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Proposed Gaudineer budget shows \$3,000 drop from current bud

By Joshua Zaltz
Staff Writer

At the Springfield Board of Education meeting Monday night, discussion focused on Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School's 2002-03 proposed budget of \$185,522, which is down roughly \$3,000 from this year's middle school budget.

"As you know we've been having our meetings in various locations and concentrating on one particular school each time in order to go over some of the information that is being used to build our budget," said Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler. "I say that so everyone recognizes that it's a very preliminary budget at this point."

Gaudineer Principal Dennis McCarthy made the proposed budget presentation in front of the board. He explained how Mahler and himself extrapolated all of the middle school expenses from various parts of the overall district budget to reflect only a middle school budget.

McCarthy gave an example of how the fifth grade trip used to be something that was not included in the middle school budget. "In other words I would put

it someplace in the central budget rather than in the middle school budget," said McCarthy. "Our sports program — supplies, salaries, officials, et cetera — were in the high school portion of the sports budget."

"So, in order to better reflect a true budget from FMG we decided that we would put all of the pieces that represent FMG into our budget," said McCarthy.

The proposed Gaudineer budget does not include teacher salaries and an increase in staff. The projected enrollment in the middle school for 2002-03 is 571 students, which is up from this year's enrollment of 555 students.

"If you remember when I first came to the middle school we were at 418," said McCarthy. "This is my ninth year at the middle school and we're going to be at 571 next year, so we continue to grow."

Mahler stressed how hard it is to plan a budget like this and commended the principals, teachers, and staff on such a wonderful job.

"When you look at the backup data, the information that we've been discussing when these numbers are their built, as to what the teachers are considering, it's very impressive to see teachers who are actually anticipating 18 months ahead what they are going to need," said Mahler.

Also discussed at the meeting was the proposed athletic budget for Dayton High School. Athletic Director Dan Gallagher made that presentation to the board. His 2002-03 proposed budget is \$355,502.

"Mr. Gallagher has been meeting with the coaches and the advisors to the clubs, just as the principals meet with the teachers in each of the buildings, and has also put together a budget to try and reflect what the coaches feel is necessary," said Mahler.

Each school will be presenting their proposed budget in front of the board. "We are meeting with each of the administrators, who in turn are meeting with the staffs in their schools and are coming up with what they believe they need in order to operate their school," said Mahler. The schedule is as follows:

- Monday, Edward V. Walton School and special education presentation at Walton.
- Feb. 25, James Caldwell School and Thelma L. Sandmeier School presentation at Dayton.
- March 4, District-wide presentation at Dayton.

Springfield's first 2002 baby makes four for the time-juggling McElroys

By Joshua Zaltz
Staff Writer

Mornings are hectic for Jim and Mary McElroy. There are four kids in the house. Nine-year-old Matthew has to get to James Caldwell Elementary School. Seven-year-old Deirdre has to get to St. James the Apostle School. Two-year-old James is running around, getting into everything. And now there's the new baby to take care of.

John Timothy McElroy was born Jan. 2 at 8 a.m. in Overlook Hospital in Summit, weighing in at 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and measuring 20½ inches. Following an exhaustive search of area hospitals, John Timothy is the winner of the *Echo Leader's* annual first baby contest as Springfield's first baby of 2002. He is named after Mary's father. "And the name Timothy means to honor God," said Mary.

The other kids seem to have accepted their newest little brother. Mary explained that James isn't really sure if John is here to stay yet and takes interest in the baby when he wants to.

"I like him 'cause I get to help take

care of him," said Deirdre.

However, things aren't always so easy in the McElroy household. Aside from these quiet, peaceful moments, there's the rest of the day to contend with.

"It's interesting with school schedules for the oldest and toddler schedules," said Mary. "We have to be carefully orchestrated to get everyone out of the door on time."

Mary said having a newborn with three other kids in the house is very interesting.

"There's more to worry about," said Jim.

Jim and Mary rise out of bed every weekday at 6 a.m. "Everybody has to get up and have breakfast," said Mary.

Deirdre has to be at St. James by 8 a.m. "We have to deal with the Gaudineer traffic and the construction at St. James," said Mary.

Matthew has to be at Caldwell by 8:45 a.m. There is no carpool for the McElroys. "Dad usually drops me right when we get there," said Matthew.

Then comes that 3 p.m. bell, kids running out of school, kids jumping up and down, kids buying candy, kids

coming home to the McElroy house.

"What I find interesting is after school, because they have homework that has to be done and there's a toddler running around, getting into everything," said Mary.

The older kids do help out. "I feed him sometimes," said Matt.

Deirdre keeps a watchful eye on John when James gets a little too close. "I guard John."

Jim and Mary have been married for 13 years. They've lived in Springfield for the past 11 years and in their current house for the past two years.

Right now, since John is still so little, he sleeps in his parents' room. Eventually, he'll share a room with James.

"No," shouts Deirdre. "I want John in my room."

Finally, everyone is in bed. John is not crying for the little being. Jim and Mary can get part of their four hours of sleep.

"I've been watching a lot of late-night movies," joked Mary, once John does start to cry.

"Coffee helps," Mary said. Too soon it's 6 a.m. again and it all starts over.



Photo By Jennifer Millazzo

Deirdre and Matthew McElroy enjoy their new baby brother, John Timothy, Springfield's first baby of 2002.

Towns address state aid

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Stressing that it is unrealistic to expect any increases in state aid to local governments this year, Gov. James E. McGreevey recently asked New Jersey mayors to look for ways to help resolve the state's \$2.8-billion budget gap.

"We are just grateful to hear that there won't be a cut," said Springfield Mayor Steven Goldstein. "I was anticipating a decrease, but I am pleased."

Goldstein said McGreevey's freeze on state aid could affect the township in higher taxes or an increase in areas that will need to be trimmed.

