescheduled

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., in com-

Ave., beginning Feb. 23, continuing

through June 15, and meeting once a

week from 2 to 4 p.m. It is open to

temple members and non-members. A

single registration fee includes tuition

and one set of books and materials for

For more information about this

Troop 177 chosen for

Mountainside Boy Scout Troop

U.S. Naval Jamboree

an individual or couple.

The Springfield Library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Tuesday, For information, call

Chekhov novel is next group selection

Once a month the Great Books Discussion Group meets to examine the

course, additional course offerings, of

Temple Beth Ahm will

Midshipman Eagle Scouts during the

three-day jamboree. The Scouts will

sleep in tents on the grounds of

YMCA Camp Letts. A demonstration

by the United States Navy Seals and

Marines is scheduled. Troop 177 was

chosen to participate out of over 300

troops that applied. Scouts must be at

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least 13 years of age.

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"'Pearl Harbor.' It brought back a lot of what I learned when I was a

pliance with the Open Public Meet-

ings Act of the State of New Jersey,

advises that the Springfield Free Publ-

ic Library Board of Trustees reorgani-

zation meeting originally scheduled

Library seeks used

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NEWS CLIPS

Public hearing

fundamentals of Judaism.

scheduled tonight The Mountainside Board of Education will hold a public hearing tonight at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, to review the Beechwood and Deerfield projects at the town

177 has been chosen to participate in the 15th Annual U.S. Naval Academy Merit Badge Jamboree on Jan. 18, 19 and 20. Several scouts from Troop 177 will join the 1,700 Boy Scouts to planning board meeting. be instructed by a class of over 100

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Jewish Family Service of MetroWest opens doors to elderly in Springfield

The community celebration of the by local rabbis. Transitions Elder-tional care management and as affixing mezzuzot to the doorposts monitoring services, along with tradi-

Jewish Family Service of MetroWest Care, a comprehensive service that counseling. featured a dedication of the new facil- helps older adults and their families. ity in Springfield and ribbon-cutting cope with the changes of aging, offers

For more information about Transiby former Mayor Sy Mullman, as well consultation, education, planning and tions ElderCare or to schedule a con-



Celebrating the opening of the newly-expanded Transitions ElderCare offices for Jewish Family Service of MetroWest in Springfield are, from left, Sandra Rosenbaum, chairwoman of the JFS board planning committee; Township Committeeman Sy Mullman; Reuben Romirowsky, JFS executive director; Carol Marcus, JFS board president; Rabbi Eliseo Rozenwasser of Adath Shalom, Morris Plains, and a member of the JFS board, and Rabbi Mark Mallach of Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield.

A lifesaving donation



Gerald H. Lipkin, chairman, president, and CEO of Valley National Bank in Mountainside presents two defibrillators to the borough's police and emergency services departments in recognition of the grand opening of the bank's new Mountainside branch. Glad to accept the life-saving devices are, from left, Lieutenant Todd Turner, Lipkin, Police Chief James Debbie and Captain Richard Osieja.

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Learning about the Iceman



Recently, Joseph Ricca's 6th grade social studies students at Deerfield School in Mountainside were asked to write a report and create an artifact on the topic of the amazing archaeological find; the Iceman of the Alps. Students were asked to be creative and fashion their artifacts from materials that the Iceman may have used, some examples were bows and arrows, bearskin hats and chipped stone knives. Students, from left, are Ryan Murphy, Kimberley Hiller, Jillian O'Sullivan, Meghan Eichner, Christina Pindar, Victoria Vitale, Mary Strodel and Gwendolyn Perrin.

Entertainment books on sale as fund-raiser

The 2002 Entertainment Books, with hundreds of discount coupons for restaurants, travel and sports events in the Union County area, are being sold by Union County Vocational-Technical School students to raise funds for their annual awards night.

The discount coupon books are available for all areas of New Jersey and can be ordered for all areas of the county. Each book provides discounts of as much as 50 percent on fine and casual dining, movie admissions, concerts, sports events, family activities, airfares, hotels, rental cars, merchandise and local services.

Heinz Ricken, coordinator of student activities, said the money raised through the sale of the books will be used to help fund the awards given to graduating seniors at the annual awards night in June.

The North Jersey edition of the book costs \$20 and includes businesses and events in Union, Essex and Hudson counties. The Central Jersey edition, which includes Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and southern Union counties, costs \$30. Other editions available for purchase in the Bergen/Passaic Northwest Jersey edition; the Monmouth, Ocean and Mercer counties; South Jersey, and New York City.

To purchase a book or to obrain more information on the 2002 Entertainment Book, call Ricken, the awards dinner chairman, at 908-889-8288, Ext. 311, or purchase one at the main office of Union County Votechnical-Technical High School, West Hall, 1776 Raritan Road.

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Chelsea Aranjo, Andrew DeRose, Aeghan Eichner, Allison Foster, amantha Garber, Paige Geiger, Treor Hain, Nicole Heersema, Joseph Cizmann, Gwendolyn Perrin, Christa Pindar, Madelyn Starkey and Ash-

Deerfield students are

The following students at Deerfield chool in Mountainside received

amed to honor roll

Robert Adashev, Melissa Addoniio, Sara Boyle, Thomas Carannante, hristina DeCosta, Peter DeJianne, agar Desai, Sean Faella, Joshua Hu, atiana Kingston, Elisa LaBrutto, Sasha Lipton, Elena Lopez, Esther Novik, Ashley Osieja, Marc Perez-Santalla, Jonathan Soong, Mary Strodel, Victoria Vitale and Alina

Grade 7

High Honor Roll Lauren Arrigoni, Christine Bennett, Joseph D'Anthono, Amy DeGaetano, Lindsay Gilcrest, Claire Golomb, Melissa Montagna, Veronica Thomas, Brian Wyvratt and Matthew

Thomas Amalfe, Salvatore C. Arpiio, Salvatore R. Arpino, Natalie Basile, Daniel Berger, Ashley-Lin Biel, Amanda Blackman, Juliann Buonaguro, Brittany Catalano, Greory Chilson, John Cho, Alexandra contini, Anthony Corsi, Toni DeCris oforo, Peggy Hennings, Mackie Hill, Andrew Hoydich, Reid Kelley, Nora Kinney, Naomi McKenna, Carly Meyer, Alexandra Mohr, Francesca Montalvo, Justin Quaglia, Andrew Rocha, Sean Scoffeld, Jaclyn Sokol, George Stankov, Renee Thompson, Katherine Wagner, Bei Wang, Kevin Wheaton and Benjamin Witt.

Grade 8 High Honor Roll Hali Alpert, Joseph Baseil, Linnea Buttermore, Sarah Dempsey, Andrew Gennaro, Ana Lopez, Tess Perrin. Mary Jane Pijanowski, Andrew Robertson, Jocelin Thau, Lindsay Thomas, Kara Uzzolino and Molly

Massimo Arpino, Jonathan Avecillas, Katelyn Capodanno, Christopher Chan, Divya Desai, Joshua Dubinsky, Claire Eng, Scott Foster, Noelle Gostyla, Bryan Heersema, Diane King, stine LaBrutto, Morgan Liss, Marissa Masellis, Jason Massa, Kathleen Melnyk, Lauren Parlapiano, Ryan Penk, Jillian Richard, Raquel Rodrigues, Philip Vitale, Thomas Weakley and Catherine Wilson.

