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Meisel Park still closed

Alternatives sought for spring sports, Fourth of July

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

With no date scheduled from Union County for the reopening of Meisel Avenue Park in Springfield, the township and school system will look elsewhere to conduct high school spring sports as well as the annual Fourth of July celebration.

The county park was originally closed in August, after soil and groundwater testing performed by Matrix Environmental and Geotechnical Services in Florham Park found high levels of three contaminants, including arsenic, lead and an insecticide.

Originally, all property around Jonathan Dayton High School, as well as the field facing Mountain Avenue, were closed. However, in November, the fields adjacent to Dayton were reopened following additional testing, which revealed that those fields were safe.

Since November, there has been no change to any of the other fields closed, including Meisel, which in the spring is used by Dayton for boys' and girls' track as well as softball and baseball.

"We're waiting to hear from the testing plant for the remediation plan," said Charles Sigmund, director of the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation. "Matrix is our environmental consultant and they've done the testing and they need to determine what form of remediation

would be accepted by the state Department of Environmental Protection."

"It all depends on what they tell us," said Sigmund. "It could be that the levels there are now safe for recreational use and we can take down the signs."

Sigmund said if the levels still are not safe, alternatives may have to be used such as bringing in new soil and covering the entire area or certain spots in the area.

Norma Eichlin, project manager for Matrix, said the company just received paperwork from the Department of Environmental Protection, commenting on the report that Matrix had submitted to them. "We have another round of groundwater samples that we have to take based on that report," she said.

Eichlin said those tests will be under way within the next couple of weeks. Matrix is waiting to get funding approved from the county.

"What we're doing from there is working on the remedial action work plan which will give our recommendations to DEP on the remediation of the site," said Eichlin. "Once we do the additional groundwater samples and get the results from that, that will be incorporated into the report."

Eichlin said that no later than the end of March will that report be submitted. In the meantime, Springfield is forging ahead, counting on Meisel being closed for some time.

Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler said Dan Gallagher, Dayton High School's athletic director, as well as other school officials, "are working to make sure that this spring, we have enough fields for softball, baseball and everything else that's going to go on but neither the town, to my knowledge, nor ourselves, are planning on having Meisel available."

Gallagher said baseball and softball are all set as far as fields go. Baseball will be played at Ruby Field on Caldwell Place, about a block from the high school. Softball will be played at Dayton where the team normally plays. As for the junior varsity teams, softball likely will play at fields adjacent to the community pool and if there is baseball, at the fields near Thelma L. Sandmeier Elementary School on South Springfield Avenue.

No definitive plans, however, have been made for spring track. "All our throwing, javeline, shot, discus, and all that stuff, will be pretty much handled on campus, which is normal," said Gallagher. "We just need the use of a track for hurdles and sprints, so we're working out a few things right now with several other people to see what's available to us; what's our best option."

A decision on what track to use should be made by Feb. 1, said Gallagher.

Springfield also hosts its annual Fourth of July celebration on Meisel Field. This year however, the Cham-



Photo By Jennifer Milazzo

Even though it's the dead of winter, officials are thinking about other sites to host upcoming activities including places for spring sports teams and the township's Fourth of July celebration. Meisel Avenue Park has been closed since August.

ber of Commerce, which is one of the organizations heavily involved in the program, has to look elsewhere.

"I'm planning that Meisel Field will not be open by then," said Chamber of Commerce co-chairman Scott Seidel. "It's still in the developmental stage but we're going to try to do it in the high school."

The celebration would incorporate all the fields surrounding Dayton.

"It's sort of a smaller area where we're going to set them off but I am going to meet with the fire inspector and I have a plan to try to do it at the

front of the high school and have the seating area there," said Seidel.

The tentative plan is to have some of the seating in the rear of the parking lot and on some of the lawn in the front and sides of Dayton.

"If we can work it out with the Fire Department as far as distances and things for safety — because that's our number one concern — that's what we'll do," said Seidel.

The Springfield pool also has been considered as a site to host the festivities.

"We've talked about doing it at the

pool and I went back to look at it again," said Seidel. "My issues with the pool are — if we do it at the pool we've made it such a big deal now — we'd have to set up early in the day, 12 o'clock, 2 o'clock — do I close the pool?"

Seidel said closing the pool early in order to set everything up would not be fair to the people who pay membership dues to go to the pool. He also pointed out that the pool is adjacent to Route 78 and there might be Department of Transportation issues when fireworks start to go off.

True heroes visit Gaudineer students

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Although there weren't any chants of Michael Jordan or any cameras flashing glamorous snapshots of Julia Roberts or Brad Pitt, there were heroes honored at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School in Springfield and none of them ever dunked a basketball in an NBA game or starred in a Hollywood movie.

"At that moment, when that tragedy began, our definition of what a hero is changed dramatically," said Principal Dennis McCarthy, referring to the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

Students at Gaudineer took part in Heroes Day on Friday, where members from the Springfield Police

Department, Fire Department and EMS were honored for their dedication and hard work.

"I remember this story that a parent told me," said Dennis McCarthy. "Her child was watching television and Michael Jordan came on. The student said to her mother, 'What did Michael Jordan do for people at Ground Zero?'"

Investigator Ed Dolan of the Jersey City Police Department, Capt. Wayne McCarthy of the New York Fire Department and Social Studies Supervisor Barry Bachheimer, who is a member of the West Orange EMS, spoke to the students about their experiences helping out at Ground Zero.

"On Sept. 11, I was dispatched to

Ellis Island which is located at Liberty State Park in Jersey City," said Dolan. "The first chore we had that day was evacuating the people on the island of Manhattan."

The goal of Heroes Day was to have the students recognize that true heroes are present in their daily lives and to honor some of those heroes.

"Too often they equate the word hero with somebody who has notoriety, and usually it's in the field of athletics, when indeed it could be a next door neighbor, it could be a sibling, it could be their own parents, who in a very quiet way are setting wonderful examples for the children on what it means to be a hero," said Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler.

Each student wore a bracelet with the name of a New Jerseyan who lost his or her life in the tragic events of Sept. 11. Administrators hoped that students would not only connect with the police, fire and EMS personnel, but also with the people who did not survive the horrific event.

"You could smell jet fuel," said Dolan. "You could see papers from all the office buildings scattered about."

Students made presentations to the Police Department, Fire Department and EMS, awarding them with a plaque to honor them for all they have done. The three speakers also received similar honors.

Wayne McCarthy compared the training done by emergency personnel to the studying students do for a big test. "We try to train for the worst, to prepare for anything," he said. "When you prepare, and when the test comes, and you know you did your homework, when the test comes, you're going to pass."

Seventh-grader Kelsey Mason stood in front of everyone and recited her letter "Life Amid Death," con-



Photo By Jeff Grant

Ed Dolan, investigator for the Jersey City Police Department addresses the audience on his experiences at Ground Zero during Heroes Day at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School in Springfield.

trasting her mixed emotions about wanting to celebrate her birthday, Sept. 12, as well as the birth of a family friend's first child on Sept. 11, with the grief she felt for all the people who lost their lives and the lives of loved ones. The letter was published in *The Star-Ledger*.

After the assembly, students went back to their classrooms to discuss the concept of what a hero is.

"When we came back, there were a thousand people chanting U.S.A. and people coming up to you thanking you for what you've done," said Dolan. "That's something I'll never forget."

Deerfield camp to open

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

Because of the speed in which the Beechwood and Deerfield schools renovation project is moving along, Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller was very optimistic that the popular Deerfield Summer School/Camp will continue as usual this year.

At Tuesday night's Board of Education meeting, the topic was discussed in a most positive light. Board of Education President Richard Kress said he did an inspection of Beechwood School Tuesday with Schaller, and the construction "is coming along greatly."

"The demolition phase is almost completed and they are moving so fast it is a wonderful thing," Kress said. "Come September, we will be more than ready in that building."

"It is moving faster than I had anticipated," Schaller said. "The summer camp is going to be a full summer offering held at the Deerfield School as always. I am sure of it." Schaller had a diagram of the areas at Deerfield which could be utilized for the summer program, well marked with all possible areas of use.

"My only concern is for safety and equipment, and for students coming and going to and from camp, but I think it will be worked out," he said, pointing to the drawing. "We have the use of the gym, and two rooms on one side, all of which are air conditioned. We also have the cafeteria, which is already air conditioned, and we could use other rooms."

Schaller explained that the reason

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Photo By Jeff Grant

A member of the Springfield Police Department grips his hat in recognition of all the departments who came to the rescue of victims during the World Trade Center attacks.

Township Committee awards \$3.5M bid for firehouse construction

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

About six weeks before construction of a new firehouse is expected to break ground, the Springfield Township Committee awarded a construction bid of \$3,522,177 to Silcon of Elizabeth.

The Township Committee approved the bid during its regular meeting Tuesday night. Township Administrator Richard Sheola said Silcon was the lowest bidder of 16.

Sheola said the township looked through all of the bids, "to determine which ones would cost us money down the road versus which ones would cost us little now and keep the maintenance down."

Discussion at a earlier Township Committee workshop meeting focused on how a decision must be made on whether the township wants a current employee to oversee the construction, or hire outside help.

"In a job of this magnitude it is extremely difficult, I think, to have anyone on the staff to keep this under control," said Sheola. "Normally in a job like this you hire a clerk of the works who, if nothing else, oversees that the paperwork is filed, that the materials arrive on time, and just basically keeps on top of the construction."

The architect will be on the site roughly once every two weeks but he does not supervise the actual construction. It is up to the code official to make sure the building is being built according to the plans.

"There's two ways of doing it," said Sheola. "You either hire a clerk of the works, which you get on an hourly basis, someone who is familiar with construction, hopefully this type of construction; or you hire a construction management company."

Sheola explained that construction management companies are very expensive. "A couple that we talked to were actually submitting proposals that were more than what the architect's staff cost us."

A clerk of the works is paid an hourly wage. For a project such as the firehouse, the clerk of the works would average about 20 hours per week on the site.

"In an overall cost benefit analysis, does it make sense to have an outside person oversee this?" asked Mayor Steven Goldstein. Sheola said it does. Committeeman Gregory Clarke said he felt the township had someone on staff who has handled a project similar to the firehouse and would be more than

capable of handling this one. "A local person can be on the spot, can be there at a moment's notice."

Goldstein said his concern was if the staff person was to oversee the firehouse construction then would he be neglecting his other job responsibilities. "To some degree it soaks up their time, no question about it, but I think there are other positives to it," said Clarke.

Although the name of the person on staff who is being considered for the job was not given, both Clarke and Sheola said the person has not been contacted as of yet and they do not know if he would even be interested in the position.

Clarke reiterated that it was better to have someone who will be close to the site, someone who works for the town and will have more of a vested interest in the completion and strict adherence to the site plans for the firehouse.

"We've employed this particular guy before and I have respect for his approach to the job as I personally witnessed it," Clarke said.

Committee members Clara Hareluk and Roy Hirschfeld were not able to attend the workshop meeting and the other committee members said they felt that since this is such an important decision, all members should have a say and offer input.

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he was discussing the camp now, although summer seems far away, it is parents must make plans well in advance for a summer camp program, especially if Deerfield is not going to come through for them as it always had, due to the new construction project.

