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# Local Realtors hope for Springfield school budget to pa

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

Local Realtors say that one of the biggest concerns of young couples looking to purchase a home in Springfield is the quality of education the school system

"Towns such as Summit, Livingston, Short Hills, New Providence and Berkeley Heights, they all have very good school systems and it makes their prices go up quite a bit," said Ronald Sharpe, president of Century 21's Springfield office. "One of the biggest things that contributes to the price in a town is the school system."

Last week, 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 at the April 16 Board of Education election.

"We're hoping that it's going to pass," said Robbi Usdin, sales associate for Prudential New Jersey Realty based in Millburn. "By putting money into education it increases property value in Springfield."

If voters approve 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.

"I think it's good for the school budget to go up a little bit higher, to spend a little bit more money on the school budget, to get the school system up to rate with other areas around Springfield. I think it will be better for the prices in town," said Sharpe:

When a young couple comes to look at a house in Springfield, they look at the school system and ask for a report. "It's very important that we have halfday pre-K and full-day kindergarten, which Springfield offers and some of the surrounding towns do not," said Usdin.

New people moving into a town want to know that new and good things are happening in the school system.

"We provide them with a school report on the full academics of the school, what courses they have, what year the different programs start, such as languages, certain science programs, certain math programs," said Sharpe. Last April, the 2001-02 school budget of \$23.3 million with a local tax levy of \$20.8 million was defeated by 19 votes. A total of 1,050 voted yes to support

the budget while 1,069 voted no. As a result of the defeat, the Township Committee determined that \$31.471 should be cut out of the budget.

"I didn't see much of it, but I did see some frowning upon the faces of some new people moving in when they heard that the budget didn't pass," said Usdin. "People definitely want to hear that it passed and that people are putting money back into education,"

Last year, when the budget didn't pass, Sharpe noticed that there was a lot of talk. "People were upset about that," he said.

This year the market seems to be better, explained Usdin, and she sees higher prices on the homes in Springfield.

## Mullman is sole candidate

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

The deadline for candidates to file for the one vacant seat on the Springfield Township Committee is Monday. Incumbent Sy Mullman plans on running once again.

"People from the outside feel that Springfield is a great place to live," said Springfield Democratic Chairperson Marcia Forman. "Houses do not stay on the market very long when they're put up for sale. People are looking for a reasonable, attractive place to live with a good school system and Sy is a part of that."

Mullman has served on the committee for nine years and has lived in Springfield for 26 years. He has served as mayor twice and deputy mayor once.

"We're going to continue running the town in an efficient manner as I believe we have done," Mullman said. "We're expanding our programs and we haven't had a tax increase in three of the last four years on the municipal. level. So I think our fiscal management is quite good."

Mullman was the committee member who found the Schaible Oil Co. property, at the corner of Mountain and Tooker, where the new firehouse is being erected.

"He really cares about Springfield," said Forman. "From his early years he was involved in town activities, helping the children in the various athletic activites. He has extended that to include all ages in all areas."

Mullman is also very committed to the Take Pride in Springfield Program and the Chamber of Commerce.

Forman said due to the efforts of Take Pride in Springfield, the town, as a whole, has been looking better over

the last few years. "He cares for Springfield and he is a tireless worker to help improve the town," said Forman.

Springfield Republican Chairperson Bill Ruocco was not available for comment by press time.





Photos By Barbara Kokkalis

AN 'EGGXELLENT' EVENT- Springfield resident Caitlynn McTernan, 14 months, looks long and hard and discovers some hidden eggs during the Easter Egg Hunt at Chisholm Community Center Park in Springfield on Saturday. At left, Isabella Wride, 3, of Springfield gives a warm hug to her new friend, the Easter Bunny.

# Borough gives Atlantic A+ for call coverage

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

Four months after Mountainside entered into an agreement with Atlantic Ambulance Corporation, a division of Atlantic Health Systems, to provide emergency medical coverage to residents on weekdays between 4 a.m. and 4 p.m., borough officials report that they couldn't be happier.

Atlantic is a not-for-profit organization that, in addition to providing the borough with coverage, also provides it with monthly reports, outlining the organization's response time and the medical procedures they used. So far, Atlantic has answered 56 calls in Mountainside, with an average response time of 4.1 minutes.

Atlantic handles the borough's emergency medical services during the weekday 12-hour shifts from 4 a.m. to 4 p.m., when most volunteers are not available. Altantic houses personnel and emergency medical vehicles in Mountainside.

Richard Donnovan, director of transportation services for Atlantic, said one of the requirements that a borough or township must meet, when contracting Atlantic, is that a place be provided to house an ambulance and personnel.

Atlantic's ambulance is housed at 1271 Route 22, the old Mountainside Firehouse, which is now the property of Overlook Hospital.

A section of Overlook's paramedic

unit has been housed there for the past 20 years, which covers sections of Springfield, Mountainside, Union and Westfield.

"That was the paramedics," said Donnovan. "They don't transport. What we've added now is an ambulance, which is a fully equipped New Jersey state-licensed, full-size ambulance."

Atlantic has two crew members at

the site to provide coverage. "If it's a more advanced call then you end up with paramedics, you have four people. If someone is seriously injured or ill and it's life-threatening, then instead of just doing the transportation, you have the paramedics with the experience and skills and tools.

It's always a team approach, whether it's the volunteers or the paid guys," said Donnovan.

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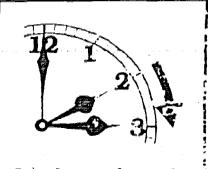
ment Mountainside's volunteers.

They were not contracted to replace them. "You got volunteers that are from the community, they live in the com-

munity, they know the community, and they provide a service," said Donnovan.

The volunteers still cover 108 hours a week. Atlantic only covers 60

"As long as there's still a volunteer organization and the town nurtures it. I would find it very hard to say that we . See SQUAD, Page 2.



Spring ahead

Readers are reminded to push their clocks for ,, and che hour before retiring to bed Saturday in anticipation of Daylight Saving Time, which begins Sunday at 2 a.m.

# Recovering addicts share stories of loss & long road to redemption

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

On the morning of April 13, 1992, Alec Martineau's 6-year-old son sat at the kitchen table and ate his usual scrambled egg breakfast. He put on his little green Ninja Turtle backpack and headed off to school.

He never came home.

A drunk driver rode into the school zone doing 40 miles per hour and made a turn.



Listening to Josh's tragic experiences with drugs proves to be a troubling but enlightening exercise for fellow recovering addicts Julia and Jackie.

There was a crash.

Martineau is the facility director for Daytop, an adolescent substance abuse program based out of Mendham. He, along with Steve Adubato, an anchor on PBS, were the hosts of a drug and alchohol awareness forum which took place at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield March 27. The forum, sponsored by Schering-Plough Corp., featured young recovering addicts who shared their experiences with Dayton students.

"My message is to reach one person," said Julia, 19, a recovering addict who, with the help of Daytop, has been clean and sober for five and a half months. "If one person gets my message today and manages to stay sober the rest of their life, that's all that matters to me."-

Julia, along with three other teenagers, warned the Dayton students of how easy it is to start off with the mindframe of only using socially acceptable drugs and then suddenly becoming swept up in harder drugs.

She started using drugs when she was 12. It escalated from there. By Julia's junior year in high school, she was shooting betoin.

Daytop is a drug-free community. "It's a place where people live," said

Several recovering addicts who got help through Daytop, an adolescent substance abuse program, came to share their experiences with students at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield March 27 for a video-taped series titled 'Fighting a Fatal Addiction.' From left, are Julia, Francesca, Jackie, and Josh.

Martineau. "It's a place where people get sent to; a place where people get sanctioned to by judges, by courts, by family members. It's a place where you don't get to go home every night. It's not a fun place to be."