"Right now we are still in our preliminary budget," said Goldstein. "We're considered an upper income town by the state. Anytime you go from surplus to a huge deficit in three years, it's a cause for concern."

Goldstein said the township has a high collection rate for taxes, which is currently at over 99 percent. He also said 85 percent of the township's budget is fixed before they even get to see it. The majority of its costs include insurance, salaries and benefits, all of the elements that go into running a town.

He said the preliminary budget will be completed within the next month, and that to address the situation the township may put off any capital expenditures this year.

Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti said McGreevey's plan is similar to what happened with former Gov. Jim Florio more than 10 years ago.

"I think it will almost be like deja vu," said Vigilanti. "I think we will reflect on this for years to come."

He anticipates an increase in property taxes for Mountainside as a result of the freeze on state aid, but is not certain how much.

"Naturally, our costs are not going down and if the state takes the money away, we will have to raise them somewhere," said Vigilanti. "We will have the same expenses we had last year and then some."

He said the Borough Council is working on the budget now, but will not be able to complete it until they get the state aid figures.

Emphasizing his point in a written statement, McGreevey, the former mayor of Woodbridge Township, said, "The state simply cannot spend money it does not have. Everyone is going to have to make sacrifices to ensure New Jersey's fiscal integrity."

Springfield Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler said he is very concerned about the amount of school aid the district will receive this year.

"Most of the aid we get has to do with transportation and special ed," said Mahler.

These are the two biggest areas of state aid that the district is depending on. For this year, Mahler said he was recently notified that long-distance learning, a program for improving technology support for the schools, will not be taking place due to lack of funding.

Thinking of areas that will have the minimum impact on the classroom, school officials are scrambling to come up with answers as they devise their budget which will be completed by March.

"We are planning any number of alternatives," said Mahler. "We are starting to think of what areas we may cut if we have to."

Program lets young prisoners share stories of their struggles

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

It was the first time that the Project PRIDE/SALT program had ever been done at Deerfield School, and Monday morning brought the shocking and dramatic program to life, when four young people, now incarcerated, told their stories to the children.

You could hear a pin drop in the packed gymnasium, where about 350 fifth-, sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders learned how the wrong choices brought the heartbreaking conclusions to these young inmates; two young women and two young men, all in their early 20s.

Project PRIDE stands for Promoting Responsibility in Drug Education, while SALT is an acronym for Saye A Life Today. Both are sponsored through the efforts of the Mountainside Police Department and John Heffernan Jr., who is executive director of SALT.

Working with the Department of Corrections anti-crime program, Heffernan has taken the program to all the middle and high schools throughout Union County, so that children learn about true life experiences from the inmates themselves.

Patrolman Andrew Huber of the Mountainside Police Department serves at the school. He was on the scene with the children he knows so well along with police, dignitaries, parents and teachers who filled the gymnasium to overflowing.

Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller commented before the program, "The children need to see this; it is a dose of reality." Assistant Principal Priscilla Church agreed. "The way the world is today, we need to catch children young enough to create an

awareness about making good choices in life," she said.

Mountainside Police Chief James Debbie welcomed the children and told them to pay careful attention to what they were about to hear. He acknowledged all the guests who were present, thanked Union County Freeholders who were partial sponsors of this program; Assemblyman Eric Munoz, and Heffernan, who had arranged the event. Debbie then turned the program over to Officer Michael Ritter, PRIDE coordinator.

Ritter said first, "I want you to know that these inmates get nothing for doing this, no special privileges at all; they are doing this for one reason — because they care about you." Only their first names can be used, and each spoke frankly and movingly about their own personal experiences to a very quiet audience.



Photo By Jeff Grant

Officers T. Fioreno and S. Johnson watch the Project PRIDE/SALT program at Deerfield School in Mountainside with Gregory, one of four young prisoners who told his story to the students.

Shadee, 23, and Gregory, 22, are each in Mountainview Correctional Facility in Annandale; Shadee for three years and Gregory for a five-year sentence. Miranda, 21, and Tina, 23, are each in the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility in Clinton for three years and five years respectively.

Alcohol and drugs played a role in each of their lives to bring them to this point, with a combination of being in bad company and making the wrong choices at the wrong times.

Shadee was an honor role student who loved to play soccer and football. He started smoking cigarettes and drinking alcohol in seventh grade, and alcohol became so important he lost interest in sports and school. Things went from bad to worse, and he was arrested in his senior year for selling drugs.

He tried other drugs, using acid and ecstasy and lost even his memory and traveled with the wrong crowd. He closed his talk by telling the children, "Please, just say no."

Miranda, too, was an honor student with many dreams for the future. She also became involved with others who drank. When her friends were expelled from school, she too quit school, smoked marijuana and proceeded downhill to cocaine and even to heroin. One day she overdosed and nearly died. Shoplifting and stealing to support the habit put her in prison.

"All my so-called friends left me, but my mom stood by me. I beg you, if

you are in trouble, talk to somebody; reach out — it can happen to you."

Gregory wanted nothing more in life than to be a wrestler, and he was good at it. He started drinking in eighth grade; made some bad choices for friends, and went on to smoke pot and became an addict over it. It led in turn to cocaine use. In selling drugs, he ended in prison. He hit someone with his car while high; did not even know he did it, and now must serve five years. "I am sorry, but now I must pay the price. Don't be like me."

Tina had the saddest story of all. A college student who had never been in trouble of any kind, she said she began drinking and smoking to "fit in" as all her friends in college drank and partied all the time.

She never said no, and even tried LSD while in college where every weekend was a wilder and wilder party. It got worse; one party became her downfall. Her parents were away and she was home on break and threw her own party, with lots of beer and alcohol. She stopped, then said, "I woke up in the hospital and didn't even know how I had gotten there; I was pretty badly hurt." There had been a bad accident; she had gotten into her car drunk with a boyfriend and hit a tree. She didn't even remember driving. She didn't know he had not made it out alive.