"In other words, we do have the areas necessary. On a good week, the camp is 90 students strong. Of that number, it is 90 children only through just after lunch," he said. "In nice weather they go into the pool; every Friday there is a field trip. What we're recommending is that we can do the summer camp, but we have to make sure as parents have told me they need to know by the end of February."

Several board members were worried about the safety factor. John Perrin asked how the children were set up at the camp. "It is age-appropriate," said Schaller. "They separate the students by age; there are enough groupings for them." Schaller said he would be going back to the architect shortly to get the final plans.

"After meeting with the general contractor, he assures me he will have no difficulty in accommodating us," Schaller said. "He is anxious to start construction on the media center." "Let us be sure he can accommodate us, especially in the safety factor," Perrin said.

"Actually, he thinks he can come through with everything by the end of May, but it won't be until the end of February until they know how the construction is coming along," Kress said.

Schaller was confident. "I believe he can do it, and I must be able to get a note out to parents that yes, we will be holding summer camp this year."

Mary Hilongos, a mother of a fifth-grader, said how much her son enjoyed the Deerfield summer camp. "I do agree safety is the issue. I have had nothing but positive experiences with the camp over the summers. When you have two parents who work, it allows us to feel it is a great place for the child to go."

"It would be a big deal to keep my son with his friends for the summer at the camp, may feel the same, and if you can do it, I would strongly recommend it to be done."

"If it benefits the community, parents and children, the school is for the entire community — I promise we will take whatever measures we can to continue with it," Kress said.

Megan Schwingel, a first-grade teacher at the camp, said employees are certified for the Deerfield School at the camp. "We need to know also, and hope it will continue."

Schaller assured both women that as soon as the safety was completely satisfied, a letter would go out to all. "Very shortly," he promised.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Today
• Karen M. Enslie, family and consumer sciences educator, speaks on the topic of handling the family inheritance without causing family conflicts before the Springfield Hadassah, 12:30 p.m., Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield. A light lunch will be served. The public is welcome.
For information, call 973-376-7535.

Friday
• 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."
For information, call 973-912-2277.

Sunday
• "Parrot Paper Puppets" is a program offered by Trillside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Rd., Mountainside. Participants can learn how to recycle junk mail envelopes into colorful tropical rainforest residents.
A donation is suggested. The fee is \$2 per craft.
For information, call 908-789-3670.

Monday
• The Springfield Board of Education conducts a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Florence M. Gaudinier Middle School.
Upcoming
Feb. 2
• The Mountainside PTA will sponsor its annual Community Pancake Breakfast in the Deerfield School cafeteria, 302 Central Ave. and School Drive, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. All are welcome to attend this fun and friendly feast. The snow date is Feb. 9.
Ticket purchase forms are available at Deerfield School, the Mountainside Library and Borough Hall.
For information, call 908-301-0147.

Feb. 3
• Visitors to Trillside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Rd., Mountainside, can check to see whether or not the groundhog can see his shadow, hike to his winter den, and learn all about the life of this unique mammal in a special program at 2 p.m.
A donation is suggested. For information, call 908-789-3670.
• The Sunday Planetarium Show begins today at Trillside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Rd., Mountainside, and continues Feb. 10, 17, and 24.
Show times are 2 and 3:30 p.m. for children 6 years and older. Admission is \$3.25 per person, \$2.80 for seniors. Learn what heavenly bodies to look for and how to find them.
For information, call 908-789-3670.

• The Gadabout Senior Group of Mountainside is sponsoring a bus trip to "Tony's Ireland," a St. Patrick's Day Musical in Caldwell. The cost is \$68 which includes cost of Sunday Brunch, the show and transportation. The bus leaves 11:30 a.m. from the Echo Plaza in Springfield.
For reservations and information, call 908-232-1404.
Feb. 4
• The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, offers a Rosary and Novena at 7 p.m. followed

by a service with Rev. P.J. Leonard at 7:30 p.m., and a talk and video showing with Carolyn Bright at 8 p.m.
For information, call 908-232-1162.
Feb. 7
• The Foothill Club of Mountainside will conduct a luncheon noon at B.G. Fields, 500 Springfield Ave., Westfield. Guests are always welcome. For reservations, call 908-232-3626.
Feb. 11
• The Springfield Newcomers Club announce their first meeting, 7 to 9 p.m. in a private home. The club welcomes any resident of Springfield who wishes to help plan or participate in social and community events for other members of the township.
To get involved, call Simone Miller at 908-608-0679 for directions and information, or email at cjmillier20@hotmail.com.

Feb. 13
• The Springfield Board of Health will meet 7 p.m. in the Springfield Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.
• The Springfield Garden Club will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the Presbyterian Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield. Mary Kent, president of the Plainfield Garden Club, will talk about the Shakespeare Garden in Plainfield. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.
For information, call 973-376-4784.

To celebrate President's Day, the Historic Cannon Ball House, c. 1740, will have on display a letter written by George Washington from Springfield in 1780 shortly before the famous Battle of June 23. The house is located on 126 Morris Ave., admission is free.
For information, call 973-376-4784.

Feb. 22
• "Hello, I'm Illyse and I'm a Drug Addict," is a special drug addiction prevention program offered at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 8:30 p.m. The speaker, a former drug addict, will talk about the long, tragic years she spent abusing drugs, followed by her tremendous road to recovery as a Jew.
The program is open to all. For information, call 973-376-0539.

Feb. 25
• "Purim — When Heroism Triumphed Over Evil" is a special program open to the public at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield.
The night begins with a Maariv at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Costume Parade in the Sanctuary at 6:40 p.m., a Megillah Reading in the Sanctuary, A Purim Shepil Play and a Purim Puppet Show.
For information, call 973-376-0539.

Ongoing
• The Springfield Recreation Department conducts blood pressure screenings the second Wednesday of every month at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, from 1 to 2 p.m. All residents of Springfield are invited to be screened. For more information, call 973-912-2277.
• The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels. Also welcome are magazines published within the past year.
• "Write Your Life Stories" is a writing group that meets regularly on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at 10:30 a.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. Writing expertise is not required and sharing is optional. The meeting is facilitated by writer/teacher Zella R.P. Gelman. No registration is required.
For information, call 973-376-4930.

First Aid Squad provided lots of services for 2001

During 2001, the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad responded to a total of 1,259 calls for aid. This means that on average, the squad rolled an ambulance between three and four times every day of the year.
The squad provided emergency first aid at 182 automobile accidents, including 40 on Route 247/8 alone. They responded to township schools 11 times and provided mouth aid responses in surrounding towns 68 times.
By far the greatest number of emergencies responded to were in private homes, with 708. Almost every conceivable emergency was involved, from falls to strokes, from difficulty breathing, to cardiac arrests and cut fingers to babies with high fevers.
At least 20 percent of total emergency responses, and more than 35 percent

Resume writing seminars sponsored this month

Although the first quarter of 2002 may carry some negative employment trends from 2001, you can still begin a positive employment search by developing an effective resume and honing your job interview skills. During the spring semester, Union County College will offer three, single-session workshop during January and February in these areas. These include a newly introduced seminar specially geared toward people with technical backgrounds.
The workshops are designed for persons who recently experienced a layoff,

daytime calls for help, were at local businesses. This statistic is ironic, according to a squad representative, since only about 15 percent of businesses support the squad with tax-deductible donations. In addition, the large number of business responses means the squad's need for daytime volunteers has never been greater.
The squad's two ambulances traveled more than 10,000 miles while its members put in approximately 21,000 hours of on-call time. This service to the community saved taxpayers at least \$650,000 over the past year alone and the squad has been providing these services for more than 50 years.
For information on membership opportunities in this vital organization, call 973-376-0400.

those who believe they may face a job loss, as well as those who wish to upgrade their status in a chosen field or change direction and start an entirely new career path. New graduates also are assisted through the workshops. The seminars are practically oriented and provide participants with significant opportunity to address their own personal concerns. Considerable dialogue is encouraged to enable participants to learn from their peers as well as from the instructor.

Play promises to be first-rate experience

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor
Dreams can follow someone anywhere.
In some cases, it's a lonely cafe, a fictional world. For others, it's the glamour and glare of the stage lights. But for the actors of "Java Dreams," it's both.
Blending their real-life goals of putting on a first-rate play with the dreams of the central characters of "Java Dreams" comes easily to these talented actors at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield. As they delve into their roles in daily rehearsals, the actors reveal why the one-time-only showing of "Java Dreams" Wednesday night will be unlike anything anyone has ever seen before.

They should know because they wrote, produced, and directed it. "It's different in that usually you have playwrighting ideas to work off of, but this is how we perceived it," said Assistant Director Jessica Goldblatt. "The actors have to really get into their roles."
And they do. From sassy one-liners, exuberant displays of excitement, and smooth renderings of tender songs, the cast members effortlessly melt into their roles.
And like any great play, it's all about the characters.

Centered on Rebecca, a shy girl played by Jill Kurzner, the plot involves a talent show contained within Lette Lounge, a New York City coffee shop where she struggles over her desire to come out of her shell and perform in a radio-sponsored talent search.
"She faces her fears and faces what she's nervous about," said Kurzner. "She gains a lot of confidence, and she doesn't only do that, she does it well."

While other characters encourage her, Rebecca's opposition from fellow dreamer Taylor Gellin, who threatens to quit her in every way.
"She's a mean, obnoxious girl," said Monica Schwartz, a senior who plays Gellin. "I try to sabotage everyone else. I treat everyone like I'm better."
Heather Goldsmith, who plays Lucy Vanger, said she enjoys her character because she serves as comic relief and finds everything funny.
"I helped write it and I was given the part and I liked it," said Goldsmith.

Miri Rosen describes her character, waitress Tracy Sambrino as a very fun, sweet girl.
"She's very outgoing and energetic. I try to get everything going for the talent search," said Rosen. "The whole point is I'm caller 102 on a radio station."
Taking on a much different character is Catherine Tuma, who plays Monique Lide.
"I'm usually playing someone really older or really younger," said Tuma. "This show is a completely different character. She's funny and it's a lot of fun to play."

Providing a possible love interest for Rebecca is Keith, played by Dan Poltrok. He tries to use some of his own plans for giving the girl of his dreams a chance to win the contest and go on a date with him.
Joe Petracaro, who plays head waiter, Justin, describes his character as being someone he can easily identify with.
"He's just like me, he's just a nice guy," said Petracaro, who enjoys having a chance to help run the talent show.
A lengthy host of intriguing characters rounds out the play.

The musical theater class, for which this play is a final exam, consists of fifteen sophomores, juniors, and seniors who met daily during the first semester.
Ron Slate, teacher of the class, said he was pleased with the results of the rehearsals so far and is looking forward to Wednesday.
"This play will probably be one of the best we've seen so far," said Slate. "The talent and quality level is there and this comes from students working together without much ego."
To get to the stage they're now at,

County college offers security training program

In response to the events of the past few months, there has been an increased demand for additional security for many corporations. Many companies have installed enhanced security systems and many have hired additional security officers.
To meet that demand, Union County College's Division of Continuing Education and Community Services will be offering the "Security Officer/Protection Specialist Training Program," a 63-hour certification program that trains a person to work for a security firm as a security professional. The 63 hours of training is broken down into four modules and, upon successful completion of all the modules, the student will receive a certificate.

The first module to be offered in the spring semester at UCC is "Overview and Legal Aspects of Security Training." This 16-hour course, which begins Tuesday, provides an overview of working as a protection specialist, including the do's and don'ts, geographic areas of workplace and authority, protecting persons and property, health and fitness. Legal topics covered include search and seizure, arrest powers/laws of arrest and due process.