Daytop is a last resort. "When I was 9, I started smoking cigerettes and drinking alchohol," said Josh, 17, who has now been sober for five and a half months. He soon moved onto marijuana, which eventually led to cocaine when Josh was a freshman in high school.

By his sophomore year, Josh had dropped out of school.

Segments of the Daytop drug awareness forums have been taped at Union County high schools for a three-part public television series titled, "Fighting a Fatal Addiction." A videotape of the series, accompanied by a teacher's guide to substance See ADDICTS, Page 2 Squad

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. The Foodhill Club-meets for a noon luncheon at B.G. Fields, Springfield Avenue in Westfield. This is the club's annual fund-raiser and feamires the "swap shop."

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 Guest speaker Diane Beeny comes to Traffside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, from 9:30 to 10 p.m., for a talk on proteoring and preserving the nation's edible resources. The fee is \$4 per person, and for adults only. For information, call

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. The Mountainside Borough Council meets for a work session at the

Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East at 8 p.m. · Cosmopolitan, an all-women harbershop harmony quartet, will give a special performance at the Mountainside Public Library, Constitution

The event is free and open to the public. For information, call

#### Upcoming.

April 11 • The Mountainside Planning Board will meet in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1335 Route 22 West at 8 p.m.

• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. continues its spring International Film Festival with "Farinelli" at noon and 7 p.m. The film describes the life of one of the most celebrated opera singers

of his day in 19th-century Europe. For more information, call 973-376-4930

April 12 • St. James the Apostle School at South Springfield Avenue in Springfield hosts their annual Fish in Chips Basket Bonanza catered by Argyle's of Kearny. Eat-in/take-out will be 5:30 to 7 p.m.

For more information, call 973-376-5194 April 13 The Springfield YMCA celebrates the 11th annual YMCA Healthy Kids Day from 1 to 3 p.m. at 100 S. Springfield Ave. Activities include first aid demonstrations, fire safety, healthy eating hints, face painting

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• On Sunday at 11:27 p.m., a Newark resident reported that someone had pried open the driver's side window to gain access to his vehicle while he was wanting a movie at Locks Theater, Route 22 East

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Borough Republicans seek single ticket

Borough Council incumbents Keith Turner and Paul Mirabelli plan on seeking re-election, while the Democratic Party doesn't plan on putting anyone on the ballot, as Monday's deadline approaches for candidates to file for the two

"We decided upon our own reflection that we do our best work when are out in the audience," said Mountainside Democratic Chairperson Michael Krasner. "The local budget problems that will arise in the next couple of months, there will be a lot of close watching and we intend to be out there monitoring what the local government plans on doing about it."

Krasner says he expects to see a tax increase, not only in Mountainside but in every community within the state.

"We feel our best work has always been done as watch dogs," said Krasner. As watchdogs, Krasner said the Democratics Party's job is to go to meetings, putting pressure'on the council. Krasner said this is accomplished by writing letters, speaking up at meetings, and talking to residents within the borough. "We get them to explain things to people in Mountainside which they do not do unless they're asked to do so or pressured into doing so," said Krasner.

resident. He has served as president of the council three times. "I would like to continue the expansion of our recreation programs," said Turner. "With the last two grants that we received, we were able to light the

fields and expand on the recreation programs." He said he would like to continue to expand on the recreational programs for

all ages, children to senior citizens. Turner started a Field Maintenance Committee this past year. The borough

has never had a committee like this before. "Basically we've gotten YES Baseball, the Board of Education and the borough on one committee to improve the maintenance and overall condition of all the fields," said Turner. "We try to work together rather than working apart from each other. So far the results have been of a susbstantial savings." With the help of the Field Maintenance Committee, Mountainside has saved

on the basic maintenance of the fields and the chemical treatment of the fields. "I'd like to see to it that that continues to be a big part of the town as far as keeping the fields modernized and up-to-date," Turner said. Mirabelli has served on the Borough Council for six years and has served as

its president once. "I'd like to see the borough continue to go in the same direction it's going

now." Mirabelli said.

He has lived in Mountainside for 12 years. Mirabelli first decided to run for council when they were seeking to add some younger members.

events," said Miller. "Some children's ship fee eventually. The money will

things and family things and things go toward refreshments provided at

retired so they're spending more time there was enough interest to sustain

which is tentatively scheduled for dence. For more information, call

"That'll be good too because www.community.nj.com/cc/springfie

Turner has served on the council for 12 years and is a lifelong Mountainside "We have quite a few projects that are in the works right now with the roads and the sewers and the lighting of the two fields so those will be our primary

for people who are new in town or

and are changing a bit. Maybe they've

The Newcomers Club is planning a

play group for children and their

"It'll be rotating, like once a month

The club is also planning a picnic.

June 8, taking place in the Watchung

there'll be something for everyone to

do," said Miller. "There's a play-

trails for the people who like to walk.

For older people who don't like to

we'll get together with the kids and

have a little play group," said Miller.

people who have been here a while

## Springfield resident starts Newcomers Club

in town."

Reservation.

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

ground up." Springfield residents who are new in town, or longtime residents who attend the meetings are new parents, want to get to know new people, can then many of the Newcomers Club's now be part of Springfield's first ever activities will center around young Newcomers Club.

"I've been living in town for a while and we bought a house last August," said Newcomers Club President Simone Miller. "We saw in the newspaper that Mountainside had a meetings will learn more about what Newcomers Club and they were very Springfield has to offer as well as the active, but it's restricted to Mountainside. So instead of complaining about

said Miller. "There's the Liberty Sciit, I started one in Springfield." In February, Miller hosted the first ence Center and beautiful parks and meeting in her home. Fifteen people all these things that we really don't turned out for the event. In March, the Newcomers Club had its second meeting at the Sarah Bailey

"Because we're so brand new, people can expect to get whatever they

take the time to do it." Civic Center and 15 different people which takes place April 28, the New-

Decisions,

want out of the club," said Miller.

take advantage of because we don't At the Rotary Club Flea Market,

If a wast majority of the people who

"It really depends on what the peo-

People who join the club and attend

"We're in such a central location,"

ple who come to it want," said Miller.

"It's very flexible."

everyone know about their organization.

comers Club will have a table to let

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"We're planning on some social

walk on trails, there's plenty of paved paths for them to use." The club will institute a member-

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the meeting and for publicity.

"We haven't set up a charter yet,"

said Miller. "First we wanted to see if

us. We're waiting till after the picnic

and then we'll probably have a meet-

ing to decide how much our dues are

The Newcomers Club prefers to

meeting is May 7 at a private resi-

Simone Miller at 908-608-0679 or log

onto the Website at

www.localsource.com

Donations needed for lobby sale going to be and where we'll spend the Beginning today, the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library will accept donations for its lobby sale to benefit the library. meet at private homes. Their next

the Elizabeth City Council Chambers.

Donations of jewelry, glassware and china, small appliances and kitchen items, linens, artificial flowers, tools, toys and furniture that can be carried out, are welcome. No books or clothing will be accepted. Items should be clean and in generally good condition. Donations may be dropped off at the library Mondays, Wednesdays and

Making some final adjustments to their eyes and

makeup before the start of the Model United

Nations program are Marie and Nancy Chen, both

16 and students at Governor Livingston High

School. The program was conducted March 22 in

Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.; and Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. The lobby sale will be hosted April 12 and 13 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each

ground for the little kids and there's To place a classified ad call day. On April 14, the sale hours will be 1 to 3:30 p.m. 1-800-564-8911 by 3 p.m. Tuesday. For more information, call 973-376-4930.