JD students earn honors for 2001-02

The following students at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield have been named to the honor roll for the first marking period of the 2001-02 school year: Grade 9

Brandon Baron, Jaclyn Berkowitz, Danielle M. Boettcher, Sadeeah Bunch, Genevieve L. Ciullo, Ginger Crosby, Pauline DiFabio, Rachel M. Dushkin, Mare Esquerra, Anna Ferdman, Stacey Fonseca, Laura Rose Fraenkel, Tiffany Jo Frez, Raul Furnaguera, Anton Galibov, Marisa Gal-

STUDENT UPDATE lant, Jessica A. Girandola, Vered Golin, Daniel B. Kaplan, Jennifer

Karl, Bradley Kaston, Michael Lawson, Elina Lazich, Paul Leokumovich, Christina M. Leshko, Annmarie Licatese. Viviana J. Maciel, Steven B. Mandel, Michael Mannarino, Kena Mena, Amanda Middleberg, Shann C. Zlotsky. Grade 12

Nelson, Sagar Patel, Jessica Perez, Alexander Peyser, Ashley Phanor, Dara Poltorck, Thomas Reverchon, Carol Rodriguez, Jessica Roland. Adam M. Ross, Danielle Ross, Taylor Sabinsky, Jaclyln N. Salant, Marie Samson, Adrian Saporta, Matthew Sauerhoff, Danielle M. Scheer, Julie Schneier, Lindasay Schuckman, Lindsay Seagull, Adam Shai, Adam Sherman, Dominic Telymonde, Cathryn Title, Aaron Toboul, Allyson Tratenberg, Alice Vasileve, Jesse R. Weatherston, Shira Weinstein, Jaime Weisman, Jacqueline S. Weiss, Jarred Weiss, Abby Wilkenfeld and Cristin

Grade 10 Melissa Capece, Theodore B. Chelis, Cheng Chen, Tina Ngaman Cheung, Lindsay Coughlin, Christo-pher Dorvil, Amanda K. Garlen, Michael Gleicher, Rachel Goldman, Inez Gradzki, Andrea Handeli, Drew Krumholz, Nicole C. Lay, Lisa Listowski, Robyn Llull, Steven Luksenberg, Alyssa Mason, Margaret Mysliwiec, Ilana S. Nahmias, Jonathan Rego; Ana Rodriguez, Erica R. Rosenbaum, Danielle Schwartz, Genny A. Schwarzberg, Renu C. Shah, David E. Sklar, Sara Steinman, Ashley L. Tiss, Jenny Wang and Zhann

Jenna Alifante, Jonathan Au, Anna

Grade 11

Batler, Lindsey Beckelman, Brett A. Berger, David Bertschy, Allison Canton, Katherine L. Ciullo, Devon Dorn, Nicole Ehrhardt, Amie Faigenbaum Manoah Finston, Adam Gilson, Darcy C. Ginsberg, Donna Golin, Sherri L Grobarz, Timothy P. Homlish, Christine Hopson, Joseph K. Kahoonei, Madeline Kaplan, Ross Kravetz, Allison Lau, Danielle Mack, Staci D. Max, Jake B. Morano, Jamie L. Neville. Chandni Patel, Jare Preston, Jennifer Rego, Anthony Rodriguez, Jeremy R. Salow, Casey Santo,

Cassondra Smith, Anna Spektor, Brian I. Sperber, Michael P. Stanhs, Matthew P. Stigliano, Juliana L. Stravato, Andrew E. Title, Elana Toboul, Elissa Walters, Chad Wolf, Theodore Young, Marina Zelster and Valerie

Mohamed Abdelaziz, Esther Aizenberg, Gracemarie Alfano, Pamela Bookbinder, Roman Bronsh-teyn, Nicole Burke, Lindsey Butler, Tahirah Clarke, Shany David, Chase Freundich, Alexander K. Garlen, Jessica Goldblat, Garry Goldman, Evangeline Guilas, Marsha Handeli, Hani Heiba, Telicia Hill, Scott Hollander, Jennifer Lewis, Jonathan Lewis, Melissa LoSchiavo, Juliet Marx, Benjamin Maslow, Lauren Motouri, Wojciech Mysliwiec, Samantha Pellet, Joseph Petraccaro, Miri Rosen, Kevin Schulman, Monica Schwartz, Kanishka S. Sharma, Ziad Shehady Laurie Sherman, Rena Steinbach Ryan A. Stromeyer, Megan Anne Tavis, Monica Taylor, Kimberly Terhune, Pamela Traum, Alphonsa Vadakethalakel and Jared Weisman.

Dworkin wins place in Regional Band

Jonathan Dayton High School sophomore Keith Dworkin has been accepted into the 2002 Central Jersey Music Educator's Association Reg-

Dworkin competed with many students from Central Jersey for this placement. He will be showing off his hard work and talent at the Regional Concert on Sunday at The College of New Jersey at 3 p.m. His acceptance in this group also makes him eligible for the New Jersey All State Band.

Orleman earns BS from Wentworth

Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston awarded degrees to more than 700 students this past year, including one to E. Scott Orleman of Springfield, who received a bachelor's degree in computer engineering



A team of seventh-grade boys from Deerfield School in Mountainside recently participated in the Pirate Open academic challenge at Seton Hall Prep. The team facilitator was Susan Kelley. The participants including, from left, Andrew Rocha, Reid Kelley, Joseph D'Antuono, Matt Zimmerman, with Matt Cannizzo, Seton Hall Prep Private Bowl coordinator.

Super students



Florence M. Gaudineer School's "Students of the Quarter" recipients for the first quarter of the 2001-02 school year are, from left, eighth grader Melissa Guida, seventh grader Natasha Scott, sixth grader Barbara Soto and fifth grader Amanda Grywalski. The program is sponsored by the Springfield Elks 2004 as part of their youth activities program. The program recognizes exceptional students who are selected by the teaching staff based on their character, leadership, service, citizenship and scholastic ability. The students were awarded certificates during a dinner at the Springfield Elks Lodge.

Grant funds multicultural lectures

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands Grant to Temple Beth Ahm's Hazak group and Kean University's Jewish Studies and World Affairs program. HEART Grant funding has also been received from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. These monies will support a lecture series titled "Communication in a Multicultural World."

The lectures will be presented monthly from January through May at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, and are open to the public at no charge Each will be on a Monday evening at 8 p.m.; the dates are Feb. 11, March 11, April 22 and May

The keynote lecture in January will be presented by Kean University President Ronald L. Applbaum on the man, professor of public administra-

series theme, "Crossing Boundaries: during the Holocaust; she will share Problems and Prospects of Multiculher personal experiences April 22 as tural Communication." Prior to his she speaks on "Jews and Christians: appointment at Kean University, Memories of a Hidden Child." The Applbaum served as possident of concluding lecture May 20 will be Westfield State College. He has also presented by Dennis Klein, historian held positions as vice president for and director of the Jewish studies and Academic Affairs at the University of world affairs program at Kean, on the Texas-Pan American and as dean of topic of "Jews and Blacks: The Diffethe School of Humanities at Californirent Sounds of Freedom's Ring." a State University-Long Beach.

Kean Political Science Professor This educational program was Gilbert Kahn will present the Feb. 11 lecture on the topic: "Jews and Muslims: Is the Arab-Israeli Conflict Based on a Failure to Communicate?," and on March 11, Eric Pennington, professor of literature at Kean, will speak on and give his personal account of "Jews and Latinos: Underlying Causes of the Residual Racism in Argentina." Susan Leder-

made possible in part by a HEART Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and by a grant from the New Jersey Council for Humanities, a state program of the National Endowment for the

For directions to Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield or other information, call 973-376-0539, Ext. 11.

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CLUBS IN THE NEWS

Senior group plans wintertime getaway

Mountainside sponsors a lunch at the Russian Tea Room in New York City. plus a visit to the St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Cathedral and the "Pearl' exhibit at the American Museum of Natural History Saturday. Lunch and

Call Loretta for details and reservations at 908-232-3025. For information call Helen Zim-

Newcomers Club

Club announces the following activities in the near future:

The Ladies Night Out will be on Jan. 23 and will take the form of a chinese supper in a member's home. Call Maureen O'Shaughnessy at 908-317-5765 for more information

and to RSVP. The Men will also be meeting this month, Jan. 31 at the Crossroads Tavern in Garwood at 8 p.m. Prashant Mehrotra is the man to call for details at 908-232-7087. Be sure to celebrate Valentine's

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Winter Gala at The Westwood in Garwood. Susan Buchner has the ticket details for this event, call her at

homes got to give their Christmas wish list to Santa in person as he toured the area.

STORK CLUB

Hunter Ross Gollin

Hunter Ross Gollin was born Dec. 19 at Overlook Hospital, Summit, to Brian and Jodi Gollin of Springfield.

He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 201/2 inches Maternal grandparents are Sandra Tasch and the late Hyman Tasch of

Paternal grandparents are Sheldon and Shirley Gollin of Manchester, formerof Parsippany. Paternal great-grandmothers are Helen Berger of Clark and Miriam Lieber-

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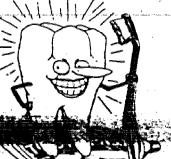
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6:30 and the 8th grade game at 8.

scrmmaged Fanwood Dec. 19 and

was defeated 68-29.

Springfield's 8th grade team

Stephen Suarez scored eight

points, had four rebounds and one

assist. Jake Floyd had six points

and six rebounds and Kevin Jiang

had three points and five rebounds.