The second 16-hour module is "Human Relations and Communications" and begins March 5. The course covers human relations, relationships, communications, both oral and written, and emergency responses as related to being a security officer. Topics covered include the role of security as a facilitator, diversity training, use of communication equipment, working with local police and fire officials, and responding to bomb threats and fire.

The third module is very critical. "Emergency Care: Adult CPR/AED, Infant and Child CPR, and First Aid" begins April 2. By the successful completion of all sections of this course, the student will receive certificates in Adult, Infant and Child CPR, First Aid, Automated External Defibrillator Essentials, Preventing Disease Transmission, and a certificate for each module completed. With complete attendance and passing all the written and practical tests, a total of seven certificates will be issued from the American Red Cross.



Getting into character are the stars of "Java Dreams"; a student-run production coming to Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield. Clockwise from left are Catherine Tuma, Heather Goldsmith, Jill Kurzner, and offstage, Assistant Director Jessica Goldblatt.

he said the students broke down into smaller groups to brainstorm and come up with ideas back in September. Once parts were chosen, rehearsals started and a deadline schedule was set up to help guide the students through the stages.
Although both Slate and Karen Schlessinger provided teaching for the course, they left the conception and execution of the play entirely up to the students, preferring instead to offer guidance when necessary.
"This approach has enabled the class to get a hands-on feel for what it takes to put on a play, from start to finish.

The students not only performed all the mechanics of the production, but they also handled the songwriting, choreography, and publicity chores to make it all come together as a showcase for their talents.
Delighted with the play acting process, each of them appear to be anxiously awaiting for the finish, to show the results of their hard work and labor, but more importantly, to share their dreams with the rest of the audience.
The play starts 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Halsey Hall Auditorium of Jonathan Dayton High School.

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Super snow day



John and Hannah McWilliams take turns sailing down the hill at Briant Park in Springfield. Monday morning's snowfall meant a few hours of fun for local children who grabbed their sleds and hit the hill.

Senior housing sought

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer
B'nai B'rith, a Jewish organization that contributes money and other services, is looking for a place to build senior housing in Springfield in addition to the senior housing that will be built on Black's Lane.
"We've been involved trying to build senior housing here in Springfield," said local B'nai B'rith President Joe Tenebaum.
The Springfield chapter of B'nai B'rith now also includes Westfield, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Hillside. There are 366 members.
The senior housing that is going to be built on Black's Lane, Tenebaum said, is a state mandate where the township has to provide 20 percent for affordable senior housing.
Tenebaum is referring to the Mt. Laurel obligation that the township must comply with.
"Basically the town with the Mt. Laurel obligation has agreed to build senior housing, mainly on the Black's Lane site," said Township Committee member Roy Hirschfeld, who is helping B'nai B'rith to find land. "It's supposed to be affordable income for senior citizens who are in need of something between \$600 and \$800 a month."
Black's Lane will be the Mt. Laurel plan plus market rates.
"If we could get a site it certainly would make sense to include it in the Mt. Laurel plan," said Hirschfeld.
Tenebaum said that's not enough affordable housing for all the seniors who want to live in Springfield and that they need more than that 20 percent.

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Fathers in the making



Andrew Spino and David Dougherty apply what they have learned about parenting a newborn in their seven-week Child Development class at Florence M. Gaudreau Middle School in Springfield. Later in the course, these students will use these baby simulators for a 24-hour parenting project.

Police make arrests for credit card fraud

Springfield
On Jan. 17 at 10:44 a.m., Jersey City residents Robert Robinson, 36, James Robinson, 42, and Gregory Ross, 47, were arrested at Gutter Center on Route 22.
The two Robinsons were arrested on credit card fraud charges, while Ross was arrested for driving with a suspended driver's license, an uninsured vehicle, an unregistered vehicle, and had an outstanding warrant issued by the Paramus Municipal Court.
On Jan. 12 at 8:15 a.m., a Colonial Terrace resident reported that the roof of his vehicle was hit with a paint ball while it was parked outside his residence.
Keystone Automotive Warehouse, of Essex, Pa., reported that four wheels and rims and four Mickey Thompson wheels were stolen from a truck parked on Route 22.
On Jan. 13 at 7 p.m., a Pinebrook resident reported that her credit pocketbook, Palm Pilot, credit cards, checkbook and \$375 cash was stolen from her 1999 BMW parked on Southfield Road.
Springfield Acacia, Route 22 East, reported that two tires and rims were stolen as well as a drivers side mirror on Jan. 14 at 8:30 a.m.

POLICE BLOTTER

On Jan. 14 at 6:19 p.m., a Union resident reported that his vehicle was stolen from Stern Avenue.
A Union resident reported that the front bumper and front quarter panel of his vehicle were damaged while parked on Stern Avenue on Jan. 14 at 6:21 p.m.
On Jan. 15 at 10:28 a.m., Tyrone Glenn, 44, of Newark was arrested at Bally's on Route 22 East for an outstanding warrant.
Mountainside
On Jan. 15 at 12 p.m., Shaker Smith, 25, of Sayreville, was arrested for residential burglary.
Lionie Tucker, 23, of Kenilworth was arrested for burglary/theft on Jan. 15 at 1 p.m.
On Jan. 16 at 4:52 p.m., Chamin Huntell, 22, of Belleville was arrested for driving with a suspended license and also for outstanding warrants issued from Watchung and Belleville.
On Sunday at 11:10 p.m., the driver of a 1995 Black Ford Escort was pulled over for speeding. The vehicle turned out to be stolen from a Scotch Plains residence earlier in the day. The suspect who was driving the vehicle was a minor.

County golf course closed for winter

Golfers are known to take to the fairways whenever they can. Rain, heat and even snow do not deter the most dedicated golfers. However, the change in seasons does bring schedule adjustments to Union County's three public golf courses.
The course will be closed until approximately March 4, weather permitting. Eighteen regulation holes will continue to be available throughout the winter at the Ash Brook Golf Course in Scotch Plains and the Oak Ridge Golf Course in Clark, weather permitting.
Determination of playability will be made by the supervising greenskeeper of each course. Winter hours of operations at both courses through March will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Golfers are reminded that even if they are not playing a round of golf during this time period, all the courses are open for identification card purchases and renewals. Beginning Jan. 1, golfers should renew their ID cards at one of the courses. Early renewal will help avoid delays in the spring when everyone wants to take to the links.
All ID cards purchased in 2001 will be deactivated by the golf course computerized photo ID system on Dec. 31. It is important for golfers to keep these cards and bring them when renewing for 2002.

Springfield answers call for Rt. 78 accident

Springfield
On Jan. 12 at 7:39 p.m., the Springfield Fire Department responded to Route 78 at the 24 split for a motor vehicle accident.
On Jan. 13 at 7:58 p.m., they responded to a brush fire at a Route 22 East business.
On Jan. 14 at 7:38 a.m., they answered a medical service call at an Evergreen Avenue residence. At 1:36 p.m., they responded to a medical service call at a Morrison Road residence. At 2:28 p.m., they attended to a medical service call at an Independence Way residence.
On Jan. 17 at 1:54 p.m., they investigated a natural gas odor at a Severn Avenue residence. At 4:14 p.m., they answered a medical service call at a Troy Drive apartment complex. At 5:28 p.m., they responded to a Route 22 East business for a medical service call.
On Jan. 18 at 1:09 a.m., they investigated an activated fire alarm at a Smithfield Drive residence. At 7:04 a.m., they attended to an overturned

vehicle on Springfield Avenue. At 7:34 a.m., they responded to a motor vehicle accident with a spill on Springfield Avenue. At 10:03 a.m., they answered a medical service call at a Route 22 West business. At 12:07 p.m., they attended to a medical service call at a Center Street residence.
On Jan. 19 at 12:03 a.m., they investigated an activated fire alarm at Walton School.
Mountainside
On Jan. 9 at 8:49 a.m., the Mountain Side Fire Department investigated an activated fire alarm at the Elks Club on Route 22. At 1 p.m., they attended to a smoke condition at the Children's Specialized Hospital.
On Jan. 10 at 6:30 p.m., they responded to Brighton Gardens because of an activated fire alarm.
On Jan. 11 at 8:39 a.m., they investigated a smoke condition on Central Avenue. On Jan. 11 at 2:18 p.m., they attended to a malfunctioning furnace at a Rising Way residence.
On Jan. 15 at 5:25 p.m., they rushed to a motor vehicle accident on Route 22 and Central Avenue.
On Jan. 16 at 2 p.m., they responded to Route 22 East for a motor vehicle accident involving a bus.
On Jan. 17 at 8:35 a.m., they attended to a chimney fire at a Birch Hill residence.

FIRE BLOTTER

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EDUCATION

Red Cross to offer courses this winter

The Westfield/Mountain Side Chapter of the American Red Cross has scheduled its winter courses/classes in lifesaving skills.
Community First Aid and Safety classes will be offered March 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. This full-day course teaches participants infant/child CPR, adult CPR and basic first aid.
Adult CPR — cardiopulmonary resuscitation — classes will be conducted on the following dates: Tuesday, 6 to 10:30 a.m., Feb. 2, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Feb. 12, 6 to 10:30 p.m. The course teaches participants how to deal with choking, breathing and cardiac emergencies. It will also include training in AED, automated external defibrillation.
CPR for the Professional Rescuer, infant, child, adult and two-person CPR class will be offered today. This two-night class is from 6 to 10:30 p.m. both evenings. A one-day training is available March 18 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. This course is intended for individuals who have training and is available March 16 from 9 to 6 p.m. This course is intended for individuals who have the duty to respond to emergencies as job requirements such as lifeguards, EMTs and health professionals. For those currently holding this certification but need renewal, a renewal class will be offered Feb. 7

provide us with a good home, school system, neighborhood and morals. I had plenty of friends and earned pretty good grades. I graduated high school and college with a good grade-point average. We had food to eat, games to play, synagogue on the High Holy Days, and parents who were interested in our lives. We had everything — but I still became a drug addict."

conducted Feb. 2, 1 to 6 p.m., March 6 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., and again March 23 from 1 to 6 p.m. Participants can also attend a "challenge" class. Call the chapter for dates and times.
All training takes place at the Red Cross Chapter House, 321 Elm St., Westfield. Advance registration is required and space is limited. For more information, visit the Chapter House, call the chapter at 908-232-7090 or send e-mail to johnson@crossnet.org.

Speaker talks about perils of drug abuse

"Hello, I'm Ilse and I'm a drug addict..." is a special program about the dangers of drug addiction at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, Feb. 22 at 8:30 p.m.
Says Ilse, "My childhood was like yours and your children's. I was brought up with an 'Orthodox' Jewish father, a Conservative Jewish mother, and three sisters in a middle-class neighborhood in Rockland County, N.Y.
"I spent 13 years using and abusing drugs and 12 years and counting in recovery with the help of God, my family, Narcotics Anonymous, and JACS, or Jewish Alcoholics Chemically Dependent Persons and Significant Others."
"Please join me while I share with you my personal story, my road to recovery, and my journey as a Jew in recovery. Please don't think that my story has no meaning to you or your family; if hearing my story helps save one person from the bottomless pit of addiction, then as the rabbi text said, saving one life means saving the world."
For information on the event, call 973-376-0539.