Her voice broke as she closed by saying, "That's some responsibility that I live with."

Always guarded by the two officers, Miranda, a prisoner, listens quietly to the other stories. Fellow inmates tell about their struggles with drugs and alcohol.

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EVENTS

Pancake breakfast Saturday at Deerfield

The Mountside PTA will sponsor its annual Community Pancake Breakfast in the Deerfield School Cafeteria, 302 Central Ave. and School Drive, Saturday, from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

Take a break from the winter doldrums and join family, friends and neighbors for this old-fashioned community event. All are welcome to attend this fun and friendly feast. Door prizes will be awarded. The snow date is Feb. 9.

The menu options are: Adult Portion - 4 pancakes, 2 sausages, fruit, beverage for \$5; Smaller Portion - 2 pancakes, 1 sausage, fruit, beverage for \$3.50; and the Bagel Breakfast - bagel, fruit, beverage for \$2.50.

Ticket purchase forms are available at the Deerfield School, the Mountside Library and Borough Hall. For information, call Teri Schmedel at 908-301-0147 or Carol Goggi 908-789-9420.

Trailside offers astronomy primer

Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountside, conducts an Astronomy Primer for visitors who want to learn to use the Big Dipper and Orion to find "Asterisms," and to discover other heavenly bodies.

The event is offered Sunday, Feb. 10, 17 and 24, with show times at 2 and 3:30 p.m.

For children 6 years and older. Admission is \$3.25 per person or \$2.80 for seniors.

Call 908-789-3670 for information. Trailside visitors get groundhog study

Did the groundhog see his shadow? Besides predicting the weather, groundhogs are furred bulldozers and excellent lawn weeders.

Find out about the life of this unique mammal and hike to his winter den Sunday at 2 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center.

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.

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For information, call 908-301-0147.

Sunday

Visitors to Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Rd., Mountside, can check to see whether or not the groundhog can see his shadow, and then 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 Planetary Show begins today at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Rd., Mountside, 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 Mountside sponsors 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 at 11:30 a.m. from the Echo Plaza in Springfield.

For reservations and information, call 908-232-1044.

Monday

The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountside, 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.

The Springfield Board of Education meets at the Edward V. Walton School, Mountain Avenue, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

"Air Force One" and "Inside the White House" are part of the next installment of the Springfield Public Library's True Adventure Luncheon Video Series at noon.

Join National Geographic for a privileged look inside Air Force One and the White House. Bring a brown bag lunch to the program. The library is located at 66 Mountain Ave.

Call 973-376-4930 for information.

Beginning today, the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. is starting a second- and third-grade reading club, from 3:15 to 4 p.m.

The group will read "A Frog and Toad Story," by Arnold Lobel, and den Sunday at 2 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center.

plan future get-togethers. To register, call 973-376-4930, Ext. 232. • The Book Discussion Group of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues with "The Witching Hour" by Anne Rice at 7:30 p.m. The story involves a dynasty of witches that spans the centuries. Call the reference department at 973-376-4930, Ext. 28, to reserve a copy of the book.

Wednesday

The Blood Center of New Jersey conducts a blood drive from 1 to 6 p.m. at First Choice Executive Suites, 1199 Route 22 East, Mountside. For more information, call 1-800-BLOOD-NJ.

The Guidance Department of Jonathan Dayton High School, Springfield, sponsors its annual college program for eleventh-grade students and their parents. The workshop will be conducted at 7 p.m. in the library, 138 Mountain Ave. Each parent will get materials related to the college admission and financial aid process.

For information, call 973-376-1025.

The Springfield Planning Board meets at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

Upcoming

Feb. 7 • The Foothill Club of Mountside will conduct a luncheon noon at B.G. Fields, 560 Springfield Ave., Westfield. Guests are always welcome. For reservations, call 908-232-3626.

Feb. 9

An artist's opening for Tom Scatera's exhibit "Attack of the Valentines" will be conducted from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. For information, call 973-376-4930.

Feb. 10

Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Central Ave., Mountside, will celebrate the second anniversary of the church's Perpetual Adoration Chapel, 9:30 a.m. A brunch will follow, all are welcome.

For information, call 908-232-1162.

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 cjmiller20@home.com.

Feb. 12

The Mountside Borough Council will meet for a workshop session in the Council Chambers at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 West, 8 p.m.

The Mountside Board of Education will meet at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, 302 Central Ave. and School Drive. Feb. 13

The Springfield Board of Health will meet 7 p.m. in the Springfield Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

Pool fees increase

We are expecting a fairly large number of people returning. Winans said membership pool fees were increased last year as well, with an estimated 3,200 members for the 2001 season. She expects the number of members to rise slightly this year.

Assistant Director Frank Masella said the rise in membership fees shouldn't affect enrollment. He pointed out the rising cost of keeping the same staff and increasing their wages from year to year, even though several people usually move on after college.

"There's a small turnover but we try to keep the same employees because it's seasonal," said Masella. "That's basically where it comes from."

The community pool will open June 8 and close Sept. 3, the day after Labor Day.

Handmade puppets



Kevin Conolly, 5, happily displays his handmade puppet. Each kindergarten class at Deerfield School in Mountside recently took part in a group of activities that help build motor skills and teach students how to follow directions.

New streets added to resident only parking

Residents of Tower Drive say their street is next. Colfax Road and Profit Avenue were the latest streets to have resident-only parking ordinances passed by the Township Committee, in the wake of the valet parking doctor. The approval came at a Jan. 22 meeting.

Since Dr. Jerrold Goldstein, whose hormone replacement and weight loss practice at 475 Morris Ave. does not have enough parking for his patients, he has hired valets to park cars on nearby residential streets in an attempt to address the conflict.

In addition to Colfax Road and Profit Avenue, Short Hills Avenue, Baltusrol Way, Spring Brook Road, Park Lane, and Lewis Drive also have the resident-only parking ordinances.