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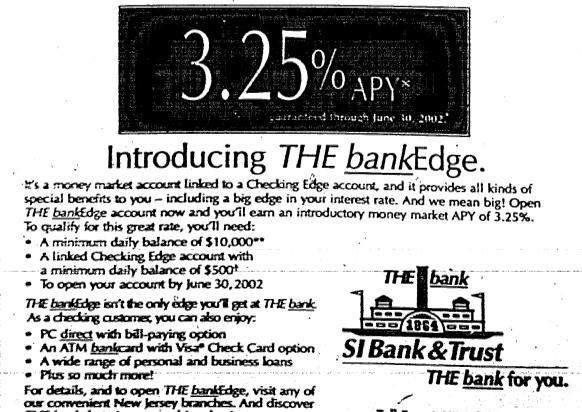
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# Spring programs at WRC offer self-help

This spring, the Women's Resour- The fee is \$15 for center members, ce Center at 79 Maple St. has a full schedule of programs and workshops to help parents and children meet a variety of challenges.

Call as soon possible to register for any of these programs. To register, or get more information about these programs or other programs, call the Women's Resource Center at 908-273-7253 or go to www.womensource.org. Here are some of the programs

designed especially for parents: • "Siblings Without Rivalry" is a workshop for parents of children of all ages. Its goal is to give parents the chance to learn how to help their children live together with greater harmony. Parents will learn what increases hostility between children, attitudes and language that decrease hostility, and specific skills to help reduce conflict, motivate children to work out their own solutions, and generate good will between siblings. Participants will need a copy of Faber and Mazlish's "Siblings Without Rivalry." The book is available through the Women's Resource Center. The parenting workshop runs for six Wednesdays, beginning Wednesday, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The fee is \$70 for center members and \$85 for

non-members. • "Easy, Affordable Ways to Save for Your Child's College Education' is a one-time workshop designed for parents who want to begin saving for Burkhart of Salomon Smith Barney and \$20 for non-members. Leaving home for college is a goal that parents work hard to attain for their children. This process can create

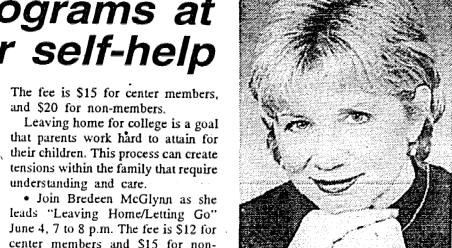
understanding and care. • Join Bredeen McGlynn as she leads "Leaving Home/Letting Go" June 4, 7 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$12 for center members and \$15 for non-

The following programs are geared specifically for children:

believe that adults will not really be • "Taking the Bully by The Horns."

workshop led by Joanne Spera, is grades two to five with the skills to handle bullies on their own. Participants will learn how to stand up for themselves, how to confront the bully appropriately, and how to keep themselves balanced while under attack by a bully. Grades two and three will meet May 15 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Grades four and five will meet May 22 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The fee for each workshop is \$22.

What can be said to a child whose parent died as a result of the tragic events of Sept. 11? There is no cure for grief and no shortcut for grieving. "Rainbows: For Kids Grieving their child's college education. Karen the Loss of a Parent on 9/11" will allow children to tell their story, share will explain the college savings plans. with other children in a similar situahow to begin saving, and the valuable tion, and help them express their feeltax advantages. The workshop is ings and emotions. The program is scheduled for Tuesday, 7 to 8:30 p.m. hosted in conjunction with Temple



Lisa DeMuro

Being bullied can be very discour- Sinai and St. Teresa's of Summit, the aging for children. They often do not Madison YMCA and the Rainbows ask adults for help because they New Jersey Chapter. Kids will be divided into age-appropriate groups from kindergarten to grade eight. The program will be for eight Thursdays. beginning April 11 from 6:30 to 8 designed to empower children in p.m. The program has been made possible through a grant from The Junior League of Summit.

> The center will offer a program that will demonstrate that happiness is just an open mind and heart away. Happiness is completely unrelated

to geographic location, gender, culture/ financial status, luck or circumstances. Intention and conscious decision-making along with the ability to recognize and appreciate living in the moment create true happiness. Research shows that extremely happy people consistently make the same nine internally driven choices. These choices can be learned and utilized by anyone from a Zen Buddhist

carpenter to a computer "nerd" to a

single mom with five children to a

"Generation Xer." The two Monday

sessions will be led by Lisa DeMuro,

certified Empowerment Life Coach,

RELIGION Arrangements for Gilbert to speak Fish 'N' Chips fun were made through the B'nai B'rith is at St. James lecture bureau.

Eat-in/take-out 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call the school

Temple Sinai Monday

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vation of Yom Hashoah, in memory

of the Holocaust, the congregation of

the Summit Jewish Community Cen-

ter and Temple Sinai of Summit will

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definitive work on this subject. Dur-

evening, he will speak on "Churchill

and the Jews During the Holocaust."

to attend, as seating may be limited.

books and biographies, Gilbert has

also written the script for the

Academy Award-winning documen-

tary "Genocide," as well as for the

Materpiece Theater dramatization of

his book, "Churchill: The Wilderness

Years." He served as a representative

to the United Nations Human Rights

Commission at Geneva. He was

knighted for services to British his-

tory and international relations in

Call Temple Sinai at 908-273-4921

In addition to writing numerous

at 973-376-5194.

Sir Gilbert visits

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On April 12, St. James the Apostle School in Springfield host the annual "Fish 'N' Chips/Basket Bonanza," Temple Sinai services Temple Sinai, 208 Summit Ave. catered by the famous Argyle's of Kearny. Since the event takes place after Lent, chicken will be offered as

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Reform Style" at 8 p.m. • April 16: Minyan at 8:30 a.m. followed at 9:30 a.m. by Torah Study. · April 12: Tot Shabbat Service at 6:30 p.m. This service is a participatory service for preschoolers through early grade school. It features a halfhour service of singing, Torah, and stories followed by a craft or special art project. A snack/kiddush follows the service. A Family Service begins

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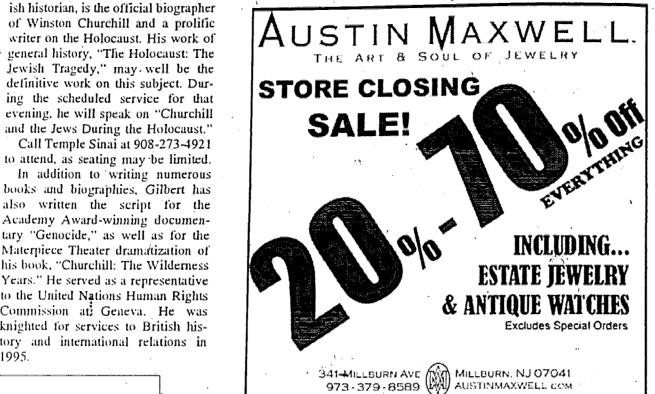
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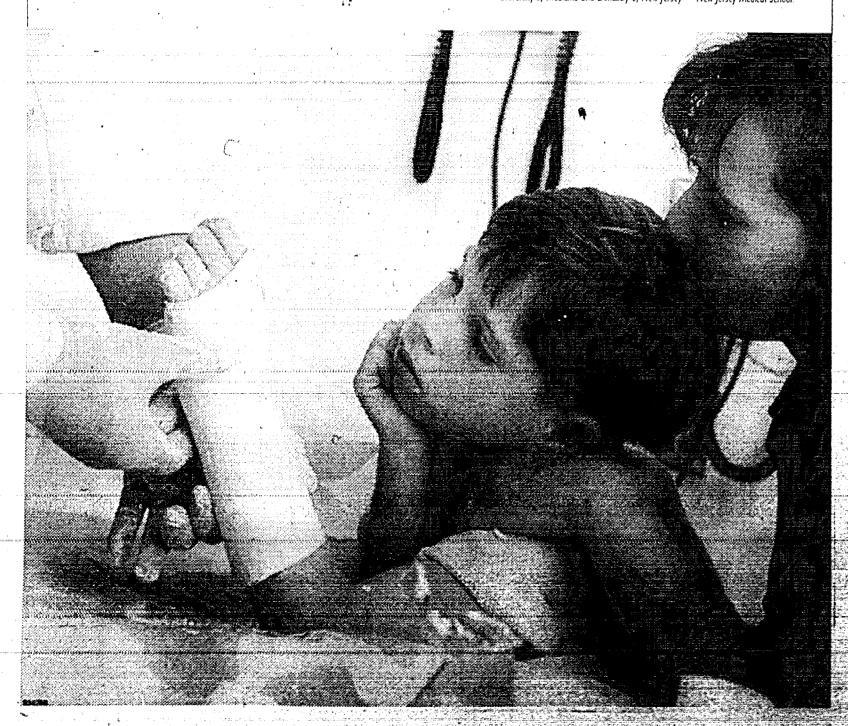
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SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH756462
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. F1538401

