# School board to present \$24-million budget to vote

# Tax increase for average Springfield home would be \$170

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

The Springfield Board of Education unanimously approved the 2002-03 proposed school budget, a \$24.6-million spending plan with \$22 million to be raised through local property taxes, to be placed on the ballot in the April 16 Board of Education election.

If voters approve to pass the \$22,025,430 that will be raised via taxes, it would mean an annual tax increase of \$170 for the average home in Springfield assessed at \$157,000.

The 2001-02 school budget was \$23,755,673. The 2002-03 budget represents an increase of \$801,773 or 3.38 percent.

No present program or service is to be reduced within the 2002-03 budget and money is allocated for new maps and globes in grades one through four, small class sizes will be retained, wireless technology labs have been added to

the budget, a music teacher will be hired for the elementary grades, a substance abuse coordinator is planned for the high school, the main gym in the high school will be refurbished, and the maintenance budget for improving the fields has increased.

Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler spoke about the Property Tax Reimbursement Program for senior citizens and the disabled.

"I'm going to each of the senior citizen meeting's and I'm sharing this information because it's amazing how many people never heard of this," Mahler said. If seniors citizens qualify, they can receive a rebate on whatever school tax increase occurs. Residents who qualify for the program must pay their tax bill in full but will get the money reimbursed. .

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following requirements for 2000 and

• They must be 65 years of age or older, or receiving Federal Social Security

disability benefits as of Dec. 31, 2001.

• They have lived in the same home or leased site in a mobile home park since before Jan. 1, 1998.

• They have lived in New Jersey continuously since Jan. 1, 1991 as either a

homeowner or renter. • Their 2000 income must be less than \$37,174 for single applicants, or

\$45.582 for married couples. • They must have paid their property taxes in full for both 2000 and 2001. Residents have until May 1 to apply for the program and they will receive

their reimbursement checks by July 15. An application must be filed each year to receive the reimbursement. "We

made these available," said Mahler. "We offered to help fill them out." Residents who think they might qualify can call 1-800-882-6597 for more information or stop by Sarah Bailey Civic Center on Church Mall to pick up an

By state standards, Springfield is considered a wealthy school district, therefore the township receives little funding from the state.

**Board** 

reveals

tax hike

By Joan M. Devlin

Staff Writer

used to describe the Mountainside

Board of Education meeting Tuesday

night would be "spirited." Actually, it

could be called angry, as the media

center at Deerfield School was packed

and needed more chairs, for the public

It was downhill right after the flag

salute, as several senior citizens said

they had not been informed ahead of

time, and expressed shock. The bot-

tom line numbers: a budget of \$11

million, which includes a tax increase

of \$2.1 million, a proposed increase of

\$675 for the average home assessed at

The president of the Board of Edu-

cation and chief school administrator

fielded the criticisms, questions and

the outrage; both tried to answer the

questions, which flew fast and furious

at them during the public hearing por-

Board Secretary Florence Shukis

pointed out that the budget, for the

first time, is for two schools: Beech-

wood and Deerfield. First, she

showed an artist's drawing of what

tion of the meeting.

\$150,000.

hearing on the new budget.

The most conservative word to be

#### Mystery guest shares joy of reading

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

Susie Webster's kids sit and listen. They sit quietly, chins resting on hands, elbows resting on laps. Webster's first-grade class at Thelma L. Sandmeier School in Springfield is thinking. First, they were trying to guess who was coming in to be this week's surprise reader. Now, they're last seven years. trying to figure out the ending to the book they're being read.

The kids have no idea who the surprise reader will be. Some of the kids, like Lilam Gutch, ask their parents every week if they're coming in to read.

"They all say, 'Oh it must be my mom or it must be my dad,' but they really have no idea," said Webster. "It's a complete surprise."

However, this week, Lilam was right. His stepmom, Rachel Gutch, came in to read. "Lilam was so excited about it," said Gutch.

Each week, a different surprise reader comes into the first-grade classes at Sandmeier. The surprise reader can be anybody — one of the children's parents, a grandparent, a brother or sister. The surprise reader comes in and they bring whatever children's book they want to read with them.

"One time, this father came in and made up a whole story — it wasn't in a book or anything — he just made it up out of his head," said Webster. "The kids really liked it. He was really animated and he got the kids real involved in repeating certain lines that were in the story and stuff. They still remember some of the lines and sometimes I hear them saying it."

There are four first-grade classes at Sandmeier. Each class has its own

surprise reader who comes on a specific day and time. Webster's class has the surprise reader come in every Thursday at 10 a.m.

Sandmeier Principal Michael Antolino said the surpise reader program is somewhat of a first-grade tradition at Sandmeier. Kids and their parents have been participating in it for the

"This is my second year teaching here," said Webster. "The program started before I was here. I thought it was a really good idea so I wanted to continue it.

All the first-graders have the opportunity for their parents to come to their classroom, which Antolino describes as a great treat. The surprise reader helps to do something all the kids enjoy.

"The idea is to get parents to come in and be a part of the classroom," said Antolino. "It really reinforces the importance of parents reading to kids. It kind of emulates the bedtime ritual of reading to the kids before they go to sleep but it's just bringing it to the context of the classroom setting and sharing that special time with all the boys and girls."

During holiday time, the parents usually bring in a book relating to that particular holiday. Gutch bought a new book for the occasion, "Jack and the Leprechaun," by Ivan Robertson, corresponding with the celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

"The kids really like it, the parents can come in, they don't have to sacrifice much of their time," said Webster. "We try to get different people each time."

Gutch reads. She asks the class where they think the leprechaun is hiding. She turns the book around and

shows them the illustrations. The kids shout, "I see him. I see

him. There he is." They point. "It makes me happy that they're so enthusiastic about reading," said Webster. "I think that's what's important. They like seeing their family members come in too. I think it's a great role model to have moms, dads, grandparents and siblings come in to read too.'

The surprise reader also brings in some sort of treat. Gutch arrived with St. Patrick's Day cupcakes for the children to eat.

Webster passes them out. She goes from table to table, making sure that each of her children got one.

"I have one mother in here who's in charge of it. She's like my contact person that organizes it," said Webster.

People interested in being the surprise reader call Ginger Fiorilli, whose son Robert is in Webster's

"If children see that their parents are interested then they'll be interested," said Fiorilli. "Kids love it when they see their mothers or fathers or grandmothers come into the class. Reading is a wonderful thing, with everything going on right now in this country — in this world — with TV, advertisements, Nintendo, Gameboy, it takes away what used to be the simple things."

On the days when the surprise reader doesn't come in, Webster's kids regularly participate in a program called "Drop Everything and Read."

"We usually do that right after lunch," said Webster. "They really like it. What I usually have them do is share whatever it is they're reading. I



Rachel Gutch was the surprise reader for Susie Webster's first-grade class at Thelma L. Sandmeier School in Springfield recently. Gutch is a parent to one of Webster's students, and each week, a new mystery guest is invited to read stories to the class as part of the surprise reader program.

pick a few kids each day and have them tell everyone what they're reading. It might turn somebody else onto

"No matter what class you're in

when someone is reading to the students you have every child mesmerized as long as what they're reading is of interest to the student," said

the completed Beechwood School would look like; it was landscaped and spacious, and surrounded by trees in the drawing. There were slides on revenues and expenditures, picturing where the money will go, as well as extra programs, tuition at Governor Livingston High School and other special schools, health services and other student support services, encompassing the increase in teachers' salaries and benefits, pursuant to contract negotiations. A nurse was added for Beechwood School, and the proposed summer school program was included. The final slide, called "tax impact,"

gave the bad news and gasps were heard in the room,

The meeting was then open to public comment, and virtually all of the items were questioned.-One woman asked, "What about the dissolution money - can't we apply that to bring down this tax?" Kress explained, "As we receive that money, we will use that to pay off the bond for the renovations. The anticipation is that we may get it this summer, but I spoke to the mayor today and he thinks it will be fall or next year at the earliest, so it cannot be included in this budget, as we don't have it in our hands."

Dissolution money relates to funds that the courts ruled Mountainside and Garwood are entitled to after contributing for years to the Union Coun-

See PROPOSED, Page 2

### Township breaks ground on new fire headquarters thank you for the invitation to join By Joshua Zaitz

Staff Writer

Construction of a new firehouse in Springfield began last week, as the township looks forward to having the project completed in about a year.

At the groundbreaking ceremony on March 21, Mayor Steven Goldstein thanked everyone involved with the project.

'What's happening here today is the culmination of a lot of effort, foresight, dedication, and hard work from people who were on the Township Committee before me, the fire chief, the deputy fire chief, and everyone else who had a hand in the planning, the design, and acquiring this piece of land," he said.

State Sen. Richard Bagger, as well as Assemblymen Eric Munoz and groundbreaking.

Thomas Kean Jr. were on hand for the "On behalf of my collegues, Assemblyman Tom Kean and

Assemblyman Dr. Eric Munoz, we

you this morning," said Bagger. "We are delighted to have the opportunity to represent Springfield. It's important for us to remember now, more then ever, how important our firefighters are to our community and our The new firehouse will be erected

where the former Schiable Oil Co. stood, at the corner of Mountain and Tooker avenues, adjacent to the old Post Office. The building will be 26,000 square feet and have 40 parking spaces, all of which will sit on the 1.12-acre lot.

Silcon Inc. of Elizabeth was contracted by the township to build the firehouse. Silcon's bid of \$3,522,177 was the lowest bid of the 16 construction companies which submitted bids.

"Obviously this is going to be a great benefit to the community and I want to thank everyone for their hard work," said Goldstein. 'Let's get this project finished and under budget."



Standing on the site of the new firehouse at Mountain and Tooker avenues during a groundbreaking ceremony March 21 are, from left, Assemblymen Tom Kean Jr. and Eric Munoz, Mayor Steven Goldstein, Township Committewoman Clara Harelik, EMS Coordinator John Cottage, Township Committeman Sy Mullman, Chamber of Commerce Co-Chairman Scott Seidel and Township Administrator Richard Sheola.

# Borough school for disabled children to open in fall

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

In September, the ARC of Union County, an organization that helps children with disabilities, will open a special education school in Mountainside for developmentally disabled

The school districts do an assessment of a child to determine what that child's needs are," said Forak Caragher, executive director of the ARC of Union County. "In many cases, fami-echools transide of their district to see

what they would feel comfortable with in regards to their child receiving an education.

"Parents have found our school to be a very family-oriented environment that they feel comfortable with raising a child. It's not easy being a parent and it's somewhat more difficult being a parent of a disabled

The ARC Kohler School has resided in Winfield Park since 1963 but will be replaced by the new school In Mountainside, at 1137

building," said Caragher, "This will give us a modern facility for us to provide services to the children going forward. We should be there for a

very long time." ARC has been incorporated in Union County, statewide and nationally for 52 years.

When the parents agree that they would like to see their child at Kohler, and if the school district is in agreement, then they make a referral and the school district discharges their responsibilities of educating the child

"Winfield Park was a much smaller and pays the ARC of Union County to educate them. We're a tnition-based organization," said Caragher,

The Winfield Park school has 50, children with six teachers. Those children come from 10 different school districts within close proximity to Mountainside. We're targeting, for budgetting,

about 65 students, but I believe the plan allows us to have 90," said

The new school will be able to accept even more students into a modemized facility, benefitting the students there as well as the public school districts from which these students derive.

"We want to provide the children who receive our services with a very complete and unique educational environment," said Caragher. "One that provides them with everything

they could possibly ever need." Public education laws state that special education students can receive public education from the ages of three to 21. This school will house

children ages 3 to 10. See SCHOOL, Page 2

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The offices of this newspaper will be closed Priday in observance of Good Friday. We will reopen

The deadlines for the April 4 edition remain the same:

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ty Regional School District before i

One parent was angry at all the

Beechwood renovations, and suspi-

cious that Deerfield was not getting

anything. "What is being taken from

"Nothing," Kress said. "Deerfield

is being renovated also, as we showed

when the budget for the school reno-

Former Board of Education Presi-

dent Patricia Taeschler asked why the

budget was up so high. ""This is an

astronomical amount of money; I love

the school system and support it with

all my heart, but Dr. Schaller, some-

thing has to be done to bring this

Questions asked were, "How much

does it cost to educate a child?" The

answer by Kress was about \$12,500.

and some even questioned the math

on the budget sheets. Board member

John Perrin said, "The difference in

the money this year is also the

increase in the number of kids; for

example, there are 27 new kids going

Another question was about costs

a previous meeting again pushed for

five kindergarten classes instead of

into high school."

support this idea.

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Trailside Nature and Science Cen-

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for special education. "This is manthe following week. Pictures must be datory from the state," said Kress. black and white glossy prints. For Special education costs came to further information or to report \$374,959 in the budget. Another conbreaking news story, call 908-68 tentious item was once again the number of children in each kindergarten Story reprints: class. The same mothers who were at For permission to reprint any ite

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the four that were budgeted. At the end of the meeting, board Letters to the editor: member Frank Geiger suggested cuts The Echo Leader provides an ope in the hiring of the additional Beechforum for opinions and welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should be wood media secretary, cutting the typed double spaced, must be technology budget, and other items. If signed, and should be accompanie these cuts were made, it would bring by an address and day time phone down the total to \$10.8 million, and columns must be in our office by 9 the board members said they would

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• "Planting for Wildlife" lets visitors join in replenishing the hillside next to the Green Trail stream at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Participants can help keep the stream clear and clean, and provide shelter and food by planting quick-growing tulip trees. The free event is for families, ages 5 and older.

For information, call 908-789-3670.

• Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, offers a chance to use artistic abilities in creating crafts out of natural and recycled objects from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The free event is for families, ages 4 and older.

For information, call 908-789-3670. • Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Springfield offers its annual multisensory worship experience, taking children ages 4 to grade five, through the events of Holy Week. This year's event takes place at Jonathan Dayton High School, 101 Mountain Ave., from 7 to 8 p.m.

A simultaneous worship service incorporating music, scripture, and video is also offered for adults, teens, and older children. For information, call 973-379-4525.

• Learn how to transform a lawn into a backyard wildlife habitat in "Backyard vs. Nature's Yard," a program offered by Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, from 10 to

Find out what shrubs and trees attract birds and which flowers butterflies prefer, and build a bird box. Preregistration is required. For families, ages 6 and older. The fee is \$3 per person, \$5 per bird box. For information, call 908-789-3670.

• Father Brian McFadden will be the guest speaker at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, when the Rosary Altar Society presents "The Story of Sister Theresa of Lisieux" at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served along with home baked treats. Call 908-232-1162 for 'information.

• The Book Discussion Group of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues at 7:30 p.m. with "Galileo's Daughter" by Dava Sobel. The book chronicles the life of the famous scientist's illegiti-

Call the reference department at 973-376-4930, Ext. 228, to reserve a copy of the book.

• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., begins its new lunchtime video series, "Sister Wendy's Story of Painting," at noon with showings of "Early Art" and "The Renaissance." Sister Wendy Beckett takes viewers on a journey through the worlds of Western art and

For information, call 973-376-4930. Wednesday

• Find out how much garbage is produced every day and how long it takes to decompose in a program offered by Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Participants can then use recycling knowledge to learn how to make simple changes in everyday life. The event is for families ages 5 and older, and the fee is \$3 per person.

For information, call 908-789-3670. · Hike through lawn, forests, and fields to learn about inhabitants playing the "Web Of Life" game at Trailside Nature and Science Center. 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Participants can use their newly acquired knowledge about habitats in a role playing game and discussion. The event is for families, ages 6 and older. Preregistration is required.

For information, call 908-789-3670.

• The Blood Center of New Jersey conducts a blood drive from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross. 321 Elm St., Westfield.

For more information, call 1-800-BLOOD-NJ, or 1-800-652-5663.

### April 4

• The Foothill Club will meet for a noon luncheon at B.G. Fields, Springfield Avenue, Westfield. This is the club's annual fund-raiser and features the "swap shop."

Guests are always welcome. For reservations, call Geneveive at

• Guest speaker Diane Beeny will come to Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, from 8:30 to 10 p.m., for a talk on protecting and preserving the nation's edible resources. The fee is \$4 per person, and for adults only. For information, call

• Volunteers are needed to help with trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation. Anyone interested can meet the group at 9:30 a.m. at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. Bring a lunch, mug for beverage, shovel, pickaxe, and

The event is for ages 14 and older. For information, call 908-789-3670.

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#### Sunday hours now offered at local bank

Unity Bank is expanding its hours at the Springfield office location and inviting clients to bank seven days a

Beginning April 7, Unity Bank clients will have the added convenience of using the drive-up facilities on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. "Sunday hours at some of our locations have been so popular that we decided to provide Sunday drive-up hours to our Springfield clients," said Janice Bolomey, regional manager. "The Springfield branch office lobby and drive-up windows are already open Monday through Saturday. Our Saturday hours have been so popular, that opening on Sundays and provid-

ing seven-day-a-week banking is just

another way of better serving our

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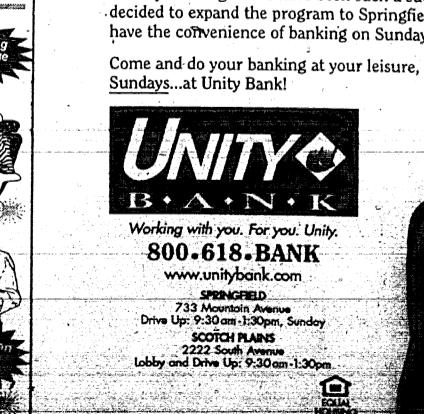
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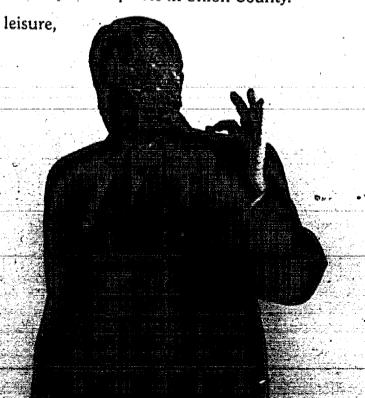
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Sunday banking hours have been such a success in Scotch Plains, we have decided to expand the program to Springfield, starting in April. Now you will have the convenience of banking on Sunday in two places in Union County.