The ordinance makes the streets resident-only parking from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Residents receive one resident permit for each vehicle that is principally housed, garaged, or parked at the resident's address. Contractors, service or delivery vehicles are exempt. "So if someone comes to mow your lawn or deliver something, they do not need a permit," said Township Attorney Bruce Bergen.

Visitors permit are also issued so that when residents have guests come over they can park without being ticketed. Also, if a resident is having a big party, they can let the police department know so that no tickets will be issued to cars parked outside of that residence.

"We all know why this was passed and if you see a violation by someone who you know should not be there for the reason that we passed this thing in the first place, then you should call the police department and they will come out and ticket," said Mayor Steven Goldstein.

Residents of those streets must come to the clerk's office at Municipal Hall, 100 Mountain Ave., to pick up their permits.

The Township Committee has approved similar ordinances in an attempt to make the valets park elsewhere. So far it has worked.

"This adds a long list of streets that have been affected by a parking problem in that area and it's our intent to continue to try to help people in dealing with it," said Committee member Gregory Clarke. "It's not a perfect solution, but it's the best one we've been able to come up with which is within our legal jurisdiction."

However, as the Township Committee has increased the number of resident-only parking streets, the valets park on other residential streets that are further from Dr. Goldstein's office. The residents of Tower Drive fear that their street is the next target.

Residents asked if the committee could make a motion at the meeting to have the same ordinance issued on Tower Drive and other neighboring streets.

Committee members said that they have to have the necessary paper work to approve the ordinance, including a signed petition from residents on the streets that they want the ordinance.

Firefighters answer call for motor vehicle accident

Springfield On Jan. 20 at 7:37 a.m., the Springfield Fire Department responded to a motor vehicle accident at Route 24, mile post 10. At 1:02 p.m., they investigated an activated fire alarm at a Mountain Avenue residence.

On Jan. 21 at 7:24 a.m., they answered a medical service call at a Silver Court business. At 11:07 a.m., they attended to a medical service call at an Independence Way residence. At 1:53 p.m., they responded to a medical service call at a Mountain Avenue business.

On Jan. 22 at 7:58 a.m., they answered a medical service call at a Marion Avenue residence. At 8:53 a.m., they rushed to a Battle Hill residence for a medical service call. At 9:50 a.m., they attended to a person stuck in an elevator at a Morris Avenue apartment.

At 11:19 a.m., they responded to a Forest Drive apartment complex for a medical service call. At 1:17 p.m., they answered a medical service call at a Mountain Avenue business. At 1:52 p.m., they attended to a car fire on Route 78 West, milepost 49.3.

On Jan. 24 at 8:48 a.m., they responded to a medical service call at a Fadem Road business. At 1:32 p.m., they rushed to a medical service call at a Mountain Avenue business. At 3:18 p.m., they answered a medical service call at a Meckes Street residence.

On Jan. 25 at 7:42 a.m., they attended to a medical service call at an Independence Way residence. At 11:33 a.m., they investigated a broken water pipe at a South Trivett Avenue residence. At 11:49 a.m., all units responded to a Morris Avenue apartment complex for an activated fire alarm. At 2:56 p.m., they attended to a medical service call at a Millburn Avenue business. At 8:23 p.m., they assisted the Police Department at a Route 22 East business.

On Jan. 26 at 10:44 a.m., they attended to a furnace problem at a Farnhill Road residence.

Editorial deadlines Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday noon. Entertainment - Friday noon. Sports - Monday noon. Letters to the Editor - Monday 9 a.m.

Motorists are cited

Mountainide On Jan. 25 at 3:03 p.m., David Eaglesham, 34, of Island Heights was stopped on Route 22 East at Lawrence Avenue for not having an inspection sticker.

On Jan. 27 at 8:33 p.m., Andrew Beitha Jr., 22, of Paterson, was stopped on Route 22 West for speeding. It was revealed that he was a suspended driver.

Springfield On Jan. 15 at 10:28 a.m., Tyrone Glenn, 44, of Newark was arrested at Ballys on Route 22 East, on an outstanding warrant issued by Hillside.

On Jan. 14 at 6:19 p.m., a Union resident reported that his Honda Civic was stolen while parked on Stern Avenue. At 6:21 p.m., another Union resident reported that his vehicle's front corner panel was damaged and front headlights were stolen, while parked on Stern Avenue.

On Jan. 18 at 10:30 a.m., a Union resident reported that her 1992 Plymouth Duster was stolen from a parking lot on Fadem Road.

On Jan. 18 at 9 p.m., Taco Bell, on Morris Avenue, reported that an employee's key ring was stolen from the front counter. Included on the key ring were keys to the front door, to the cash register, to the bank and to the money vault in the store.

On Jan. 20 at 4 p.m., Dño Capenar, 35, of Eatontown was arrested on an outstanding warrant at Police Headquarters on Mountain Avenue.

On Jan. 21 at 8 a.m., a Beverly Road resident reported that four music CDs, one bottle of cologne and one aerosol deodorant can were stolen from his car parked outside his residence.

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There shall be, within the Department of Public Works, an Office of Recycling Coordinator. The duties of that office, as hereinafter set forth, shall be performed by those persons within the Department as designated by the Director of Public Works.

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Neighbors

One daily newspaper ran a major story last week on the nomination by President Bush of two New Jersey appointments to become federal judges. After approval by the Senate, the appointments become lifetime jobs and they are important to the operation of government and society.

Left Out

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The first 11 paragraphs of the story described the appointment of former Essex County Congressman Bill Marini to a post. In the last paragraph we are informed that "Also Wednesday, Bush nominated Stanley Chesler." Chesler, a neighbor from Mountainside was shortchanged. The fact is that often our neighbors do amazing things, which we may not be aware.

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Robins helped author the study, "A Recent History of NJ Transit's Operations and Capital Budgeting," which was released in November and funded through a \$25,000 grant from the J.C. Kellogg Foundation.