PLAINTIFF: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE
HOME LOANS, INC.
DEFENDANT: SAMARVIR MINHAS

WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE:
DECEMBER 12, 2001
SALE DATE:
WEDNESDAY THE 17TH DAY OF
APRIL A.D. 2002

By virtue of the above-stated writ of
execution to me directed I shall expose for
sale by public vendue, at the UNION
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,
1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAA. Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at
two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All
successful bidders must have 20% of their
bid available in cash or certified check at
the conclusion of the sales.
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.
VS. SAMARVIR MINHAS VS. SAMARVIR MINHAS DOCKET NO. F-15364-01

DOCKET NO. F-15364-01
The property to be sold is located in the Township of Springfield, County of Union and State of New Jersey.
It is commonly known as 440 Meisel Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey.
It is known and designated at Block 1806, Lot 16.
The dimensions are approximately 60 1806, Lot 16.
The dimensions are approximately 60 feet wide 130 feet long.
Nearest cross street: Millitown Road.
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Pursuant to the order of James S. LaCorto, Surrogate of the County of Union, made
on the 28TH day of MARCH, A.D., 2002,
upon the application of the undersigned, as
EXECUTOR of the estate of said
deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their
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said deceased within six months from the
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PUBLIC NOTICE SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH756488
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. F14207-01
PLAINTIFF: HOME LOAN MORTGAGE

ET AL

WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE:

DECEMBER 20, 2001

SALE DATE:

WEDNESDAY THE 24TH DAY OF

APRIL A.D. 2002

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The property to be sold is located in the Township of Springfield in the County of

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U9366 ECL (\$92.00)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD.
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
TAKE NOTICE that on the 16th day of
April, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be
held before the Springfield Board of Adjustment at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on
application #2002-4 regarding the appeal
or application of Jeffrey A. Dash for a varlance or variances or other relief so as to
permit the expansion ofthe existing garage,
which violates front yard set backs, pursuant to the Schedule of Limitations on the
premises located at 24 High Point Drive
and designated as Block 3301, Lot 2 on the
Township of Springfield Tax Map.
The application, plans and survey are on
fille in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett
Street and available for inspection between Street and available for inspection between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Mor day through Friday (excluding holidays) Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

U9596 ECL April 4, 2002

Jettrey A. Dash Applicant 02 (\$10.50)

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an appli DEFENDANT: CARMINE G. APICELLA,

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to the Board of
Adjustment of the Township of Springfield
by Leon Koutroumbis and Stanatis Koutroumbis for a use variance together with lot
width variance and variance for three-story
residential building and any other variances
which may be necessary to permit the construction of a two-family residential dwelling
in an office zone as evidenced by the application and plans on file or as may be modifiled by the requirement of the Board of
Adjustment. This application is made for
premises located at 387 Morris Avenue,
Block 701, Lot 9, Springfield, New Jersey.
This application is now calendar No. 2002-2
on the Clerk's calendar, and a public hearing has been ordered for 7:00 p.m. on April
16, 2002, in the Municipal Building, 100
Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey,
and when the calendar is called you may
appear either in person or by agent or attorney and present any objections which you
may have to the granting of this application;
All papers pertaining to this application may
be seen in the office of the Administrative
Officer of the Board Of Adjustment of the
Township of Springfield located in the
Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Street, Springfield, New Jersey,
MAX SHERMAN, Attorney for
Applicant, Leon Koutroumbis
and Stanatis Koutroumbis
U9588 ECL April 4, 2002 (\$14.25)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF
THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Take notice that the following decision
was made at the regular meeting of the
Board of Adjustment held on Tuesday,
February 19, 2002.

Application # 2001-17
Applicant: Willa Wright Chavis
Site Location: 32 Ruby Street
Block 2802, Lot 43
For Variances for front yard setback,
building coverage, and right side yard
setback for construction of an addition
Was Approved

The resolution memorializing the decision was adopted at the regular Board of Adjustment meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2002 and is available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Robert C. Kirkpatrick

Board of Adjustment Secretary
U9598 ECL April 4, 2002 (\$9.50) Take notice that the following decision was made at a Special Meeting of the Board of Adjustment held on Thursday,

Application # 2001-16 Applicant: J.M.K. AUTO SALES, INC. Steel Location: 976 South Springfield Avenue Block 3903, Lot 12 For Preliminary & Final Site Plan approval, "d" variance and bulk

The resolution memorializing the decision was adopted at the regular Board of Adjustment moeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2002 and is available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clark.

Robert C. Kirkpatrick
Board of Adjustment Secretary
U9599 ECL April 4, 2002 (\$9.75)

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RECREATION Springfield YMCA

hosts registration The Springfield YMCA will host registration for its upcoming Spring II session classes April 15 starting at 7 a.m. for family members, April 16 from 7 a.m. for youth and all other members and April 19 from 7 a.m. for non-members. The Spring II session will run from April 29 through June

The Springfield YMCA offers a full range of pre-school, youth and teen classes including, toddler movement and exercise, pre-school readiness, beginner ballet, karate, art classes, teen fitness, and Saturday basketball and street hockey leagues. All youth classes are now open to nonmembers at special non-member

For more information about classes and schedules call the Springfield YMCA at 973-467-0838. or visit the Web site www.summitareaymca.org. The Springfield YMCA is located at 100 S. Springfield Ave. in

PUBLIC NOTICE Springfield Free Public Library - in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, the Springfield Free Public Library Board of Trustees advises that the meeting date originally scheduled for April 11, 2002 has been rescheduled for April 18, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. In addition, the Board will meet in Executive Session beginning at 6:30 p.m. on May 9. Session beginning at 6:30 p.m. on May 9, 2002 followed by the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.
J9591 ECL April 4, 2002 (\$4.50)

NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
TIME CHANGE
APRIL 16, 2002 MEETING
The Township of Springfield Board of
Adjustment has changed the time for the
April 16, 2002 meeting as follows: The
Executive Session will start at 6:45 p.m.
and the Regular Meeting will start at 7:00
p.m. The meeting will take place at Springfield Town Hall, 100 Mountain Ave., in the
Council Chambers. This change in time
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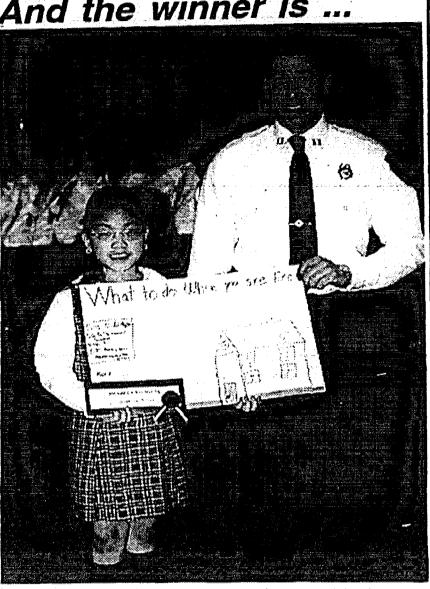
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Summit boys' lacrosse begins No. 1 in state