Adam Hirst and Joe Palitto had five

points each, while Cornel Wolfe

On Dec. 17, the Springfield

Minutemen held its annual Al Nit-

tolo Shoot-A-Thon at Gaudineer

Middle School. This is the Minute-

men's only fundraising activity.

Supporters of the Minutemen

either pledge an amount per shot or

agree to make a donation to this

worthwhile youth sports program.

As usual, the Springfield communi-

ty generously supported these

Sunday: Springfield at New

at New Providence Middle School

7th grade game 3:30 p.m., 8th grade

Wednesday: Longhill a

7th grade game 6:30 p.m.; 8th grade

Jan. 19: Warren at Springfield

7th grade game 6:30 p.m.; 8th grade

Jan. 23; Chatham at Springfield

7th grade game 6:30 p.m. 8th grade

Jan. 25: Springfield at Berkeley

7th grade game 6:30 p.m.; 8th grade

Jan. 31: Springfield at Warren

h grade game 6:30 p.m.; 8th grad

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Springfield home games are played

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MYBL registration

Saturday morning

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League registration at the Deerfield

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at the Summit Middle School.

registration Sat.

the season.

League for ages 13 and 14.

team if space is available.

the time of registration.

going until 12:30 p.m.

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Providence

South Street

game 5 p.m.

Springfield

game 8 p.m.

game 8 p.m.

game 8 p.m.

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WRC has host of January self-help programs

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Services at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning Torah Avenue. Church School and Bible Study is held

study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worhship is at

meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-3; on have a "good week" because of Paul's reminder

Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7; and to us in his letter to the Romans "that ALL things

Tuesday evenings for post bar/bat mitzvah work together for good for those who love God

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Gregory J. Miceli Gregory J. Miceli, 62, of Spring-

Born in Spilinga, Italy, Mr. Miceli moved to Springfield many years ago. He owned and operated Vailsburg Travel, Kenilworth, for 32 years. Mr. Miceli was a member of the International Travel Agents Association and the Cruise Lines International Association. He also received several achievement awards from Alitalia Airlines. Mr. Miceli also was a member of the Spilingese Club, Newark.

Sister Mary Alpisa, O.P., 94, of the Shrine, Summit, died Dec. 31 in St. Born in Paterson, Sister Mary Alpi-

sa entered the monastery in 1937 and professed her vows on May 1, 1939. 64 years. For 50 years, Sister Mary Jersey Normal School, later known as

Frank Ward Olive, 92, of Summit died Jan. 1 at home.

Paterson State Teachers College.

Born in New York City, Mr. Olive lived there, in Brooklyn and Upper Montclair before moving to Summit in 1926. He also maintained a winter residence in Florida and a summer residence in Ľake Mohawk, Mr. Olive maintained a law practice on Springfield Avenue in Summit before retiring. He continued to offer legal expertise to the firm, where his son, Richard, also practiced. Prior to establishing his law firm, Mr. Olive briefly operated a gift shop in Montclair and before that, he settled insurance claims at Aetna in Newark and served as a clerk with Judge Scerbo in

During the 1930s, he served briefly with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Olive received a law degree in 1934 from the University of Virginia Law School. During World War II, he served as field director with the American Red Cross in Newport, R.I. Also surviving are his wife, Carolyn; a daughter, Barbara Olive Pater-

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Sister Mary Alpisa Lee Sargenti Lee Sargenti, 80, of Mountainside died Dec. 27 in Runnells Specialized

Hospital, Berkeley Heights. Born in New York, Mrs. Sargenti moved to Mountainside 35 years ago. She was a member of the Mountain side Women's Club and a volunteer for the Circle of Compassion through Our Lady of Lourdes Church,

Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Armando; two daughters, Joy Lebner and Denise Wood; two sons, Dennis and Reymond; a sister, Norma Stumm, and 11 grandchildren.

Kathe Wolf

Kathe Wolf, 90, of Springfield, formerly of Elizabeth, died Dec. 31 in the Glenside Nursing Home, New

Born in Germany, Mrs. Wolf came to the United States at the age of 13 and lived in Elizabeth and for 10 years in Berkeley Heights before settling in Springfield in 1951. She was a semiprofessional musician and soloist, who performed on the organ, piano, and guitar in the Union County area many years ago.

11 great-grandchildren.

field died Jan: 1 at home.

Surviving is his mother, Caterina

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Clare's Medical Center, Denville. She remained at the Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine for the last Alpisa was in charge of the monastery's community mail and answered personal requests from the public. Before entering the monastery, she taught in the Paterson school system for 10 years. Sister Mary Alpisa received a bachelor's degree in education from the New

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Summit's theme for 1st season

fun and learning

By Jeff Wolfrum

BRIDGEWATER - Having fun and learning the game. That's the overall theme for the Summit High School girls' ice hockey

In their first season of competition, the Hilltoppers are presently 0-3, but are working very hard.

High School Ice Hockey "We're trying to build on the positives in every single game," Summ

head coach Matt Ramstedt said. "It's nice to have a program like this because the girls are learning and getting more experience. Hopefully, we can become more competitive." Alongside Ramstedt on the bench are assistant coaches Tom Simmor

"This is a totally different situation than any other hockey team that I've been associated with." Ramstedt said. "Everyone's rooting for each other out there and doing the best they can."

Ramstedt has previously been a coach with the Summit varsity and junio varsity boys' teams. The Hilltopper roster consists of 18 players, with Megan Edn and Caitlin Mell the only seniors. The rest of the roster includes Abby Breene, Sarah Bowman, Julia Castellanos, Preston Curtis, Kristen Dinsmore, Katie Engel, Jackie Grabrowski, Kelly Kenyon, Melissa Natale, Amanda Selwyn, Katie

Starker, Beth Starker, Bridget Swartz, Taylor Tammaro, Courtney Williams

and Ashlev Williams. "We have a very young team," Ramstedt said. "Some girls have experi ence and others have been on the ice maybe six or seven times in their life." The coach points to the support of the girls' families as a big part of the

On such parent is Paul Starker, who helped spearhead a community effort of gathering equipment for the girls. "All over the country, girls' ice hockey has really picked up," Starker said

The enthusiasm has been great and the girls in the middle school are

already talking about it." Starker's son, Matt, stars for the Summit boys' team. "We needed to give our girls an opportunity to play because going agains the boys was just too dangerous," Starker said.

Having siblings compete in the sport has been a factor in some of the girls deciding to give the sport a try. "My older brothers all played hockey," Dinsmore said. "So when the high

school decided to have a team, I joined." A 12-game schedule includes contests against schools such as Pingry Morristown-Beard, Princeton Day School, Stuart-Country Day School and

the Hill School.

Summit opened its season on Dec. 4 and dropped a 6-0 decision to Morristown-Beard. Later in the month, the Hilltoppers played Princeton Day School and were

much more competitive, falling 7-5. Breene had the distinction of scoring the first goal in Summit's history. Kenyon added two, while Tammaro and Beth Starker had one apiece.

"When we score a goal, it's like we won the Stanley Cup," Ramstedt said. 'Everyone's jumping around and having a ball. Despite Tuesday's 8-0 setback to Pingry at the Bridgewater Sports Arena,

Ramstedt felt his team performed well. "We did a lot of good things," Ramstedt said. "We put together a lot o good passes and when we were in the offensive zone, we cycled the pucked

The coach was also pleased with the play of goalfender Katie Starker "Her development as a goalie for as long as she's been playing the position has been phenomenal," Ramstedt said. "Katie has great lateral move ment side-to-side and is very smart. She's gaining confidence after every

Summit is next scheduled to play Morristown-Beard Saturday at 5 p.m. a Twin Oaks Arena in Morristown.

"The younger girls are picking up the sport and getting better at it," Starker said. "Hopefully, we'll have a very competitive team in a couple of

Dayton boys' doing well son after being hit hard by graduation

The Bulldogs entered Tuesday's scheduled Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division game at Oratory Prep with a 4-3 record and two-game winning

Oratory Prep is much improved and entered Tuesday's game with a 5-2 record. The Summit private school won only three games the past three seasons.

GL girls' capture MVC title

The Governor Livingston High School girls' winter track team was tired of finishing second, so this year it finally captured the Mountain Valley Conference championship. After finishing second four of the past five years, GL edged Ridge 44.25-44

last Saturday at Drew University in Madison. Ridge was after a seventh consecutive championship, having won every year from 1995-2000. The Highlanders were sparked by the efforts of Dana McCurdy and Megs DiDario, each breaking meet records.