# Pool makes plans to start an all-day camp

By Joshua Zaitz

For the first time in its long history, the Springfield Pool Camp will implement an all-day program as well as a Saturday program, in addition to its regular

The camp is for ages 4 to 13 years old, and takes place on pool grounds, where kids can participate in a number of activities, utilizing the two pools and various sports facilities.

"For the past 30 years, our pool camp has been from 1 to 5 p.m.," said Michele Zambrana, program coordinator for the Recreation Department. "This year, we're doing a 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. camp."

The camp runs from June 24 to Aug. 16. "We're just trying something new," said Zambrana. "A lot of the parents that have been coming to the camp for years have been asking for an all-day camp and we're trying to get more reasonable prices than a lot of the other places for the parents in the town that are looking for something that's all-day but not willing to spend \$2,000."

The all-day camp will be very different from the half-day camp. Each week there will be a different theme. "There's actually two different themes they can pick from," said Zambrana. "We're going to do a sports theme each week and then we're going to do another theme, like cooking, gymnastics or dance. That way for the children who don't want to do the sports, there's another option." The camp will also be taking a few day trips this year. Some of those trips

will be to Bowcraft Amusement Park, the Bridgewater Sports Arena and a

Newark Bears game. The cost is approximately \$10 per trip, per child. The cost of the camp will not exceed \$425, although there are a range of prices for the children attending the camp, depending on if the child is a town resident or pool member and if the child will be attending the half-day or all-day camp. After a resident registers one of their children, they will receive a \$25 discount for each child they register afterward.

The Saturday Camp program will take place from noon to 4 p.m. "It's basically a 'come as you please' thing," said Zambrana. "You can sign up for one Saturday or you can sign up for all eight."

The cost is \$20 for each Saturday that the child attends. "What we're going to try to do is play a different sport each Saturday," said Zambrana. "For the younger ones, we'll have different activities for them." Pre-registration and information on the camp will take place at the Chisolm Community Center, on the following dates:

April 3, from 7 to 9 p.m.

• April 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 26, from 7 to 9 p.m.

If Springfield residents register between now and April 26 they will receive a

"We're trying to provide services for the town, see what they need," said Zambrana. "We're going to try it on Saturdays and see if it works, then we'll take it from there."

at the top. From left, are Jeff Yoskowitz, 17; Bashir Bivins, 16, and Kylie Bivins. 16. At right, Doris Harrington of the Newark Abysinian Baptist Church sings for the congregation. Rabbi Josh Goldstein has actively involved members of the African-American community to share in the temple's Passover

Kindergarten moms push board for smaller classes in the fall

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Seder meal, members of

the R.E.A.D.Y. organiza-

tion at Temple Sha'Rev

Shalom in Springfield

gather for some good food

By Joan M. Devlin ber." he added.

Kindergarten mothers came together — some 10 or 12 of them to the Mountainside Board of Education meeting March 19 to share their opinions and concerns about the size of the classrooms come September.

One mother said, "I am a new kindergarten mom, and I think a class with 22, 23 children is too large. Many of us here feel the same way and I have written a letter for the Board of Education members." She passed out the letter, and then paraphrased it for the audience. "I wrote about research I had done and it all said children in small classes out-

perform children in larger classes." She then compared the class size of neighboring districts, with Springfield at 18 or 19 children per class and others who all recognized small classes are important. Board President Richard Kress thanked her, and said, "It is always our intention to maintain the smallest possible classes. We really don't know until the summertime what size the classes will be, and even

then the number is not cast in stone." He further assured her and the others that their concerns were not "falling on deaf ears," and he added, "It will be looked at and watched

Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller gave his input. "As chief school administrator, it is my job to look very carefully at numbers. Also, we don't discuss this ahead of time. What we have just gone through to get state funding shows we care. The state standard is 21 to 22 students per class

# Trailside has spring programs

Trailside Nature and Science Center. 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, has a host of familyoriented programs this spring. For information on each event, call 908-789-3670.

• Trailside offers "Animals in Danger" today, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Find out which plants and animals are endangered in New Jersey and what is being done to protect them. Hike to see how Trailside makes local habitats more welcoming and what can be done to help. Then use artistic ability to create a colorful mural highlighting endangered species in the state. For families, ages 7 and older. Pre-

registration required. Admission is \$3 per person. • Get ready to be amazed and enlightened with "The Mystery of the Great Bine Heron Marsh," 1:30 to

2:30 p.m., taking place Friday. The Central Park Zoo's Wildlife Theater is presenting the high-energy puppet show made of recycled objects to teach the importance of wastemanagement and its effects on

Mary Doyle, another mom, said, "I schedule, which provides the children and we had to prove to them this numwith more opportunities, such as art and computers with the rotations: we Board member John Perrin were also able to break down the clasinquired of the mothers, "Did you ask

the other districts how long their ses into smaller groups." school day is?" Before they could He said further that Beechwood's opening up is a great step forward and answer, Schaller added to this, "Many of the other schools have half-day that the growing population was the reason it was necessary in the first programs, and we have a full-day with place. Kress again emphasized for the a rotation schedule as well." mothers, "We really don't know yet Schaller recalled that this same dison size. There have been 90 children cussion came up last year and that size screened here, but many of those was always a parental concern. With

the opening up of Beechwood School

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tield, things will be different, and their school in the fall as well." according to Schaller and Kress, much better. Some parents disagreed. Another mother said, "I think we are going backward - what are all

never failed to add another classroom when it gets close. It could be the the changes that have been made?" have all of the facts, please don't lislooking at is, we went to the full day here to ask."

because last year, almost every kindergarten class felt that there should have been aides. We were getting a lot of complaints from both the teachers and the children."

Kress answered, "Yes, they also came to us about it, but some of the teachers went to the parents rather than us — we all felt the need for aides. One of the things we are going to look at is the cost of the aides, and this must be weighed. We are just children may elect to go to the church, guessing now as we do not have final as Our Lady of Lourdes will open up numbers. We are always responsive to what the parents want."

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He reminded them that, "We have Board Member Frank Geiger, also number 21, it could be 18, but until we know why a teacher can't teach 20 although some left, many of the by Mountainside to put these cameras children." Schaller was more gentle Schaller said patiently, "What we are ten to rumors. I am glad you came about it. "We look carefully at the teacher's needs, but it takes a good

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two and a half to three months to get guess a lot of our concerns came to know the children; I know. I am a Then Schaller said, "When you walk into a room and you see the

class, you can pick up if there are problems. I do this all the time, and I did not see one problem ... no evidence of teacher frustration at all." He then told them that as chief school administrator, he was totally responsible for K through 8 and the entire program, "If you stay this evening and hear about the budget, you

will get the overall picture." He closed the subject by saying, "Again, I appreciate your concerns,

but I must look at the entire picture." a parent, commented, "I would like to .... They seemed reassured, and the meeting to hear the budget

# Second phase starts By Joshua Zaitz

Phase Two of Mountainside's Infrastructure Project is under way, as sections of Old Tote Road. Knollwood Road, Woodacres Drive and

various intersections, as well as other streets, are being repaired and "We're done with Phase One," said Borough Administrator and Chief of Police James Debbie. "We've had probably seven or eight streets done with Phase One. Now we're into

Phase Two." In a preliminary engineering evaluation prepared by Borough Engineer Mike Disko in February of 2000, he identified several roads as the highest priority in need of repair. The projected cost was \$5 million.

According to the report, a proposed five-year plan "would fund the identified critical projects including the three priority listings of street improvements, the sanitary sewer improvements and infiltration/inflow work, and storm/brook work. Spread out over five years, this cost is esti-

mated to increase to \$6,693,000." Old Tote Road is being completed in three sections, with construction on Phase Two nearly complete.

Phase Three of the Infrastructure Project will include repaving and repairing Ravens Wood, Evergreen Court, Orchard Road, Glove Avenue, Sunrise Parkway, Sheffield Street, Popular Way, as well as sections of several other streets.

The different roads that will be redone in Phase Three will be going for bid in a couple of months. "They're not bid out in phases," said Debbie. "They're bid out in projects." For example Old Tote Road was

bid out by itself, the various intersections were bid out by themselves. "It's bid out and awarded and presently being repaired," said Debbie. The paving, depending on the size of the project, will take approximately

"Right now they're digging up the middle of Old Tote Road because there were broken sewer lines," said Debbie. "Before any of these streets are paved, when they come to pave the street, they check what is actually a videotape of a camera going through the sewer lines. They check them to

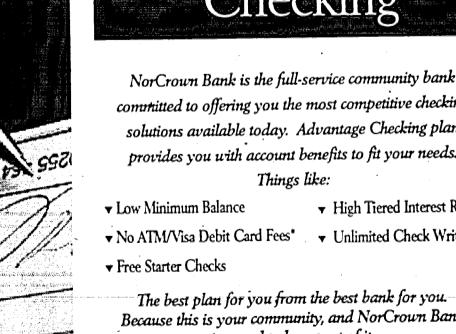
see if there's any cracks." Back in March of 2001, Oswald Enterprises of Belford was contracted sewers, the pipes must first be

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# Dayton's teen peer program gives troubled students a friendly outlet

By Joshua Zaitz

You're a high school student and you have a problem. It's not something minor like having too much homework to do and not being finished in time to watch "Dawson's Creek." It's something serious, something involving another student. It's something you don't want to talk to your parents or teachers about.

Luckily, if you're a Jonathan Dayton High School student, soon you'll be able to talk to some of your peers, who have been trained to handle student problems as part of the Peer Mediation Program.

"Students might feel more comfortable talking to their peers and therefore tell more then they would tell an administrator," said Grace Alfano, a senior at Dayton who has been trained as a peer mediator.

Peer mediation is a form of conflict resolution, where the students who are having a problem sit down with their peers who have been specially trained to deal with these situations, and discuss a way to work things out.

"They go into the peer mediation and the peer mediator tries to help them talk it out and straighten out their problem," said Arleen Frese, advisor to the program.

Once a resolution is decided upon. the students and mediators sign a contract stating that they will take the necessary steps to solve the problem. "I think the best part about peer mediation is that the peer mediators don't give suggestions about how to fix the problem," said Pamela Bookbinder, a senior at Dayton, who has also been trained as a peer mediator.

happy with it." Dayton Principal Charles Serson said that Dayton is a small school where each student pretty much

"We leave it up to them to find their

own solutions; that way they're both

are trained extensively as peer leaders Program. "I thought the peer leaders and know better than to go gossip about who has what problem. Part of the contract that everyone signs, states little bit more than just peer leaders." that whatever was discussed in the

the student body, then the program will continue to grow," said Alfano. "It is very important for all the students to realize that an in-school conflict — we are indifferent — it's something that is not bad and it's not good. It's something that we are hoping as peer mediators we can make a change out of that conflict."

If a teacher or student or anybody hears an argument in the hallway, and they feel that the argument could escalate, that person could request that the students involved in the argument seek peer mediation.

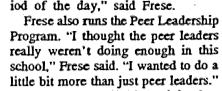
One of the goals of the program is to eliminate any violent conflicts that may take place in school. Each session features two media-

tors. The sessions last as long as it takes the peer mediators to help the students work their problem out. The argument doesn't have to be settled in one session. Frese hand.

"It's a simuation where kids pretty much know themselves better than we do," said Serson, "Many times what happens is a student has a better idea and understanding of how to deal with each other, calming them down and solving the problem."

Ideally the program calls for two peer mediators to be available at all periods throughout the day. However, the program only has seven peer mediators as of now, so the schedule will be set depending on when those students are available.

"Maybe next year we'll have enough students to offer it every per-



During the peer leader training last June, the students also began learning

"We took the kids that were showing the most interest," said Frese. "Some of the kids were not showing any interest in the peer mediation. There is a lot of extra training. Some kids just couldn't spend that time on the additional training."

Alfano said that she firmly believes that the program would be of great service to Dayton as well as the entire Springfield community.

"In general, peer mediation has been proven effective in many other schools," she said. "We hope that it vould do the same for our school.'

Board of Education member Linda Duke said that Althur L. Johnson in Clark, where she teaches, has this program and that it seems to be very "We do have an adult observer in-

the room," she said. "I've been the adult observer when it's gotten out of

Duke said that as the observer, she isn't involved with the mediation. Her job is just to sit in the corner and be there in case things get out of hand,

Dayton's Peer Mediation Program will also have an adult observer. The program is going to be pre-

sented to the student body during an assembly. The peer mediators hope to have the program up and running in a

"The most important thing is for the students and faculty to listen to what we have to say," said Alfano, "In time I think they'll come to appreciate it."

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newest neighbor, Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que, which opened Monday at 1443 Route 22 East. At top, Wilbur the Pig gives a warm hello to Mayor Robert Viglianti, who is flanked by Mark Lyson, franchise representative, left, and Jason Santerelli, general manager, cutting the ribbon. The Mountainside Police and Fire Department arrived early for the grand opening of Famous Dave's, a new barbeque establishment specializing in ribs. The restaurant's new Mountainside location is the first one in New Jersey for the

# Board grants approval for office

By Joshua Zaltz

The Springfield Planning Board granted preliminary approval to Monogram Building & Design Corp., which will be constructing an office ouilding at 589 S. Springfield Ave.,

Two buildings were actually proposed, however only one of them had to be approved by Springfield since the other one will rest on Westfield property. The two buildings will reside on the same lot, using a joint driveway with the same address, designated 592 S. Springfield Ave. Building A and Building B, a change from, the current address.

The preliminary approval was granted bearing approval of the Westfield Planning Board and several stipulations, including: that a letter from the Springfield Fire Department must be submitted stating that the site plan satisfies their safety regulations, subject to the township engineer's review, that the county approves the use of a joint driveway, the board conducts a review of the signage, the use of a recycling plan, and that there be no storage in the attic other than mechanical equipment.

Gary Dean testified as Monogram's traffic engineer. He conducted a traff-

ic survey and determined that one car . who are going to try to go left have to

as very, very low intensity," he said. Dean agreed that the people most Dean said he has spoken with the likely won't use Route 22 as a U-turn. south of the Westfield property. A that area and, Dean said, the county feels a justification to put a traffic "The benefit of that improvement

would obviously be to further meter and break traffic extremes up along South Springfield Avenue which would allow opportunities for site traffic to exit," said Dean. Dean said that through extensive

dialogue with the Westfield Planning Board on that site's location and driveway, both Westfield's engineer and the county engineer agreed that there should be a restriction of left hand turns exiting the site driveway between the hours of 7 and 9 a.m. and Board member Marcia Forman

asked Dean where these cars would go if they wanted to make a left-hand turn and were forced to go right.

every six minutes would turn into the go right, what do you visualize hapsite during the morning peak hour. pening and I don't think they're going "I would characterize this site's use to go around on the highway."

> turn at the gas station or at one of the said, "This is one of the reasons I have a difficult time accepting a prohibition of traffic. Quite frankly, people go where they want to go and if we ignore the fact that people do want to return to Westfield, we've just moved the problem to another location."

> However, Dean said, despite how he feels the county felt that for safety purposes it was better to restrict left turns to limit as many people from doing it as possible. Based on the size of the current

Westfield building, which is occupied, Dean made a projection of the overall impact that would be made to South Springfield Avenue if their proposed building was constructed, which would stand at double the size.

"We're looking at adding approximately 12 to 14 total additional movements to the roadway system over the course of an hour," Dean said. "It's a "How do you think this will impact relatively small impact, particularly Springfield?" said Forman. "People given the size of the building."

# Borough motor coach company charged with fraud & deception

Attorney General David Samson recently announced that the owners of a motor coach transportation company operating out of Mountainside have pled guilty to charges of theft by deception and Medicaid fraud after being indicted by a State Grand Jury for allegedly defrauding the state Medicaid program of more than

According to Peter C. Harvey, first assistant attorney general and director of the Division of Criminal Justice, defendant Gegory Sverdlov, 44, and his wife, Raisa Zeltser, 31, of West Orange, pled guilty before Union County Superior Court Judge John F.
Malone March 8. Sverdlov faces a sentence of between three to five years incarculation, sestimation of \$214,840 to the Medicald program and disqualification as a Medicald

side, with one count of conspiracy in authorized by the Medicaid program.

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According to Insurance Praud Pro-

Sverdlov and Zeltser paid kickbacks to patients in the form of cash and paid for subscriptions to the Russian American Broadcasting Company's Russian TV station to induce patients to utilize M&G Transportation company to travel to various medical providers offices. M&G then billed Medicaid for transporting the patients and/or for

between five and 10 years in prison with a fine of as much as \$150,000.



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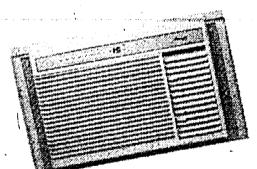
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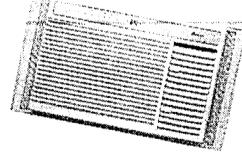


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raising effort for a summer camp scholarship program and various school activities. At top left, showing his support for the victory of the Bemabe Bombers with a handmade sign is Ryan Schwerkert, 7, a Caldwell School second-grader. At left, Dave Rennie tries to prevent his opponent from scoring. The final score was 39 for the service squads and eight faculty for the volleyball game. For the basketball game, the score was 60 faculty and 31 for the service squads.

# Township Garden Club offers spring tips

den ready to cope with the drought? Choose plants that can tolerate the water to heat up. Use a dishpan to Springfield Garden Club that will those that cannot help plants to look their best with less

Here are some suggestions from the drought, and limit the quantity of collect water that has been used to

are free from leaks. Use soaker hoses Help soil to retain moisture by to limit evaporation and to put all the adding organic material every year. water close to the roots. Never water trees out to their drip line. Purchase a tion is rapid. Collect household water. Springfield, or send an c-mail to rain barrel to collect water that runs to store in a rain barrel. Collect thou-

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provider for eight years. Zeltser pled gulky to Medicaid fraud and will face a period of probation and desqualifica-tion as a Medicaid provider for eight

the second degree and one count of The indictment further alleged that Medicaid fraud in the third degree. Sverdlov and M&G Transportation and Livery Inc. were indicted for one count of theft by deception in the secand degree and two counts of Medicaid fraud in the third degree. Additionally. Sverdlov and his wife were indicted for one count of corporate misconduct in the second degree, while Sverdlov alone was indicted on a separate count of corporate misconduct in the second degree.

in the business of transporting medi-cal patients to doctor's offices for medical appointments. The Medicaid program, which pays for medical care afford it, is funded by the state and

secular Garra Cococca-Brown, the defendants were Charged with definabling the Medical Program of Transport Children thought 1

transporting patients to pharmacies to have prescriptions filled — a service for which Medicaid does not pay. The conspiracy, theft and corporate misconduct charges are seconddegree crimes and carry a penalty of

> The Medicaid fraud charges carry penalty of as long as three years in prison and fines of as much as \$10,000 per count A composition can be fined as much as three times the

Some super students

# City First Aid Squad hosts annual dinner

The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad conducted its annual dinner Jack Lyness. recently and recognized several members for their outstanding service. The dinner was hosted at the Berkeley Plaza in Berkeley Heights.