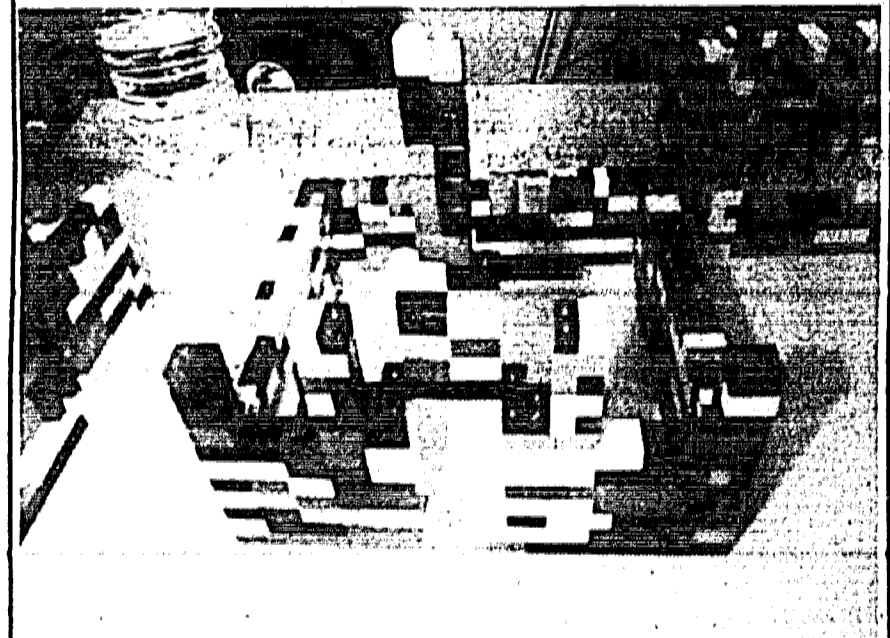
Strulowitz is named president

Dr. Leonard Strulowitz O.D., F.A.A.O., of Springfield, a Fellow in the American Academy of Optometry, has been elected president of the New Jersey Academy of Optometry.
Fellows of the academy have completed a rigorous candidacy process. Candidates submit written work and take an oral exam. A panel of leading optometrists and vision scientists must approve both the written submissions and oral examinations.
"Fellows of the American Academy of Optometry constantly strive for the highest professional standards. Academy Annual Meetings are recognized as presenting the latest in research and information on patient care," according to the American Academy of Optometry.
Dr. Strulowitz, whose practice in association with Vincent McGlone O.D. in Millburn is limited to the fitting of contact lenses, is a frequent lecturer whose commentaries have appeared in professional journals, magazines, and on television and radio.
He also serves as president of the State Board of Optometry, is a president of the Union County Optometric Society, past chairman of the Contact Lens Committee of the New Jersey



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This church, built by Eric Dworkin, Chris Muckle and Anthony Nieto, won first place in Doug Kelle's Period 1 Math Class Lego building competition, which focused on patterns. Each of the winning pieces from each of Doug Kelle's classes are on display in Room 3 of the school.

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SPORTS

Dayton boys' basketball team needs to do better at FT line

Missed shots hurt Bulldogs vs. North Plain.

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer
NORTH PLAINFIELD — Missed free throws. That's been the factor in several of the losses suffered by the Dayton High School boys' basketball team this season.
In Dayton's 54-51 setback to Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division opponent North Plainfield on Friday, the Bulldogs suffered again as they made only 10-of-21 from the charity stripe.
"It's been our Achilles heel all year," first-year coach Justin Peino said. "We have to do a better job in that department."
With 1:41 to go in the contest and the scored tied at 48-48, Dayton senior guard Mo Abdelaziz drove into the lane and was fouled. Hitting on one-of-two free throws, the Bulldogs pulled ahead 49-48.
The lead was shortlived, however, as North Plainfield shooting guard Colin Disch was fouled inside the paint bringing up two foul shots. Disch connected on both to bring the score to 50-49 in favor of the Canucks.
Two big offensive rebounds by Dayton led to a score as senior forward Matt Paz found Abdelaziz for an easy layup and a 51-50 lead.
Disch then responded by picking up a foul call underneath while in the act of shooting. Disch made the first free throw, but not the second as the score was tied 51-51.
A turnover by Dayton with 17 seconds remaining proved costly as North Plainfield point guard Richard Brent drained a three-pointer from the left wing with one second left to bring the game to its 54-51 final.
"You've got to give him (Brent) credit for making the shot," Peino said. "It shouldn't have come down to the last shot. We should have been more consistent from the foul line."
With the loss, Dayton dropped to 7-6 on the season. After Dayton jumped out to an 11-4 first-quarter advantage, North Plainfield made it 11-6 early in the second period on a layup by forward Jabrill Josephs.
After Paz followed an Abdelaziz shot to make it 13-6, Brent drilled a 20-footer from the top of the key to bring it to 13-8.
Abdelaziz connected on one free throw before Brent came up with a pair of his own after a steal to make it 14-10.
Paz scored on a putback to give Dayton a 16-10 lead before North Plainfield went on a 10-0 run to take a 16-16 advantage. Disch had six points in the surge.
The lead didn't last long as the Bulldogs responded with an 8-0 run to take a 26-20 lead. The run was capped by Abdelaziz, who juked and jived in the lane for a running five-footer.
Josephs brought the game to intermission after driving to a layup along the left baseline to make it 26-22.



The Springfield Yellow Jackets learned the game of soccer and had fun doing so. The 10-and-under squad enjoyed quite a bit of success. Kneeling, from left, are Alexander Monks, Ryan Zahn, Matthew Neubauer, Thomas Baker, Daniel Haroldson, Carl Korfecha and Ethan Blum. Standing, from left, are Aaron Hinkes, Aakash Patel, Ross Goldfarb, Elliot Karp, Tarik Darkanat and Andre Ansari. In back is coach Jeff Neubauer. Team members not pictured are Jesse Krumholz and assistant coach Larry Goldfarb.

County baseball hot topic of conversation at Stove event

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer
MOUNTAINSIDE — Even though pitchers and catchers do not report to spring training for another few weeks, the flavor and feel of baseball was in the air Jan. 16 at L'Afrique Restaurant, as the Union County Baseball Association, in cooperation with the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, held its 66th Annual Hot Stove League Baseball Dinner.
At the ceremony, awards were presented to local athletes who distinguished themselves during the past year and to four individuals who were inducted into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame. The inductees were Alex Blaziejewski of Elizabeth, Ernest J. Finizio Jr. of Roselle Park, George C. Gross Jr. of Summit and Reggie Gale of Scotch Plains.
The guest speaker at the dinner was current Milwaukee Brewers outfielder Jeffrey Hammonds.
Proceeds from the dinner help fund the Union County Youth Baseball League for youngsters ages 8-15. Begun in 1945 with eight teams, the league now encompasses 14 teams in three divisions.
The program began with a welcome and message from Union County Board of Chosen Freeholder Nicholas Scutari. After Rev. Jerome Romanowski, "The Baseball Padre," led the Invocation and the National Anthem, Master of Ceremonies and Dinner Chairman Jim Lozzi took to the podium to announce the order of events for the night.
After dinner and an honorary memento given to the Union County Baseball Association Hall of Famer Michael Myska for his 63 years of service to the organization, it was time for the awards presentation.
Tom Polito, a 2001 Cranford High School graduate, was the first honoree, garnering the Edward Cooper Memorial Award for Most Valuable Scholastic Baseball Player. Last spring he became the first pitcher in the 45-year history of the Union County Tournament to win three championship games. The right-hander pitched Cranford to its third straight UCT title.
Polito concluded his senior year with a 9-0 record and 11.7 earned-run average, striking out 62 and walking 13 in 69 innings. The First Team All-State selection finished his career with an outstanding 27-1 record.
Jon Calabrese of Governor Livingston was received the Banzys Brothers Memorial Award for Most Valuable Scholastic Softball Player. As a senior catcher last year, the 2001 GL graduate finished with a .577 batting average, 28 RBI, 34 runs and threw out seven of 20 base runners. She helped lead the Highlanders to the UCT championship en route to gaining First Team All-State honors.
"It's a great honor for her and she wished she could've been here," Jen's mom said.
Jen's mother accepted the award for her daughter because of her obligations at Boston College. Calabrese will play catcher at BC as a walk-on this season.
"She's a hard worker, but is also very humble," Mrs. Calabrese said.
The Union County American Legion awards were given out next. Senior Division and Junior Division champions were honored.
The senior team selected was Westfield Post No. 3, which compiled a 23-3 mark under the direction of coach Tony Picaro. The junior team honored was Livingston, which sported a 24-5 record under the direction of coach John Schmitt.
Outstanding individual awards went to Nick Geisler of Westfield Post No. 3 for his Outstanding Senior League Pitcher. Geisler was 6-0 and had an impressive 1.87 ERA in leading his team to the championship. Teammate Michael Sofka was also honored as the Senior League Batting Champion. Sofka hit safely in 23 of 26 games and finished with a .458 batting average.
The Outstanding Junior League Pitcher Award went to Nick Sisk of Roselle Post No. 229. Sisk led his team with a 7-2 record. Sammy Parrilla of Linden Recreation was named the Outstanding Junior League Batting Champion. A hard hitting shortstop, Parrilla led his team and the league with a .468 batting average.
Christopher J. Aguerro, who stars for the Elizabeth High School team, was the Scholarship Recipient. The All-County outfielder plans to continue playing baseball in college. In addition to playing in the Union County Baseball Association's fall league, Aguerro enjoys working with younger players as a coach and umpire in the association's Youth League for the past two summers.

Our defense played well," Peino said. "We just have to do a better job of eliminating second chances."

After Abdelaziz opened the third quarter by hitting a "three" to push Dayton's lead to 29-22, North Plainfield answered with a pair of two-point buckets to cut the deficit to 29-26 with 4:59 remaining.
Dayton junior guard Tim Homlish dropped in two on a "back door" play to make it 31-26 and then Brent pumped in a "tray" from the left corner to bring it to 31-29.
The Bulldogs responded with Homlish making a "three" of his own and then he added a layup to push the lead to 34-29.
The score could've been more, but Paz missed a pair of free throws.
Two short jumpers by the Canucks made it 36-33 before Paz picked up a loose ball underneath for an easy layup and a 38-33 advantage.
North Plainfield then closed the quarter with a 9-0 run to put it ahead 42-38.
After both teams scored on putbacks to make it 44-40 early in the fourth, Dayton closed to within 44-42 after junior guard Mike Nitello tallied on a layup off a Paz assist.
Paz then gave the Bulldogs the lead at 45-44 on a free throw and slam dunk.
On the slam, Paz picked up a ring rebound and raced downcourt leading to an open lane for the jam.
Paz was Dayton's leading scorer with 22 points.
"Matt's our leader in scoring and on the floor," Peino said. "He's the guy we look to in tough situations."
After Homlish made one-of-two free throws to make it 46-44, North Plainfield's Omar Salley scored on a layup to tie it at 46-46.
Dayton senior point guard Chase Freundlich missed the first shot of a one-on-one to lead to a Canuck layup as Disch tallied for the score and a 48-46 lead.
Paz responded on the next possession by hitting on a five-foot hanker off an assist from senior guard LaQuan Boone to knot things back up at 48-48.
"We need to step up and do a better job of running our offense in the next few games," Peino said.
Dayton was scheduled to host Brookfield Tuesday night and tomorrow has a game scheduled at New Providence at 7 p.m.
The Bulldogs need to have a record of .500 or better through Feb. 2 to qualify for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 playoffs.
Upcoming: Tomorrow, at New Providence, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Roselle Park, 7 Feb. 11 at Newark Central, 7 Feb. 5 Oratory, 7 Feb. 8 Manville, 4 p.m.; Feb. 12 at Brearley, 7 Feb. 15 at St. Mary's, 7.