McCurdy was first in the 400-meter run in a record time of 1:00.97. She surpassed the mark of 1:03.42 that she set last year.

High School Track and Field DiDario was first in the 800-meter run in a record time of 2:27.02. She

surpassed the mark of 2:29.50 she set last year. Johnson was third in the team standings with 43 points, while Roselle was GL made school history on Monday by winning the county shuttle hurdles

title for the first time at the Union County girls' relays held at the Elizabeth Dunn Center. McCurdy, a senior, led off with an 8.3 to give GL the lead for good. Sophomore Abbey Kole ran second, freshman Chrissy McCurdy, Dana's sister, ran third and freshman Laura Ronner anchored as the team finished in 35.0.

GL's boys' feam finished second in its MVC competition. Roselle outscored

the Highlanders by an 82-53 margin. GL had one champion in Michael Prazak in the 800-meter run. He won the event in an excellent time of 2:11.16. Teammate Jeremy Pfund was econd in

GL's Michael Carmody was second in the 3,200-meter run in 10:43.80 and teammate Daniel Legiec third in the shot put at 46-1.5. Alex Hotz was fourth in the 1,600 meter run in 4:52.81. Soccer Club of Springfield has tryouts

The Soccer Club of Springfield invites all area players born between 8-1-84 and 7-31-85 to try out for the club's spring 2002 boys' 17-and-under traveling

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Girls' are having Summit's Gross will gain fun and learning honor at Hot Stove event

selves on and off the baseball diamonds of Union County are to be inducted into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame during ceremonies on Wednesday.

Al "Blaze" Blazejewski, Ernest Finizio, George Gross and Reggie Hammonds will be honored at the 66th Annual Union County Baseball Association Hot Stove League Dinner at the L' Affaire Banquet Center on Route 22 East in Mountainside. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. The special guest speaker at the awards dinner will be Milwaukee Brewers outfielder Jeffrey Hammonds, who

will also introduce his brother, Reggie, a new inductee into

the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame. Before signing

with the Brewers for the 2001 season. Jeffrey Hammonds had played for the Colorado Rockies, the Cincinnati Reds and Baltimore Orioles. During his teenage years, he distinguished himself at Scotch Plains High School and later played for Stanford University and the United States Olympic Baseball Team.

Tickets for the dinner are \$35, with proceeds going to help fund the Union County Summer Youth Baseball League for youngsters ages 8-15. Proceeds will also aid the newer Fall Teen League. Organized in 1945, the Youth Baseball League reached a new high in participation this

Union County Baseball Association Hall of Famers include Hillside's Phil "The Scooter" Rizzuto, Jake Wood of Elizabeth, Willie Wilson of Summit, Al Santorini of Union Township and Mountainside's Jeff Torborg. In addition to the new Hall of Fame inductees, the Hot Stove League Baseball Dinner will also honor several

young athletes and local teams for their recent achievements. Here's a closer look at the 2002 inductees into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame:

Alex "Blaze" Blazejewski: Born in Elizabeth on Dec. 13, 1920, Blazejewski attended St. Adalbert's Grammar School and Cleveland Junior High School. When not pitching, he played infield and outfield in the Elizabethport sandlots, where he was also known for his strong batting

Blazejewski played varsity baseball at Thomas Jefferson High School in Elizabeth where again his arm and bat contributed to winning games. He distinguished himself as an outstanding pitcher with a blazing fastball and a sharp breaking curve.

In 1937, Blazejewski joined forces with a Port team named the Question Marks. He helped them win the City League baseball title. He later helped to make them a strong contender in the revived Intra-County League from 1939 to 1941. The Question Marks gained entrance into the Union

County League in 1942, when John Banyasz asked them to participate as the Garwood Question Marks. The club made a strong showing that year and won the Army-Navy Relief Tournament and then the ABC State Championship, with Blaze winning two of the three games played. Blazejewski helped the Question Marks win the Union County League title in 1944, 1945 and again in 1949. His high water mark during that period was a 19-strikeout game. He also became the ace of the Singer Industrial

team, which played in the Union County Industrial League and the Irvington Twi-Lite League. Blazejewski pitched a no-hitter for the Singer team and showed his versatility by playing infield and outfield positions in games when he was not on the mound. A power hitter as well as an outstanding pitcher, Blazejewski led the Industrial League in hitting three times, reaching his peak

with a .447 batting average. Blazejewski is retired from his many years as a sewing machine assembler at Singer. He now lives with his wife in

Union Township Ernest J. Finizio, Jr.: Born on January 10, 1941, Finizio is a longtime resident of Roselle Park and got involved in the Union County Youth Baseball League under the watchful eye of coach Leo Spirito. At Roselle Park High School, he played second base on the freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams that were coached by Herm Shaw

and Jim Dunn. Finizio was co-captain of the varsity team and was noted for his sparkling defense and outstanding on base percentage as a leadoff hitter. While baseball was his "first love," he also excelled at wrestling and won the district championship in his weight class in 1958. \

After high school, Finizio continued his interest in baseball as a player, coach and umpire. He alternated between second base and the pitcher's mound for Rico Automotive of Elizabethport in the Union County Industrial League, for Krajack Oil in the Union County League and for Elizabeth Iron Works in the Union County Youth Baseball Hampshire, in the Eastern League. Before a wrist injury

Finizio also found time throughout the 1960s to teach the fundamentals as a coach in the Roselle Park and Union County Youth Baseball Leagues and at Roselle Park High Finizio's long umpiring career also took off in the

1960s. For more than four decades he officiated an untold number of local and regional baseball and softball games with a variety of organizations and leagues. His umpiring resume includes work with the New Jersey Umpires Association, the Amateur Softball Association, the Union County Baseball League, the Union, County Industrial League, the Union County Youth Baseball League and the Union County Softball League.

In his hometown of Roselle Park, his knowledge of the game has been put to the test while umpiring for the Church of the Assumption Boys League, the Roselle Park Youth Baseball League and the high school freshman, junior varsity and varsity baseball teams.

enough, Finizio is also a certified official in high school athletics for football, wrestling, swimming, soccer and volleyball. From 1962 to 1993, he served the families of Roselle Park as a teacher, principal and ultimately the superintendent of schools. In 1994, the Aldene School, where Finizio learned to read and write and years later became its principal, was renamed the Ernest J. Finizio-

Aldene School. Long after his playing days, Finizio has had a major impact on athletics in Union County and throughout the state. A partial list of his activities and awards offers these highlights: State Supervisor of baseball for the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association; New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association Hall of Fame; National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Executive Committee of the Union County Interscholastic Athletic Conference. Finizio and his , wife, Dorothy, presently live in

George C. Gross, Jr.: Born in Summit on May 15, 1956, Gross excelled in sports at Summit High School, earning letters in football, basketball and baseball. Gross, a teammate of Willie Wilson, tied the single season record at Summit with a .444 batting average in his senior year and was named to the All Union County team and the New

York Daily News All Star team in 1974. Gross accepted a scholarship to the University of Delaware, where again he excelled in three sports. From 1975-77 he made the East Coast Athletic Conference All-Star baseball team. In the summer of 1975, he was an All-Star with the Jersey Pilots of the Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League and the following summer he was named to the Cape Cod League All-Stars while a member of the Chatham A's.

In his junior year at Delaware, Gross batted .444 to tie a conference record and he had a record 28-game hitting streak that included a 6-hit game. In 1977, Gross was drafted by the Houston Astros, who

sent him to Sarasota of the Gulf State League. The following year he played for the Daytona Beach Astros in the Florida State League and was voted the team's MVP In 1979, Gross led first basemen in fielding in the "AA" Southern League while a member of the Columbus Astros. He batted .297 that year with 10 homers, six triples and 24

When Gross moved up to Triple-A in 1980 with the Tucson Toros of the Pacific Coast League, he missed much of the season after being hit in the face with a pitch. He returned to the Toros in 1981, but saw only limited play. The severity of his injury ended his career as a player. Gross stayed on with the Tucson Toros as Assistant Business Manager in 1982 and later served as General Manager of the Spokane Indians of the Northwest League for 1983-84. After that, he put his baseball know-how and business skills to good use as a part owner of the Salt Lake

Trappers of the Pioneer League from 1986-93. Wherever Gross played, his skills commanded instant respect. When he helped coach in Summit recreation prog rams, the players were always eager for more of his

Gross is presently a Senior Vice President with the advertising firm Viacom Outdoor. He lives with his wife, Rebecca, and their son, Connor, in Mountain Lakes.