"There were rumblings of problems on the horizon," Robins said of NJ Transit, but the situation is "far more grave" than first understood. "The story is not a happy story. It's going to take a lot of coping and courage."

In 1993, NJ Transit received assistance of \$300 million. In 2000, the agency received \$150 million. "No system can bear that," Robins said. "As a result, NJ Transit began diverting funds from its capital budget to pay for operating expenses. Soon, the agency was draining significant amounts from its capital budget, and by 2004, \$352 million already will be taken up and unavailable for capital needs."

"It's not all NJ Transit's fault," Robins said. "But a cumulative series of decisions that added up; decisions made by people at higher levels than

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to hold its own because the shops found there are mainly specialty stores, not the kind one finds in a mall. "Basically, you go from one mall to another and you see a lot of the same stores," said Gallo. "Summit stores very often carry unique merchandise, so I don't think they feel pressure from the malls too much."

"Once you build a reputation for the mall, it's becoming a popular place," said Prunty. "And I think the small businesses know that if they've had the goods and services, then they fared OK this year."

For the past 3 1/2 years Cranford's SID, the first to be implemented in the state in 1986, has worked to build a base of niche stores, such as those offering home furnishings, antiques and collectibles, after realizing such stores comprised the town's business base.

"I don't believe the malls had much of an impact," said Mike Minielli, director of Union's Special Improvement District. "The business center

whole an economic success," he added. TERMS of Berkeley Heights received the Company of the Year Award for a small business and Imperial Weld Ring Corporation of Elizabeth received the Company of the Year Award for a medium size business. In a break with tradition, the chamber this year named the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey as the recipient of the Company of the Year Award for a large business, even though it is not technically a business.

"The Port Authority is a vital part of the economy of the region. Its staff, who always work hard for the area and make significant contributions to the chamber, have, during this past year, gone above and beyond their normal duties to try to help the area recover from Sept. 11," Coyle said.

Former Acting Gov. Donald DiFrancesco, who was the keynote speaker, praised the Port Authority and others for all they did on and after Sept. 11.

"After the attack, the members of the Port Authority went to Jersey City and opened offices immediately to make sure the normal everyday work for people, you build a trust," said Irwin Sablosky, owner of William Rich Jewelers in Union. "It's easier for them to come to a neighborhood jeweler than to go somewhere they don't know."

Sablosky said customers can feel comfortable knowing the store owner will remember them.

"If there's a problem with the jewelry, if there's a problem with what you buy, you come back," said Sablosky. "We know who you are and treat you right. We don't forget that you came in. You're not one in a multitude — you're a customer we

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BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE LEGAL NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that Triple Net Investments XV, L.P. (the "Applicant") filed an application for Use Variance, Site Plan Approval and Bulk Variances with the Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside seeking permission to convert the existing building located at Block 23-C, Lot 8-C on the Borough of Mountainside, New Jersey Tax Map (also known as 1137 Globe Avenue) to a school for developmentally disabled children who are three (3) years of age through nine (9) years of age (pre-school through elementary school) together with administrative staff to be located there to be operated by the AHC of Union County. The property which is the subject of said application is located in the L-1 Zone. The Applicant is seeking variances from the following provision of the Land Use Ordinance of the Borough of Mountainside (the "Zoning Ordinance"):

Use Variance is required because, although proposed use is permitted as a conditional use in that L-1 Zone District by Section 100(e), it does not meet all the conditions established by said Section of the Zoning Ordinance and, thus a Use Variance is required. The following bulk variances are required and are being sought by Applicant:

- (a) Front Yard Set-Back 1004(e)(4)
Conditional Use Section requires front yard set back of 36 ft. 30 ft. is provided (Existing Condition).
(b) Rear Yard Set-Back 1004(e)(5)
Conditional Use Section requires rear yard of 50 ft. 30.78 ft. is provided (Existing Condition).
(c) Parking located in front yard and within 25 ft. of property lines (Existing Condition) 1004(e)(6)
(d) Maximum Building Coverage 1004(e)(3)
Maximum building coverage allowed by Conditional Use Section is 15%. Proposed use has 25% building coverage (Existing Condition).
(e) Maximum Lot Coverage 1004(e)(3)
Conditional Use Section allows 40% maximum lot coverage. Proposed use has 66% lot coverage (Existing Condition).

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Applicant also seeks such approvals, waivers and variances from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance as may be necessary or required at the hearing in this matter.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside will meet at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, February 14, 2002, in the Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092, at which time opportunity will be given to all those in attendance to be heard and at which time the Planning Board may approve, modify or deny the application.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all pertinent maps and accompanying documents are on file at the Construction and Zoning Department, Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092, and shall be available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

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Leisure Lifestyles The Cook's Nook

Recipes help hosts score touchdown on Super Bowl Sunday

What's the only thing more important than the lineup on the field on Super Bowl Sunday?

The lineup of food on the snack table. This year, instead of the traditional chicken wings, potato skins and chips, put a contemporary spin on your party by serving quesadillas.

These tasty filled tortillas are particularly popular among the younger set, according to the Center for Culinary Development, nine out of 10 "twens" — 10- to 13-year-olds — enjoy quesadillas. Pre-shredded cheese blends make preparation a snap, vital for the host who wants to spend time with guests, rather than behind a stove. Add variety by using a combination of cheeses, flavored tortillas and traditional toppings such as sour cream, guacamole and salsa. To get your party started, try these recipes from the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council Inc.

remaining half of tortilla over filling. Cook on each side until light brown, approximately 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from skillet and repeat with remaining ingredients. Cut each quesadilla into thirds. Serve immediately.

*** Note:** Five roasted garlic cloves can be substituted for pan-roasted garlic. Roasted garlic in jars is available at many supermarkets.