Special recognition was given to squad members who went "above and beyond" the call of duty following the Sept. 11 attacks. From Sept. 11 through Sept. 14, the Summit Squad sent several ambulance crews into New York City, three of which responded to the World Trade Center site. Members who responded to New York were awarded a special citation.

They included Liz Cullen, Mike D'Ecclessis, Robin Hodgkins, Claudia Kilby, Cameron Linen, Andy Luciani. Veronika Luciani. Kari Phair, Joel Pirrone, Pete Riley, Clarysel Rivas, Lisseth Rodriguez. John Ross, Poly Seifert, Phil Sherrer, Karen Stenstrom, John Staunton, Rich Ryden and Linda Wolf.

The squad's Presidential Award, dedication to the squad and communi- included on the quilt.

According to John Staunton, squad president, "Jack has not only been a great day lieutenant but an enthusiasic leader as well. He has volunteered his time whenever needed and at one time or another has worked on every

The president also awarded the "Star of Life" to six members who showed outstanding commitment during 2001. They were Squad Captain Beverly Brown, Liz Cullen, Mike D'Ecclessis, Kate Getzendanner, Ken Herr and Michael Hunter.

membership was bestowed upon Lucy Thompson, wife of lan Thompson, and their two daughters, Ella and Rachel. Ian, a longtime squad member and Summit resident, was a victim of the World Trade Center attack. The Thompsons were also given a quilt designed and sewn by squad mempresented annually to the member bers. Many members contributed by who most exemplifies the spirit of and creating a fabric square that was



This quilt was designed and sewn by members of the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad in memory of Ian Thompson, husband of Lucy and father to Ella and Rachel. Ian was a longtime squad member. Summit resident, and victim of the World Trade Center attacks. Admiring the quilt, which was given to them by the squad are, from left, Squad Captain Beverly Brown, Lucy Thompson, daughter Ella, Squad member Donna Vickery, and second daughter Rachel.

# Learn to safeguard voice at Summit Chorale seminar

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Voice," a seminar presented by The workshop, sponsored jointly Garyth Nair, music director of the by Summit Chorale and the Classical Summit Chorale. The seminar will be. New Jersey Society, will be presented April 6 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at in three parts: "How does the voice Drew University's Baldwin Gymani- work?" will feature video and anisium in the Simon Forum in Madison. mated imagery to illustrate how brea-The workshop is a must for singers. thing, phonation, resonation, posture teachers, actors, choral directors, and support are intricately intertmedical professionals or anyone who wined. Computer analysis of sound,

one of Professor Nair's specialties. will be used so students can see their own voices analyzed on-screen. During the second session, "When

our voices don't work — what do we singer. do?" the audience will learn of the problems that can beset the voice as well as proper diagnoses, the latest medical findings and recommended treatments. The final sessions, "Preventative Maintenance for the Long students with valid ID, \$10. Drew

Run" will cover strategies for support, breathing, belting, use of range and tessitura, warm-ups, the aging voice Registration at the door is \$5 — concerns affecting virtually every

All sessions include time for ques-The fee will include an information packet that will be received at the tion's from the audience. Register by Saturday. The cost for non-members is \$25; for members of Chorale, P.O. Box 265, Summit, the Classical N.J. Society, \$20; for

University students with valid univer-

sity ID can attend free of charge.

# Girls can build their own skills

Spring is here and families are making plans for camp and summer programs. The Girls Leadership Institute. now in its seventh year, is a fiveday, four-night, residential summer enrichment program for middle school-aged girls on the campus of Kent Place School, 42 Norwood Ave

entering seventh and eighth grades, to explore their leadership potential, "Girls at this age are particularly vulnerable to a decline in selfesteem," said Institute Director Christine Clemens. "Each girl who attends the Institute will discover and develop her own unique leadership style through a broad range of hands. on activities," she said. Participants will enjoy the physical challenges of a rope course and will meet women role

models who, as guest speakers, will

The program provides a variety of

opportunities for girls ages 12-14

share their personal and professional histories. Under the direction of Clemens, a Kent Place Middle School teacher. and Liz Woodall, an Upper School teacher, the Institute is designed to teach leadership skills that strengthen girls' confidence and self-esteem. The program inspires each participant to iscover her own voice and develop

her own personal leadership goals.

The Girls' Leadership Institute will conduct an open house on April 24 from 7-9 p.m. for families interested in this summer program. Past participseminar. Make checks payable to ants will be in attendance to share Summit Chorale and send to: Summit their program experiences with prospective girls, while program staff and counselors will be available to answer

# Arboretum has two new classes for garden novices

Reeves-Reed Arboretum is offering two classes in April for amateur gardeners taught by experts who will address common garden questions. Mike Ruggiero, New York Botanical Garden's senior horticultural curator, will teach about shade gardening on April 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. He'll help participants define their garden's needs, and then, using slides, he'll recommend shadeloving plants, from trees and shrubs to flowers. The fee for this class is \$32 for Arboretum members, \$38 for non-members.

Union County Agricultural Agent Madeline Flahive DiNardo will teach a class called Lawn Care Reality Check on April 17 at 7:30 p.m. She will discuss seed selection, mowing, watering, fertilizing and pest management. She will also offer pH test kits for sale. The fee for this class is \$12 to Arboretum members and \$18 for non-members. For more information or to register for these classes, call 908-273-8787

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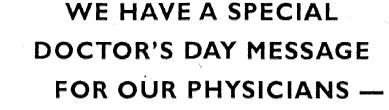
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Joann Criscuolo, a resident of

#### Rosenhaft makes Bucknell dean's list

ECHO LEADER

Denise Rosenhaft of Mountainside has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester of the 2001-02 academic year at Bucknell University. A student must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.5 of a possible 4.0 to attain dean's list status at Bucknell.

A junior majoring in political science. Rosenhaft is the daughter of Eileen and Ed Rosenhaft of Mountainside. She is a graduate of Governor Livingston High School in Berke-

A dean's list student, she also is a member of Alpha Lambada Delta and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies and Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Duquesne dean's list includes Gradv

#### Students at Montclair State get honors

University, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The academic honors list for the fall semester has been announced at Montclair State University. To be eligible, a student must be enrolled full time and have attained a semester grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.

been named to the fall dean's list for

The list includes the following Springfield residents, and their area of study. Dawn M. Dauser, psychology; Jana Franks, business administration with a concentration in international business: Michele Frances Indoe, business administration a concentration in accounting; Lukasz Grzegorz Maciak, undeclared, and Timothy J. Richard, physical education.

#### Taylor is February Student of the Month

Monika Taylor has been named student of the month for February at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield.

This caring, generous senior devotes many hours to help others. She raised more than \$1,000 singlehandedly for victims and families of the Sept. 11 tragedy. She made pin flags, using her own money, and donated the profits. Taylor also collected money and

supplies for the Red Cross. Meeting and working with people for a good

community. Academically, Taylor is an outstanding member of the senior class. Her participation in Quiz Bowl challenges her to compete with other top students in the area. Her caring nature has enabled her to become supply sergeant for Dayton's Student Emergency Response Team, She is First Aid and CPR certified. She is

cause was very enjoyable for her. in all classes. As a member of the Volunteer Club at Dayton, Taylor helps with the breakfast for the senior citizens at the high school. Gift wrapping at Zany Brainy for charity during the holidays was fun and rewarding. Her dedication and concern for others has made her a vital member fo the Springfield

Springfield, has been awarded a diploma in therapeutic massage at the Wall campus of the Somerset School Justine Grady of Springfield has of Massage Therapy.

therapeutic diploma

the School of Education at Duquesne from both Wall Township and Somerset locations, Criscuolo successfully completed a professional track program of academic courses, technique instruction, and clinical practice in all facets of contemporary Western massage therapy, exceeding New Jersey State certification requirements. In addition, core curriculum courses at the school are recommended for 13

> Council of Education college credit recommendation service. As a graduate, she is eligible for listing in the prestigious American Massage Therapy Association's registry of approved massage therapy

college credits by the American

schools and practitioners. Criscuolo is also a graduate of Kean University, with a bachelor of science in biology.

#### Springfield residents earn honors at Beard

Two Springfield residents earned honors for academic achievement at Morristown-Beard School. Anna Agrushevskia, a ninth-grader,

was named to the headmaster's list and Adam Formal, a 10th-grader, was named to the honor roll. To make the headmaster's list, a

student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.90 with no grade below B-. To make the honor roll, a student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 with no grade below B- or a 3.2 GPA with no more than one grade in the C range. To make the effort roll, a student must demonstrate good effort

#### Local students get honors at FDU

Several Mountainside and Springfield residents qualified for the fall semester dean's list and honors list at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Plorham-Madison Campus.

Mountainside residents Edward Barrett, Heather Fresco and Josephine Seasso and Springfield residents Kristin DeAngelo and Maria Stravato all achieved the honors list.

Named to the dean's list were Springfield residents Joseph Gonella, Maria Gonella, Brent Salerno and Michelle Santoro.

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To qualify for the dean's list, a student must have a 3.2 or better grade When Taylor lived in Florida, she point average out of a possible 4.0; for was an adoptive assistant at the Fort the honors list, a 3.5 or better.

#### DeAngelis gets on Delaware dean's list

Jennifer Marie DeAngelis of Mountainside, a student at the University of Delaware's College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy, was among the new additions to the dean's list for the fall semster. These students were added to the dean's list late due to grade changes.

cian. She is the daughter of Steven Named to the dean's list are fulltime students with grade point averages of 3.33 or above on a 4.00 scale for the semester, with no temporary

#### Students earn honors at Newark Academy

Springfield residents were among Together with 33 March graduates the 370 students at Newark Academy in Livingston to be recognized for their academic achievements during

the 2001 fall term.

Ariel J. Schvarcz, a ninth-grader earned high honors. To achieve high honors, students dearn grades of A-minus or above

each course taken. Earning honors were Jacquelyn S Dorsky, ninth grade; Jacob A. Feldman, 10th grade; Aviad Haimi-

Cohen, ninth grade, and Kevin Zhu,

12th grade. The honors list includes those students who achieved grades of Bminus or above for each course taken.

Union Catholic honors Residents of Springfield and Mountainside were among the students named to the honor roll for the second marking period at Union Catholic High School in Scotch

Mountainside • First honor roll: Andrea Keller. grade 12; Kyle McPherson, grade 10,

• Second honor roll: Taras Puzyk. Springfield · First honor roll: Michael Manga-

and Michael Puzyk, grade 11.

niello, grade 11, and Katherine Palitto, grade 10. Second honor roll: Stacey Hagenbush, grade 10, and Grace Thomas.

grade nine. To qualify, students must maintain grade point average of 3.5 or better for two consecutive academic quarters. The Berkeley College students were inducted into the Alpha Epsilon

#### Perez-Santalla lands 'Kiss Me Kate' role

chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

The Union Catholic Performing Arts Company, Scotch Plains, presents "Kiss-Me, Kate" on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Union Catholic Regional High School auditorium, featuring Nick Perez-Santalla of Mountainside.

Admission is \$10; \$8 for students and seniors. This year's musical is directed by teacher Maryann Carroll Carolan, Union Catholic '86, with the assistance of Traci Trukowski Doherty '91 and Jim Johnston '97.

For information, call 973-376-8544.

**CLUBS IN THE NEWS** 

Florence M. Gaudineer School's Student of the Quarter recipients for the second

quarter of the 2001-02 school year are, from left, eighth-grader Fideliya Gulchina,

seventh-grader Alyssa Cariani, sixth-grader David Steinman and fifth-grader Umberto Annunziata. The program is sponsored by Springfield Elks 2004 as part of its youth

activities program, which recognizes exceptional students, who are selected by the

teaching staff based on their character, leadership, service, citizenship, and scholastic

ability. The students are awarded certificates during a dinner at the Elks Lodge.

#### The Foothill Club luncheon takes place April 4 at noon at B.G. Fields, Springfield Avenue, Westfield. This is the club's annual fundraiser and features the "Swap Shop."

Foothill Club luncheon

Knitting group meets

908-232-3626.

Springfield.

Guests are always welcome. Club will offer a wine tasting evening For reservators, call Geneveive at

On the third Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m., a new knitting group, The Springfield Knitting the above events, the club has regular Circle, will meet at the Barnes & Men's nights, book club meetings. Noble, 240 Route 22 West. and a lunch group.

Knitters at all levels are welcome Bring a project to work on.

Local Knights give

#### Newcomers Club offers wine tasting The Mountainside Newcomers

on April 27, with more details to The Mountainside Newcomers Club Inc. is a social organization

Maureen Angelo at 908-654-1025.

to Patrick Hoey Fund The Springfield Knights of Colum-

dedicated to, providing a friendly greeting to new members, to help them meet others and to extend a welcome to the community. In addition to

stocked at 8 a.m. by members of the

To be eligible for prizes, all contes-

at The Sportsmen's Outfitter, Inc.,

For membership information, call

bus. Council 5560, donated \$500 to The Patrick Hoev Pund. Hoey was a knight of the Vincent T. Lombardi Council and was killed in the World

> Anyone wishing to donate to this worthy fund to help Patrick's family, send a check, payable to "Patrick Hoey Fund" and mail to the Springfield Knights of Columbus, Council 5560, P.O. Box 251, Springfield,

Trade Center disaster of Sept. 11

All funds will go directly to the family of Patrick Hoey.

#### RECREATION Approximately 600 trout will be

Monthly blood screenings offered

Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club, The Springfield Recreation Depart- and any volunteers who may wish to ment announces that blood pressure help. Several fish will be trophy-size, screenings are conducted the third weighing 5 pounds or more. Wednesday of every month at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church tants must register by 11 a.m. on April phone number and driver's license Mall, Springfield.

all Springfield sentior citizens and weighed at the gazebo on April 20 or

For more information, call 973-912-2227 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Fishing derby comes to Echo Lake Park

The Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club will host its 22nd annual Kids Fishing Derby at Echo Lake Park, Mountainside, on April 20. The contest is free to all children 16 years old or younger. Fishing tackle can be borrowed by children who need it. Bait also will be supplied.

### 1061 Raritan Road, Clark, until the Golf memberships

are now available

The Springfield Recreation Department announces that memberships to the Millburn Par 3 Golf Course are now available to township residents. The membership fees are as follows: full membership. \$160 per person; limited membership, \$80 per person. The limited membership category

consists of play permitted Tuesday to Friday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. only. Tee time for second round must begin before 2 p.m.

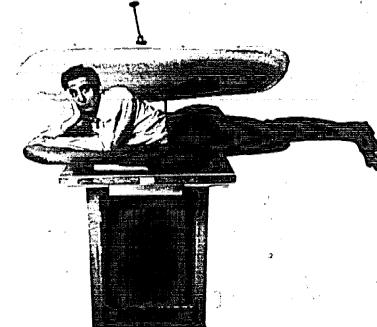
Membership fees must be paid by personal check or money order. The check should have name, address, 20, at the gazebo at the lake. The contest will run until May 4. Fish can be member must be brought in to be put

on the membership card. For more information, call the Recreation Department at 973-912-2227. The Recreation office is open Monday through Friday from

#### 9 to 4 p.m. Model airplane

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ment and The Union Model Airplane Club/are sponsoring a workshop on the construction, aerodynamics and the flying of a radio-controlled miniature aircraft.



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y College's Division of Continuing

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will be offering the "Security Officer/

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that trains a person to work for a sec-

urity firm as a security professional.

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down into four modules and, upon

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ules. the student will receive a

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plete attendance and passing all the

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# Gladys E. Burdge

Gladys E. Burdge, 94, of Baltimore, Md., formerly of Mountainside. died Jan. 23 in the Keswick Nursing

Home, Baltimore. Born in New Jersey, Mrs. Burdge lived in Teaneck, Whiting and Mountainside before moving to Baltimore. Surviving are a daughter, Janice French; a son. Harold Jr.; two sisters, Margaret Baker and Adelaide Harvey; four grandchildren and seven greatgrandchildren.

### Joyce M. Potashkin

Joyce M. Potashkin of Springfield died Feb. 8 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in New York City, Mrs.

Potashkin lived in Newark and Hillside before moving to Springfield 20 years ago. She was a senior set at Congregation Israel, Springfield. Surviving are her husband, Jack; three daughters, Ellen Stahler, Shelley Rothberg and Mindy; a brother, Howard Marks, and three grandchildren.

#### Charles Amasio Sr.

Charles L. Amasio Sr., 69, of Springfield died Feb. 6 at home. Born in New York City, Mr. Amasio lived in Rahway before moving to Springfield. He was the manager of Maggie's Pub at the Livingston Mall for 17 years and retired in 1996. Mr. Amasio served in the Army

during the Korean War. He was an outfielder with the Rahway High School baseball team. Mr Amasio helped his team win the Greater Newark Tournament championship in 1950, which at the time was considered the unofficial state title. He was inducted into the Rahway High School Hall of Fame in 1983 Surviving are a daughter, Debbie two sons, Scott and Chuck; a brother, George, and his companion, Betsy Bläckmore.

#### Mildred E. Baker

Mildred E. Baker, 75, of Spring field died Feb. 10 in Overlook Hospi-Born in Westfield, Mrs. Baker lived in Millburn before moving to

Surviving are two sisters, Doris M. Lee and Ruth A. Treusch, and two

Springfield 35 years ago. She was a

hostess at Lord & Taylor, Short Hills,

for many years and retired eight years

### David A. Young Sr.

Plains, formerly of Mountainside, died Feb. 17 at home.