Reggie Hammonds: Born in Plainfield on October 13, 1962, Hammonds attended Scotch Plains High School, where he played the outfield on the varsity team for four years. The talented righthander was named to the Courier News All-Area team three years in a row and to the New York Daily News All-State teams in 1979 and 1980. Hammonds batted .551 in 1979, the second-highest average in the state. He was named to the Star-Ledger All-State team in 1979 and again in 1980, when he improved his average to .595. His performance prompted the Star-Ledger to pick him for their Top 10 Players of the 1970s. Hammonds accepted a full baseball scholarship to play at Northwestern and excelled at the Big Ten school in both

football and baseball from 1980-84. Hammonds was named to All Big Ten Baseball Tournament teams in 1983 and 1984. During his time at Northwestern, he was awarded membership in the University's great N Club and also the Bull Pen Club. As he finished his junior year at the University, Reggie was drafted by the Seattle Mariners but turned down the offer to continue his

Following his graduation from Northwestern in 1984, Reggie was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates and played for their minor league teams in Bradenton, Florida; Macon, Georgia, in the South Atlantic League; Prince William, Virginia, in the Carolina League and "AA" Nashua, New ended his professional playing career in 1988, Reggie played with or against latter-day stars such as Barry Bonds, Bobby Bonilla, Rafael Palmeiro, Ellis Burks, Lenny Harris, Joe Girardi and Barry Larkin.

tal & Co. in New York City. He has helped coach and guide the career of his younger brother Jeffrey, who is entering his 10th year in the majors. Hammonds also contributes to haseball as president of

Hammonds is a senior financial consultant with Joseph-

Final Score Marketing, speaking at high schools and baseball clinics and donating baseball equipment.

Hammonds is engaged and lives in Jersey City. Tickets to the 66th Annual Union County Baseball Association Hot Stove League Dinner are available for \$35 and may be obtained by calling 908-527-4910. The dinner is sponsored by the Union County Baseball Association, in cooperation with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Department of Parks and

ton's win Thursday against Roselle Park. Aizenberg scored

13 points and Brahm and Tomasino nine each in Friday's

Dayton girls' battled Oak Knoll

The Dayton High School girls' basketball team sought to extend its winning streak and remain undefeated in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference when it booked up with Oak Knoll Tuesday night in Springfield. Dayton began the week 6-1 record after beating Roselle Park 66-28 at home and Newark Central 54-29 on the road

last week in conference play. Oak Knoll improved to 6-1 on Friday by beating Manville 59-36 in conference play in Manville. Sara Steinman scored 12 points, Esther Aizenberg 11 and Lisa Listowski and Lindsay Brahm 10 each in Day-

Tracey George turned in a 20-point performance in helping Oak Knoll defeat Manville. Catherine Sweeney had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

win against Newark Central.

Dayton is scheduled to host Manville tonight at 7 and then face Brearley tomorrow night in Kenilworth at 7. The Bulldogs are scheduled to play at St. Mary's of Eli-

zabeth Tuesday night at 7,

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COUNTY NEWS



Dougherty to lead St. Patrick's Day parade

The 2002 Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee recently selected James F. Dougherty as general chairman for the parade, which will be March 16.

Dougherty is a founding parade committee member since its inception more than six years ago. He most recently served as the ad journal chairman, responsible for raising approximately \$22,000, which pays for all the parade expenses to stage the

"Having the opportunity to be a key member of such a dedicated group of volunteers, for all of Union County to enjoy that special day, is truly a joy and a pleasure, especially as an Irish-American," Dougherty said.

Since returning from a tour of duty in Vietnam in May 1968, Dougherty began his career in law enforcement with the Newark Police Department. After six years he was appointed to the Essex County Sheriff's Department, where he served as a detective in the Bureau of Narcotics. He rose through the ranks over the next 17 years to captain and then commander of the Bureau of Narcotics, until he accepted a position as deputy chief for the Union County Prosecutor's

Since April 1998, he has been the assistant jail director with the Union County Division of Correctional Services. He is responsible for managing the administrative staff and their

Dougherty is married to the former Jane Conway, and they have three sons, Brian, James and Kevin, Theyare residents of Scotch Plains and are active in their local church, St. Helen's Catholic Community. He is a Knights of Columbus, Essex and Union emerald societies, the Union Irish, VFW, the Nugent Association and the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick

UCEDC honors, two county businesses

Two local businesses were recognized last month immediately following the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Union County Economic Development Corporation for their business success and commitment to community.

The first award, the 2001 Community Investment Award, was presented to Brand New Day Inc. for the Magnolia Mini-Mall project in Elizabethport. In attendance to receive the award were Krishna Garlic, current executive director, Jay Blooom, former executive director, and Robert Cardonsky, president of the Brand New Day Board of Directors.

The Community Investment Award is given annually to a business or project that has undertaken physical, exterior improvements to a property in Union County. Such improvements must be shown to have a positive impact in its neighborhood or helped to improve the business climate in its immediate vicinity.

The Brand New Day Magnolia Mini-Mall exemplifies community investment. Not only did the project add affordable rental housing units, create vital commercial and retail businesses to serve the local community, provide employment opportunities for local residents, but it turned an eyesore in a once blighted neighborhood into an attractive, functional

Brand New Day's Magnolia Mini-Mall project was nominated by the Elizabeth Development Company. "The impact of the redevelopment of this property is significant," said Daniel Sullivan, executive director of the EDC and a Union County freeholder. "A block of vacant and rundown buildings has now been turned into productive and attractive commercial space. We were proud to recognize Brand New Day for this effort."

The 2001 Entrepreneur of the Year Award was presented to Edward and Roberta Varga, owner of D&D Technology Inc. in Union. The Vargas have shown that through hard work, dedication and entreprenurial spirit, small businesses can grow and become quite successful. D&D Technology Inc. is a plastic

injection molding manufufacturer, making molds and parts primarily for the medical industry. Since 1998, at which time the company participated in the ISO 9000 Standards Implementation Training program offered by the Union County Economic Development Corporation, the company has experienced significant growth. Employment has risen from two to 10 employees, with plans for future growth in 2002. In addition, sales have more than tripled. The company foresees continued growth and hopes to relocate to a larger facility in Union County where the Vargas can run three shifts in order to meet their

growing demand. "D&D Technology is one of those great success stories," said Shashee Joshi, director of procurement programs for the UCEDC. "The Vargas are very deserving of this award.

Mothers & More meet

Frustrated with trying to determine sented by Dr. Maria Whiteside on Patrick's Day parade in the Township Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Han- of Union. The parade is the fastest son House, 38 Springfield Ave., Crangrowing in the entire state, attracting ford. Whiteside, a pediatric develop- more than 25,000 people annually for mental specialist, practices at Morris- the last several years. town Memorial Hospital. Not only a The celebrity bartenders fund-

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45-minute talk will be followed by a question-and-answer period where listeners can discuss personal concerns or situations they may have regarding disciplining their tod-

dler. The lecture is free. The Union County Chapter of Mothers & More always welcomes potential new members to attend any of the bi-monthly meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month. The organization provides many social opportunities for mothers and their children including weekly playgroups, mom and tot outings, mom's night out and a variety of special

interest clubs. Interested mothers with questions regarding the Wednesday meeting or who would like more information on the group, can call Heidi at 908-810-7165 or Jan at

Congressman at chamber breakfast

The Local and County Affairs Committee of the Union County. Chamber of Commerce and Comcast will present a breakfast with Congressman Michael Ferguson at 8 a.m. on Wednesday at L'Affaire restaurant, 1099 Route 22 East,

Admission is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members and includes a full buffet breakfast. RSVP by Monday to Union County

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The 2002 Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee recently held a planning session for the annual celebrity bartenders fund-raiser. The effective methods of discipline for event will be Jan. 19 from 6 to 11 p.m. your toddler? The Union County at the Township of Union Knights of Chapter of Mothers & More invites Columbus Hall, 1034 Jeanette Ave. you to attend "Disciplining Your Tod- All proceeds from the event will be dler," an informal lecture to be pre- used to put on the sixth Annual St.

specialist in her field, Whiteside is a raiser will feature various celebrities mother as well and can offer valuable from the sports world and daytime insight and practical advice based on television. Last year's event drew all nearly as many as affiliated voters the four commissioners could not Sell that "junk" with a classified ad. over a thousand donators.