Summit's Dates honored for stellar football play at NJCU

Daune Dates of Summit, a punter and safety for the New Jersey City University Gothic Knights, was named a Second Team New Jersey Athletic Conference All-Conference selection for the third consecutive season.
Dates was chosen as a punter this year after being selected as a defensive back last year and as a punter two years ago.
Dates ended the season fourth on the team in tackles with 59 total — 29 solo and 30 assisted. The former Summit High School gridiron standout was 14th in the league at 6.56 spots per game.
Date's All-Conference selection was based on an excellent year on special teams. He blasted 66 punts for 2,233 yards and a 33.8 average, including a long of 57 yards.
Dates ranked second in the league most of the season before finishing fourth in punting average in a tight category. He was never close to being blocked despite having 16 more punts than anyone in the league.
The Gothic Knights finished 1-8 and 1-5 in conference play, tied with Kean University for last in the NJAC. The team's only win was a 21-10 victory over Kean on Oct. 20.
Dates had a game to remember in November, although the Gothic Knights fell to NJAC power Montclair State 31-7 in Upper Montclair. The 6-1, 195-pound senior stepped in front of a pass at the 33-yard line and returned it for the team's only score.
It was NJCU's first interception return for a touchdown last season.
In that same game, Dates was the Knights' best player, making nine tackles, including a team-high eight solo stops. He also forced a fumble, recovered a fumble and defended two passes. Dates punted eight times in the NJAC contest for a 31.6 average.
Summit Junior Baseball to have skill evaluations
Summit Junior Baseball's skill evaluation sessions will be held Feb. 3 from 1-3 p.m. for all 4th grade baseball players at the Summit Middle School gym.
On Feb. 10 from 1-3 p.m., a skill evaluation session will be held for all 5th and 6th grade players.
On Feb. 12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Lincoln-Hubbard School gym, a makeup session will be held for anyone unable to attend their previously assigned session.
More information may be obtained by calling 908-273-6529.
Also
The Summit Junior Baseball League will hold its only walk-in registration session for girls wishing to participate in its new Summit Girls Softball League on Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:30. The registration session will be held in the entrance hall at the Summit Middle School.
Registration is open to all Summit girls in grades 2-8. The fee is \$65 per player.
The softball season will start the first weekend in April and run until mid-June.
The Summit Board of Recreation previously administered the girls softball program. Summit Junior Baseball recently expanded its activities by taking over the running of the girls softball program starting with the spring 2002 softball season.
More information may be obtained by calling 908-522-1376.

Minutemen 8th graders triumph

The Springfield Minutemen 8th grade basketball team won its first game of the season at Madison 43-27 on Jan. 10 and then defeated New Providence on the road 49-39 on Jan. 13.
The Minutemen fell to Warren 56-44 in their home opener on Jan. 12.
In the win against Madison, center Jake Floyd paced Springfield with 16 points and nine rebounds. Stephen Suarez had eight points, Adam Hirst seven and Jesse Galinkin four. Kevin Jiang, Zach Silverman, Joe Palitto and David Steinman had two points and Jeff Feder, Cornel Wolfe, Michael Wallach and Dan Shabat also contributed.
Hirst had 24 points and Suarez 11 against Warren, while Floyd scored three points and grabbed nine rebounds.
Galinkin had a hot hand in the win over New Providence, netting 21 points. Floyd scored 10 and grabbed 13 boards while Hirst scored 10 and Jiang eight. Suarez tied out seven assists.
Springfield hosted Long Hill last Wednesday and fell by a 70-54 score. Floyd scored 18 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Galinkin had six points, Hirst five and eight rebounds and Jiang six rebounds.
St. James hoops team win
The St. James Cyo-Pee Wee team improved to 9-2 with a 38-8 victory over St. Gen's Black of Elizabeth. Alex Popolani led all scorers with eight points. Kevin McGovern, D.J. DiProffo and Dylan Prus scored six points. Frank Russo had four points and John Ghilino, Chris Petrucci, Joe Petrucci and Danny DuBeau had two points. DuBeau, McGovern and Ghilino were the leading rebounders.
Matt McElroy's jumper with nine seconds left led the Blue team to a 20-18 victory over St. Michael's of Union. Dayton Osiat led all scorers with 11 points, while Chris Kempf, Julianne Capron, Phil Patten and David Wightman also scored. Kempf, McElroy, Osiat and Nicky Pulice anchored a strong defensive effort.

Dayton swimmers best Rahway

The Dayton High School swimming team defeated Rahway, 94-76 Jan. 14 in co-ed competition.
John Cottage, Drew DeCagna, Bryan Demberger and Wesley Mysliwiec finished first in the 200 medley relay in 2:10.00. Danielle Grienas, Lisa Cypcar, Megan Tavis and Shany David were third in 2:42.22.
Cottage was first in the 200 freestyle in 2:24.25, while Nicole Greten was second in the 200 individual medley in 2:56.20.
Gary Goldman was first in the 50 freestyle in 25.44 and Demberger first in the 100 butterfly in 57.88. Cottage was second in the butterfly.
Goldman also placed first in the 100 freestyle in 1:00.59. DeCagna had a first in the 500 freestyle in 6:35.10, while Tavis was third in 8:26.28.
Mysliwiec, David, Goldman and DeCagna were second in the 200 freestyle relay in 2:07.89.
Demberger was second in the 100 backstroke in 1:01.25 and DeCagna first in the 100 breaststroke in 1:15.96. Greten was second in the breaststroke in 1:25.00.
The 400 freestyle relay team of Goldman, Mysliwiec, Cottage and Demberger was first in 4:20.14.

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Klondike Derby Saturday

Boy Scouts of the Patriot District of the Patriots' Path Council will conduct their 45th Klondike Derby sled race and scout-skill contest at the picnic area above Surprise Lake in the Watching Reservation in Mountain-side on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Keith Mellen of Westfield, a veteran of several past derbies, will serve as derby governor, and about 100 adult leaders and volunteers from various scout troops will assist in conducting the event.

On derby day, the reservation will be transformed into the Klondike region of the Yukon Territory, and the spots where different skill events occur will take on the names of Klondike towns. Scout patrols, using compass directions to map out their routes, will pull Eskimo-style sleds between the towns, where they will be graded on their performance of different scout-skill problems, such as first aid, lashings and knots, measuring, and fire-building. Each team's test scores and elapsed times are relayed to a central scoreboard and determine the winners in each age group.

If there is too little snow for sleds, the patrols will use backpacks loaded with the required equipment to hike around the course, but only severe rain or mud conditions will cause a cancellation.

The public is welcome to visit at any time. The awards are presented at about 2 p.m. when the last waves have completed the race.

The Patriot District includes towns and troops in the area between Westfield, Scotch Plains, North Plainfield, Watchung, Millington, Summit and Garwood.

UCLSA bus trip Feb. 17

On Feb. 17, UCLSA, the association for legal professionals, formerly known as Union County Legal Secretaries Association, will sponsor a bus trip to the Taj Mahal Casino in Atlantic City. The bus will depart from the Union County Administration Building in Elizabeth at 8:30 a.m. and return at approximately 7 p.m. There will be an additional pick up at the Chesapeake Service Area on the Garden State Parkway. The cost is \$21, with a \$12 return from the casino on arrival.

For information or reservations, call Helen Gworek at 908-289-7356 or 908-527-4506 or Susie Mack at 908-322-2333.

The proceeds from this fund-raiser will benefit UCLSA's annual scholarship program and legal education fund. Each year, UCLSA awards a scholarship to a Union County resident who is pursuing a law-related career. In addition, UCLSA sponsors monthly legal education seminars for its members and guests.

'Financial strategies for today's woman'

Legal professionals from throughout New Jersey will be able to learn "Financial Strategies for Today's Woman" at a special seminar this month in Monmouth County. A representative from Premier Financial Services will be the guest speaker.

The 2001 winter board meeting of NJALS, the association for legal professionals, will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Tinton Falls. For more information, call Reservations Chairwoman Marjorie Mershon at 732-431-0691.

The association offers educational opportunities to legal professionals. Members are eligible to receive nationwide discounts on products and services.

For more information about the association, call Susie Mack, NJALS Second Vice President, at 908-709-3790 at home or at work 908-322-2333, Ext. 237, c/o Craner, Saklin & Scheer, 320 Park Ave., Scotch Plains, 07076.

Blood drives scheduled

The Blood Center of New Jersey will conduct the following blood drives:

• Friday, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union.
• Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Deutscher Club, Featherbed Lane, Clark; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Roselle Park High

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Coalition hosts forum on NJ Transit fare hikes

With the start of 2002 came a passenger fare hike for NJ Transit bus and rail services. The Raritan Valley Rail Coalition, which had gone on record against the proposed increase, joined other transit advocacy groups to persuade NJ Transit to throw out the proposed elimination of the off-peak transit fares and reduction in senior and disabled person discounts.

NJ Transit anticipates that, starting in April, the new fare increases will bring in approximately \$39 million to \$40 million a year in addition revenue. Many questions remain as to how will NJ Transit work to eliminate its \$135 million annual operating shortfall or the larger \$2 billion-plus capital funding shortfall.

On Monday at 7 p.m. in the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St., the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition will host an open discussion and strategy session between NJ Transit representatives, board members and the public as to how best to work to reduce or eliminate the various budget shortfalls.

Other questions include how the funding shortfall will affect existing projects in various stages of development or currently under construction. The coalition will discuss these and other topics that address concerns over the continued viability of the transit system. The meeting also will focus on courses of action the coalition can pursue at the state and federal levels to increase funding to NJ Transit to continue operating and building capital projects to meet the growing demands on the state's rail and bus systems.

The Town of Westfield Municipal Building has free parking in the rear and adjacent to the building off East Broad Street. The building also is a short walk from NJ Transit's Raritan Valley line rail station, and from NJ Transit's bus services. For NJ Transit bus and rail schedule and fare information, call 1-800-772-2222 or visit www.njtransit.com.

For more information and directions, call Kenneth Wedeen, DRCV

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EMT training course

Recent events have made it clear that emergency services and the people who are trained to provide those services are invaluable to society. Union County College's Division of Continuing Education and Community Services will be offering two courses during its spring semester that provide the necessary training to work as a professional emergency rescuer. In order to work as an EMT, one must be trained in CPR.

Through May, UCC will be offering the course, "Emergency Medical Technician." The course is the official U.S. Department of Transportation course for the emergency care and transportation of the sick and injured. This course replaces the EMT-A course which was the previous standard Department of Transportation course.

The course consists of lectures and practice sessions dedicated to the care and handling of basic life support patients as well as all kinds of medical, trauma and environmental emergencies. Upon successful completion of the course one can take the state exam.