Born in Chatham, Mr. Young lived in Mountainside and South Plainfield before moving to Scotch Plains in

Mr. Young served as corporal in the Army during the Korean War. Surviving are his wife of 48 years. Mary; two sons, David Jr. and Tim; a Baldwin, and two grandchildren. daughter, Sharon Finer: a brother, Robert; two sisters, Maryanne Conroy and Janice Bremer, and eight grandchildren.

#### Carl Hirschorn

Carl Hirschorn, 83, of Leawood, moved to Union in 1948 before Kant, formerly of Springfield, died returning to Summit in 1967. She Feb. 15 in Shawnee Mission Medical Center, Shawnee Mission, Kan. Born in Newark, Mr. Hirschorn 10 years and retired in 1959. lived in Springfield before moving to

**OBITUARIES** Leawood in 1998. He was a sales daughter, Augusta Foley; a sister, associate for Shoppers Liquors, Josephine Duffy; 10 grandchildren

Springfield, for 10 years and retired in and six great-grandchildren.

1998. He was a member of the B'nai

B'rith and Jewish War Veterans-Elin

Unger Post 274, both of Springfield.

a Zucker; a son, Steven; a sister.

Rosalind Cohen; five grandchildren,

and his companion, Zelda Cohen.

Charles E. Conrad

Charles E. Conrad, 56, of Summit

Born in Newark, Mr. Conrad lived

died March 13 in Saint Clare's Hospi-

in West Orange for 24 years before

moving to Summit in 1995. In 1971,

he founded the House of Music Inc.,

Mr. Conrad was an Army veteran

of the Vietnam War and served in

Surviving are his wife, Irene, and

Adam Vincent Antoniak, 70, of

Summit died March 13 in Overlook

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Antoniak

moved to Summit five years ago. He

worked for the Port Authority of New

York and New Jersey at the George

Washington Bridge, Mr. Antoniak

worked for the Port Authority for 35

years and retired in 1996. He served in

Surviving are his wife, Diane; two

daughters, Cynthia Donatacci and

Erin: four sisters, Rose Heba, Anna

Dombrowski, Mary Antoniak and

Carolyn May Vilain

Carolyn May Vilain of Long Hill

Township, formerly of Summit, died

March 11 in St. Barnabas Medical

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Vilain

lived in Summit, Paris, Birmingham,

Brussels. Rome and Switzerland

before moving to Long Hill Town-

ship. She was a special education

teacher at Watchung Hills Regional

High School for 18 years, Mrs. Vilain

also taught the gifted and talented stu-

dents, coaching them toward statew-

ide problem-solving championships.

worked for the Burmese Embassy and

the Afghan delegation. She also was a

writer and administrator for the Inter-

Mrs. Vilain was a graduate of Ben-

nington College, Vermont, and

attended the University of Gregnoble,

France. She received a master's

degree from Kean College, now Uni-

Surviving are three sons, Marc,

Maria Recchia, 95, of Summit, for-

merly of Union, died March 18 in

Born in Summit, Mrs. Recchia

worked in the Hyatt Roller Bearing

division of General Motors, Clark, for

Surviving are a son, Anthony; a

Pierre and Martine; a brother, Jim

American Joint Distributions

national Cardiology Association and

Committee in Switzerland.

Maria Recchia

Overlook Hospital, Summit.

While living in Europe, Mrs. Vilain

Center, Livingston.

the Army during the Korean War.

his parents, Esther and Sherman

Adam V. Antoniak

West Orange, and served as president

tal, Denville.

Surviving are a daughter, Dr. Glori-

#### Frank H. Ruckel Frank H. Ruckel of Summit died

ber of the New Jersey State Seniors

Golf Association. He was a coach

with the Cranford Hockey Club and

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn; a

daughter, Christine Senoski; a son,

Ralph Winard, 83, of Springfield

Born in Fall River, Mass., Mr.

died March 19 in New York Universi-

ty Medical Center, New York City.

Winard lived in Newark and Irvington

before moving to Springfield 45 years

ago. He was employed in the paper

industry for more than 60 years and

was vice president of sales for the fine

printing paper and paper converting

division of Heller and Usdan in Moo-

nachie for 39 years before retiring in

sergeant in the Army Medical Corps

during World War II in North Africa

and Italy. He was active in Temple

Beth Ahm, Springfield, where he was

honorary co-chairman of the capital

campaign and a member of the build-

ing fund chmpaign and the Minya-

Mr. Winard was co-chairman of the

State of Israel Bonds and chairman of

the United Jewish Appeal of Essex

County, both in Springfield. He was

secretary of the B'nai B'rith in

Springfield and a 50-year member of

Mr. Winard was president of Aleph

Mr. Winard was secretary-treasurer

and editor-publisher of the newsletter

of the 45th General Hospital Associa-

tion, a World War II veterans organi-

zation for those serving in Rabat,

Morocco and Naples, Italy. He was a

member of the Society of Israeli

daughter, Joan L. Blonder; a sister,

Naomi Tannenbaum; three grandchil-

dren, and his companion, Pearl

Elsie Ann Lorber, 86, of Mountain-

Born in Newark, Mrs. Lorber lived

in Madison before moving to Moun-

tainside 48 years ago. She was a mem-

Surviving are a daughter, Maryann

ber of the Rosary Society of Our Lady

Maggiacomo; a son, Joseph; two sis-

ters, Ann and Mary Weiss, and six

Eleanor Schmidt

a Sunday school teacher.

of Lourdes Church, Mountainside.

side died March 7 in Kent County

Memorial Hospital, Warwick, R.I.

Elsie Ann Lorber

Surviving are a son, Steven E.; a

nairs since 1962.

the organization.

Philatelists.

grandchildren.

Mr. Winard was a technical

was a youth hockey referee.

Victor, and four grandchildren.

Ralph Winard

March 21 at home. Born in the Bronx, Mr. Ruckel lived in Chatham before moving to Summit. He was a production supervisor with Westinghouse Electric, Newark, for 30 years and retired in

Mr. Ruckel was an Army veteran of World War II and served as a staff. sergeant with the 34th Infantry Division in North Africa and Italy. Mr. Ruckel was a recipient of the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Bronz Star. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Parcell's chapter of the Knights of

Surviviving are his wife of 55 years, Grace; three daughters, Jeane Parke, Mary Creekpaum and Ursala Trujillo; three sons, Robert, Stephen and Paul; a brother, Raymond; two sisters, Sister Maria Therese and Sister Laura Marie, both of the Sisters of Charity, and 12 grandchildren.

### Ellen Hellauist

Ellen Hellquist, 95, of Maplewood, formerly of Summit, died March 22 in St. Barnabas Medical Center,

Livingston. Born in Summit, Mrs. Hellquist moved to Maplewood three years ago. Zadek Aleph, AZA; Ezekiel Lodge She was a secretary to the president of 230, the B'nai B'rith youth organizathe Summit Trust Co., Summit, for tion, and a life member of AZA since many years and retired in 1971.

'Mrs. Hellquist ws a volunteer for the Red Cross, SAGE and Reeves-Carmen Silberg, and two Reed Arboretum, all of Summit.

#### Richard Marshall

Richard Marshall, 73, of Spring field died March 4 at home. Born in Newark, Mr. Marshal moved to Springfield 45 years ago. He was a salesman for First Phoenix Group, a wholesale food trader, in

Mr. Marshall was a member of the B'nai B'rith Food Industry Lodge of Northern New Jersey and a former member of the Springfield Township Save the Earth Committee, which brought recyling to Springfield. He was a past troop and pack leader of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 172,

Surviving are his wife, Rose; three sons, Marc, Jeffrey and Douglass, and three grandchildren.

### Victor Neumark

Victor Neumark, 82, of Margate, formerly of Springfield, died Feb. 15 in Atlantic City Hospital.

Eleanor Schmidt, 85, of Springfield Born in Atlantic City, Mr. Neudied March 13 at home. mark lived in Margate and Springfield Born in New Jersey, Mrs. Schmidt before moving back to Margate in lived in Maplewood before moving to 1992. He was the president of Crest-Springfield in 1968. She was an mont Federal Savings & Loan, Westelementary school teacher with the field, for 15 years and retired in 1992. South Orange-Maplewood school system at the Seth Boyden School for more than 40 years before retiring 20

Mr. Neumark was a chief petty officer E-7 in the Navy during World War II. He sailed with the Flag Command, Atlantic Fleet, aboard the battleships U.S.S., Texas, New York, South Dakota and Iowa, Mr. Neumark saw action in the North Atlantic and North Africa.

Mr. Neumark served on the U.S. Savings League Board of Governors and was chairman of the board of the New Jersey Savings League. Mr. Neumark was a former mem-

# A happy egg hunter



On Saturday, the Newcomers Club of Summit,

# Parent's Guild prepares for Oratory's spring gala

The Parents Guild to Oratory Prep in Summit has begun making preparations for the annual spring gala to be conducted on April 12 at the Berkelev Plaza in

ity to honor a faculty member who has devoted 25 years of service or more to Oratory Prep students. This year the guild will honor Edward McDonnell, class of 1960, director of Development and Alumni Relations at Oratory Prep. Oratory Prep is dedicated to providing an excellent academic opportunity, which is affordable to a large population; therefore, tuition alone does not cover

Parents, alumni and others associated with Oratory Prep have traditionally supported the school's fund-raising efforts. These efforts have helped provide funds for capital improvements to the school, provide scholarship money to students who are unable to assume full-tuition responsibility, and to provide for

Gifts for the Oratory's silent auction, grand raffle, as well as monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Additionally, for the first time this year, the Parents Guild will be producing an advertising journal. The journal will be an opportunity to advertise business and to extend personal congratulations to Ed

Preparations are under way for Spring Fling 2002, "Celebrate America." The annual Kent Place Parents' Association fund-raiser, slated for Mrs. Schmidt was a 1938 graduate April 20 in the Kent Place Field House, will be an all-American tribute of the Newark Normal School. She to Kent Place School and to America. was a member of the orchestra and Kent Place parents, faculty, staff choir at the Evangel Baptist Church, members and area alumnae will be Springfield, where she also served as treated to regional cuisine and musical entertainment, while having the Surviving are a stepson, Kurt A.

of three "premier" prizes.

For more information about the

Proceeds from Spring Fling direct-

#### Berkeley Heights, and New Providence will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt at Oakwood Park on Passaic Road in New Providence. The event takes place 1 to 3 p.m. and is open to all Newcomer Club members and their families. To join the club, call

The gala is a fund-raising opportunity for the Parents Guild and the opportun-

unexpected financial needs that may arise.

Call Marjorie Fitzgibbon at 908-889-4576 or e-mail her at marjorie.fitzgibbon@oakknoll.org. for more information.

# Kent Place's Spring Fling 2002 shows patriotic spirit

Klingbell; seven grandchildren and 13 opportunity to bid on an array of items featured in live and silent auctions.

Highlighting the evening's festivities will be a raffle drawing to win one

tuition/car raffle, call Raffle Co-Chairmen Helena and Steve Ring via the Kent Place Parents' Association Volunteer Office at 908-273-0900.

ly benefit the academic, artistic and athletic activities of Kent Place stu-

# **NEWS CLIPS** Something to bee happy about

emergencies. Upon successful com-Adopt-a-park

pletion 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 community are needed now. and a copy of the BLS/CPR card must

be submitted with registration. For more information or to register for either course, call the Division of Continuing Education and Community Services at 908-709-7600. Girl Scouts selling

What is the first thing that you think of when you think about Girls Scouts? Camping, community service and Girl Scout uniforms all come to parkland through "adoption" of a parmind, but the one thing that is most associated with the Girl Scouts are or flowerbed. Specific maintenance cookies. For good reason, Girl Scouts projects and cleanups are assigned and cookies share a history going

cookies remains an important part of the Girl Scout program. The Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council have begun taking orders for cookies. This year a new cookie has been introduced, The call 908-527-4900 and the Adopt-A-Friendship Circle, a vanilla cookie Park coordinator will assist you in sandwich with chocolate fudge selecting an area and project to fit

back almost 90 years. While recipes

and boxes have changed, selling

of today say they got their start selling Girl Scout cookies. During the cookie sale, girls are members of a team working toward a common goal, with each girl striving to do her best. Selling cookies is strictly voluntary. Girls also practice other useful life skills. such as goal setting and planning, decision making, dealing with customers, handling money, working with a team, and knowing the satisfaction of a job well done.

Customers get a great product and support girls in their community. Every penny earned through a local Girl Scout Council's cookie activities remains in the area where the cookies are sold. All proceeds are used to benple who are trained to provide those is effit girls, some directly by remaining in the troop treasury and some indirectly by subsidizing the cost of providing Girl Scout program in the local ty Services will be offering two area.

> Girl Scout troops use the funds for field trips, service projects and other activities. Washington Rock Girl Scout Council uses the funds for girl programming, purchasing and maintaining equipment and facilities. recruiting and training volunteers, providing financial assistance to girls who otherwise may not be able to participate, improving and maintaining Camp Lou Henry Hoover and keeping camp fees for all members to

Selling Girl Scout cookies is a part The course consists of lectures and of the Girl Scout heritage and tradipractice sessions dedicated to the care tion. It is an important part of what and handling of basic life support makes Girl Scouting an institution. natients as well as all kinds of medical, trauma and environmental 908-232-3236 for more information.

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All groups, organizations, busines ses and families interested in improving the environment in their community are invited to get involved with Adopt-A-Park, a new program sponsored by the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Volunteers who are interested in making a difference in their neighborhood and receiving a sense of pride and ownership in their

"Union County is a rich and diverse region that features 26 parks spanning more than 5,500 acres," said Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, "The Adopt-A-Park program encourages people to become a part of the county's continued commitment to excellence by helping to maintain and care for green space in our community."

The program is designed to foster volunteer stewardship of the county's ticular park, picnic area, ballfield, trail depending on a volunteer group's expertise and desire. Special skills are not required to

Adopt-A-Park as the county will match up participants' interests and abilities with an available project. If you are interested in making a visible difference in your community

#### Volunteers wanted for afterschool program

Have a big heart? Love to see young children light up with the wonder of knowledge? Have a little extra time? Why not unite your love of children with a desire to help a child become a successful student? Come help give that extra needed boost. The RSVP of Union County seeks people who enjoy children children to volunteer in a K-3 after-school program in

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, sponsored through Community Access Unlimited, enables people 55 and older to put their skills and life experience to work in their communities. Want to touch the heart of a young child? Call the RSVP office and ask for

Laurie at 908-354-3040.

Photo IDs available Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi has available a photography and county identification card sevice at veterans to receive the additional er Westfield office, 300 North Ave. property tax rebate which went into East, which is open Monday through

Thursdays until 7 p.m.

**WORSHIP CALENDAR** 

Rajoppi added that I.D. cards, especially for those people who travel domestically or young people who need identification for work, are available to all Union County residents 14 years of age or older. An original birth certificate, U.S. Passport or naturalization certificate is necessary as well as proof of Union County residency which may include Call the Council Service Center at a driver's license, voter registration card, or phone, electric or utility bill.

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a.m.; the emphasis of which is to always have a SUNDAY EUCHARIST: Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun

"good week" because of Paul's reminder to us in 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Reconciliation:

his letter to the Romans "that ALL things work Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 &

and find out how you too can have a "good. Same as weekday masses with a 5:30 PM

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week". Call the church office or Pastors Gina or anticipated Mass and a 7:30 PM evening Mass.

Rich Hendrickson, Senior Co-Pastors for more Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00

376-1695; e-mail seumc@bellatlantic.net. The of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Choir = every.

Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on

charge or DD-214 form, they may call the County Clerk's Office with the information and the card will be mailed to them. All veterans who are recording their current discharge papers will automatically receive I.D.

Aging to offer lunch to seniors Mon-

includes juice/soup, entree, vegetable.

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want to improve their overall health.

citizens regardless of income.

Summit Middle School language arts teacher Patricia Lawrence, standing second

from right, joins the middle school students who recently participated in the local

Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee at New Providence Middle School, including

from left, front row, Will Gruetzmacher. Dave Richards. Si-Qian Chen and Lilv

Chen; and back row, Dan Khalaf, Kent Twardock, Sarah Twardock and Brittany

Butler. Twardock won the seventh-grade bee while Si-Qian Chen won the first

and additional space," Rajoppi said, "we can add many of the services we Anyone needing information may provide at our Elizabeth office for the visit the County Clerk's Office at the onvenience of residents." Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad St., Room 115, Elizabeth, between. 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Free veteran ID cards

#### The Union County Clerk's Office Program for seniors

has announced the continuation of a public service program to provide free offers nutrious meals dentification cards to all Union One third of all Americans get County veterans. The card includes almost half of their calories from the veteran's name, location of nutrient-poor, high-calorie foods like recorded document and date of desserts, chips, candy, soft drinks and recording. ice cream according to a recent study.

The card has a raised seal certifying Are you, too, eating a less-thanproof of recording fron the Clerk's office. Proof of service is critical for effect this year as well as educational, friend, then be assured there is an easy license and death benefits. solution. All adults age 60 and older

The distinctive red and blue cards will be a reminder to veterans where copies of these important documents are recorded. To record military service at the County Clerk's Office, the original document must be brought to the main office in Elizabeth. Photocopies are not legally acceptable. The documents will be recorded in the index of the Union County Veteran's Index and the original will be returned to the veteran.

The new services follow the recent

eopening and enlargement of the

satellite office to accommodate the

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> Wednesday. · YMHA, Union Township; 908-289-8112; Kosher lunch; Monday through Friday.

 Cranford Lincoln Senior Apart ments: 908-931-0194; Tuesday and

• Jewish Community Center,

Scotch Plains; 908-889-8800; Kosher

lunch; Monday, Tuesday and

Thursday. · Plainfield Tower West; 908-668-1963; Monday through

• Richmond Towers, Plainfield: 908-769-6335, Ext. 608; Monday through Friday.

· Casano Community Center, Roselle Park; 908-245-0666: Tuesday.