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Mingo leads freeholders

(Continued from Page B1) and will "give students the opportunity to explore careers in small class settings through seminars and field study programs with local businesses."

In an attempt to help small businesses, Partnership for Economic Progress will offer financial assistance programs from state and banks to help offset more economic injury and expand existing financial and business management programs. In addition, a task force comprised of local, state and federal agencies will aim to improve services to these businesses. The program will be coordinated with the STAR opportunity center in Elizabeth, which was created to aid those in airline-related industries following

A "Global Freight Village" will create more than 3,000 new jobs in the Tremley Point area of Linden, Mingo ing centers. said, after partnering with the city, the New Jersey Turnpike has agreed to help build a new roadway from Interchange 12 to provide direct access to Preservation Trust Fund to create the site. In the works for several years, parks, connect greenways and make the new road will provide access to green improvements in urbanized, abandoned property that in the future congested areas. Mingo said the iniwill contain industrial businesses, tiative will "work hand in hand with



County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi looks on as Freeholder Lewis Mingo signs the certification of election results. Mingo, who was re-elected to a second term, was

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elected chairman of the board for 2002.

Green the Streets will dedicate \$1.75 million from the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic

existing environmental programs in creating a more livable environment in Union County."

The trust fund was created last year after voters approved a dedicated tax of 2 cents per \$100 of assessed value in 2000 for open space and recreation purposes. The fund will generate approximately \$5 million annually for

Legislation fails to give GOP edge

(Continued from Page B1) the State Government Committee. which reported it on second reading

Union County Chairman Ron Frigerio did not return phone calls by presstime. In recent weeks, he said he had been lobbying legislators to get the measure approved.

"There's disproportionate representation," Frigerio said of the current all-Democratic, nine-member Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Redistricting would create proportional representation just as in the Legislature and Congress, he added. Democrats have won every countywide election since 1995. "This is a big county, it's not a

small county. If it was 100 percent Democrat, I wouldn't care," Frigerio said. Although unaffiliated voters totin Union County, one-third of affil- decide on a map within 30 days, a Call 1-800-564-8911.

iated voters are Republicans and twothirds are Democrats. The bill would have created freeholder districts in counties where the two most populous municipalities

tion of the entire county. This would affect three counties: Essex, Mercer In Union County, Elizabeth has a population of 120,568 and the Township of Union, has a population of 54,405, according to the 2000 Census. When combined, the two towns' populations total 174,973, 33.5 per-

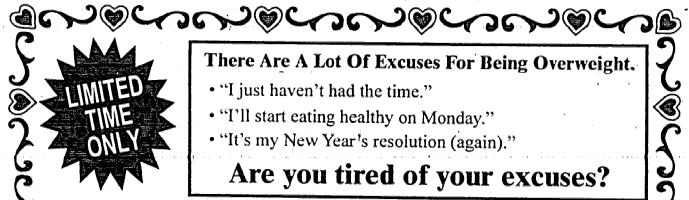
County's total population of 522,541. One-third of Union County's population is exactly 174,180. The freeholder districts would have been created by a four-member commission, which would include two Republicans and two Democrats, If

would be appointed by the chief justice of the State Supreme Court. Each district would be compact and

contiguous and be no less than 95 percent and no more than 105 percent of within exceed one-third of the populathe county's population divided by nine districts. Based on the 2000 Census, a freeholder district in Union County would be comprised of no less than 55,157 residents and no more

Democratic Assemblyman Joseph Suliga of Linden, who this week began his new term in the state Senate, called the legislation a "sore cent, or barely one-third, of Union

He said it is not good public policy to base legislation solely on who wins elections. "This could be an ongoing thing, whichever party's in power changes the rules."



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Union soprano seeks the 'muse' in tonight's concert at library

"Kryste inspired me spiritually, emotionally, but didn't really get into tech-

nique so much. John was a little bit more focused on developing my lower range,

Associate Editor

For coloratura soprano Francesca Angiuoli of Union, following her muse has led her to happiness and a rewarding, if unanticipated, career.

Having performed classical music throughout the tri-state area, as well as in the Tuscany region of Itally, Angiuoli will bring her talents to the public in a free concert, "Frangelika's Muse," tonight at 7 p.m. at Union Public Library. The program has been made possible, in part, by a Union County Freeholder's diverse tastes are reflected in her one-woman recital. However, the road to this evening's performance was circuitous and laden

The soprano has been singing seriously since the age of 16, having studied ballet for 10 years. "Then I found myself doing lots of auditions and not getting anything, and I was getting very discouraged," she said of her terpsichorean

It was then she turned to her voice for inspiration.

"There're stories of me singing since about the age of 2," Angiuoli said. "I had always had a passion for singing," she said, so the choice seemed

Through a neighbor, the teen was put in contact with voice teacher Kryste Andrews, who discovered a well-spring of untapped talent and helped redirect Angiuoli's aspirations.

"It was funny, I really wanted to do Broadway," she said. "Like probably any teenager, I saw 'Cats,' saw 'Phantom,' saw 'Les Miz,' and I was like, 'Oh, I really want to do this!' And once I started studying I found this huge voice inside me compared to my other friends, and my voice teacher said, 'You've got an operatic voice. You've got to sing the Mozart, do art songs.' I thought, 'OK, I'll try this out.""

Another change in direction lay ahead when Angiuoli attended Washington University in St. Louis.

"I wanted to study biology and biochemistry," she continued, "and I had just decided 'I'm going to try out for the chamber choir.' " It was at the supportive prompting of John Stewart, the head of Washington's

Voice Department, that Angiuoli ultimately changed her major to music. Earning a music scholarship, she received a bachelor's degree in 1998. "I was kind of taken aback," she said with a laugh. "I just wanted to sing with

the choir! Sometimes life takes you in different paths." While at college, Angiuoli had the opportunity to sing Pousette in "Manon" and Dolly in "Threepenny Opera," among others.

She met her husband while both were studying at Washington. Having been coached by four different voice teachers to date, Angiuoli finds she's drawn valuable lessons from each.

In addition to finding her voice in classical music, Angiuoli also found love.

"I feel very inspired by art songs, but at the same time opera is kind of like art song on a larger scale."

so I actually became more of a mezzo in college. And my current teacher, his name is Josh Hecht — I can't say enough good things about him." Since college, Angiuoli has found herself in such operas as "Le Nozze di Figaro" and "Der Rosenkavalier" with the New York Opera Forum, and "The Ballad of Baby Doe" with Stony Hill Players of Summit, which she cites as being among her favorite performance experiences thus far. However, her "Frangelika's Muse," which Angiuoli performed in Westfield in the fall and will next take to Lavallette, combines a variety of styles and composers, ranging from Debussy, Mozart, Rossini and Delibes, to a smattering of Gershwin. "I haven't gotten that lead role yet that I'm really searching for, and I'm hoping that'll come in the next year or so. My repertoire is very light coloratura, young ingenue characters," she said. To her advantage is her physical type: the

youthful-looking 25-year-old brings a more experienced voice to her roles which tend to be younger women. "In opera, the voice has got to be very mature-sounding, so it's funny you've got this dilemma of having a mature sound which really doesn't come into play until you're late 20s, early 30s, but yet they want someone who looks young, vibrant, who can play a teenager, so there's kind of this duality." The soprano's dream role still awaits - "I'm sure it's always going to change!" - but at the moment, it would be the title role in "Lakme" by Leo Delibes. "A close second, in time, would be Manon from Massenet's 'Manon.' Lakme's more like 'pixie fairy dust,' Manon is the more realistic character, the

While the chance to play Lakme is still in the future, Angiuoli will perform "Indian Bell .Song" from that opera in "Frangelika's Muse."

Also included on the repertoire will be selections from Mozart's "Die Entfuhrung aus dem Serail," Rossini's "Il Barbiere di Siviglia," and Debussy's song cycle, "Ariettes Oubliees." Moving into the 20th century, Angiuoli will nterpret Gershwin's "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off," "I've Got a Crush on You," "Our Love is Here to Stay" and "I Got Rhythm."

The diversity in her selections is representative of the singer's eclectic tastes. "In college, I felt like the art song was the only thing I could do and do well," she said. "They're short and they express so much emotion in that short period of time. And they're not as hard and demanding as arias were. And I guess vocally I wasn't ready to do arias. Now I feel like the arias are coming much

And, as has been the case throughout her journey, where the muse leads,



Francesca Angiuoli Coloratura soprano

For information on tonight's presentation of "Frangelika's Muse" at Union Public Library, call 908-851-5450 or see the "Concerts" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B9.