Students must have a current CPR card in Basic Life Support through the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, BLS for Health Care Providers, or the New Jersey State Safety Council. The course will meet Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the college's Plainfield campus. The cost for the course is \$225 and a copy of the BLS/CPR card must be submitted with registration.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Author finds the research as rewarding as the writing

By Bea Smith Staff Writer

There are historical writers who enjoy doing research as much as writing their books, but there is one historical writer in our midst who seems to enjoy research even more so.

It's T. Felder Dorn of Millburn, a retired chemistry professor at Kean University in Union, and he thoroughly researched his first book about his home state, South Carolina, called "The Tompkins School, 1925-1953: A Community Institution." That research was utilized in his second book called "The Guns of Meeting Street."

"The Tompkins School" records a consolidated rural school in Edgefield County, S.C., and one of the teachers was Sue Logue, the first woman in South Carolina to be executed for a murder. Among the people he interviewed for his book, Dorn was able to talk to one of the other teachers in the school, his own cousin, Sadie Dorn.

The second book, "Guns," is a documentary of the crime drama about a 16-year feud between two South Carolina families, the Logues and the Timmermans, in a rural section of Edgefield County in the early 1940s. Four people were involved in a murder and over a period of 14 months, three were electrocuted by the state of South Carolina, and a fourth was spared by governor's commutation hours before the scheduled execution.

Dorn admitted during a recent visit to this office, that he did not wait until his retirement to do his very careful research and write his books. He, who lived in Bowman, Greenwood and Charleston in South Carolina, spent his sabbaticals and summers in the area where the murders took place. Now that he has retired from his administrative duties at Kean, he can spend all of his time in the research of perhaps another book.

"I really enjoy doing research for my books," said the serious-looking Dorn in a soft, faraway Southern tone. "I think it's even more fun than writing them and seeing them in print. Actually, when I was in college, I was greatly interested in history and chemistry. I received my bachelor of science degree in chemistry at Duke University in Durham, N.C., and my doctorate in chemistry from the University of Washington, but history was the road not taken. It was when I was associated dean in 1973 at Kean when I began to take history seriously. I left as administrative vice president in 1990 and went back to history. I wanted to spend my summers doing what I wanted to do years ago."

Dorn was a full professor of chemistry at Kean from September 1990 until September 2001, when he was fully retired. "I was also interested in South Carolina history. I had six uncles there, and they are big history buffs. Once I got interested in the school, where Sue Logue was a teacher, I got to know members of the families of the Logues and the Timmermans. My wife — Sara Ruth, who is from Greenwood County — and I were married in June 1956, and when we visited South Carolina, I got to meet two of her nephews, who knew the brothers of the policeman who had set up the killing. The Timmerman family also knew about the case and was able to provide some information."

Dorn said his first book took three years to be completed. "My second book," he said, "took about seven years — five years in research and writing, and two years in the editorial process. It took five years to write my first draft, when I took it to the press. There were 210,000 words, and we had to cut that to 75,000 words. It was sheer agony. I did the cutting. The editing was very good. The publisher, the University of South Carolina, was interested in it from the word go. And it really created a sensation down there when it was published."

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The research was fun. I love that. I interviewed about 100 people — family members first. My wife and I knocked on doors. She was in on most of my interviews. She took notes, participated and did the typing.

"My great uncle, Jefferson Davis Griffith, was the prosecutor in the first trial in Lexington. His son — my cousin — had the transcripts, and I got a lot of the depositions. I went to all the courthouses, got all the records. There were lots of newspaper stories to read — and they were very well done. I also interviewed J. Strom Thurmond — once for my first book and once for my second book. Thurmond had a substantial role in the aftermath of a gun battle in 1941. He was a circuit judge at the time, and he also appears in the narrative in 1930 when he was county superintendent of education. I was talked to the people who went to the trials. They were impressed with the attorney, John Stansfield. He did his best, but he had no case."

Dorn frowned. "You know," he reminded, "the legal process, including the administration of the death penalty, moved forward at a different — faster — pace than is the case today. They made decisions so quickly. The law is the same, but the process is different."

The Dorns have twin daughters, Ruth and Julia, and a son, Thomas. "Ruth is a senior lab technician in the department of microbiology and biochemistry at Rutgers University. Julia is an information specialist for American International Group, Manhattan. And Thomas is an attorney in Newark. We also have three grandchildren."

Dorn explained that "the book, 'The Guns of Meeting Street' is available nationally. I've had a three-book seminar at Kean University, at East Brunswick in the mall and at Town Book Store in Maplewood, where it did especially well. I have another book signing set up — this one at The Town Book Store in Westfield Feb. 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. This will be the fourth signing in New Jersey. At the moment, there are two other active possibilities, one in New Jersey and the other in New York City.

"In March," he continued, "I am going to give a talk in Sewanee, Tenn., at the University of the South, where I taught for 12 years. The USC Press is attempting to line up several signings in Tennessee and South Carolina, which it'll visit also while my wife and I are down there."

Dorn indicated that back in the 1940s "the South was very segregated. It's part of the context — there was quite a difference between then and now. I tried to be very honest. I quoted people the way they saw it — and their perspective. What was so extraordinary about the whole situation was that it was a very religious community and what you had were a lot of murders. It was so very personal — the murders were not done at random."

Now that Dorn is fully retired, does he plan another book? "I have another on the drawing board," he smiled. "This also is non-fiction. I want to look at the role of the Episcopal bishops during the Civil War. I'm taking the other fort. It's the road not taken — to quote a poet."

And now, T. Felder Dorn admits that he has all the time in the world to do his precious research — the real love of his life.

Nonfiction book reads like well-crafted mystery

On the Shelf

By Bea Smith Staff Writer

When a meticulously researched nonfiction book begins to read like a novel and holds a reader's intense interest from the first page to the last page, the author can consider the book a vast success.

"The Guns of Meeting Street" is a book about a southern tragedy, about a murder in a small town in South Carolina, about four people involved in the murder of a storekeeper, about how three of them are electrocuted — one, a woman, the first ever to be given the electric chair in that state — and about the families and townspeople personally and dramatically involved in the whole situation.

The book was written with intricate insight by T. Felder Dorn of Millburn, a retired chemistry professor at Kean University in Union, who himself hails from a small, nearby town in South Carolina.

The incident of the Logue-Timmerman case, which caused a huge sensation in the south in the early 1940s, is carefully unfolded in chronological form in the book published by the University of South Carolina Press. "The Guns of Meeting Street" was seven years in the making during which time, Dorn spent vacations and sabbaticals in Edgefield County and surrounding areas for his thorough research and his numerous interviews with all those who were

involved in the case — including some of his own relatives. The book stemmed from Dorn's first book, a documentary about "The Tompkins School, 1925-1953: A Community Institution," which he had researched and written earlier. "The Guns," which also includes bibliographical records and photographs of those involved in the second documentary, features major sections derived from family records and oral history offered by John Wallace Logue, William Sebastian Logue, Margie Timmerman Prince and Rachel Timmerman Smith. Dorn has been thorough enough to also include a genealogy of the Logue, Timmerman and Walton families. It all began in 1940, and the author dramatically unveils the unusual details of the cold-blooded murder of Davis Timmerman by Clarence Bagwell, which was planned by George Logue and his sister-in-law, Sue Logue, and arranged by their nephew, Joe Frank Logue, a police officer. The

Catholic Schools Week

January 27 - February 2, 2002

Benedictine Academy announces schedule for full week of events

At Benedictine Academy, preparations are under way for Catholic Schools Week 2002 - Sunday through Feb. 2 - with students, faculty and administration planning activities showcasing this year's theme.

Where faith and knowledge meet in a communication to parents, guardians, friends and board members, Principal Adele Kosinski invited all to participate in the academy's week-long observance and outlined the schedule of events. The secondary school for young women in the city's historic Westminster section is looking forward to hosting invited visitors who would like to see this National Service-Learning Leader School in operation.

To set the tone for the week, a short prayer assembly will take place in the auditorium Monday. That day report cards for all students will be mailed home. On Tuesday, parents are invited to visit the school between 7:15 and 8:30 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts. Immediately following, visitors may attend classes to observe students at work. The next day, Wednesday, the entire school community will offer its services to the Community Foodbank of New Jersey in Hillside, a facility where they inspect and clean up packaging on items for distribution, as well as sort through donated clothing.

From an original handful of students, the current group has grown to include all BA students plus faculty and administration, and any interested parents, guardians and board members are invited to participate. Transportation will be provided. Upon returning to school, the senior class will sponsor a Gourmet Cheese Steak Luncheon, prepared by the multi-talented BA faculty member and athletic director, Thomas Barbarow, for the price of \$3 in advance.

The next event in the Catholic Schools Week schedule is Teacher Appreciation Day Jan. 31. It is a perfect time to extend a special "thank you" to a teacher who has given a student extra help or attention. That day, the school community will also recognize the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr. at an afternoon assembly in the auditorium.

Finally, to wrap the week's activities, there will be a Service Award Assembly Feb. 1 in the school auditorium. Students from the Ambassador Program will be inducted and honored during this assembly. Faculty and administration will recognize student volunteers for their generous gifts of service.

Benedictine Academy, a Catholic secondary school for young women, was founded in 1915 by the Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth to develop and nurture the academic, spiritual, physical and social potential of young women in the surrounding community. The mission of the school is to educate qualified young women of various ethnic, socioeconomic and religious backgrounds who seek preparation for college. Academic achievement and personal growth are developed in a unique educational family setting in the Benedictine tradition. Through an emphasis on Christian values, Benedictine Academy also aims to help young women build their self-confidence, enhance their self-image, and accept future roles as leaders and responsible citizens in society.

St. John's plans diverse events and activities

The parish community of St. John the Apostle Church, Clark/Linden, will present its parish school during Catholic Schools Week Sunday through Feb. 1 with open houses and registration sessions.

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St. John the Apostle School has full-day kindergarten along with an outstanding pre-school program. The pre-K program offers 3- and 4-year-olds a variety of educational experiences which foster a lifelong love of learning. St. John the Apostle School also recognizes the unique developmental needs of its older students and has a progressive middle school program for its sixth, seventh and eighth graders. In this year's Scholastic Olympics held at Roselle Catholic High School, the eighth-grade students placed third out of 17 schools competing. Last year, St. John the Apostle School provided before- and after-school care programs. Bus transportation or reimbursement is available for those who qualify.

St. John the Apostle School endeavors to fulfill the spiritual, moral and social needs of students and their families. Every student is treated as an individual and encouraged to reach his or her potential.

Some of the special activities for Catholic Schools Week are:

- Monday: 9:30 a.m. - Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes, kindergarten.

Information regarding open house and registration times can be found in the ad, by visiting www.sjanj.org/school or by calling 732-388-1360.

St. John the Apostle School in Clark/Linden, a Middle States-accredited school, offers three different pre-K programs. The school offers a two-day afternoon program for students who will be 3 years old by Oct. 1. There are two different 4-year-old programs, a five-day morning and a three-day afternoon program for students 4 years old by Oct. 1.

The open houses for these programs are today from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for the 3-year-old program, and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for the 4-year-old program. The open houses for kindergarten through grade 7 will be today from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m.

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Museum Guide

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 relevant information to Arts and Entertainment Editor Bill Vansant at Worrall Community Newspapers, 1291 Snyvesant Ave., Union, 07083.