Editor: JR Parachini

The Summit High School boys' lacrosse team had a tough seasonopener as the Hilltoppers were scheduled to play at Delbarton Tuesday. The Hilltoppers, who reached the NJSIAA championship game last year, began the season ranked No. 1 in New Jersey. Summit is sparked by the talents of senior midfielder Matt Starker, senior attackman J.P. Coviello, senior defenseman Todd Ward and sopho-

more goalie Rob Schroeder. Starker, among the top players in New Jersey, scored 44 goals and totaled 77 points last season. He will continue at Villanova University. Coviello paced Summit with 53 goals last season and added 21 assists

for 74 points. Ward, ranked among the top defensemen in the state, keys on opposing attackmen. Schroeder takes over in goal for Mike Sartorius, who is now playing

and doing quite well at Franklin & Other key games for Summit include contests on April 8 at home against Ridgewood and on May 15 at

Mountain Lakes. The NJSIAA final is scheduled for

Starker All-America selection Last year, Starker was one of four juniors from New Jersey to gain High School All-America Team status from a vote by coaches.

Starker was joined by Matt Poskay of Johnson, Tom Wallin of Mountain Lakes and Whitney Hayes of Princeton.

Starker, Poskay and Wallin are three of the top four ranked midfielders in the state this year, while Hayes is the top-ranked attackman and the only one ranked ahead of Coviello.

Von Klemperer, Schroeder, Sartorius, **Britt starred Saturday** 

Former Summit High School boys' lacrosse standouts Matt Von Klemperer, Scott Schroeder, Mike Sartorius and Ned Britt continue to excel in the college ranks, all making their mark once again last Saturday.

Matt Von Klemperer had two assists for Montclair State University in an 8-2 loss at Stevens Tech. Klemperer began the week with six goals and nine assists for a team-

Georgetown goalkeeper Scott Schroeder stopped 14 shots in a 14-7 win against Navy. The Hoyas improved to 6-0 overall and 3-0 in the

Sartorius and fellow goalie Kristian Schweitzer combined to make nine saves as Franklin & Marshall defeated visiting York College 18-11. Sartorius made three sves, playing the first

Britt had a team-high four assists and scored two goals to help Yale and Princeton's 37-game winning streak in Ivy League men's lacrosse play, a run that started in 1995.

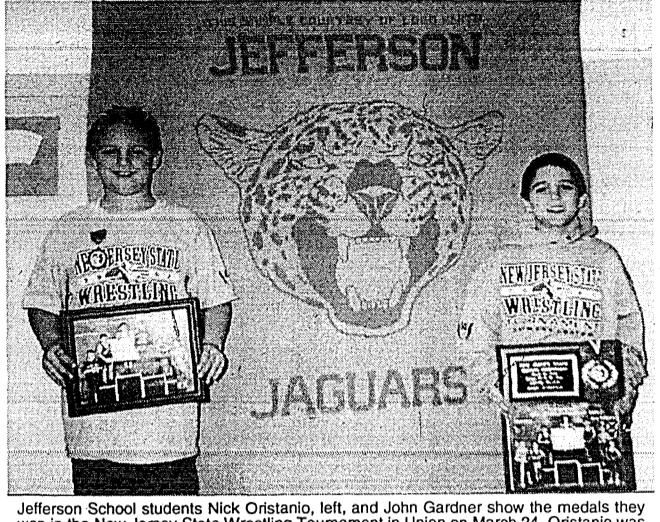
The 18th-ranked Bulldogs upended the No. 7 Tigers 15-13 in front of 2,245 at Class of 1952 Stadium in Princeton.

Dayton ball teams opened Tuesday against North Plain.

Dayton High School diamond teams were scheduled to commence their 2002 seasons Tuesday against Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division foe North Plainfield.

The baseball team, coming off a 7-15 campaign, was set to host the Canucks.

The softball squad, coming off a 6-12 season, was set to play at North Summit pride



won in the New Jersey State Wrestling Tournament in Union on March 24. Oristanio was fourth at 85 pounds in the Bantam Division, while Gardner was fifth at 50 in the Middet Division, Gardner will compete in the Southern Regional Tournament in Salisbury, Md.

## Summit girls' lacrosse team is among best in the state

Good leadership That's the outlining trait the Summit High School girls' lacrosse team has this season.

Coming off a 16-3-2 campaign, the Hilltoppers are primed for a run for another state championship. In last year's NJSIAA/PSEG Group B championship final, Summit fell to top-seeded Moorestown 17-4. Summit defeated Moorestown in the 1999 state championship

"We lost some key players to graduation, but we have some experienced players coming back," head coach Samantha Kenny said. "That should help us this season." Summit begins the season ranked No. 3 in the state, behind two-time defending state champion Moorestown

Having a roster of 25, Summit is led by 11 seniors. Those players include Mackenzie Clark, Jen Dolny, Meghan End, Liz Essig, Lexi Harrison, Megan Lyons, Kaitlyn Mell, Vicky Paccione, Liz Sheridan, Kate Stefans and Katie Tully.

Sheridan garnered First Team All-State honors last sea-

'We lost some key players to graduation, but we have some experienced players back. That should help us this season. We don't cut any players, so whoever comes out makes the team. It helps to give us a full team. Girls lacrosse has exploded in Summit. We have 90 kids in the program, so we have a solid foundation.'

— Summit girls' lacrosse coach Samantha Kenny

Summit begins the season ranked No. 3 in the state behind two-time defending state champion Moorestown and Shawnee. Summit last won the state championship in 1999.

son by tallying for 41 goals and 39 assists from her attack position. Dolny earned Third Team All-State recognition. Joining them are juniors Suzanne Cahalan, Liz Gamble, Karen Jann, Lindsay Lecky, Erin Lyons and Beth Starker. Sophomores that will see action include Ali Ardington, Kate Boucherit, Alex Garvey, Betsy Hunt, Kate Jacobs, Erin Peacock, Lauren Sheehan and Taylor Tammaro.

"We don't cut any players, so whoever comes out makes the team," Kenny said. "It helps to give us a full team." Kenny's teams have been successful because of a strong

"Girls lacrosse has expolded in Summit," Kenny said "We have 90 kids in the program, so we have a solid Summit has an offense that is very versatile. It can play

one-on-one or seven-on-seven. "We have a very balanced offense," Kenny said. "We

have many players that will score their amount of goals and assists."

Kenny is also comfortable with her team's play against opposing offenses. "We're very experienced on defense," Kenny said.

"Dolny and Lyons have been starting there since they were

Where Kenny thinks improvement needs to be made is in the transition game.

"We need to get better switching from offense to defense and vice versa," Kenny said.

Competing in the Iron Hills Conference, Summit has a very tough schedule. Summit was scheduled to open its season Monday at Roxbury. The Hilltoppers were then scheduled to play at Randolph yesterday and tomorrow are scheduled to host Mendham in their home-opener. "We have three conference games right off the bat,"

Kenny said. "So we have to be ready." Having had scrimmages against Oak Knoll, Ridgewood, Ridge and Montville prior to Monday's season-opener, Kenny feels her team is ready for the long haul. "They've looked good and worked hard in the preseason," Kenny said. 'They seem to be in very good condition."