**** May substitute with Monterey Jack.**

"Extra Point" Tropical Quesadillas

Yield: 24 appetizers

1 tablespoon butter
 2/3 cup chopped red onion
 1 cup chopped red pepper
 2 1/2 cups (10 oz.) shredded Monterey Jack cheese
 1 large mango, peeled, thinly sliced and cut into 1-inch pieces
 6 8-inch flour tortillas

Preheat oven to 250 degrees F. In large skillet, melt butter over medium heat and saute onion and red pepper until almost softened, 2 minutes. Lay out three tortillas. Sprinkle tortillas with onion and pepper, half the cheese, and arrange sliced mango on top. Cover with remaining cheese and top with remaining tortilla. Cook tortillas over medium heat, one at a time, turning carefully, browning both sides until cheese is melted. Keep quesadillas in warm oven on a foil-lined baking sheet until ready to serve. Cut into wedges and serve immediately.

"Kickoff" Quesadilla (Quesadilla Especial)

Yield: 8 servings

5 medium cloves garlic, unpeeled
 1 tablespoon vegetable or olive oil
 1 medium red onion, thinly sliced (4 ounces)
 4 (8-inch) flour tortillas
 8 ounces Asaigo cheese, thinly sliced
 salsa (optional)
 sour cream (optional)
 guacamole (optional)

Heat a medium-heavy skillet over low heat. Add garlic cloves and cook until garlic skin is dark brown, approximately 15 to 20 minutes. Remove from heat, cool. Peel and slice garlic. Heat oil in same skillet over medium heat. Sauté onions until slightly limp, approximately 3 to 4 minutes. Add garlic and chiles. Remove from skillet. Wipe out skillet with paper towel. Place one tortilla in skillet. Arrange one-fourth of the cheese on half of the tortilla. Top with one-fourth of the onion mixture. Fold

"Touchdown" Quesadilla Stack

Yield: 6 servings

1 medium yellow onion, cut into quarters and thinly sliced crosswise (about 1 1/2 cups)
 1 medium red onion, cut into quarters and thinly sliced crosswise (about 1 1/2 cups)
 1 red bell pepper, thinly sliced

(about 1 cup)
 1 green bell pepper, thinly sliced (about 1 cup)
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 3 cups shredded cooked chicken
 1 can (10 oz.) diced tomatoes and green chilies, undrained
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
 4 10-inch flour tortillas
 2 cups (8 oz.) grated Mexican blend cheese

optional
 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro

Coat large skillet with nonstick cooking spray and heat over medium-high heat. Add onions, cook and stir 5 minutes or until beginning to brown. Add peppers and garlic; cook and stir 5 minutes. Stir in chicken, tomatoes and chilies with liquid, salt and cumin; cook about 7 minutes or until liquid evaporates, stirring occasionally.

Preheat oven to 375 degree F. Grease large baking sheet or pizza pan. Place one tortilla on baking sheet. Spread with one-third of chicken mixture; sprinkle with 1/2 cup cheese. Repeat layers two more times; top with remaining tortilla and 1/2 cup cheese. Bake 10 to 15 minutes or until tortilla stack is heated through and cheese is melted. Serve in wedges; sprinkle with cilantro, if desired.

"Quarterback" Chicken Quesadillas

Yield: 4 quesadillas

1/2 cup Cheddar cheese, grated
 1/2 cup Monterey Jack cheese, grated
 2 tablespoons sour cream

1 tablespoon minced garlic
 1/2 teaspoon basil
 1/2 teaspoon oregano
 1/2 teaspoon thyme
 1/2 teaspoon tarragon
 4 flour tortillas
 1 avocado, quartered and sliced lengthwise
 1 8-ounce smoked boneless chicken breast, or 2 to 3 smoked chicken thighs, sliced
 1/2 cup olive oil
 1 teaspoon salt
 Combine cheeses, sour cream, garlic and herbs in a bowl.
 Place bowl over simmering water. Heat to release herb flavors and stir

Black Bean "Blitz" Quesadillas

Yield: 4 servings

1/2 cup canned black beans (drained)
 2 tablespoons mild chunky salsa
 1 tablespoon chopped green onion
 1 tablespoon chopped cilantro
 4 ounces (1 cup) Pepper Jack cheese, shredded
 8 flour tortillas
 butter
 Mash beans slightly; combine with salsa, green onion, cilantro and cheese. Divide mixture on 4 tortillas.

spreading almost to edges. Top with remaining tortillas. Cut into wedges.

Cook quesadillas in generously buttered skillet on medium to medium-low heat until browned, 2 to 3 minutes on each side.

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together until smooth. Remove from heat and generously spread cheese and herb mixture over one side of each tortilla. Lay 3 slices of avocado over top half of each tortilla, and place a slice of chicken between each avocado slice. Fold tortilla in half.

Heat olive oil in a large saute pan — non-stick surface works best — over medium heat. When hot — the oil will begin to shimmer, or throw in a small sprig of parsley and it will sizzle — add quesadillas and cook until browned, about 2 minutes. Flip quesadillas and cook an additional 2 minutes. Cut each quesadilla into thirds and serve immediately.



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County seniors can enjoy choice of two free classes

The Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Corp., in conjunction with the Westfield Foundation and the Learning Is Forever L.I.F.E. Center of Union County College, will sponsor two classes on its premises during the spring semester of 2002.

"Age of Revolution" will continue with Christopher C. Gibbs. This course covers the American and French revolutions as well as the Scientific and Industrial revolutions. The class will be held in the building at 1133 Boynton Ave. Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon, beginning Jan. 25.

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The second course offered is "Music Appreciation," taught by Professor Vince DiMura. The emphasis of this course is on increasing sensitivity to classical music, but also includes jazz and rock music where appropriate. The music class will be held in the building at 1129 Boynton Ave. Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m., beginning Jan. 28.

The L.I.F.E. Center courses are offered free of charge to Union County senior citizens. Registration will take place during the first sessions of each class. Parking is available. For information or directions, contact Susan Lampert at 908-233-1733.