Volunteers sought for Teen Arts

Do you like working with artists, teachers and students? The Union County Teen Arts Festival 2002 pro-

vides an opportunity for volunteers to get involved. The Union County Teen Arts Festival, sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Department of Economic Development, is a two-day celebration of the arts held annually at Union County College in Cranford. The event this year is scheduled for March 13 and 14, and it is open to all students from public, private and parochial middle and high schools in Union County.

"At the festival, 3,000 students participate in peformances, critiquing seminars, master classes and workshops with a staff of 50 professionals artists in every discipline — visual arts, music, creative writing, theater and dance," said Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

"Volunteers are needed to assist artists with workshops, manage performance sites and information stations," Freeholder Ruotolo added. "We appreciate the invaluable assistance of our county residents with this exciting program."

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the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202, or call 908-558-2550. Relay Users call 800-852-7899. E-mail inquiries may be sent to kleray@unioncountynj.org.

Artist's 'fiction' is on exhibit

Joe Lugara of Union, award- don't use actual people as models for. winning art critic and freelance writer, will be exhibiting at the Bouras Galleries in Summit on DeForest Avenue. Lugara's exhibit, "Fictional Biographies: The Next Shelf," will be at

Bouras Galleries until Feb. 28. Bouras

Galleries is open to the public by appointment only.

Lugara works in oil and watercolor and most are fictional portraits. "I

my portraits," Lugara said. "They're fictional characters, not much different from characters in a film or novel. The faces are composites: I take a

nose from one source or a pair of eyes

from another and put them together or

else I just fabricate them. Whatever it

takes to make the most effective . Bouras Galleries is located in Bour-

as Properties at 25 DeForest Ave.,

Bouras Properties has also been the location for various city-sponsored events. Along with the idea of a venue for New Jersey artists goes the added bonus that part of the proceeds from any sales at the Bouras Galleries goes to benefit Overlook Hospital. For information, call

defending her teen-age son against nimself and drug predators in the Lake Tahoe region. She invests in this

> her wagons, a special and classic act-The Swedish "Faithless" is from the strangulation of a marriage and her all-out performance in "Moulin those involved in a much explored Rouge," in which she was both icy

duction of films made all over the

dominant masterpiece. My "10 Best

Movies" are varied and intriguing.

although as a group, they do signal a

'Ten best' list is a mixed bag world, but in truth there is no single

certain thinning or dumbing-down of By Jon Plaut

the complexity and heights of creative adultery. The ensemble acting by the I felt the best movie of the year in Bergman regulars is splendid. "Ameits reach and execution, especially in. lie" is a spirited French movie with a its brilliant center section dealing with winning performance by Audrey Taua future of cloning and its relationship toe as the title character. She becomes to humanity, to be Steven Spielberg's a delightful force of her own optimis-"A.I." Jude Law plays that cloned, tic personality, and in the year 2001 man-like robot with unique style and that is not so had at all, "Dinner Rush" plomb. The best acting of the year, is an independent venture filmed in for me, was by Billy Bob Thornton in New York City's Little Italy about the the Hollywood comedy, "Bandits." melodramatic goings on in an Italian Thornton is that multi-talented Hollyrestaurant on its way up. Director Bob wood personality who: writes his Giralid has caught the New York material and then at his best gives it idiom and that certain aggressiveness the idiosyncratic expression of a which is both attractive and repulsive. human being released and exploding. "Amores Peres" is the Mexican epic as in "Bandits." The best female per- film both scolding and celebrating formance was by Tilda Swinton in the Mexican contemporary life. Firstpsychological thriller, "The Deep time director Alejandro Gonzalez End." Swinton portrays a mother Inarritu weaves his movie out of individual stories and their connection, much like a great novels. The result is a film that is at once interesting, morvery contemporary woman circling ally persuasive, and frightening.

The last three movies of my top 10 each have tremendous reach and creativity, but they also each have a disthe pen of Ingmar Bergman and tracting weakness. In some ways, directed by Liv Ullmann to emphasize 2001 was Nicole Kidman's year and

sance. Sometimes too far out as to be almost silly, "Moulin Rouge" has bursts of artistic and musical creativity which warm us in this barren year The same may be said for David Lynch's "Mulholland Drive," a hallucinatory rework of the introspective Hollywood movie, with its cast of characters taken from classic Hollywood movies like "All About Eve." Lynch never fully explains in his film, but like a troubling dream, it stays with you in its personal vision of striving and devastation. And finally, the arrival of a creative Iranian film Panahi's "the circle," a naturalistic cinematic presentation of women in Iran today. The story passes from woman to woman, telling about their limited but intense existence, in a neorealistic style which is repetitive and reliant almost completely on the viewer's energy to stay with it.

One last note: there was an 11th best movie for my list which I saw at a retrospective series at Rutgers, the Czeck film "Divided We Fall," a black comedy about the rescue of a New by hapless local folk in a small Nazi-occupied town. One of the best Holocaust films from central Europe. because of the common humanity shared by the audience with those on

Jon Plaut is a resident of Summit.

the screen, I'm really not sure in

which year the film was first locally

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For hearty, satisfying winter side dishes, squash is the answer

winter comes a need for heartier food. in both main and side dishes.

According to Barbara Baron M.S., R.D., for American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, winter squash is an easy vegetable to prepare. "Just cut it in half, scoop out the seeds and bake, cut side down in a baking pan filled with about 1/2 -inch of water the water helps keep the squash moist." Bake at 375 degrees F for 20 to 40 minutes, or until squash is soft - time will depend on variety and size of squash. Scoop out of the shell, top with butter or Parmesan cheese

Baron reminds consumers winter squash is a good source of fiber, and favorites like acom and butternut squash are also rich in vitamins A and C. Try them in these recipes collected

Try a baked winter squash stuffed with pears and such compatible foods as onions, cheese and raisins. This recipe can be prepared in a micowave or conventional oven. This recipe is courtesy of the Pear Bureau North- I heated. west. For more recipes and nutritioninformation, visit them online at

Pear-Stuffed Squash Yield: 4 servings 2 small winter squash (acorn, dumcup chopped onion

cup celery 2 fresh Aniou pears, cored and I cup fresh bread crumbs

1/2 cup shredded Chedder crumbs

¼ cup each raisins and minced 2 tablespoons lemon juice

with fork; microcook at high/100 per-

cent for 5 minutes. Turn squash over and microcook at high 5 to 20 minutes longer or until squash is tender. Cut squash in half, remove seeds. Place onion and celery in microwave-safe container; microcook at high 3 to 5 minutes or until celery is tender. Add remaining ingredients except squash. Fill halved and seeded cooked squash with pear mixture. Cover with waxed paper and microcook at high 5 to 7 minutes or until filling is thoroughly

Conventional Method: Cut squash

dash each ground nutmeg and

in half lengthwise; scrape out seeds. Place cut-side down, in greased baking dish. Bake, uncovered, at 425 degrees F 30 to 40 minutes or until tlesh is tender when pierced with a fork. Saute onion and celery in 1 tablespoon vegetable oil until crisptender; add remaining redients except squash; nix well. Fill baked squash with pear mixture. Bake at 350 degrees F about 20 minutes or until

thoroughly heated. Note: Recipe developed for 600% to This recipe is a favorite of Katie Allgyer of Kinzers, Pa. The recipe was

With the colder temperatures of winter

comes a need for heartier food, in both main

and side dishes. Winter squash is a good sour-

ce of fiber, and favorites like acorn and but-

ternut squash are also rich in vitamins A and

Baked Squash Yield: 8-10 servings 3 cups shredded squash, any variety if frozen, drain well) 1 cup buttermilk baking mix (such

'// cup milk 1/2 cup cheese (Parmesan or Romaare good choices)

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder 4 teaspoon salt

½ cup chopped onion Combine all ingredients well in a large mixing bowl. Pour into an 8-inch square baking pan coated with cooking spray; bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serve warm.