Summit's goal is to try to play its best in each game. "That goes a long way in transcending lacrosse to life skills," Kenny said. "You need to reach your potential and by learning teamwork, you can achieve success."

Hilltoppers top Roxbury

Katie Tully scored four goals and had one assist and Liz Gamble, Liz Sheridan, Karen Jann and Vicky Paccione had two goals to lead Summti to a 15-2 season-opening win Monday at Roxbury. Goaltender Lexi Harrison made five saves to earn the

# Dayton linksters will learn game

Coach wants players to enjoy themselves

sons to turn things around."

That's the advice Dayton High School golf coach Al Steiginga gives to his team every time out on the course. "We have a very young team with some kids who never played the sport

before," Steiginga said. Steiginga is in his fourth season at the helm of the Bulldogs. Prior to coaching

at the Springfield school, Steiginga was the head man at Brearley. "We won only one match last season, so I expect us to improve on our record," Steiginga said. "I told the kids last year that it's going to take 3-4 sea-

#### High School Golf

Dayton has 14 players on its roster this season. That list is headed up by unior Ross Kravetz. "Ross is our No. 1 player," Steiginga said. "He's usually able to play most rounds in the 40s.

Steiginga feels that with Kravetz's steady play, he can qualify for the state lournament.

Others vying for top spots are junior Jarred Preston and sophomore Corey "Corey played as a freshman and has really improved his game," Steiginga

said. "Jarred is a first-year player." Steiginga is also high on another pair of first-year golfers in juniors Josh Wolkoff and J.T. Weatherston.

The coach is also expecting some contributions from freshmen Adam Sher-"They were both out practicing every day on their spring vacation," Steiginga

said. "They're both very enthusiastic about playing." Steiginga is also pleased to have several girls on the team. Those players include first-year seniors Stacey Max and Mallory Zambolla. "They both have little golfing experience, but they're enjoying themselves."

Steiginga said, "That's the feeling we want the whole team to carry over during

During practice, the coach doesn't take score. He thinks that hinders discussion about who's going to play where.

'We have a very young team with some kids who never played the sport before. We won only one match last season, so I expect us to improve on our record. I told the kids last year that it's going to take 3-4 seasons to turn things around. I want them to learn a little bit about the game and improve each time out on

the course.' — Dayton golf coach Al Steiginga

Dayton plays Brearley today at Galloping H. Dayton is scheduled to open its season today against Brearley at Galloping

Hill in Union. "We have a very special home golf course in Baltusrol," Steiginga said. "It's challenging course because the numbers go up due to the different types of

Steiginga will be happy with his squad if it takes away two primary lessons. "I want them to learn a little bit about the game and improve each time out on the course," Steiginga said.

# Our House 5 Miler returns to Summit

Race day is set for May 5 The third annual Our House 5 Miler is returning to Summit on May 5, with a

Last year's race was another success, so the NJ-USATF has awarded this year's race two championship categories: men's and women's open championship and men's and women's masters championship.

The event is expected to attract between 800 and 1,000 runners. Prize money awarded will be \$4,500 and runners and volunteers are eligible for random prized drawings. Joe's American Bar & Grill and Papa-Razzi of Short Hills will provide pre- and post-race refreshments to the runners.

The fee for runners to register by April 30 is \$15 for USATF members and \$17 for non-members. After May 1 the fee is \$20. Proceeds from the event will provide funding for services and programs for

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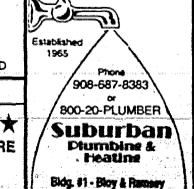
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supports the national research effort. According to the North Jersey Chapter, more than 550 people in Union County diagnosed with the disease have reached out to the local chapter for services, but the chapter estimates there are closer to 700 people who have the disease.

College for Kids workshop on Saturday

Union County College's Division paleontology as they excavate and of Continuing Education and Com- assemble complete skeletal replica munity Services has more courses from "fossilized" rock. Dig for Tyran-

"Chemical Magic" will be offered on the Cranford campus beginning on April 13. Additional science workshops include "Sumo Robot" on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave. Kids will build their own sumo robot that can be controlled to assail and overpower its opponent or retreat to prepare for battle. An infraréd sensor beam is emitted when detecting an

Beginning on May 4, kids crazy about dinosaurs can start "Diggin for Dinosaurs, Rockin Rocks and Chrystal Creations." Kids will learn about the sciences of archeology and

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This year's MS Walk covers eight different routes in seven counties including Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic and Sussex. The walk accounts for almost 40 percent of the funds raised annually to benefit the services provided by the Greater North Jersey Multiple Sclerosis Chapter. Walkers must raise a minimum of \$50. Last year, the average walker raised \$200 or more.

> Currently there are more than 400 registrants for this year's walk in Cranford, and another 300 expected. Throughout northern New Jersey, more than 6,200 participants are

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and the Salvation Army in Elizabeth have all experienced at least a 50 percent increase in the number of clients For more information, or to regisduring the past month. ter, visit www.mswalk.org or call In addition, the Salvation Army's

> soup kitchen in Elizabeth has been serving more than 1,500 meals per month since Sept. 11, a staggering increase over its normal 1,000 meals

United Way of Union County's available in its College for Kids nosaurus Rex, Triceratops, Stegosaur- First Call of Help information and Referral hotline has also received The Division of Continuing Educa- numerous calls from local people in tion and Community Services is also need of rental assistance due to job offering sports camps this spring and layoffs. Recent statewide and national summer. The spring camps in both surveys have also revealed a tremendtennis and golf begin April 20 on the ous increase in demand for services at Cranford campus. The sports camp is homeless shelters and mental health

local health and human services.

needs on Sept. 11 have made this a

for kids aged 7 to 12. Tennis camp is agencies. "The caring people of our comfollows from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. munity were there to meet the imme-For more information on any of the diate needs of families directly programs, call Dale Munn, director of affected by the tragic events of Sept. Lifelong Learning, Division of Conti- 11." said Glennon, "Now, more than nuing Education and Community Ser- ever, we need to focus support on vices, at 908-709-7048 or e-mail at meeting critical needs at our local food pantries, homeless shelters and For directions to the college, call other personal and family-crisis

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bors, according to Elisse Glennon, seniors working to maintain indepenchief executive officer. The food pantries at First Baptist dence and those struggling to regain Church in Cranford, St. Joseph's self-sufficiency. To support the United Way's Social Service Center in Elizabeth, Elizabethport Presbyterian Center,

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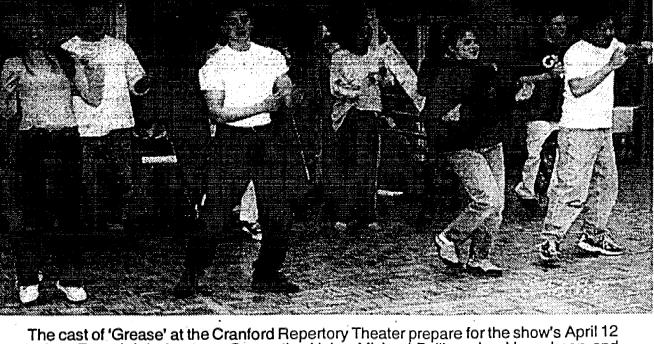
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Performances for "Grease" will be Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. April 12 to 20 and Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. April 14 and April 21, All performances will be at the Orange Avenue School auditorium in Cranford.