If you are a senior citizen and are • Ehrhart Gardens, Union:

• Farley Towers, Elizabeth; 908-965-2456; Monday through

and their spouses are invited to partake in a delicious lunch prepared by a • Golden Age Towers, Rahway; nutritionist. Sound expensive? Guess 732-499-7192; Monday through

A grant from the federal govern- Hillside Senior Citizen Center; ment under the Older Americans Act 908-355-8928; Monday through enables the Union County Division on

. John F. Kennedy Senior Apartday through Friday for a suggested ments, Rahway; 732-382-4188; Mondonation of \$1.50. The luncheon day through Friday. · Kenilworth Senior Center; 908-272-7743; Monday, Wednesday

potato/pasta, dessert, and a choice of beverage served at different locations throughout Union County to all senior • Morningstar Court, Linden; 908-486-6007; Monday through

Reservations are necessary for participation in this low-cost nutrition • O'Donnell-Dempsey Center, Eliprogram. Call the location of your zabeth; 908-354-7431; Monday choice at least two days in advance. through Friday.

Days of operation vary by location. • Peach Orchard Towers, Linden; Seniors and their families are wel-908-298-3820; Monday through come to stop in, visit and pickup a menu at any of the Senior Cafes.

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# Deadline coming for Violin virtuosos AAUW scholarships

Women has mailed applications for scholarships to be awarded in June, to guidance counselors at public high schools in Chatham, Millburn, New Providence, Berkeley Heights and Summit, as well as to the private Oak Knoll and Kent Place schools in Summit.

Students interested in making applications should obtain the necessary form from the guidance office for completion and return it during the last week of March. Finalists will be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee between April 8 and 20. The awards will be presented at the organization's annual Scholarship Tea, to be hosted this year at St. John's Lutheran Church on June 9. Recipients must appear personally to accept their awards.

The scholarships offered are based on an assessment of each student's academic excellence and leadership potential in the following areas: • Tilla Thomas Merit Scholarship, for a female high school senior at Summit

• Mary K. Tennant Merit Scholarship, for a female high school senior at Kent Place, Oak Knoll and Summit High Schools, in Summit, or public high schools in Millburn, Chatham, New Providence and Berkeley Heights, the latter known as Governor Livingston Regional High School.

• Summit College Club New Jersey Public University Scholarship, for a female high school senior who plans to attend a New Jersey public college or university and has demonstrated financial need. This application must be accompanied by a confidential financial aid questionnaire

• Summit College Club Merit Scholarships, for female high school seniors at Kent Place, Oak Knoll and Summit High Schools, in Summit and the public high schools in Millburn, Chatham, New Providence, and Governor Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights.

Information accompanying the application should include the colleges to which students have applied — and possibly have been accepted — intended courses of study, transcripts, a teacher or guidance counselor recommendation, three references, jobs and leadership positions, extra-curricular activities and

offices held, volunteer and community service activities. In addition, an essay must be written on the following topic: "In today's society, if you lived in a country that had no civil rights/liberties for women and you were given the opportunity to introduce one civil right/liberty, which one would

you choose, and why?" Funds to the scholarships are made possible through donations and bequests from members and friends, as well as from fund-raising events held throughout the year whose proceeds are sequestered in the assets of the nonprofit Summit College Club Foundation. Proceeds of the prestigious annual book sale, sponsored last fall by Summit College Club, with the cooperation and support of the - New Jersey Center for the Visual Arts, represent a major contribution to the resources available for the scholarships

In addition to annual awards made locally to high school graduates, the Summit College Club Foundation contributes to the programs of the national



Summit High School students Julia Castellanos and Blaine Iler both were selected to perform with the Central Jersey Music Educators Association

# Members prepare for 'Images 20002' gala

"Images 2002: The Art of Dining," the 21st annual gala to benefit education and outreach programs at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit, will be April 6 at Neiman Marcus in The Mall at Short Hills.

Nancy Y. Taylor, vice president and general manager for Neiman Marcus in Short Hills, serves as honorary chairwoman and host of the event. Rick and Janet Sherlund of Short Hills are chairpersons of the

The event will feature celebrity Executive Chef David Cunningham of Petrossian, New York, who will present caviar and French-influenced contemporary cuisine from Petrossian, New York, and Cuvee Faberge

The evening will include cocktails.

dinner and dancing, as well as live and silent auctions. Other highlights of the gala will be the grand raffle drawing for a diamond and white gold brooch from Chatila for Neiman Marcus: a trip for two to Paris on American Airlines business class with four nights at The Ritz plus French lessons from Inlingua; a handknotted Indo Herati area rug from Shehadi Rugs & Car-

per; and dinner for two at Petrossian.

New York, with limousine service. Renowned New Jersey artist Kelly Sullivan will conduct an interactive art experience with a life-size canvas for guests to manipulate, illustrative of the evening's theme.

Reservations for "Images 2002" are

For information, call NJCVA at 908-273-9121, Ext. 4.

# Teens get tips on coping with daily stress

teen-agers face every day, The Summit Area Red Cross hosted a symposium to address their anxieties on March 10 at the Wilson School, Guest speakers Maureen Underwood, Romayne Eaker-Kelly and Igor Alves offered strategies for coping with stress through a series of interactive discussions and workshops. Thirty

students attended the sessions. Stating that "Our lives are the sum total of the choices we have made, Underwood, a licensed clinical social worker with more than 30 years of experience dealing with youth in crisis, led a discussion on the nature of stress and ways to deal with it. She then asked the students to identify their greatest sources of stress and

The students reported that most of their anxiety stemmed from concern about performance on SATs, admission to college, relationships with friends and family, and the news. These pressures took on a physical

and stomach problems. Underwood emphasized the importance of having a support group people to talk to when feeling overwhelmed - as well as positive selftalk, the things people say to

While external factors are responsible for some of the pressures teenagers experience, an equally significant component is their internal life. Alves, a 20-year-old Rutgers stu-

week's end the students were to analyze the other individual's reactions as

The symposium was sponsored by

# their physical manifestations.

Eaker-Kelly, director of recreation for the Summit Board of Recreation. underscored the importance of character. Her message: Character counts. Eaker-Kelly explained that character is not hereditary. Rather, it is established over a lifetime by observdimension in the form of headaches, ing positive and negative role models. chest tightness, back pain, neck pain Her presentation focused on the importance of giving and receiving respect, challenging the participants' to show respect for a week to someone they normally do not relate to. At

> well as their own. Eaker-Kelly's workshop involved a discussion of six core ethical values: citizenship, caring, fairness, responsi-

The teen-agers were asked to roleplay certain "sticky situations," using the core values as criteria for resolving the situation in a positive way.

dent and regional youth liaison for the Mid-Atlantic Region National Red Cross, emphasized the value of volunteering for living life fully. The students talked about projects they are currently involved in and future volunteer efforts they would like to try. Most of the participants were members of the Summit Area Red Cross Youth Program.

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#### Dayton's Paz earns All-Conference First Team selection

Dayton High School standout senior boys' basketball player Matt Paz earned First Team All-Conference honors in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley

Paz finished his high school career with more than 1,000 points and helped guide the Bulldogs to a sectional championship last season and another winning record and state playoff appearance this year.

Roselle and St. Mary's dominated play in the Mountain and Valley divisions of the Mountain Valley Conference.

After sharing the Mountain Division crown with Roselle Catholic last season, Roselle won the title outright this year, finishing a perfect 16-0 in

### Boys' Basketball

St. Mary's, winners of the Valley Division now for four straight seasons, has won 60 consecutive Valley Division games and was a perfect 18-0 in the conference standings this

The Hilltoppers' streak began during the 1998-1999 season as they won their final 10 conference games that year. St. Mary's was then 16-0 in 1999-2000 and 16-0 again in 2000-2001.

Dayton was the last team other than St. Mary's to win the Valley Division as the Bulldogs were champs in

Here are this year's Mountain Valley Conference All-Conference MOUNTAIN DIVISION

FIRST TEAM Jesse Holley, Roselle Jamaal Hilliard, Roselle Catholic Corey West, Hillside Jason Dominique, Roselle 'Amir Singleton, Roselle SECOND TEAM Keith David, Roselle Catholic Brad Clemente, Immaculata Jason Johnson, Rahway Jonathan Hart, Roselle Doug Caruso, Gov. Livingston Aaron Hill, Hillside CHAMPION Roselle Rams

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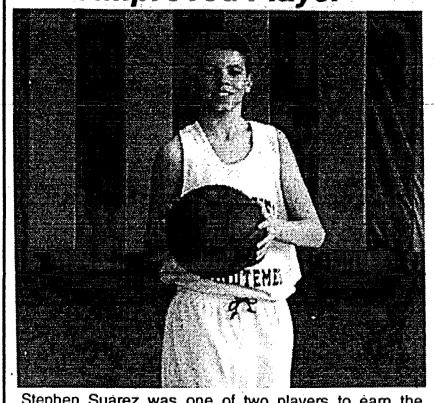
#### Men's softball seeking teams

The Springfield men's softball program is seeking teams to participate in its spring league. Games are played on weekday evenings from April to August. More information may be obtained by calling the Springfield Recreation Department at 973-467-4608.

Hoop camp for girls

The 16th annual Twin County Girls Basketball Camp, for girls ages 8-17, will be held at the Wardlaw-Hartridge School in North Edison July 22-26. Call 732-249-8942.

# Most Improved Player



Stephen Suarez was one of two players to earn the Springfield Minutemen 8th grade basketball team's Most Improved Player award, the other being Jesse Galinkin. Suarez paced the Minutemen with 279 points in 23 games (12-point average). Jake Floyd earned the Most Valuable Player award, netting 217 points. First-year 7th grade coach Mark Galinkin presented Dan Shabat and David "Bubba" Steinman with his team's Most Improved Player awards. Suarez, who will play at Oratory Prep next year, also made 23-of-25 and then 4-of-5 free throws in Knights of Columbus foul-shooting competition

# Dayton softball team capable of success

Cautiously optimistic. That's how Dayton High School softball coach Dave Rennie feels about his

"If we can pay attention to detail and limit our mental and physical mistakes, we'll have some success," Rennie said. "We didn't do that in a couple of games last year and it resulted in some close losses.' Rennie, in his third season at the helm, guided Dayton to a 6-12 mark last

year. The Bulldogs also won six games during Rennie's first season. "We have some returning players, but we're still a bit young," Rennie said. "We have a good group of juniors and sophomores that make up our nucleus." Those players include junior third baseman Juliana Stravato, junior pitcher Kate Ciullo, junior outfielders Val Zlotsky and Elissa Walters, sophomore shortstop Sara Steinman, sophomore first baseman Lyndsey Brahm and sopho-

more catcher Lisa Clark. Rennie is hoping to get some quality innings from Ciullo, who saw limited time on the junior varsity squad last season.

"Kate went to a private pitching instructor over the winter, so we'll be counting on her to pitch in some games this season," Rennie said. The coach is also relying on great play from Brahm, Clark and Steinman. "Lyndsey is my most versatile player and can play at any position I need her

to," Rennie said. "Lisa has a strong arm and good bat, while Sara might be the

The Bulldogs also return two seniors in outfielder Esther Aizenberg and pitcher Cheryl Denning. "Esther is our all-everything and led the team in batting last year with a .425

average," Rennie said. "Cheryl won two games on the varsity level last year, so she'll get the majority of the time on the mound." Rennie feels strengths are defense, and team speed.

"We should also hit the ball better," Rennie said. "It's one of the areas I feel we'll be much improved in." The coach feels that the Bulldogs need to work on their anticipation during

"The girls have to realize where to be stationed at on a defensive play and

what to do while running the bases," Rennie said. Dayton's goals this season consist of qualifying for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 playoffs and making a good showing in the Union County

"We can make the states if all the right things fall into place," Rennie said. "We have the talent to do so."

In last year's UCT, the 16th-seeded Bulldogs fell just short in their bid to upset top-seeded Scotch Plains in a 4-3 first-round loss. "That game gave us confidence," Rennie said. "It made us feel like we could

compete with anybody in the county." Dayton is scheduled to open its season Tuesday at North Plainfield in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division play. The Bulldogs are then scheduled to host conference rival Manville April 4 and then play at conference foe Brear-

"They'll be tough contests because the conference has quality pitchers," Rennie realizes that things can go awry in a hurry if his team lacks discipline.

"You always have to work hard and be ready for everything," Rennie said. 'Preparation is the biggest key to success.' Dayton concluded last season on a high note as the Bulldogs bested Brearley

12-2 in conference play in Springfield. Clark went 3-for-3 with two RBI and three runs and Brahm belted an RBI-

# Dayton boys' tennis ready for another stellar season

"We have to find the best chemistry

said. 'That way it gives them experi-

Brad Shortall.

each other the best."

What will the Bulldogs do for an

Dayton High School boys' tennis

The Bulldogs are coming off a magical season in which they captured their first-ever state championship, winning the Group 1 title en route to a school-best 22-2 record. Dayton also won the Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division crown outright after sharing it the previous two seasons with New

Providence. In the North Jersey, Section 2, Group I final, Dayton defeated New Providence 3-2 to capture the sectional championship. That match was played indoors at the Center Courts in Chatham. Dayton downed New Providence twice during conference play by 4-1 scores.

In the Group 1 final held at Mercer County Park in West Windsor, the Bulldogs defeated Haddon Township 3-2 after besting Cresskill 3.5-1.5 in the semifinals.

Dayton's season came to a close in the quarterfinal round of the Tournament of Champions when it dropped a 4.5-.5 decision to Group 2 champion

"We should be good this year as well," Dayton head coach Bill Prisco said. "In fact, we have the potential to be very good." Prisco, who's entering his sixth

season at the helm, has a career mark of 67-16. "I never had a losing season in my

five previous years," Prisco said. "It feels good to know I made an impact on the program." With 60 percent of his team back,

Prisco feels good about the Bulldogs succeeding again. "We have a shot of repeating as

conference and sectional champions," Prisco said. "There's no team that is head-and-shoulders above anyone Prisco feels the worst-case scenario for his squad is a 15-5 record.

"That's even if we don't play well during the season," Prisco said. "So, overall, that's a pretty good mark." Prisco has three seniors playing in the singles positions.

Jared Weisman, who occupied the second singles spot<sup>2</sup> last year, will move up to first singles this season. "It's going to be tougher on Jared this season than last year, because he'll be facing the best competition," Prisco said. "He's going to have a tough assignment every time out."

In the second singles spot is Chase Freundlich, who played at third singles a year ago. "Chase has a desire not to lose and gives 110 percent in each match," Prisco said. "He's athletic and very

quick on his feet. He brings a lot of Moving into the third singles spot is Adam Cohen, who played with

Chase's older brother Chad on the first singles team last season. "Adam played on the ice hockey team, so he brings a tenacious attitude," Prisco said. The's a scrapper

great endurance and can stay out there Making up the first doubles team are junior Brian Sperber and freshman

Brandon Baron. "Brian hits the ball hard and is very good on his groundstrokes," Prisco

adept at hitting the overhead." Prisco feels Baron has benefitted from private lessons and playing in USTA tournaments while in 7th and

said. "Brandon is quick to the net and.

"The reason why we were so suc-The second doubles team is comprised of juniors Jonathan Au and cessful last season was because our second doubles team lost only three

among the doubles teams," Prisco "That's just awesome." said. "It's all about who compliments Prisco feels that learning technique and shot selection are needed, but not Rounding out the rest of the Bullas important as going in with a good dog roster is sophomore Matthew

times in 46 matches," Prisco said.

Prisco feels the team will have unlim-

Truam, senior Kanish Sharma, sopho-"It's always the main focus I try to more Leon Goldfeld, junior Dan Jaminstill in my team," Prisco said. "Go nick and freshman Stephen Mandel. in with a plan and be prepared." "I try to get the underclassmen If the lower players contribute, about 8-10 matches a season," Prisco

ence and allows them to grow, so they "We will not be as strong as we Prisco feels where the season will were last year," Prisco said. "But, be defined is in the doubles play. overall, we should be very good.'

#### Football Officials accepting applications

The New Jersey Football Officials Association (NJOFA) Northern Chapter is now accepting applications for admittance to its 2002 training program. Successful completion of the program will certify applicants to officiate high school varsity football contests in the state of New Jersey.

The application deadline is Saturday. Applicants must be physically fit, 18 years of age or older and residents of

For further information and an application, send a business-size stamped selfaddressed envelope to: Frank Valenzano, Membership Chairman, NJOFA Northern Chapter, 4 Vine Street, Fairfield, NJ 07004-1328.

#### Garden State Baseball seeking teams

The Garden State Baseball Wood Bat League is in search of competitive teams and players in the College Unlimited Division, ages 18 and older. The league includes up to a 30-game schedule, tournament play, an equal competition matching system, All-Star Games, standings kept on the internet

More information may be obtained by calling 732-382-4610 Visit the website at:

www.gardenstatebaseball.com.



Claire Butler of Mountainside excelled in the U.S. Nation al Indoor Archery Championships held March 9-10 at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va. Butler, a member of the Summit Archers, placed first in Masters Division compound freestyle limited competition for the third year in a row.



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## Three to run on GOP line

(Continued from Page B1) schools. She previously owned and operated a stained glass and kaleidoscope company. Bochicchio Medved is married and has two sons.

An attorney, Clericuzio is the mother of three children. She is chairwoman of the Republican Task Force and the Republicans for Moderation House, 38 Springfield Ave., Cranford. in Union County. She also is a member of the Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey.

and came to the United States with her porate and nonprofit sectors and a mother when she was 12 years old."A health educator at Overlook Hospital resident of Cranford since 1984, she is since 1991, she is well versed in the a graduate of Ramapo College and area of stress management. Rutgers Law School. She is a trial attorney who does defense work for a people's lives, it can affect physical large insurance company.

Whitaker first was elected to the Fanwood Borough Council in 1997. He currently is in his second, three- cerns of all mothers. The presentation year term and serves as president of will focus on techniques that participthe Borough Council as well as a ants can learn and begin to use immemember and former chairman of the diately in their every day lives. Planning Board.

Whitaker has lived in Fanwood since cipate: For more information about 1979 and is the publisher of Whitaker the event, or the group itself, call Newsletters, which deals with mark- Heidi at 908-810-7165 or Patty at eting and regulatory subjects for cor- 908-497-1286. porate management.

# Five seek to unseat senator

(Continued from Page' B1) June's primary, regardless of which: candidate wins, in order to further the cause of unseating Torricelli come November.