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ART SHOWS

SUMMIT FRAME AND 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 Thursdays until 7 p.m. Summit Frame and Art is located at 465 Springfield Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9665.

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 Dunn'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 Swain Galleries in Plainfield through today. Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Swain Galleries is located at 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For information, call 908-758-1707.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountainside will exhibit the New Jersey Photography Forum seventh annual Juried Show and the watercolors of V. Shirley 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. 8.

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 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511 or visit www.rahwayartsguild.org.

CONCORD SINGERS, a community chorus, welcomes female vocalists to its rehearsals Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Calvary Episcopal Church, Woodland Avenue in Summit. For information, call 973-376-8544.

METRO RHYTHM CHORUS of Sweet and Salvo, will have its 19th annual women's sing-a-long on Monday, Feb. 11, at the Cranford area. For information, call Janet Manfredonia at 908-654-8641 or send e-mail to manfredonia@post.rockwell.net or call Judy McCord at 973-855-6983.

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

AUTHOR TINA CASEY will appear at Barnes and Noble in Springfield to sign copies of her children's book, "The Runaway Valentine" Saturday at 11 a.m. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

AUTHOR LOREN SPOTTA-DIMARE will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. to sign copies of her children's book, "Chelsea and the New Puppy." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535.

AUTHOR KARL W. SCHWEIZER will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield Feb. 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. to sign copies of his book, "Seeds of Evil: The Gray-Snyder Murder Case." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535.

AUTHOR PENNY POLLOCK will appear at Barnes and Noble in Springfield to sign copies of her book, "When the Moon is Full: 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.

INTERNATIONAL JURIED SHOW 2002 will be on exhibit in the Palmer Gallery of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through March 20. A panel discussion will take place Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. 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 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

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 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511 or visit www.rahwayartsguild.org.

ROMANCE AUTHORS ANN LAUR-ENCE AND VICTORIA MALVEY will appear at Barnes and Noble in Springfield Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in "An Evening of Romance," at which the authors will read from their books and discuss the romance genre. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY Book Discussion Group will meet in the coming weeks to discuss various novels. Feb. 20, "The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West" by Gregory Maguire. Meetings are at 7 p.m. Union Public Library is located in Fiberglass Park on Morris Avenue. For information, call 908-851-5450.

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 908-273-8787.

AUDITIONS

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.

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will conduct auditions for Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific" Feb. 24 and 25, with call-backs March 1. Auditions times are 2 p.m. Feb. 24 for children, 7 p.m. Feb. 24 and 26 for adults. Auditions should prepare a song. Auditions will take place at the CDC Theater, 78 Wiggins Ave., Cranford. Show dates are May 3-19. For information, call 908-276-7611.

MYSTERY READING GROUP will meet at Barnes and Noble in Clark the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road. For information, call 973-376-8544.

JEWISH BOOK LOVERS meets at 7:15 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, the third Monday each month. For information, call 973-376-8544.

SHAKESPEARE UP LOUD Reading Group will meet at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, at 7:30 p.m. the third Friday of each month to read a Shakespeare play out loud. The group is led by Kevin Muller. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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.

CLASSES

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 Writing 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 Ulbrich, Westfield. March 16: Dave Nachmanoff, Springfield. April 20: Dan Pelletier and Jean Braiman, Westfield. May 18: Alice D'Onofrio, Springfield. May 15: Lou Collins, Westfield. Springfield concerts are at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 100 Church Hill, 973-376-8595. 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.officofthecommunion.com.

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UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER in Rahway will present "Doo Wop Nights I" Friday at 8 p.m., featuring Shirley Aston Reeves, Wall Madock's Marcella and Diamond Dave Somerville. Tickets are \$20, \$25 and \$28. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org.

WESTFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will appear in concert Saturday 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@westfield.org, or visit www.wso.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 Emanuel-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield. Tickets are \$10 each. For information, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org.

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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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 908-755-7653.

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. Gatherings are scheduled Feb. 8 and 22, which is a George Washington Ball. Admission is \$2, special workshops are \$4. For information, call 973-467-8278.

DISCUSSION

JOURNAL WRITING GROUP, led by professional life coach Jan 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.

FILM

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER will present the 1987 Academy Award-winning film "Moonstruck" Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. All seats are \$8. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org.

THE FILMMAKERS SYMPOSIUM will present its spring session at the Loews Mountainside in two six-week sessions, Feb. 16 to March 25 and April 1 to May 8. Screenings are Monday nights. 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 111 E. Broad St. at 7:30 p.m., each with a sensory seminar 30 minutes prior to curtain. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for all Sunday concerts. March 5: Samantha Kane. For information, call 908-277-0220.

JAZZ THE ARTS GUILD OF RAHWAY will present The Bradford Hayes Quartet Feb. 22 at 8 p.m. as part of its 2002 Jazz Series. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. The Arts Guild is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 908-232-8723 or visit www.officofthecommunion.com.

732-381-7511 or visit www.rahwayartsguild.org.

KIDS

KEAN UNIVERSITY will present a live version of "Stuart Little" Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. as part of the Kean Children's Hour Series. Tickets are \$6. Kean is located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call 908-527-9337 or visit www.kean.edu.

THE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA of New Jersey will present the Dan Crisoli Trio in "Improvisal," the second program in the Music for Kids series, Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. at the Summit YMCA, 67 Maple St., Summit. Tickets are \$10 each, \$5 each for members of the Summit Y. For information, call 908-226-7300.

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER in Rahway will present "Peter Pan" Feb. 16 at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$9. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org.

CANDY NELSON will appear at Barnes and Noble of 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.

BARTONE "KURT OLLMAN" will appear in concert Feb. 15 at 8 p.m. in Wilkins Theater at Kean University, Union. The appearance is part of Kean's International Classical Concert Series. Tickets are \$20 for orchestra seats, \$15 for mezzanine seats and \$7 for students. Kean is located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call 908-527-2337 or visit www.kean.edu.