- Crane-Phillips House Museum, 124 Union Ave. North, Cranford. Open 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays from September through June, or by appointment. Call (908) 276-0082.
- Belcher-Ogden Mansion, 1046 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. By appointment only. Call (908) 351-2500.
- Boxwood Hall, 1073 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call (908) 648-4540.
- Woodruff House/Easton Store Museum, 111 Conant St., Hillside. Open 2 to 4 p.m. the third Sunday of each month or by appointment. Call (908) 352-9270.
- Deacon Andrew Hetfield House, Constitution Plaza, opposite the Mountaineer Library, Mountaineer. Open 1 to 3 p.m. the third Sunday of the month from March to May and September to October; closed June to August and November to February.
- Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineer. Open 1 to 5 p.m. daily. Call (908) 789-3670.
- The Saltbush Museum, 1350 Springfield Ave., New Providence. Open 1 to 3 p.m. the first and third Sundays of the month, and 10 a.m. to noon on each Thursday of the month.
- Drake House Museum, 602 W. Front St., Plainfield. Open 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays September to June. Call (908) 755-5831.
- Merchants and Drrovers Tavern, 1632 St. Georges Ave., Rahway. Open Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The first and third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m., and Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call (908) 245-1776.
- Osborn Cannonball House, 1840 Front St., Scotch Plains. Open 2 to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of the month. Call (908) 233-9165.
- The Cannonball House, 126 Morris Ave., Springfield. By appointment only. Call (973) 379-2634.
- Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Open 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. Call (973) 376-4930.
- Benjamin Carter House, 90 Butler Parkway, Summit. Open 9:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays; 1:30 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays; 2 to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of the month; and by appointment. Call (908) 277-1747.
- Reves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. Grounds are open daily from dawn to dusk; office is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Call (908) 273-8787.
- Caldwell Parsonage, 909 Caldwell Ave., Union. Open 2 to 4 p.m. the third Sunday of the month or by appointment. Closed December and January. Call (908) 687-8129.
- Liberty Hall Museum, 1033 Morris Ave., Union. Closed through April 3; staff is available for telephone inquiries. Call (908) 527-0400 or visit www.libertyhallnj.org.
- Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield. Open 2 to 5 p.m. Sundays from September through June - closed during the summer - and 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays in January and February or by appointment. Call (908) 232-1776.
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On Sunday, Mass will be held at 10 a.m. All school parents and children are invited to attend. The Chorus/Glee Club will sing. Refreshments will be served after the Mass. On Tuesday, the school will host an open house from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for all parents, parishioners and prospective parents.

Registration for new students will take place Jan. 31 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 2 p.m., and again Feb. 1 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

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- 48 Armed fighting
- 50 Flair for music
- 51 Vehicle
- 52 Match's partner
- 53 Half a bray
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- 58 Subject, usually
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- 61 Never Never Land dweller
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- 45 Boll inside
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What's Going On

FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY
February 3, 2002
EVENT: Flea Market & Collectible Show Indoors & Outdoors
PLACE: Belleville High School, 100 Passaic Ave., Belleville, NJ (Off Jerome, Mon St.)
TIME: 9am-5pm
PRICE: Over 100 Quality Dealers with an array of clothing, jewelry, sports items, hats, scarves, gloves, toys and much more. Also special Garage/Tap sale section. For information call: 201-937-9535.
ORGANIZATION: Roselle Catholic H.S., Roselle Park

SATURDAY
February 2nd, 2002
EVENT: Flea Market & Collectible Show Indoors/Outdoors
PLACE: Roselle Park High School, 185 W. Webster Avenue, (off Locust Street), Roselle Park
TIME: 9am-5pm
PRICE: Featuring over 75 quality dealers selling a variety of merchandise including jewelry, clothing, toys, baseball cards, accessories, electronics, etc. & a special tag sale section. For information call: 201-987-9535.
ORGANIZATION: Band Parents.

SATURDAY
February 2, 2002
EVENT: Rummage Sale
PLACE: Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, 739 Seminary Avenue, Rahway
TIME: 9am-1pm
PRICE: Free Admission. Items sold individually or by the bag at \$5 (small), \$10 (medium), \$20 (large).
ORGANIZATION: Holy Comforter Episcopal Church

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HOROSCOPE

Jan. 28-Feb. 3
ARIES (March 21-April 19): A friend may be less accessible than normal. See this as an opportunity to go off and float your boat and don't take their distance personally.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Steady and disciplined action earns you a much-deserved reward or recognition. Put your nose to the grindstone and walk away smelling like a rose.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Adjust your expectations and make sure they fit into your current reality. Keep your feet planted firmly on the ground while allowing your mind to soar.
CANCER (June 22-July 22): Investment doubts or uncertainty is the result of taking on too many prospects. Park your money in a secure place and give yourself a chance to regroup.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Protect your loved ones from a painful lesson.

Share a prior experience or foolish decision from your past and help them to avoid making the same mistake.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Sign up for a course in making crafts or general repairs. An associate is disturbingly demanding. Rise above an ego-driven decision and do the right thing.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Social activities are highlighted. A stranger easily captures your attention and maybe your heart. Be aware of love-at-first-sight possibilities.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Don't let a senseless disagreement with a family member stand between your happiness and domestic bliss. Reconcile and make amends!
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your mind tends to scatter in several different directions. If you want to get anything concrete done this week, stop, stay focused and concentrate.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A financial proposition is flawed by confusion, but all is not lost. Research the facts that are not clear, ask pertinent questions and gain understanding.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Partnerships demand your attention. Your goals tend to clash with those of your mate. For the good of the relationship, look for ways to compromise.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put aside your problems or complaints and celebrate what is positive in your life. Look to your future with a sense of wonderment and hope.

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Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area. The calendar is open to all groups and organizations in the Union County area. To place your free listing, send information to Arts and Entertainment Editor Bill VanSant, Worrall Community Newspapers, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

ART SHOWS

SUMMIT FRAME ART will exhibit paintings by American artists from the mid-19th to the 21st century. Gallery hours are Mondays to Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sundays until 7 p.m. Summit Frame and Art is located at 465 Springfield Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-8685.

OUR VIEW: A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE on Life in Union County, a traveling exhibit sponsored by Community Access Unlimited, features the work of 10 adults with developmental disabilities. The exhibit will tour the county. For information, call 908-354-3040, Ext. 304.

ARTIST RON HEDRICK will have his work on exhibit at Evelyn Dum's Gallery, 549 South Ave., Westfield. Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For information, call 908-232-0412.

CATCHING THE LIGHT, plain air works by Frank Ferrante, will be on exhibit at Sweet Galleries in Plainfield through Jan. 31. Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sweet Galleries is located at 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For information, call 98-756-1707.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountainside will exhibit the new Jersey Photography Forum seventh annual Juried Show and the watercolors of V. Shipley through January. Children's Specialized Hospital is located at 153 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For information, call 908-789-2075.

EIGHT ARTISTS from the Exhibitors Co-Op will have their work on exhibit at The Arts Guild of Rahway through Feb. 13. Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and by appointment. Kent Place School is located at 12 Norwood Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-0900, Ext. 332, or visit www.kentplace.org.

PRINT AS PARABLE — monoprints, etchings, collographs and glaze prints by Jessica Lenard — will be on exhibit in the Members' Gallery at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit Monday through Feb. 15. A reception for the artist will take place Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 88 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

DOWN TO THE BONE, works by Bisa Washington, will be on exhibit at the Tomasulo Gallery in the MacKay Library on the Cranford campus of Union County College Friday through Feb. 21. Gallery hours are Mondays through Thursdays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m., and Tuesdays through Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-709-7455.

FICTIONAL BIOGRAPHIES: "The Next Shell," works by Joe Lugara, will be on exhibit at Bouras Galleries in Summit through Feb. 28. Hours are by appointment only. Bouras Galleries is located at 25 DeForest Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-277-8054.

EYES ON THE LAND — landscape photography by Marvin Cline, Chip Forelli, Mark Obenzinger and Nancy J. Ori — will be on exhibit at The Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway Feb. 17 through March 15. An opening reception will take place Feb. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., and by appointment. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1870 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511 or visit www.rahwayartsguild.org.

INTERNATIONAL JURIED SHOW 2002 will be on exhibit in the Palmer Gallery of the New Jersey Center for

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Visual Arts in Summit Sunday through March 20. A reception and awards ceremony will take place Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. A panel discussion will take place Feb. 24 from 1 to 2 p.m., followed by a question-and-answer period. Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 88 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

OLMSTED IN UNION COUNTY, works by photographer Nancy J. Ori, will be on exhibit in Wisner House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit through May 13. A reception with the artist will take place April 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. Hours are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. For information, call 973-376-8544.

KEEP THAT RESOLUTION TO BECOME a Published Writer will be presented by author Amanda Harjo at Barnes and Noble in Springfield Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

AUTHOR TINA CASEY will appear at Barnes and Noble in Springfield to sign copies of her children's book "The Runaway Valentine" Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

AUTHOR PENNY POLLOCK will appear at Barnes and Noble in Springfield to sign copies of her book, "When the Moon Falls: A Lunar Year" Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

WOMEN'S READING GROUP will meet at Barnes and Noble in Clark the last Wednesday of each month. Barnes and Noble in Clark is located at 1180 Raritan Road. For information, call 732-574-1818.

NEW JERSEY WORKSHOP FOR THE ARTS is currently accepting registration for its Music Studio. Lessons include instrumental, voice and music theory, with beginner through advanced classes. Additional courses include art classes for children and toddlers, the Westfield Fencing Club and the Drawing Workshop. Classes take place at 150-152 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-789-9696.

CONCERTS

COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE Concert Series will present concerts at two Union County locations in the coming months.

Feb. 16: Bob Malone and Carla Urbach, Westfield, Springfield

April 20: Dan Pelletier and Jean Bratman, Westfield

May 18: Alice DiMico, Springfield

June 15: Lui Collins, Westfield

Springfield concerts are at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, 973-376-1695; Westfield concerts are at First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 E. Broad St., 908-233-4211.

All concerts begin at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m. A \$10 donation is suggested. For information, call 908-232-8723 or visit www.coffeewithconscience.com.

WESTFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will appear in concert Feb. 2 at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, including ticket prices, call UCAC at 732-499-0441 or WSO at 908-232-9400, send e-mail to wso@westfieldnj.com, or visit www.ucac.org or www.westfieldsymphony.com.

MOSTLY MUSIC Chamber Music Series will present various musicians in concert Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$18 for senior citizens and \$10 for students. For information, call 973-762-0108.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will present musical performances throughout the autumn. All concerts are from 8 to 10 p.m. in the cafe section. For information, call 973-376-8544.

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DISCUSSION

JOURNAL WRITING GROUP, led by professional life coach Jami Novak, meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road. For information, call 732-574-1818.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP will meet Monday at Barnes and Noble in Springfield, 240 Route 22 West. The group meets every other Monday. For information, call 973-376-8544.

FILM

THE FILMMAKERS SYMPOSIUM will present its spring session at the Leows Mountainside in two six-week sessions, Feb. 18 to March 25 and April 1 to May 6. Screenings are Monday evenings. Fees are \$121 for six weeks, \$29 for 12 weeks, plus a \$20 registration fee. For information, call 800-531-9416.

ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY will sponsor a series of free film classics at the Main Branch. All films begin at 10 a.m.

The Main Branch of the Elizabeth Public Library is located at 11 S. Broad St. For information, call 908-354-6060.

KIDS

THE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA of New Jersey will present the Dan Criss Trio in "Improvised," the second program in the Music for Kids Series, Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. at the Summit YMCA, 67 Maple St. Tickets are \$10 each, \$5 each for members of the Summit Y.