"We need a senator we can be proud of," said Allen, who was nominated by former Scotch Plains Mayor William McClintock. She called on the delegation to choose "someone who won't tear down others but runs on their record," alluding perhaps to a recent campaign flier by the Treffinger campaign that states Allen is against the death penalty, even for Osama bin Laden, the alleged mastermind behind the World Trade Center attack. She highlighted her work in the Legislature, including her pledge to never voter for a tax increase, and legislation that created the New Jersey Saver rebate program and efforts to call for a constitutional convention on property taxes.

Treffinger now has secured the organization lines in Hudson, Somerset, Ocean and Monmouth counties.

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Originally from Indianapolis, Ind., member of Mothers & More to parti-

Mothers & More offers many social outings for moms and their children as well as providing a wide variety of information to members through lectures and meetings on top-

Surrogate's office hours

LaCorte has updated his schedule of evening office hours. As the county surrogate, he is responsible for probating wills and appointing executors. administrators, guardians and trustees of decedents estates, among otherconstitionally mandated duties.

LaCorte is available - by appointment — to meet during the evening with residents who have matters pending before the Surrogate's Court. Appointments must be made at least 48 hours in advance. The updated schedule of evening office hours is as

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Scholarships available The Union County Legal Services Association, the association for legal professionals, is sponsoring its annual

Helen D. Hansen Memorial Scholarship Award. Applications are available by calling Scholarship Committee Chairwoman Mary Lou Einhorn at 908-241-0611 or Vice President Helena Goworek at 908-527-4506 or

908-289-7356: Applications are available to Union County residents who are full-time students pursuing a lawrelated or criminal justice career. The scholarship winner and one guest will be invited to attend UCL-

SA's annual installation of officers banquet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road, Clark, on May 21. The scholarship is in the amount of \$500 and the winner may be eligible to participate in the NJALS scholar-

ship program, the state affiliate, for an additional \$1.000. Deadline for scholarship applica-

Brochure highlights history of county center

"A History of the Union County Courthouse Complex," a brochure highlighting the rich history of Union County's center of law and government, is now available at the County Clerk's offices in Elizabeth and

The area in and around the courthouse complex has been the site of many key moments in Union County history, including Revolutionary War skirmishes and reviews of troops for tions and agencies within Union many American conflicts. The alleged murder of Hannah Caldwell, wife of the Rev. James Caldwell, the "Fighting Parson," by British troops nearby inspired the Union County seal.

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Baptist Church, 242 Shunpike Road, • April 8, 4 to 8 p.m., Muhlenberg

Randolph roads. Plainfield. • April 12, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road,

Regional Medical Center, Park and

• April 13, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Junior League Jumble Store, 110 Walnut

Mary's Parish, 232 Central Ave., Rahway. • April 15, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road,

• April 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., St.

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Volunteer of the Month'

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is accepting nominations to honor local volunteers for their services as part of a new program. The "Volunteer of the Month Program," is expected to encourage and reward outstanding volunteers for their service to the many organiza-County. These organizations depend on volunteerism to respond to a variety of community needs.

Freeholder Alexander Mirabella said the freeholder board is proud to recognize volunteers. "I am pleased to announce that the county is starting a Volunteer of the Month Program. We Elizabeth." County Clerk Joanne realize the significant efforts volun-Rajoppi said. "Construction of the teers make to help others in all of our communities "

"This is our way to thank volunteers in Union County who have modern, two-story entrance opened in demonstrated an unusual level of commitment," Freeholder Vice Chair-Visitors are welcome at the court- man Mary Ruotolo said. "When we house. School or organizational tours offer our most sincere appreciation can be scheduled through the Union for the time they spend making our

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county a better place, we hope it will dents to get exposure to the field they encourage others to volunteer too." Preeholder Chairman Lewis Mingo Jr. said the Union County Volunteer and the host.

Services initiative has taken on even greater importance as citizens through the nation look for ways to make a difference. The program is recruiting new volunteers, from senior citizens to high school students, who are interested in serving their communities in Union County.

Citizens interested in volunteering, organizations seeking volunteer opportunities, for more information or to get a nomination form for the "Volunteer of the Month Program," call Susan Pepper, coordinator of Volunteer Services, at 908-527-4200.

Annex office open late

The Union County Clerk's Westfield Annex, 300 North Ave. East, will be open two nights a week for the added convenience of residents who need its services. The annex is now open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The annex provides ABC identification cards, county identification cards, passports, photography services, swearing-in of Notary Public, and clerk certificates.

The office has been busier than ever in recent months, as security concerns have increased among local businesses, airlines and government Jr. said the freeholder board is proud offices. Since the tragic events on to recognize these veterans. Sept. 11, the clerk's office has had a 100 percent jump in requests for photo identification cards over last year's figures The County Clerk's Westfield

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The Job Shadow experience also helps students determine which career field they would like to have a job in. The company benefits through increasing their exposure within the community, helps to prepare the future workforce and encourages employees to volunteer within the Companies can get involved by

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The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is working with the state Department of Veterans Affairs and Education to award high school diplomas to World War II. Korean and Vietnam veterans who left school to serve before graduating.

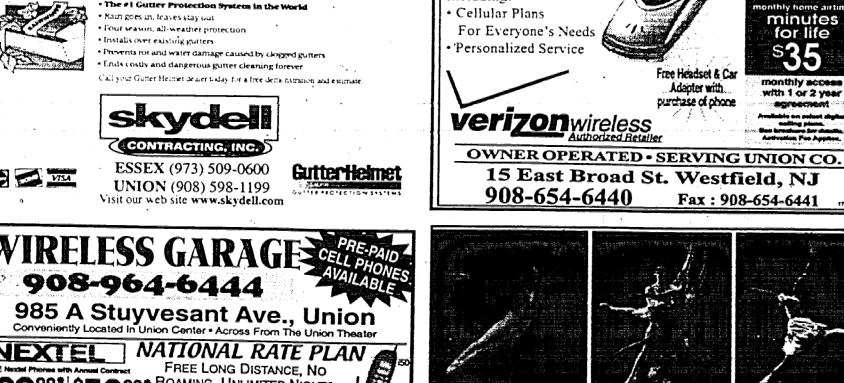
Freeholder Chairman Lewis Mingo

"I am pleased to announce that the veterans who left school before graduating to serve our country will receive their diploma and will participate in a graduation ceremony and senior prom. We realize the signific-908-654-9859. The main office in Eli- ant sacrifice these brave men and zabeth can be reached at women made for our country and this is our way to say thank you."

"It is time to award Union County veterans who had to leave school to fight for their country, their high school diploma," Freeholder Alexan-Junior Achievement of New Jersey der Mirabella said. "In addition, we will assist middle and high school stu- offer our most sincere appreciation dents across the state participating in for all the sacrifices they made to keep For more information or to register

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT Williams' storytelling is perfect

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The form it took this past Saturday

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Rahway was the incomparable singer-

songwriter Dar Williams, who

brought a deep resonance to the craft.

wholly transcendent, the concert was

as close to perfection as one could

hope for: a singer with a guitar, deliv-

ering wonderful music with a simple

Williams' easy rapport with the

audience was enriched by the emo-

tional imagery of her lyrics and the

evocative tapestry of her music.

Appearing on a bare stage at the Rah-

way showplace, the dichotomy she

often observes through her songs was

perhaps best represented by her

appearance: a barefoot, gamine beau-

ty in a sparkly lilac-colored gown.

Such contradictions - which some-

how seem perfectly in sync - are a

common theme in her music, which

Part folk music, part alternative rock.

turies; has taken many forms.

Concert

Scene

By Bill VanSant

Associate Editor

and sweet sincerity.



Cherish the Ladies

# Ladies give concert to 'cherish'

that permeated the atmosphere at Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey, Millburn, the evening of March 19, and the air was laden with the happy, enchanting, lively music and dancing and wit of the Irish.

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If there ever was a reason to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and to cherish the Irish ladies, both at the same time, it was quite clear that the extraordinary concert, Cherish the Ladies, was the best reason of all.

And what was even more extraordinary was the instant love affair the audience had with that red-haired, sparkling green-eyed, gorgeous first lady of Irish music. Carmel Ouinn. who glowingly walked onstage with a smile and a greeting in her soft, winning Irish accent, and within seconds. captured the hearts of every man and woman present. Quinn, looking sexy and trim in a black gown - would you believe she's a senior citizen? greeted the audience with warmth and wit, explaining that she was opening

cians known as Cherish the Ladies "How are you? You look grand!" Quinn said charmingly to the already charmed audience. "I'm happy to be here. In fact, I'm happy to be anywhere." And she laughed at herself, and mentioned that she overheard some ladies in the lounge asking each other, "How old is she?" and "How long ago was the Arthur Godfrey show on the air?"

She sang a few Irish songs to piano accompaniment by Jimmy Martin in a rich, deep voice, reminisced about her home in Dublin - "this park scenery from 'I'm Not Rapapport,' reminds me of the green grass and lovely old city of Dublin" - and told amusing tales, not jokes, about her childhood and her homelife. Quinn gifted the audience with "How Great Thou Art." and she also sang her own version not Gene Autry's - of "South of the

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Border" and was rewarded with thunderous applause. "I feel so blessed to be here tonight," she said. "I have a wonderful family, and God is very good to me. I thank Him every day, and I'm lucky to say, 'Thank You.' "

The audience was reluctant to bid farewell to so special a performer, who had reached into the hearts of the patrons, took them and offered her own heart in return. She remained with the audience spiritually and permanently even as six extremely talented women, first-generation Americans whose Irish fathers all were or are musicians, bounded on stage to offer a real taste of Ireland. Their marvelous performances were interspersed by world champion step dancers, who captivated this audience

as they had before them. With the lively Joanie Madden, the award-winning leader of the group, providing her special kind of music on the whistle and the concert flute, and telling amusing stories, the other five talented women showed their specialities. All did solos, worked with two or three in the group, or entertained in a group of six. And, as always, the

audience was charmed and enchanted. Mary Rafferty played Irish music on the flute, the tin whistle, the accordion and the concertina. Mary Coogan played the accordion and taught herself the guitar, mandolin and the banjo, all of which she demonstrated to the delight of the

Deirdre Connolly, the singer of the group, sang and danced to her heart's

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In between giving their all and hontheir country with "What Is America ence participation.

Irish musicians ever to grace any stage, had appeared in concert at the Paper Mill last year. And the audience loved them then. On the night of March 19, the audience loved thein

they could embrace so responsive an audience as this one for a third time: the Cherished Ladies, their fine dancers - and that other cherished lady, Carmel Quinn! Oh, 'tis possible.

filled UCAC with a warmth that

Carmel Quinn

content — also the audience's. Donna Long played the piano with a flourish But for as endearing as her patter that was true Irish music to the ears. was, it was her music which galvan-Liz Knowles, who has appeared with ized the night — the haunting and "Riverdance." offered violin music, hummable melodies, the lyrics worthboth sweet and bouncy.

oring their Irish ancestry in song and dance, the Cherished Ladies honored to Me?," "The House I Live In" and "America the Beautiful" with audi-The Cherished Ladies, the finest

belied the bitter March night outside. The dynamic Kris Delmhorst accompanying herself on acoustic album, Williams served up many well-loved favorites to an enthusiastically appreciative crowd. Peppering her performance with anecdotes, which felt like confidences over coffee, she humorously spoke of "art" as defined by theater majors, Yoko

sandwiches on saltines.

Ono's work at the Whitney Museum

and the "epicurean genre" of relish

y of a Stephen Sondheim in their was "Family" by Pierce Pettis, on returns to weave her tales again.

What a grand thing t'would be if

guitar-playing which made the instruguitar - opened for Williams, perment seem to speak, and her pristine feetly setting the tone for the main vocal peformance of the material. event. Delmhorst's appeal was typi-Balancing some of her more lightfied by her easy repartee and palpable hearted material with the tender and charm, making her lilting vocals all the touching, Williams took the audithe more accessible. The singer's ence on an emotional, spiritual jourvoice was enchanting on her composiney inward, examining life's simpletions, getting maximum mileage out yet-complex experiences from a fresh of her head voice, mix and vocal point of view. Her unpretentious perbreak in the truest of folk fashion. Opening with "Fishing in the formance style was brought to the fore on the few instances she went up on Morning," from a soon-to-be-released

> when I give you that uncomfortable smile, you can give me the next line.' She continued her collaborative approach by asking the audience to sing with her on "Iowa" and "The Christians and the Pagans," giving a congenial coffehouse feel to the

think that this can be collaborative —

1,300-seat theater. featured her trademark lyrical imag-

which Delmhorst joined her on vocals imagery and rhyme schemes, her "The Pointless, Yet Poignant, Cri-

sis of a Co-Ed" was highlighted by Williams' good-natured reference to the Garden State, substituting Montclair, where she appeared last year, for Lexington in the final verse. Perhaps the most beautiful momen

of the evening was in her encore when she sang "The Babysitter's Here' with an almost tear-jerking lyrics: on the audience-suggested "Arrival," she charmingly offered, "I

While "Babysitter" was from her debut album, "The Honesty Room," the other end of the spectrum was represented by newer material such as "I Saw a Bird Fly Away" and "Spring Street." However, the emotional resonance in both composition and performance was equal on the older and

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The Composting lecture is scheduled for April 9. Wait! Don't throw it away. Discover "Gardener's Black Gold" right in your own backvard. Learn how to turn leaves, lawn, garden and kitchen leftovers into rich nourishment for your soil. Composting is not an exact science, so you can receive years of satisfaction from turning trash into treasure. Discounted black mounted compost bins — an Earth machine with a manual — will be made available for \$20 each; they regularly sell for \$40. These bins are recommended for the compost beginner and the compost expert

· The Simplifying Gardening lecture is scheduled for April 23. Do you start out in the spring enthusiastic and find that by the end of the garden season you are frustrated? This lecture is designed to make gardening simpler and more rewarding for people who really do not have a lot of time for home gardening. Making the most out of what you already have and gradually introducing new ideas will allow you to enjoy your gardens longer. Front yard, container and windowsill gardening will be among some of the topics. Bring your questions

# in to spring series

The Shade Gardens "Natures Jewels" lecture is scheduled for May 7. What is a shade garden? Join us and discover the many advantages to gardening in the shade. We will discuss the different varieties of plants and flowers, including hostas, ferns, wild orchids and bleeding hearts among others, which will brighten those neglected spots in your garden. You can be very creative in the shade and still enjoy lots of color.

The Houseplants and Transplanting lecture is schedule for May 16. How do some people have houseplants that thrive and seem to last forever? Join us for this very popular seminar and learn the "tricks of the trade." Topics will include caring for your plants and discovering new and popular ones that just may become your new favorite. Watch your garden grow and you could even have homegrown gifts for your friends and family. Plants love to be happy and healthy, they will thank you.

Soil Test Kits will be made available for \$8 each. They are very valuable in helping you to evaluate and repair your soil. Classes are held at the County Administration Building, located at 300 North Ave. East in Westfield. Parking is available in the back of the building.

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#### Meetings, newsletter aimed to bolster arts community

The Arts Guild of Rahway and Eat to the Beat coffeehouse are sponsoring monthly meetings of artists from Rahway and the surrounding Union 1 has created to inform area artists County area.

Award-winning filmmaker/actress Francesca Rizzo, a recent arrival on ing area the Rahway art scene, is organizing the "Usual Suspects" meetings as well as creating a local newsletter, the Rahway Art Beat, in an effort to create a more cohesive artist community. "I moved back to Jersey from New York because I missed trees and

space," says Rizzo, "but I was totally surprised to find out that Rahway is so rich in art and creativity. The Arts met painters, sculptors, writers, print-Guild seems to have the kind of high- makers, photographers, poets, musiquality art exhibits, concerts and clas- cians and dancers just in the short ses I would expect to find in time I've been here."

During her one-year term as president of the nonprofit organization CineWomen NY, Rizzo quintupled the membership, creating one of the fastest-growing art communities in New York — and plans to do the same -in Union County.

The "Usual Suspects" meetings are being held at the Eat to the Beat coffeehouse on the corner of Irving and Cherry streets in downtown Rahway on the first Friday of each month at 7 p.m. The next meeting is April 5 and is open to artists of every discipline: visual artists, writers, poets, actors, graphic designers, dancers and musicians. The purpose is to discuss issues relevant to artists, local arts activities and opportunities to perform and exhibit. There is no fee to attend and "Eat to the Beat" proprietors have created a special full meal for only \$5 for those who present their "Starving Artist" card on First Fridays. Cards are free to all artists and available at the Arts Guild of Rahway, 1670 Irving St. at the corner of Seminary Avenue as well as at Eat to the Beat,

The Arts Guild of Rahway The Arts Guild of Rahway is a non profit center for the arts and culture located in the heart of the Rahway Arts District, 1670 Irving St. at Seminary Avenue. It is the original Rahway Library, a building rich in history. Founded in 1997, the Guild has developed a beautiful 1,200-squarefoot art gallery housing a series of month-long art exhibits each season. September to mid-June, and is also the site of the Jersey Jazz Series of concerts. Executive Director Lawrence Cappiello curates a wide variety of art exhibits by both established and emerging professional

"The Arts Guild is developing into a regional resource for artists to seek information relative to their careers and providing a broad range of programming for the art-going public. says Cappiello, "We're working to develop programs relevant to the diverse local community. Concerts at the Guild also showcase talent from all over the state and many fine and talented musicians have played here The newest addition to the Guild's programming is a rapidly growing list of art classes available for all levels of

www.rahwayartsquild.org Eat to the Beat Eat to the Beat coffeehouse is a colorful, eclectic cafe catering to the

Rahway community and offering freshly-baked; world-class-pastries, desserts and coffees as well as a wide variety of homemade Italian meat-less specialties. Eat to the Beat displays the work of local artists and presents area musicians and poetry readings in an effort to support the creative

"We wanted a cool place to hang out and talk, so, in a moment of insanity, we opened this place" jokes Ray, who also owns International Pastry a few stores down Cherry Street. "We love art and are looking forward to hosting many more arts-related events

in the coming months." To support the artist community they also offer imprompts "Starving Artist" specials throughout the week.