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.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, will present musical performances throughout the autumn. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the cafe section. For information, including a concert schedule, call 732-574-1818.

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 908-755-7653.

POETRY

POETRY OUT LOUD! will take place at Barnes and Noble in Clark Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road. For information, call 973-376-8544.

OPEN MIKE POETRY NIGHT takes place the second Sunday of every month at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, at 7 p.m. For information, call 732-574-1818.

RADIO

Weird noises from engine can stump even the most seasoned mechanics

By Jon Woods
and Gary Nugent

Fixing the cause of those annoying and sometimes even frightening noises your car can make is usually no big deal.

Often it involves simply tightening a bolt or replacing a clamp. But sometimes finding the source of that noise can be a real challenge. In fact, it often takes a joint effort on the part of your mechanic and you to find the source of a particular noise.

It might help you to understand your role if you knew some of the obstacles and challenges mechanics face when "fixing" noises.

Most of the time, when we hear the noise that the customer is concerned about, we know what it is. And most mechanics will share this information with the customer free of charge.

I'll never forget the time a lady — I never saw her before — pulled up to my service bay with a Honda that obviously had a very loud water pump noise. Every mechanic in the shop could hear it. Even the shop's apprentice recognized it as a water pump noise.

Without turning off the motor, she got out of the car and asked if we could tell her what was making that awful noise. I immediately got out my "special noise diagnostic tool." I shook a bunch of nuts and bolts in my hands and dropped them in front of the noisy Honda.

Then, reading them like tea leaves, I pronounced, "It's your water pump!" I

guess she wasn't in a joking mood because she thanked me and drove away — no sense of humor.

The point of the story is, if your mechanic doesn't know the cause of the noise just by hearing it, you should ask yourself if you're dealing with a mechanic with enough experience. You'll have to be the judge of that.

Of course, there are times when trained, experienced mechanics do not immediately know the source. It's these times we have to use our tools and wits to try to determine where the sound comes from or what's causing it.

If the noise is heard while the car is stationary, we simply use our stethoscope to narrow down the cause. Sometimes the stethoscope only gets us to within the general vicinity of the noise. But, by removing this or that, we soon have the answer. No big deal.

Sometimes the noise will only occur with the car in motion. This is where it gets a little tricky. We can't run alongside the car with our stethoscope while someone else drives, so we have to try to recreate the noise.

We "bang on this" or "tug on that," kind of like your doctor trying to find out

exactly where it hurts. Sometimes we jump up and down on the car trying to simulate the car going over a bump. This is probably how the term "grease monkey" got started.

The next-hardest category of noises to solve are those that only occur when the car is driven. We can't duplicate them in the shop no matter what we do. For these, hearing the noise is an absolute must. Many times, by hearing the noise, we can get a sense of what might cause it and, using our stethoscope, where it might be coming from. We can then inspect that area of the car back in the shop to see if anything is out of whack.

If we don't see any bad or loose components, we can perform a "chassis torque" where we go under the car and put a wrench on every bolt and nut we find and make sure it is tight. Many, many times, I've solved noises this way and never knew exactly what the culprit was.

If the chassis torque doesn't solve the noise, then we're looking at the "try-this-and-see" method of car repair. No mechanic likes to be in this situation.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Under the terms of the "Open Public Meetings Act" P.L. 1975 C. 231, there will be Departmental Budget Hearings with the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union:

Saturday, February 2, at 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, February 5, at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 19, at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 26, at 6:00 p.m.

The meetings will be held at the Union County Administration Building, Freeholders Meeting Room, 6th Fl., 10 Elizabeth Street, Elizabeth, NJ.
BY ORDER OF THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
M. Elizabeth Genovese
Clerk of the Board
08719 WCN Jan. 31, 2002 (\$16.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:
Rosa L. Grady, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon WILLIAM M.E. POWERS, JR., CHARTERED, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 737 Stokes Road, P.O. Box 1088, Medford, N.J. 08055, an Answer to the Complaint (and Amendment to Complaint, if any) filed in a Civil Action in which Credit-Based Asset Servicing & Securitization LLC is plaintiff and Rosa L. Grady, et al., are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within thirty-five (35) days after January 31, 2002, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, CN 971, 6th Floor, North Wing, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure. A \$105.00 filing fee payable to the Clerk of the Superior Court and a completed Case Information Statement must accompany your answer or motion.

The action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage dated April 1, 1996, made by Rosa L. Grady to Intercounty Mortgage Inc. and duly assigned to plaintiff, Credit-Based Asset Servicing & Securitization LLC, and concerning real estate located at 1054 Myrtle Avenue, Plainfield, NJ.

YOU, Rosa L. Grady, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a defendant because you are the maker of the mortgage and mortgage and/or an owner thereof and Plaintiff is unable to determine the whereabouts of the defendant, and therefore, does not know whether he/she is living or dead, and therefore, names as defendants Rosa L. Grady, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest.

An individual who is unable to obtain an attorney may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling toll free 800-792-6315 (within New Jersey) or 609-394-1101 (from out of state). You may also communicate with a Lawyer Referral Service, or if you cannot afford to pay an attorney you may call the Legal Services Office. The phone numbers for the county office in which this action is pending: Legal Services (908) 354-4340, Lawyer Referral (908) 353-4715.

DONALD F. PHELAN,
Clerk of the Superior Court
08723 WCN Jan. 31, 2002 (\$64.00)

COUNTY OF UNION FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, the following Annual Notice of Meetings of the Moroses Creek Flood Control Commission, County of Union, NJ is hereby provided to the public:

The regular monthly meetings of the Moroses Creek Flood Control Commission will be held on the first Monday of each month (except where noted) at 7:00 P.M., in the Roselle Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut Street, Roselle, New Jersey 07203.

2002
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June 6, 2002
September 9, 2002*
October 7, 2002
November 4, 2002
December 2, 2002

*Due to Labor Day
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