This production of "Grease" features a diverse cast from all over New Jersey under the direction of Frank Andrews. The cast stars Michael Bellina of Union as Danny, Kibmerly Apadula of Piscataway as Sandy, Evan Schupak of West Orange as Kenicke and Robyn Bloom of Rahway as Rizzo. Union County residents featured are Jen Hanselman of Linden as Marty, A.J. Meeker of Linden as Roger, Stephanie Pearl of Cranford as Jan, Nuno DeSousa of Linden as Doody, Janelle Cumberbatch-Smith of Plainfield as Frenchy and Laura Scott of Union as Miss Lynch. Outof-county actors are Jeff Don as Sonny. Jodi Zeicher as Cha-Cha, Eric Brenda as Eugene, Howard Whitmore as Johnny Casino and Teen Angel, Samantha Hahn of Metuchen as Patty Simcox and Todd Aikens as Vince

Most recently, director Andrews has directed "Forever Plaid" and "Bye Bye Birdie" with Stagecrafters which garnered him two Perry Award nominations for Outstanding Direction of a Musical. Other directorial credits include "Joseph ...," "Annie," "Oliver!." "Grease," "Bye Bye Birdie," "Peter Pan," "Little Shop of Horrors," "Into the Woods," "Snoopy" and "Oklahoma!" Plays-in-the-Park fans in Edison will recognize Andrews from productions of "You're a Good Man. Charlie Brown," "Guys and Dolls," "Gypsy," "Me and My Girl," "West Side Story," "Anything Goes," "Annie Get Your Get Gun," "Bye Bye Birdie." "Sweet Charity" and "My Fair Lady." For CRT. Andrews directed "The Wizard of Oz" and has been featured in "Joseph ..." and



opening. From left in front are Samantha Hahn, Michael Bellina. Jen Hanselman and Jeff Don; in the back row are Evan Schupak. Janelle Cumberbatch-Smith and A.J.

tion the Cranford Showstoppers. He has also been a featured peformer in the Miss and Mrs. America Pageant Systems, and is the recipient of the 1997 A.C.T. Award for Best Actor in a Musical for "Oklahoma!" at the Sayreville Main Street Theater Company.

The choreographer for "Grease" is Kristen Baldoni, a veteran of many CRT productions as both a performer and assistant choreographer, "Grease" will be Baldoni's debut as a choreographer. Additional technical support will come from lighting designer Mark Riley, costume designer Terri Rodd and set designer Tony Smith.

"Grease" had it s world theatrical premiere on Broadway in 1972, and has triumphed throughout the world, both in acclaimed theaters and in countless school productions. In 1979, "Grease" took over the record as the longest-running show in the history of Broadway, and the hit film "Once Upon a Mattress," not to men-starring John Travolta and Olivia

Newton-John proved to be the highest-grossing movie musical to

musical is set in Rydell High School: the time is 1959. The play begins as the kids return to school after a funfilled summer. Danny Zuko, the big man on campus, has apparently spent a lot of time during the summer with the play's heroine, Sandy Dombrowski. But now it's back-to-school and the current rules dictate that no boy is allowed to be perceived as too attached to any one girl. So when Sandy shows up as a transfer from her former Catholic school, Danny gives her a taste of his big cold shoulder. Naturally enough, that confuses, hurts, then angers the heroine. She turns to The Pink Ladies for solace. Rotten move: These chicks are given to drinking Thunderbird, smoking Camels and wearing teddies. Danny, for his part, continues to pal around with his leather-jacketed, jalopy-loving gang. It's the old boy-meets-girl routine

Since the Academy Awards March

24, the movie industry has been asked

Do Academy Awards for Denzel

Washington - in a weak "cop"

movie, "Training Day" - and for

Halle Berry - in a powerful interrra-

cial story, "Monster's Ball" - as well

as a Lifetime Achievement Award to

the great and influential black actor,

Sidney Poiter, in a ceremony lead by

black comedienne Whoopi Goldberg

signal an end to Hollywood's racist practices toward black actors and

Time will tell, but that is perhaps the most dramatic question to-arise

from this year's lengthy and mostly banal Academy Awards ceremony

from the new, stunning theater

designed by New York architect

with a lot of fun songs and dancing in

This Jim Jacobs/Warren Casey al Excellence. reserved seats; general admission for adults is \$10 with a special senior citi-

The Cranford Repertory Theater Company is a nonprofit, non-

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Brubeck apparently isn't cowed by working with musicians whose prowess at their instruments is equal, if not superior, to his own. zen and student price of \$8. Tickets Bobby Militello, the quartet's tenor are available in Cranford at Tony's saxophone player, dumbfounded Cafe and Cindi's Book Barn; in Westthe audience at UCAC, leaving field at the Town Book Store, and in them breathless with his fast. Garwood at Cindy Smith Dance Stuintense and uncannily soulful solos. dio. For information, call CRT at The applause was so loud after 908-272-1704 or 908-276-4487.

Oscar ceremony raises dramatic questions

## Brubeck entralls crowd in arts center concert

onto the stage of the Union County

Arts Contest in Polymon March 22 Arts Center in Rahway March 22 That Jazz with a joyous energy that belied his age of 81.

Brubeck Quartet quickly achieved

an overwhelming popúlar success.

Their experimentation with unusual

time signatures and harmonic prog-

ressions produced tunes — like

"Blue Rondo a la Turk" and "Take

Five" — which have become jazz

As a composer, Brubeck has

written and recorded several large-

scale works including two ballets, a

musical, an oratorio, four cantatas,

a Mass, works for jazz combo and

orchestra and many solo piano

pieces. In the last 20 years, he has

organized several new quartets and

continued to appear at the Newport.

Monterey, Concord, and Kool jazz

standards in the ensuing years.

He then proceeded to pour that energy directly into a tango- and By Gordon Wiener swing-rhythmed "St. Louis Blues." A&E Correspondent Along with three other highly accomplished players, he continued

some of Militello's outings that to enthrall the full house of jazz took at least two or three measures fans for the next two hours. before one could again her Brubeck's distinctive, now Brubeck's solos, which commonly amiliar, sound was forged out of followed Militello's. he experimental Jazz Workshop Both Brubeck and Militello had a Ensemble he founded with his felplayful chemistry with each other; low students at Mills College in as well as with drummer Randy California in the late '40s. Later, Jones and the quartet's newest that sound was further polished during his collaboration with drummer Joe Morello, double bassist Eugene Wright and alto saxophonist Paul Desmond. The Dave

member, bassist Michael Moore. making eye contact and giggling while they played around with key signatures and motives. But these were clearly inside jokes because, to the audience, every note sounded meticulously planned and inevitable, all thoroughly exploring the "middle of the road" before straying to the "outside" with an edge and an impulsiveness that makes the Brubeck sound to satisfying. The audience was treated to several tunes from the quartet's latest album, "The Crossing," and was

later privileged to hear what were described as "works in progress' for an upcoming recording. At the concert's erstwhile end, someone in the audience shouted out, " 'Take Five!' Brubeck knowingly winked and nodded. The quartet then launched into a rendition of this signature tune, the mood of which was as far removed from that of the original recording as one could get without making the melody unrecognizable. Drummer Jones took his only extended solo of the evening, while Militello became red-faced and heavily perspired performing a solo that I can only describe as apoplectic.

### Local black history on exhibit

An exhibit titled "Little Known Black History Gems of Union County: John Shippen and the Shady Rest Golf and Country Club" is on display in the Union County Freeholders' Gallery through April 13. The multi-media exhibit is comprised of photographs, documents, books, paintings and well-prized mementos illustrating a little-known segment of Union County black cultural and

John Matthew Shippen Jr., 1879-1968, was a black american on record as the first Americanborn golf professional to play in a U.S. Open Championship. He finished fifth in the second Open Championship held by the U.S.G.A. in 1896. Shippen is buried at the Rosedale Cemetery in Linden. Thurman Simmons, a Scotch Plains resident and chairman of the John Shippen Founda-

granite headstone at the gravesite as a tribute to Shippen's achievement.