# The Rahway Art Beat

The Rahway Art Beat is both a printed newsletter and Web site Rizzo about all the arts activities and opportunities in Rahway and the surround-

"There seems to be an awful lot of artists around here who don't even know about each other. There are the longtime residents and, now, the ex-New Yorkers like me who came to Rahway because of the cheap rents, great roomy old houses and friendly neighborhoods," says Rizzo. "The artists here are really varied - I've

Rizzo hopes the Rahway Art Beat

will help bring the Union County arts community of professionals and hobbyists together, to support them in their artistic goals, to educate New Jersey about Rahway's growing art community and to attract audiences and arts patrons to the area.

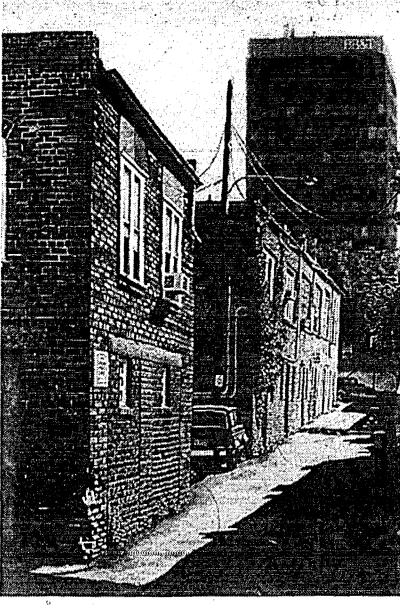
The printed RAB newsletter is free and available to all interested parties at The Arts Guild of Rahway, Eat to the Beat, Beana's on St. Georges Avenue, The Rahway Recreation Center on East Milton Avenue, the Union County Arts Center on Irving Street, the Clark Barnes and Noble and other local stores. To get on the RAB postal and e-mailing list, send an e-mail with your name and address to rahwayartbeat@aol.com or visit www.hometown.aol.com/rahwayartb eat/index.html.

A Union County native, Francesca

Rizzo is president of MovieBaby Productions, a 12-year-old independent film and marketing company based in TriBeCa. Her filmmaking has garnered numerous awards at film festivals in the United States and abroad and she was also the recipient of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts Distinguished Artist Fellowship for her multi-media work. As a professional actor. Rizzo has been seen on the network television series "Law & Order," "Law & Order: Special Victim's Unit" and "F.E.D.S."

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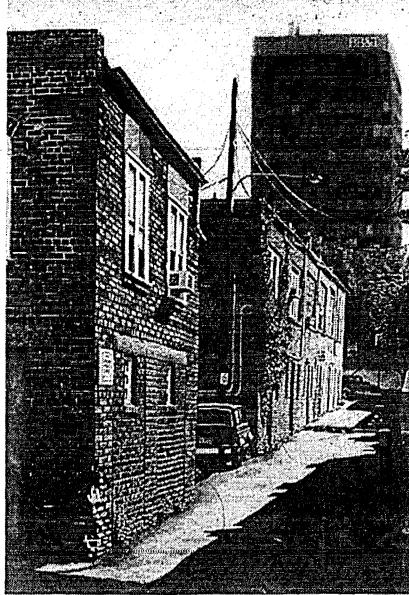
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by Andrew Engel, is among the works currently on exhibit at Swain Galleries in Plainfield. For information, see the 'Art Shows' listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B12.

Easter breads are rich in tradition and add to holiday festivities Special foods are a part of many level. Check them out online for sea- for about 1/2 hour before beginning and place on a plate. Cut remaining holiday celebrations, and at Easter, sonal recipes, cooking tips and more. dough. cultures throughout the world put

for this sacred time. Often these recipes were passed down from one generation to the next; the bread to achieve its stately height. today, cooks can find dozens of It was traditional to lay a single red recipes with a simple Internet search. rose on top of the glazed top of this One such Web site, www.fabulousfoods.com, reminds us

that "bread is an important symbol at can still make an impressive picture Easter, in that it is a metaphor for the resurrection of Christ - flour comes to life and transforms itself to bread. Many of these breads are rich with eggs and butter and studded with fruits and nuts. In today's world of supermarkets and modern conveniences, we often take these ingredients for granted, but at one time they were very expensive and hard to find, and thus reserved only for holidays and special occasions.

Most Easter breads are sweet breads made with milk rather than water. The type of liquid used will affect the final bread loaf. Breads made with water generally have crisper, thicker crusts, such as baguettes or French bread. Those made with milk have softer crusts.

Creating special holiday breads can also be a fun family tradition. Kids enjoy helping by mixing ingredients, kneading bread and shaping loaves. This holiday, try some of these recipes collected by ADADC.

Made famous in an episode of "Seinfeld," Babka is a traditional Polish Easter bread. This version of the classic bread has graced the Easter table of Syracuse's Luana Impellizzeri for at least the past 20 years. Babka

(Polish Easter Bread) 1 package yeast

l teaspoon sugar '/ cup warm water

1/2 cup milk, warmed 11/2 teaspoons vanilla 1/2 cup applesauce

41/2 cups all-purpose flour, divided 's cup sugar 1/4 teaspoon salt

1 tablespoon freshly grated lemon

5 egg yolks 2 whole eggs

1/4 cup unsalted butter, softened 1 cup golden raisins Confectioners Icing:

2 cups confectioners sugar 2 tablespoons rum

2 tablespoon lemon juice tablespoon water

Sprinkle the yeast and 1 teaspoon suger over warm water in a large mixabout 10 min. Add the warm milk vanilla, applesauce, 3 cups flour, sugar, salt and lemon rind to yeas mixture. Mix well. In a separate bowl, beat together

the egg yolks and whole eggs. Add to flour mixture. Beat until smooth. Gra Knead in about 1 additional cup of

flour. Dough will be very soft. Knead dough until smooth and elastic. Place dough in a buttered bowl. Let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 to Butter a 10-cup Turk's head or

kugelhuph mold — a bundt pan or plain tube pan can also be used. Dust pan with flour. Punch down dough; Press dough evenly into the bottom of the prepared pan. Cover and let rise

again until the dough nearly reaches the top of the pan. Bake at 350 degree F for about 50 minutes or until browned. Turn out onto a wire rack to cool.

To make icing, mix all ingredients together in a small bowl. Spoon confectioners icing over warm cake to glaze evenly. Let cool until icing has

This recipe comes courtesy of Judy Perin, of www.italiansruns.com. Visit them for more great recipes and

Italian Easter Bread

ソ cup milk 1/2 cup butter 2 cups flour, divided

1 package dry yeast 3 eggs at room temperatur

1 cup sifted powdered sugar I teaspoon softened butter 1 to 2 tablespoons milk In a small saucepan warm milk and

butter to lukewarm. In a large bowl, mix % cup flour, sugar and yeast. Add warm milk mixture, stirring well. Add eggs, blend well, and add remaining flour. Cover and let rise 1 hour. Stir down dough. Put into greased tube or minutes. Bake at 350 degree F for about 40 minutes. Prepare glaze by blending ingredients into a small bowl until smooth. Once bread is baked,

This traditional Russian Easter their own touches on creating breads bread, is baked, believe it or not, in an and salt in a large bowl of an electric empty 2-pound coffee can. This mixer. Heat milk and butter until butunusual baking "pan" is what allows ter is melted and mixture is very warm, about 115 degree on a candy thermometer. Pour milk mixture into dry ingredients with mixer slowly impressive bread, and providing your running, and then beat until smooth. rose has been grown pesticide free, it Beat in egg, egg yolks and lemon zest. Gradually add remaining flour,

beating well after each addition. Beat Kulich in almonds and sherry-soaked raisins and currants. Knead until smooth and (Russian Easter Bread) % cup raisins satiny. Place in a lightly greased bowl. cover with a clean kitchen towel and % cup currants scant 1/4 cup sherry (preferably : let rise in a warm, draft-free place sweet or cream sherry) 11/2 tablespoons yeast Turn dough onto lightly foured surface and knead a few times. Shape 21/2 cups flour, divided % cup sugar dough into a ball and place in greased 2-pound coffee can. Loosely cover. i teaspoon salt top of can with plastic wrap or foil and

in size, or until dough almost reaches 2 egg yolks the top of the can. Remove plastic wrap from pan and 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest 4 cup slivered almonds place, upright, in preheated 350 degree F oven. Bake for about 50 minutes or until a skewer inserted into ''s cup confectioners sugar 11/2 teaspoons milk

Thoroughly clean a 2-pound coffee and the loaf sounds hollow when can. Be sure to remove label from can, thumped. Let cool in can on a wire as it may burn in oven — do not use a rack; remove from can after about 10 painted can, the high temperature may minutes and let cool completely. cause paint to melt. Coat inside of can To mix glaze, blend confectioners well with butter. Fold a doubled sheet sugar and milk until smooth. Spreak of aluminum foil around the top of the glaze over top, letting it drizzle down can to extend it about 2 inches.:

Soak raisins and currants in sherry

cup milk

To serve, cut off the frosted crown

Babka is a traditional Polish Easter bread.

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This traditional Greek Easter bread is characterized by hard boiled, scarlet-dyed eggs baked right into the braided bread dough. Scarlet is the traditional color, as it represents the blood of Christ. You could modernize this dish and use pastel eggs instead and using light colors will make it easier to achieve a good-looking final product, as the colors from intensely colored eggs tend to run when baked. If, however, you are set on making traditional, blood red eggs, seek out specialty dyes, available in Greek until doubled in size, about 11/2 hours. markets, made for that specific purpose. This should minimize the prob-

lem with the color running. The recipe calls for a mixer with a dough hook; however, if you do not have this attachment, just be sure to let rise in a warm place until doubled add the flour in small increments, and beat well. It may take additional time to prepare, but the results will be the

> (Greek Easter Bread) Yield: 2 braided loaves or 1 braided ring or 8 small loaves 1 cup milk

Tsoureki

41/2 to 51/2 cup flour, divided % cup sugar 11/2 tablespoons yeast

2 teaspoon orange zest I teaspoon salt 2 cup butter, softened

and arrange on plate around the cut

place, until doubled in size, about 11/2 Pre-heat oven to 400 degree F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. You now have several choices

with what to do with your dough: Braided Ring: Divide the dough into thirds, roll each third into a long rope, then braid those ropes; then twist this braid into a ring. Tuck the dyed, hard-boiled eggs, wide or heavy side down, between the strands of the braid at even intervals around the Straight Braid Loaves: First

divide the dough in half, then divide each half into thirds. Roll each of these thirds into a long rope and make a straight braid, tucking the ends under, and placing 4 eggs, evenly spaced between the strands of the

braid. Make a second braided loaf with remaining dough. Small Loaves: Divide the dough into eighths, then roll each loaf into a founded oval loaf. Press a dyed, hardboiled egg, wide or heavy side down. into the center of each "roll." You can bake it as is, or make a "Cross" out of

> ing into Easter Baskets. Whichever option you choose, you should now cover the prepared bread with plastic wrap or a clean kitchen towel and let rise in a warm, draft-free place once again, until doubled in size, about 1½ hours.

dough to encase the egg. Smaller

breads are especially handy for tuck-

Mix egg yolk with I tablespoon water. Brush loaves with egg mixture and bake for 15 minutes. Lower heat to 350 degree F and bake for about 20 and hollow sounding when thumped. Remove from oven and let cool for 5

2 tablespoons orange juice rack to cool completely.

1 egg yolk 1 tablespoon water 8 dyed hard-boiled eggs (see notes

Cream Cheese Frosting Heat milk to very warm (about 115 Yield: 18 buns degree F on a candy thermometer). 41/2 to 5 cups all-purpose flour 2 packages active dry yeast and pour into the bowl of an electric mixer. Whisk in 11/2 cups flour, sugar ½ cup granulated sugar and yeast until well combined. Detach I teaspoon each: salt and ground from mixer, cover with plastic wrap and let stand in a warm, draft-free 1/2 teaspoon each: ground carda-

mom, cloves and numeg 11/2 cup milk ½ cup (1 stick) butter 2 eggs, beaten

% cup currants OR raisins 1/3 cup candied orange peel 1 egg yolk mixed with 2 tables poons water

1 package (3 ounces) cream cheese.

1 cup confectioners sugar l teaspoon milk

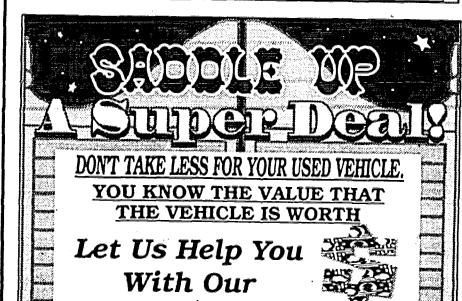
Combine 2 cups flour, the yeast,

granulated sugar, salt and spices in large mixer bowl. Heat milk and butter to very warm - 120 degree F to 130 degree F. Add to flour mixture. Beat on medium speed of electric mixer 1 minute. Add eggs. Beat 1 minute. Stir in currants, orange peel and enough remaining flour to make dough easy to handle. Turn out onto lightly, floured work surface and knead until smooth and elastic, about 5 minutes, adding additional flour as needed. Place in buttered bowl, turning to butter top. Cover; let rise in warm place until doubled in bulk about I hour. Punch down dough; turn onto lightly floured surface. Divide dough in half; divide each half into 9 pieces. Form each piece into smooth

Place balls of dough in two buttered 8-inch square baking pans. Cover; let rise in warm place until doubled in bulk, about 45 minutes to 1 hour. Brush lightly with egg yolk mixture. Bake rolls in preheated 375 degree F oven, 20 to 25 minutes or until golden minutes more or until golden brown brown. Remove from pans and cool

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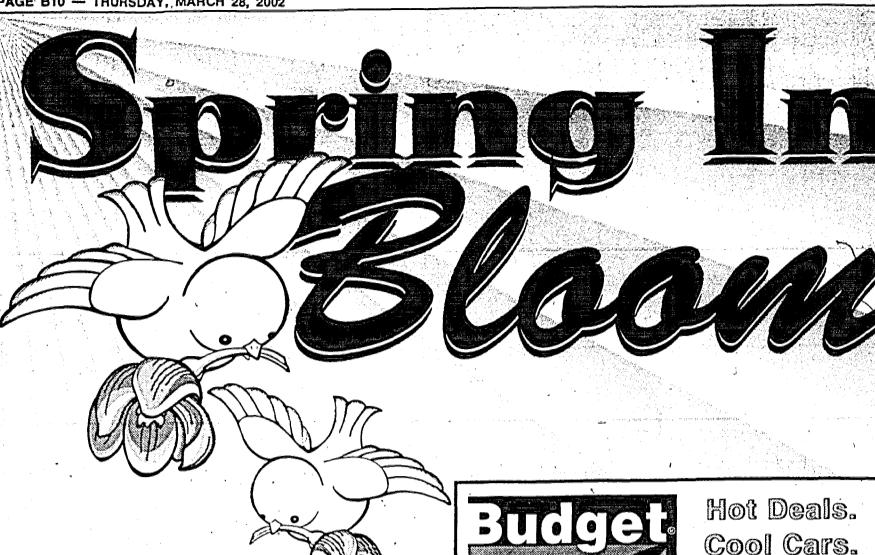
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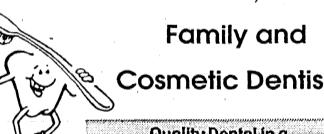
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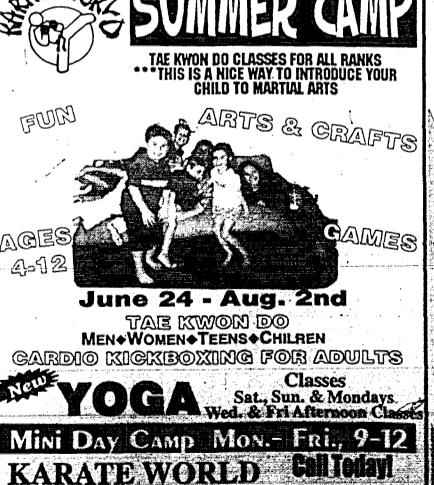
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# Advances improve women's odds against cancer

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While survival depends on the type

older than 60, for whom there has

and stage of the cancer, today's statistics paint a hopeful picture. The five-Most at risk are women who are

> been prolonged exposure to estrogen and other hormones, as well as those who have had cancer previously. Other factors include a family history, especially mothers and sisters; early age at first menstruation; late age a first pregnancy and/or menopause, and never having had children at all. Some studies suggest that excessive intake of alcohol and fat, the latter an estrogen producer, also may increase the risk for breast cancer. Still, John Cunningham M.D., attending breast

> > tors at all."

The best method of prevention is regular breast self-examination and clinical breast examination by a physician, as well as mammography. Beginning at age 20, women should conduct a BSE every month, a couple shower. Women should look for any changes in their breast, such as dimpling, swelling, thickening, scaliness, skin irritation or discharge from the

nipple. Most lumps are found by women themselves, and while the vast majority are often benign, they should be checked by a doctor. Women should also contact their physician if they experience breast pain or tenderness of the nipple.

Between ages 20 and 40, the ACS recommends having a CBE every three years, provided there are no risk factors present. At 40 and older, CBEs should be performed annually, as should mammography. A mammogram of the breast requires a small amount of radiation exposure, is very safe and the most effective tool for finding breast abnormalities in their earliest stages and before they can be

Biopsy techniques for diagnosing and staging cancer have advanced dramatically and have become less invasive. Stereotactic breast biopsy, a quick and extremely accurate outpatient procedure, uses a needle to obtain breast tissue samples, with minimal discomfort to the patient. Mammotome, one kind of stereotactic technique, allows physicians to perform a core biopsy on lesions that are

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tomy - surgical removal of the breast. Gaining widespread use is sen- nitely decreased over the past 20 breast cancer is 72 percent; for local-ized tumors, it is as high as 93 percent. injecting a dye or isotope under the "This is due in large part to greater arm to locate the node or nodes that public awareness, more women havprimarily drain the brest cancer. By ing regular mammograms and our assessing this representative node(s), doctors can determine whether or not they can be treated and cured." the cancer has spread. "The advantage to this biopsy is laparoscopic procedures, Dr. Cun-

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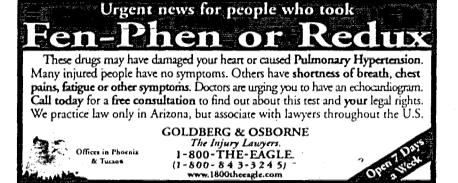


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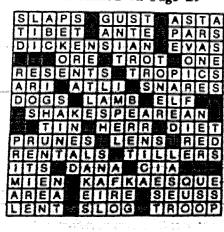
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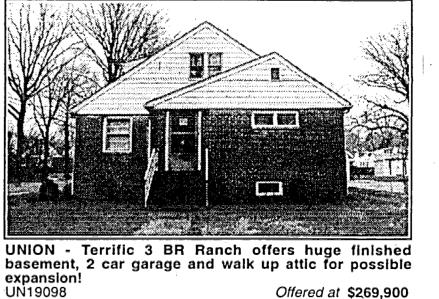
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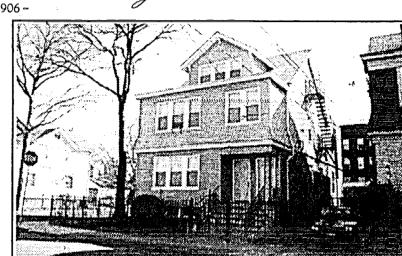
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# Ford's new Expedition is an unintentional overachiever

Copley News Service Ford's redesigned Expedition, like the automaker's new Explorer, is bet-

ter than it needs to be.