> Butternut Squash Bourbon Soup with Ginger Butter Yield: 8 1-cup servings

4 cup (one half stick) butter 2 pounds butternut squash, peeled, seeded, cut into 1-inch-chunks 4 cup chopped onions

4 cup chopped celery 1/2 cup bourbon or apple juice 6 cups chicken broth

1/2 cup butter, softened tablesppon grated fresh ginger tablespoon bourbon, optional

1 teaspoon maple syrup

1/2 teaspoon ground ginger Heat butter in large saucepan until hot. Add vegetables and cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally for about 5 minutes. Add bourbon or apple juice to pan; cook 30 seconds. Add chicken broth. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, until squash is tender, about 25 minutes. Remove from heat. Add vanilla extract. Puree mixture in blender or food processor, half at a time.

dollop of Ginger Butter. To make Ginger Butter: Heat 1 tablespoon of butter in small skillet over medium heat. Add grated ginger. Cook 30 seconds. Stir in bourbon, maple syrup and ground ginger. Cook and stirk about 30 seconds longer. Remove from heat. Let cool several minutes. Combine remaining butter and giner mixture in small bowl until

Serve in individual bowls with a small

Vermont Maple-Butter-Butternut Squash Yield: 6 servings

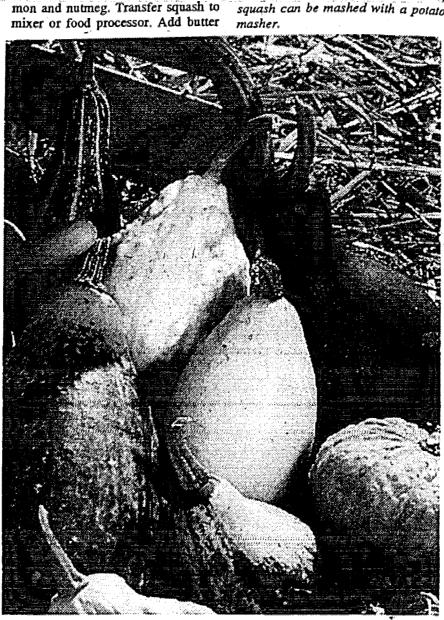
(about 1/2 cup each) 21/2 pounds (2 medium) Butternut squash, peeled, seeded, cut into 1-inch

1/2 cup maple syrup % teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter

Place squash in a 11/2 -quart microwave oven dish. Add ½ cup water. Cover. Cook on high power 10 to 13 minutes or until squash is tender;

drain well. Melt butter in small sauce- and beat on low speed until mashed. pan over low heat; add syrup, cinna-Note: For a less smooth texture



Squash can be prepared in a variety of hearty and satisfying recipes perfect for a delicious winter meal.

Shutterbugs travel to Italian countryside

Nancy J. Ori of Berkeley Heights and Chip Forelli of New York, well-known artists and educators of photography, will lead a group of photographers into Tuscany, an area of Italy worthy of examination and discovery.

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Participants will focus on the countryside and villages. with an emphasis on architecture, documentary, portrait and landscape photography. History, art, architecture and the opportunity to make incredible photographs await each participant. The workshop fee of \$1,900 includes tuition. shared accommodations, transportation during the workshop, breakfast, dinners and tours. The workshop, given May 15 to 23, is designed for all levels of experience in

Working with the craft of black-and-white as well as color photography, Ori and Forelli offer a challenging workshop within the inspirational atmosphere of Tuscany. The goal of this workshop is to encourage personal vision and growth through instruction, interaction and selfmotivation. While technique is an integral part, it is not the main concentration of this workshop. Focusing on spontathemselves creatively and go beyond perviously ventured

The workshop will actually begin in Berkeley Heights when all participants will be invited to meet each other at a weekend afternoon gathering for orientation. A vital part of this meeting will be the sharing of images for discussion and a chance to develop new friendships. After traveling to Italy, the second part of the workshop will begin with camerawork and discussions in the picturesque countryside surrounding Florence. The group will venture on to explore the architecture, piazzas, countryside and street life throughout Tuscany, visiting cities such as Lucca, Pisa, Sienna and San Gimigano, to name just a few.

Both single and shared accommodations are available at a private estate outside of Lucca, which will be the home base for the workshop. The property is a wine and olive oil estate, very picturesque and with a shepherd family who make exquisite ricotta and pecorino cheese. "Our personal cook will prepare expanded continental breakfasts and dinners each day. Lunch is on your own. And several nights, we will be delighted by tastings of local wines, olive oil, balsamico and cheeses. The dinners give us the opportunity to experience truly regional dishes and wine in the privacy of this country estate," Ori said. Lucca is located in the Soothills of the Garfagnana Mountains where Leonardo da Vinci and Michaelangelo personally oversaw the quarrying of their marble.

Both Ori and Forelli enjoy the structure of a wellorganized workshop yet like the freedom to stop along the way when an interesting photography opportunity presents

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itself. The evening sessions will involved discussions answering many photographic questions from the day's events and preparing for the next day's photographs. Ori finds working with photographers at all experience levels to be quite rewarding and gives special emphasis to beginners. She and Forelli have designed the workshop around providing an opportunity for participants to exchange experiences while learning. They have a casual neity and instinct, participants will be movtivated to push style and enjoy simplifying sophisticated photographic techniques, and love to see students grow in creativity through the process. "The participants enthusiasm constantly reminds me of how magical the photographic process really is and helps me look at my work with a fresh

> Ori and Forelli have more than 25 years experience each as professional photographers and instructors and are widely exhibited fine artists. Ori is founder and director of the New Jersey Photography Forum at the Watchung Arts Center and the Heritage Photography Workshop Series held each year in Cape May. She has also become an experienced teacher through years of affiliation with the Ansel Adams Workshop in California, and in New Jersey at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit, the Summit Area Community Schools, Peter's Valley Craft Education Center in Layton, Somerset Art Association in

Bedminster and the Watchung Adult School in Watchung. Forelli is a master of beautifully crafted, black-andwhite landscape prints where man's mysterious presence frequently hovers. He has successfully blended a career incorporating print sale, teaching at the International Center of Photography and the Cape Cod Photography Workshops with photographing for prestigious advertising and corporate clients. Forelli believes in achieving a balance between creative sensibility and skill in craft and feels that through the visual world, especially by photographing nature, one can recover a sense of exploration, discovery

For information and registration, contact Ori directly at 908-790-8820. The deadline for registration is Tuesday. The Museum Guide is compiled by Worrall Community Newspapers. It is a list of museums and historical sites in Union County and the surrounding area. To add to the list, send the relevent information to Arts and Entertainment Editor Bill VanSant at Worrall Community Newspapers, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave.,

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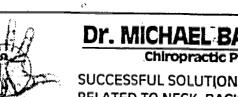
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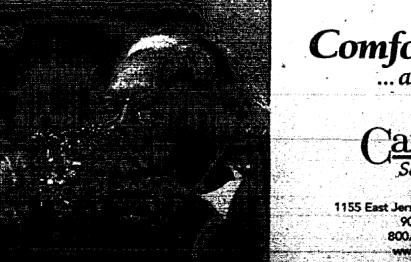
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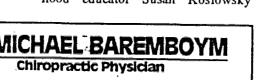
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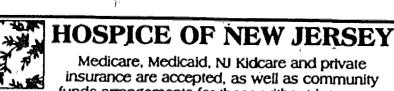
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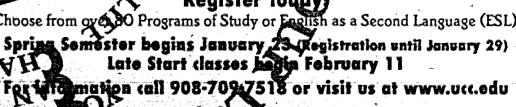
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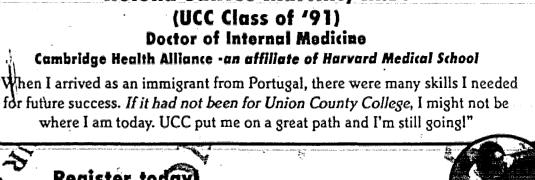
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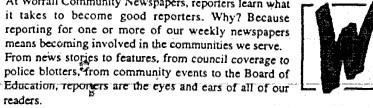
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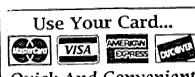
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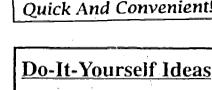
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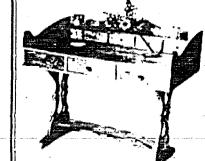
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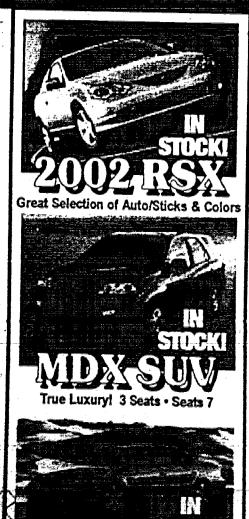
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