CANDY NELSON will appear at Barnes and Noble in Springfield Feb. 19 at 10:30 a.m. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield will sponsor Tales for Kids, a preschool storytime, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m., and Kids Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m.

For information, call 973-376-8544.

UNION RECREATION DEPARTMENT will sponsor weekly ceramics classes for children between the ages of 7 and 12 at the Recreation Building, 1120 Commerce Ave., from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. For information, call 908-984-4828.

POETRY

POETRY OUT LOUDI will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

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CRAFTS

THE HARVEST QUILTERS of Central New Jersey meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Cozy Corner Creations Quilt Shop, Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-755-7553.

DANCE

SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS continues its 2001-02 season with Friday gatherings at 8 p.m. — beginners are asked to arrive at 7:30 p.m. — at The Connection, Morris Avenue and Maple Street, Summit. A gathering is scheduled for Friday, a Chinese New Year celebration. Admission is \$2. Special workshops are \$4. For information, call 973-467-8278.

THEATRE

PAPER MILL: The State Theater of New Jersey will present "The Dinner Party" by Neil Simon through Feb. 10. Shows are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 7:30 p.m.; matinees are Thursdays and Saturdays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$29 to \$59; \$15 Student Plus tickets are available the day of performances with a current ID.

Special performances are the free Conversation Series, Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the mezzanine, today through Feb. 7; audio-described performances Feb. 7 at 2 p.m., Feb. 9 at 2:30 p.m. and Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m., each with a sensory seminar 90 minutes prior to curtain; and a sign-interpreted/open-captioned performance Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Paper Mill is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information, call 973-376-4343 or visit www.papermill.org.

ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE will present "An Enemy of the People" by Henrik Ibsen through Feb. 17. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$9 for general admission, \$6 for students and senior citizens. Elizabeth Playhouse is located at 1100 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. For information, call 908-655-0071.

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will present "I Hate Hamlet" by Paul Rudnick Feb. 8 to 10 at the CDC Theater, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford. Shows are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturdays. Tickets are \$15. For information, call 908-276-7811.

VARIETY

THE TROUPE, a popular area band in the late '60s, will reunite for "Wo'g'y With a Little Help From Our Friends," a dance concert Feb. 2 at 7:15 p.m. at Holy Trinity School in Westfield. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$20 at the door, and include admission, refreshments, beer and wine. For information, call 908-389-1970.

CROSSROADS, 78 North Ave., Garwood presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts, as well as football-themed nights.

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Friday, BBQ Bob and the Squares Saturday, An Allman Brothers tribute with Skydog.

Wednesday, Persun and Psychoedical Breakdown.

Feb. 1, Uncle Sammy.

Feb. 2, Huson River Rats.

For information, call 908-232-5905.

EAT TO THE BEAT Coffeehouse in Rahway will feature appearances by music artists.

East to the Beat Coffeehouse is located at 1655 Irving St. in Rahway at the corner of East Cherry Street. For information, or to sign up for Open Mike Night, call 732-381-0505.

FLYNN'S IRISH PUB and Steakhouse in Rahway will present entertainment at various times. Flynn's Irish Pub is located at 1482 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call 732-381-4700.

VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesday nights are "Acoustic Tuesdays," with open mike from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer. Open mike participants sign up at 7:30 p.m., and get 10 minutes at the microphone. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for all Sunday concerts.

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"THE DUCHESS," a mixed-media collage box with objects created by Marcel Truppa of Rahway, is among the works exhibited in "The Perceptive Eye" at the Les Malamut Art Gallery in Union. For information, see the "Art Shows" listing on this page.

AUDITIONS

CELEBRATION SINGERS will conduct auditions for the adult choir Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Cranford United Methodist Church, Lincoln and Walnut avenues. Regular rehearsals are Tuesdays from 8 to 10 p.m.

MYSTIC VISION PLAYERS of Linden will conduct auditions for "The Monogram" Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the basement banquet room of El Bodegon Restaurant, 165 W. Main St., Rahway. Being sought are two men, 20s and 30s/40s; and 4 women, 20s and older. Show dates are March 8 to 23. For information, call 908-925-9091.

NEW JERSEY THEATER ALLIANCE will sponsor combined auditions for more than 20 of the state's professional theaters Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. by appointment only. Equity and non-Equity actors will be seen. To enter the selection lottery: Send a picture with resume attached. Indicate if you will be singing as part of your audition; Indicate if you are a New Jersey resident; Send a self-addressed stamped No. 10 envelope; Mail entries to New Jersey Theater Alliance, P.O. Box 21, Florham Park, 07932.

CONCORD SINGERS, a community chorus, welcomes female vocalists at its rehearsals Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Calvary Episcopal Church, Woodland Avenue in Summit.

METRO RHYTHM CHORUS of Sweet Adelines International is seeking female singers. The group rehearses every Wednesday from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Cranford area. For information, call Janet Manfredonia at 908-654-8941 or send e-mail to manfredonia@postbox.csl.cuny.edu, or call Judy McCord at 973-895-8993.

WESTFIELD GLEE CLUB is seeking male and female adult singers to participate in the club's 77th season. Rehearsals are Mondays from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Westfield Presbyterian Church choir room. For information, call Dale Juntilla at 908-232-0673.

BOOKS

AUTHORS JOHN COLAGRANDE and **LARRY FELDER** will appear at Barnes and Noble in Springfield to sign copies of their book, "In the Presence of Dinosaurs" Friday at 7 p.m. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

FICTION WRITING 101: Hints to Help

SINGLES

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

THREE-DIMENSIONAL ARTWORK by Bisa Washington is on exhibit through Feb. 21 in "Down to the Bone" at the Tomasulo Gallery in the MacKay Library at Union County College's Cranford campus. For information, see the "Art Shows" listing on this page.

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Retirees should consider 4 areas
 According to ERA Real Estate specialists, there are four major areas that retirees need to consider when determining both their current and future housing needs — location, home accessibility, social activities and mobility.

To relocate or not to relocate, that is the all-important question. When considering such a great decision, listing the pros and cons of relocating can help.

• Are you looking for a completely new environment and/or climate, or do you prefer to remain close to your current neighborhood?

• Do you want to move closer to children and other family members? Before purchasing a retirement home in another state, retirees may want to rent initially to be certain they will be happy in their new community.

• Baby Boomers reach age 55, they become eligible to purchase a home in one of the more than 3,000 active adult communities nationally.

According to Jerry Andreessen, broker/manager of ERA Allen and Studis, which specializes in adult communities. "We tend to have two types of adult community buyers — clients that buy a small home who may only plan to use it for half the year and then spend the winter in a mild climate location and those who are looking for their dream home. The latter buyers generally purchase a 2,000-plus-square-foot home with an office for one or both spouses, an exercise room, an entertainment room, etc.," said Andreessen. These buyers are part of the "new senior" and average 60 years of age.

As people age, their housing should reflect their changing lifestyle and the need for accessibility. For example, stairs can be difficult to navigate and hard-to-reach storage areas can become frustrating as a person's mobility decreases, limiting their independence.

For retirees looking to relocate, moving to a single-level home could be a wise option. Universal Design homes are laid out and constructed to accommodate anticipated changes in lifestyle and typically include first-floor master suites, adjustable shelving in kitchen cabinets and easy-entry bathrooms and shower stalls.

During retirement, both recreation and entertainment are important considerations as leisure time becomes more available. Does your current community have services and activities for its seniors? Is good healthcare nearby? Both adult communities and university towns tend to have many more activities which seniors can enjoy which are in walking distance and generally have healthcare services on the premises or nearby.

Homeowners who plan to travel may want to consider a planned community or condominium that will have 24-hour security and will take care of exterior maintenance including total lawn care, planting, cutting, irrigation, snow removal, roof maintenance and more.

Mobility means independence to most people, and if you live in the suburbs, you rely heavily on your car for transportation. With age, driving may not always be an option. Retirees may want to consider relocating to a community that provides its own transportation, has easy access to public transportation, in addition to well-maintained sidewalks and paths.

For more information on the housing needs of retirees, consumers can contact their local ERA office, which can be found via the ERA web site at www.ERA.com.

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AUTOMOTIVE

A mechanic's error? Well, guess again
 By Jon Woods and Gary Nugent
 Mistakes can happen... From that, we'll bet that you're thinking it's about auto mechanics making mistakes by trying to go too fast. An unfortunate mistake that you're talking about mistakes that happen when a customer is in such a hurry that they can't take the time to help us do our job. Such is often the case involving those mysterious noises that a car will make from time to time. You know the kind, they come and go and either just annoy you or down right frighten you into thinking that something is going to fall off!

But you may not realize that sometimes the source of noises can be very hard — and time-consuming — to locate, and the more time it costs to pinpoint the source of a noise, the more money it costs to find. Remember, when it comes to diagnosing noises, our time is your money, and sometimes, even the most experienced mechanic will find himself or herself in the position of having to make an "educated guess" ... even after examining the car for several hours.

Well, believe it or not, most mechanics don't like to guess, even if a customer is so desperate to get rid of the noise that he or she is willing to sign a stack of waivers acknowledging that they understand that the particular part that we are "guessing" at, may not fix the noise. That's because when the noise is inevitably still there after that \$100 "guessed" part is replaced, the customer is not a happy camper. And we don't like unhappy customers. And, believe it or not, most of us take pride in our "expertise."

When we make an "educated guess" and it turns out to be wrong, we feel "marginalized," another word for stupid. So it behooves us to try to minimize the chances of having to guess.

So here are my suggestions as to how to avoid making your mechanic feel "stupid" garnered from, over the years, a few "wrong guesses."

You have a role! Believe it or not, you, the customer, have a role in diagnosing the noise. You must make yourself available to go on a test drive with your mechanic

to point out the noise! Unless you can get the car to make the noise while you're in your mechanic's parking lot, (the noise is obvious), don't be in such an awful hurry when you drop off the car that you can't go for a ride with your mechanic. If your "ride home" friend that followed you to the shop can't wait while you go for a test drive, don't leave the car. Make another appointment.

Personally, there have been times where we fixed the wrong noise, because the customer couldn't take the time to drive with me and point out the noise about which they were concerned.

Of course, after the fact, the noise we fixed was one that they were accustomed to, and the one we didn't hear was the one they wanted fixed. Oops! Who's at fault for fixing the wrong noise under these circumstances?

Your next responsibility: If the car seldom makes the noise, know under what circumstances you can get the car to make the noise — and tell that to your mechanic. For instance, if the noise only happens on bumpy roads and only after driving for 30 minutes, be prepared to go on a 30-minute drive with your mechanic, and be prepared to be charged for your mechanic's time, because the test drive is part of the diagnostic sequence.

* Another "customer responsibility:" If you are going to have to try to describe the noise, because, even after a long test drive, the darn car wouldn't make the noise for your mechanic, try to pick words that best describe the noise. Words like click, clunk, clunk, thump, rattle, tick, rumble, drumming, clanking, groaning — to name a few — are all words with distinct and different meanings to a mechanic and picking the wrong one can start your mechanic on a wild goose chase — on your dime!

Your last participation in the process is to be patient. Sometimes, in the interest of saving you money, your mechanic may suggest "trying" certain things that you will have to report back to him as to the success or failure of the "trial." In other words, sometimes you may have to go back to the shop to complete the cure.

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