But, does anybody know that? Does the car-buying public? Do the dealers? Does Ford even get it? When the 2003 Expedition debuts in mid-2002, it will offer features not available elsewhere — regardless of

That's the result of a significant miscalculation by Ford. The Expedition's design team completely overestimated what it would take to stay competitive in the world of full-size sport utility vehicles.

"We had to sign off on the project internally before the new Toyota Sequoia and Chevy Tahoe came out," explains John Krafcik, the chief program engineer. "They were the main competitors we had identified.

"We thought Toyota would benchmark the Land Cruiser. We thought Tahoe would be longer and add a standard third-row seat. But, Toyota surprised us by shooting lower, and the Tahoe was curiously shorter overall than the model it replaced.

"We found ourselves pretty far out ahead of the competition, having set some overly robust packaging

open-air driving experience.

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until the current product cycle is undated for vehicles like Sequoia and

What will Ford do to exploit this

Not much, if the precedent set by the new Explorer is any example. Despite a revolutionary new chassis and industry-leading independent rear suspension, Ford did little to ballyhoo the new Explorer's launch - espe-

cially when some beating of the drum would have helped drown out negative publicity about the previous Explorer's troubles. OK, so it didn't help that the new Explorer was almost immediately recalled to fix an embarrassing rear hatch failure.

But the major thrust of Ford's launch of the new Expedition seems likely to be directed at the group approach of publicizing all of the diverse trucks and SUVs that make up new Blackwood, oddly, eschewed the the "Ford Outfitters" collection. These are vehicles as dissimilar as the car-based Escape SUV and the almost

industrial strength F-series pickups. At the very foundation of Expedition's uniqueness is its new hydroformed chassis that accommodates a state-of-the-art double-wishbone, independent rear'suspension, or IRS.

It's an understandably larger, but

The result is a vehicle that will set more robust version of the technology created a sophisticated full, fourclass leadership standards, at least that debuted on the new Explorer. corner air suspension system. Mean-While the Explorer's advantage in while, the competition is already in this area has been somewhat obscured by carry-over issues surrounding the ladder-frame, solid-axle systems that nameplate, the message is now getting out, it appears.

Sales have picked up in recent . months, and recently announced government crash test ratings that gave Explorer "Best in Class" honors were an impressive boost, too. The decision to adopt an IRS and

the patented porthole-in-frame system that facilitates it was the result of a packaging decision that mandated a standard third-row seat in the For Expedition, the new frame and

four-wheel independent suspension were givens, going in, that allowed that form to dictate all the functions that followed. Lincoln's next Navigator incorporates the same system; the The grand scale of Expedition's

palette allowed the IRS system's over the old five-link system. Control designer, Manfred Rumpel, a former is also improved by new rack-and-Porsche Can Am race car specialist, to maximize the system and its components to an extent not possible on the smaller Explorer. In fact, as an option for Expedi-

tion's '04 model year, Rumpel has

the market with comparatively crude will keep them at a competitive disadvantage for at least the next several

Ford engineers took particular delight in showing the media a video of the Sequoia, Tahoe and Expedition each negotiating a washboard pavement section - similar to a winterabused Michigan road — at 31 mph. The Sequoia's rear end dances around a bit, while the Tahoe is all but uncontrollable. The Expedition, of course, was unflappable. Why was 31 mph chosen as the test speed? "Nobody was willing to drive the Tahoe faster than that," engineer CJ Lammers said

The hydroform frame design is 70 percent stiffer torsionally than the one it replaces. The IRS features lightweight components that achieve a 110-pound unsprung weight reduction pinion steering, which mothballs the recirculating ball type.

Other standard features include four-wheel disc ABS with hydraulic Brake Assist and the AdvanceTrac electronic traction control.

side torque distribution quicker than electronically raised, and lowered mechanical systems. The 4WD flat into the load floor. There's no Expedition also offers a 2WD Hi set. need to remove the seats to increase ting that electronically disengages the cargo room. Also, the second row front-wheel-drive components at the wheel hubs: that eliminates "driveback" through the half shafts, front drive shafts and differential, and

reduces component wear, steering drag, noise and fuel economy losses. Those are things that buyers of the new Expedition can't see - although they will certainly be able to feel and experience them. From a visual standpoint, the new Expedition is not appreciably changed from the original. A smoother, lower front clip treatment eliminates the steel bumper, and improves the co-efficient of drag from 44 to .41, for reduced wind noise and improved fuel economy.

That is possible, even without changing the current engine offerings — the 4.6-liter and 5.4-liter V-8s or automatic transmission choices. The interior packaging is where people will sit up - literally - and take

seat, with ample leg room. That is possible because the IRS, like on the Explorer, allowed significant lowering of the load floor.

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Of course, there are many other new touches, but until we are permitted an actual test drive this spring, we think this sampling of the highlights make the point:

The new Expedition is an overachiever worth noting. Worth how much more in the way of bank notes is another question for pricing is still to be announced.

Jerry Garrett is a San Diegobased motor journalist and contributing editor for Car and Driver

# To see through paint, you don't need X-ray vision

Copley News Service 'I'll always remember — at least at this point I think I will — the day I first

saw the house in which I now live. I had been house hunting for months because I wanted a house that I could call "home." There was one big problem though: the houses I saw that I could envision as

being "home" were way out of my price range and the houses that I could afford looked like junk ... no way could I see any of these as "home." Then I received some advice that made my "home"-hunting problem all but disappear. And as I'm writing this article, I realize that I had been given this same advice many times in my life ... only in different forms, and only now am I realizing it all meant the same thing.

I had been told not to "judge a book by its cover." Good advice if you are a bookworm, I thought, but I'm a movie guy myselfi How about the old standby, "Beauty is only skin deep?" When I was young,

my response to this one was, "Yeah? What's your point?" Here was their "point." Now is the time of year that all of the new car dealers put on the "internation-

al auto shows" throughout the United States. If you are thinking of getting a new car now or in the near future, I recommend you visit an auto show in your part of the country because you'll get to see all the choices under one roof. But while there, remember, "you can't judge a book by its cover," "beauty is only skin deep" and — you must learn to see through paint!

It's OK to fall in love with a particular car simply because it has the most beautiful lines and paint job you've ever seen, but if you're thinking of buying one I urge you to be practical ... the "machine" under the paint must meet your needs, otherwise the love affair won't last.

What are your needs? I think most "needs" fit into one of three categories: 1)

Can you afford the vehicle? 2) Is it the right size? 3) Does it have the amenities and features you need? Let's take them one at a time. Yes, I know there are other "needs" too; I'll touch on those later,

Can you afford the vehicle? If you just won the lottery you can skip this paragraph — or have your butler read it to you while you're having tea later. When considering a vehicle, don't just think about the purchase price or the

"monthly payments," think about operating and maintaining the thing. Huge vehicles — sport utility vehicles — get less gas mileage than smaller cars, so gasoline expense can be significant if you do a lot of driving. . Have you ever paid a cool grand for a set of good tires? Well, not in your little Sentra or Escort, but when it comes to the "biggest SUV on the road" category, after the taxes, mounting, and balancing, your \$1,000 gold certificate will be all

but mined out retreading the beast. Some of the high-end and name-brand cars come with high-end-relative operating and maintenance costs. Insurance costs may also be a concern. There is an old saying among auto mechanics: some people can afford to care for the car they own and some can't. Make sure you can afford to maintain and operate

Is this car the right size? Whew! I could write about this subject forever. Let me just say that in most people's cases, trade-offs will have to be made.

The questions you should ask yourself are: • Do I take long drives or short? Bigger vehicles are more comfortable on long trips, but if you only make one "long trip" every three years, it might be

better to own a smaller car and rent a big one for that occasional trip.

• Does this car fit my physical body? Forget your existential body for now. • Does it fit the size of my family? • Does it fit the size of my parking space — at home, work, shopping center,

• How big of a vehicle do I need to feel safe? You may have other questions; explore them.

Does this car have the features and amenities I need? Don't buy things you'll seldom — if ever — use; they cost more money and they keep costing more

Take "four-wheel-drive," for instance. Most four-wheel drive owners almost never use the four-wheel drive feature, but while driving around in the twowheel drive mode, they are getting less mileage than a similar vehicle not equipped with four-wheel drive. In addition, the cost of most of the repairs in a four-wheel drive vehicle are more expensive than their two-wheel drive cousins

regardless of whether you use the four-wheel drive or not. The same logic holds true for fancy navigational systems, sunroofs, headrest televisions and "towing packages," to name a few. If you don't use it then it's

simply more to fix when it breaks. I realize there are other "needs" as well: the "need" to impress your date, neighbors or clients; the "need" for something you've "always wanted" regardless of it being practicable for you, and the "need" to be surrounded by beauty and elegance. Only you can decide how important these kinds of "needs" are for

By the way, "seeing through paint" goes both ways. The very best choice for you could be camouflaged by a not-so-attractive paint job. The house that I now call home had a lousy paint job when I bought it years ago. I saw through the

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tailbone-friendly — would have most

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# The new Avalanche combines the best of GM's truck line

The all-new Avalanche take the best attributes of GM's award-winning fullsize truck family and adds a new look and a technical breakthrough with its Convert-A-Cab system featuring the exclusive Midgate. Avalanche defies convention with its bold, striking looks and innovative, elever configuration

The vehicle's unique blend of features and functions has inspired a new truck category, which Chevy Truck has termed the Ultimate Utility Vehicle segment. Yet at the same time, Avalanche upholds the heritage that has made Chevy Trucks the most dependable, longest, lasting truck on the market. Combining the power of the 285-hp Vortec 5300 V8 engine and a three-section frame with hydroformed front and rear rails, Avalanche offers upcompromising brawn and stamina. It also seat's up to six adults comfortably.

"There are two things that make the Avalanche stand out from the competition: the freedom and flexibility provided for passengers and cargo, and the speed at which buyers can reconfigure the vehilce to meet their needs," said Ed Schoener, Avalanche brand manager. "In addition, Avalanche takes some of the finest attributes of the Chevy Suburban, including its power and suspension componentry, and adds the spirit of innovation and an expressive new design." In a cue borrowed from the 1968 Chevrolet Corvette, Avalanche's rear window is removable and can easily be stowed on board, creating a convertible-like

In addition, Chevy Truck will bring two new Avalanche models to market, plywood. the Avalanche 2500 Series and the Avalanche North Face Edition. Both ver-

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sions of the Avalanche will broaden the scope of the vehicle to meet more spe-

cialized consumer needs The most notable difference in the Avalanche 2500 Series will be the power under the hood. While the 1500 version of the Avalanche supplies ample 285 horsepower in a 5.3-liter V8, the 2500 Series will use the new Vortec 8100. This new Vortec engine, which has received high praise for its use in the all-new Silverado HD pickup, will be mated with a 4L85 automatic transmission with

overdrive and tow haul mode. It will achieve 340 horsepower. The North Face Edition Avalanche will have unique features intended to please outdoor enthusiasts. The exclusive interior will have green and black seats, door trim panels, floor mats with The North Face logo, and a white instrument cluster. Sage Green, an exterior color, will be unique to the North Face Edition, with Sunset Orange, Onyx, Black, Pewter and Summit White available as well. Also included are two Summit Pod backpacks, as well as Water Duffalo storage bags, which will initially be exclusive to Avalanche.

Avalance's unique attributes include: • Midgate - Avalanche's revolutionary Convert-a-Cab System and industry-exclusive Midgate offers great flexibility and function. When the rear passenger seat is folded, the Midgate can be lowered to allow longer and larger cargo. When folding down, the Midgate allows the 5-foot 3-inch standard bed length to convert to a full 8 feet 1 inch, long enough to carry 4-by-8 sheets of

Three-piece rigid cargo cover - Interlocking panels can be used to cover and

Removable rear window - The rear window can be removed and stored in the Midgate, providing the capability to carry larger items such as a personal

Lockable Top-Box Storage - Two Top-Box Storage compartments on either side of the cargo box provide a combined 3.5 cubic feet of lockable lstorage space. The compartments also have drains, so they can be filled with ice and used as coolers.

made of GM's new PRO-TEC composite materials. The composite material is exceptionally durabler, and resists dings, scratches and dents.

Like many new full-size Chevy trucks. Avalanche features: Vortex V8 power, in this case with the potent and durable Vortec 5300 V8

ponents for precise dimensional control as well as excellent strength and

of more than 500 miles The three-all-new Avalanche models will offer unparalleled truck innovation and add to an impressive lineup of Chevy Trucks. Avalanche takes the best of the pickups and the best of the SUVs to offer an innovative, clever, adaptable

watercraft when the tailgate is closed.

PRO-TEC composite - Portions of the Avalanche Midgate and tailgage are

A modular, three-piece frame incorporating a number of hydroformed com-

• Fuel efficiency and a generously sized fuel tank will offer a cruising range

truck that will take the market by storm in 2002.

### Yamaha's Warrior shakes up the power-cruiser class other top-end component in the base has given the Warrior arguably the mu's dorsal fin during the matinee at

By Jerry Garrett Copley News Service The Yamaha Road Star Warrior is the first motorcycle to come equipped with a club-type anti-theft device.

Just remove the tailpipe and club the perpetrators over the head with it. The weapons-grade, 11.5-litercapacity exhaust can is the Warrior's most distinctive feature, and its most controversial - followed closely by the commensurately tumescent

But has Yamaha designed caricature-sized, glittering, boulevardier adornments for no reason? No. this is a textbook case of form following function. To wit: Big twins need to take deep breaths to make big

chrome air box.

In going for the knockout punch in the power-cruiser class, Yamaha decided to stay true to the American ideal for a two-wheeled hot rod. So, it started with a narrow-angle, push-rod, air-cooled V-Twin — its own 1.602-cubic-centimeter power plant from the Road Star line. A 2 mm overbore punched out dis-

bers 40 percent to 80 rear-wheel appear in the cruiser class. horsepower and nearly 104 footpounds of torque.

While Honda's hulking, 1,800-cc both the VTX and Harley-Davidson's new 108-horsepower V-Rod at "only" 74 foot-pounds.

For most riders, the fury of the stock Warrior's acceleration is enough to roll one's eyes back in ways is an amalgam of Road Starone's noggin. For the absolute power rush, however, a new line of in-house R1 super-sport sex appeal. The swing Yamaha Speedstar performance parts can boost horsepower into the tripledigit range and wind in an additional 12 foot-pounds of torque.

If that sounds almost like a bronc unique discs. Customizers already i rior is massive enough to make you placement to 1,670 cc. Almost every that can't be ridden, relax. Yamaha offer conversions to the actual, much

engine has been changed, or optimbest chassis — a super-lightweight ized, to boost the stock power num- aluminum one, at that - ever to

doctors' underground parking?

In fact, the double-cradle frame gives 41 percent more rigidity than the standard Road Star appliance -VTX boasts 89 horsepower, the not to mention the essential weight 600-pound Warrior thumps the savings. The frame offers almost 700-plus-pound Honda on power-to-sport-bike-quality precision and staweight ratio. As for torque, the War- bility, not the trademark wallowing rior also has a clear advantage over and dragging we love to hate in the cruiser class.

> Super-sport-bike touches show up degrees — to almost sport-bike caliboften in the Warrior, as suggested by er. Despite 29 degrees of rake and 5.1 the exhaust can's upward angle of attack. The Warrior in more tangible style cruiser conventionality and YZF arm is an aluminum-truss type

derived from the R1. The 41 mm inverted cartridge fork is also R1-inspired, retaining the pre-Fashion Police Alert: More tradi- load adjustment but not damping contional stacked shotgun exhausts trol. The 298 mm front calipers and replace Big Bertha in the "Competi- 282 mm rear pad give the Warrior \ tion Kit" upgrade, at about \$4,000. R1-quality stopping power, with

Three-spoke, R1-look aluminum SeaWorld. wheels - 18-inch front, 17-inch rear In our test ride, we found it difficult - and a fat. 200-section radial tire on to locate many areas where the Warthe rear provide real grip, as well as rior's vast capabilities could be law-

fully explored. Straight-line power was blinding, as previously mentioned. Cornering was surprisingly The hybrid sport-bike/cruiser look is completed by accessories such as confident and secure. chin spoilers and mini-fairings. Braking, however, was a bit dis-The stock routing of the exhaust concerting as our test bike displayed a pegs the "bang for bucks" meter. At system was also designed to help tendency to step out a bit when the \$11,999 manufacturer's suggested

a cool design, but not particularly grand cheaper. inches of trail, with a 65.7 wheelbase, easy to see. We wished for a fuel the Warrior still turns in well enough meter, rather than, or in addition to, a Jerry Garrett is a free-lance low-fuel warning light. Fuel mileage motor journalist based in San Diego wasn't all that much better or worse and a contributing editor for Car

for some spirited riding in the curves. Take it in deep, wind in some than other power cruisers, but the and Driver magazine. horsepower and duct-tape yourself to the handgrips for the exit.

significant unsprung weight

optimize the bike's lean angle - 40

fantasize about hanging on to Sha-

2002 Yamaha Road Star Warrior Engine: 1,670-cc, long-stroke, 48-degree V-Twin, OHV, air-cooled

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