Shippen held the position of greens keeper and head pro at Shady Rest Golf and Country Club in Scotch Plains, the first documented black-owned country club in the United States, from 1931 to

The Freeholder's Gallery is

located on the sixth floor of the Union County Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza at Rahway Avenue, Elizabeth. The exhibit may be viewed from 9 a.m. After April 13, the exhibit will

travel to several other locations in New Jersey and other states. For Chairman Thurman P. Simons at

David Rockwell. To place a classified ad call 1-800-564-8911 by 3 p.m. Tuesday.

#### and is asking whether the focus on quality black actors at the awards

almost the only aging actresses on hand were English. While Dame Judy Dench, Helen Mirren and Maggie Smith were there demonstrating that older women can indeed still act and draw audiences, presumably the American movie industry connubile maidens dressed either like they just arrived from the gym or the bordello. To finish this thought where were some of the great American film actresses or actors for that matter: Meryl Streep, for example.

acted in two terrific movies - one, the self-serving thanking of parents, think. Ms. Kidman is too much the hype. The crossover between movies and television promotion is so strong

Speaking of fashions, which I think I was, this was the year of Nicole Kidman. She not only looked grown up now it overwhelms us with under-

tinues to be obsessed with young

"Moulin Rouge," was the best and spouses and partners, agents and even most creative of those nominated, I lawyers.

Best line of the evening was Ms. Ingmar Bergman would be depressed BBC starring three award-nominees: Judy Dench, Kate Winslet and Jim Broadbent — who deservedly won about author Iris Murdock's decline from youth to aged incapacity. Most Allen, who explained that he was not the right choice to introduce the post-Sept. 11 New York City film tribute. He focused momentary attention on fellow directors Martin Scorcese and Mike Nichols, which was a far cry

from the continous bleating of award

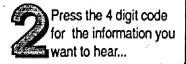
did not objet to "A Beautiful Mind" achievement, and Russell Crowe was really quite exceptional, no matter sonally. But the script of "A Beautiful by "Iris," a moving British Film from Mind" did dumb-down the book from which the movie was taken, by leavlenging directorial art and craft of Robert Altman in "Gosford Park."

Jon Plaut is a resident of Summit.

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The Westfield High School students will begin the program by performing Sextet No. 2 in G Major, Op. 36 by Johannes Brahms. Featured are Rosemary Topar and David Louie playing violin, Elizabeth Madresh and Alex years experience teaching major piano at Belgrade Univer-Leong on viola and Carl Baron and Justin Tammam on

Mezzo-soprano Barbara Kraus, accompanied by Marie-Danielle Mercier on the piano, will sing "The Time for Making Songs Has Come" by James H. Rogers and "I Love All Graceful Things" by Eric H. Thiman. George Toenes on the clarinet will join the accompaniment for the "Parto, Parto" aria from "La Clemenza di Tito" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Yugoslavian born classical pianist Sanja Ratkovic will conclude the program by playing Prelude, Fugue and Variation by C. Frank, transcribed for the piano by H. Bauer, and Grandes Etudes de Paganini No. 5, La Chasse-Hunt and Vallee D'Oberman by Franz Liszt. Ratkovic received her master of music degree from Conservatory P. I. Tchaikovsky in Moscow. She performs as soloist and chamber musician in many countries on three continents, holds master classes in Yugoslavia, Russia and Greece and has 10 sity. She was a frequent guest on Yugoslavia's state radio and TV, and now lives in Port Liberte, N.J., where she continues her performing and teaching career.

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WORRALL NEWSPAPERS

Liberty Hall Museum, a National Historic site, opened for its regular season Wednesday and welcomes those who wish to step back in time. The home of New Jersey's first governor, William Livingston, and ancestral home of seven generations of his family, Liberty Hall gives visitors an opportunity to experience more than 200 years of history.

The museum is open for regular visits Wednesdays to Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the last tour at 3 p.m. Tours are guided, beginning every half-hour and a visit takes approximately 1 to 11/2 hours. An admission is charged and no reservations are required.

Afternoon Teas are held each Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. on the glass porch overlooking the formal parterre garden. Advance reservations are required for tea; call 908-527-0400. Liberty Hall at 1003 Morris Ave., Union, is directly across from Kean University. Visit the Web site at www.libertyhallnj.org or call for a calendar of special events, which include craft workshops, seasonal events and more. Persons interested in

volunteering at the museum are also encouraged to call. Guests are invited to visit this magnificent 23-acre landscaped property and tour the historic mansion with professional guides who will share stories and history of the seven generations of the Livingston/Kean family who have called Liberty Hall home for more than 200 years. This is a completely furnished intact family home with a large collection of

American antiques, furnishings, portraits, ceramics, textiles, memorabilia and more. Also available are a picnic area and gift shop. Regular offerings

· Guided tours: Wednesdays to Sundays, April to December, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the last tour at 3 p.m. Call 908-527-0400 for further information. • "Tea is Served": Every Wednes-

day, 2 to 4 p.m. Formal afternoon tea, reminiscent

of those served by Mrs. Kean in the 1930s will be held on the glass porch that overlooks the beautiful parterre garden. Guests will be treated to delicious tea sandwiches and pastries while hearing the charming stories of Liberty Hall. \$22 per person, reservations

required, payment in advance, call 908-527-0400. Special events 2002

• April 12: The 100 Anniversary of Our Founder's Birth Celebrate the anniversary of Mary Alice Barney Kean's birth, the vision ary and protector of Liberty Hall.

• May 12: Mother's Day

From the spirited Livingston women who protected their cherished home, to Mary Alice Barney Kean, who devoted her life to its preservation in the 20th century, the women of Liberty Hall have always been very important. Visit their home and hear the stories of these beautiful and remarkable women. Mothers will be given a free flower or seedling from the garden and admitted at half of the general admission price. Afternoon

• May 18: Civil War Encampment Liberty Hall has been witness to much strife over its long history. Join Civil War re-enactors as they bring the turbulent days of America's war of brother against brother to life! Meet Mr. Lincoln and learn about the war from his perspective.

tea will be served. Additional fee.

• June 16: Tools of the Trade Over the centuries, the estate has felt the influence of the Livingston/ Kean men and the many employees who labored on the property. On Father's Day, the men and machines will take the limelight and the farm equipment, engines and machines will be the focus. Because dads are so important, they are invited to visit at half of the general admission price and will be given a small token to take

 Saturdays in July and August: A Child's View of History Children will be given a special

tour focusing on the lives of the children who have lived at Liberty Hall. Each room will have different objects for them to touch and the tour will end with a hands-on activity and outdoor July 6, 13, 20 and 27, and Aug.

10, 17, 24 and 31; 11 a.m., 1 and p.m. Recommended ages: 7 to 12. Weekends in late September and early October: Apple Harves Time Depending on the readiness of the crop, guests may pick their own apples to bring home. Call to check on

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· October 26 and 27: Pumpki

 Friday and Saturday evenings in December: "From St. Nicholas to

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## Ars Vitalis salutes NJ composers in concert

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The program includes works by Joseph Turrin, Raymond Wojcik, Barbara White, Patrick J. Burns and Matthew Halper. "The concert will introduce the audience to the allure, drama and

impact of the art of contemporary music composition," said Artistic Director Matthew Halper, a professor in Kean's Music Department. Ars Vitalis will be held Wednesday. A pre-concert discussion with the

guest composer will begin at 7:15 p.m. in Wilkins Theater, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. The concert will follow at 8 p.m. Admission is free. The invited performers are Philip Smith, trumpet; Sharon Roffman, violin: Geoffrey Burleson, piano; Allison Brewster Franzetti, piano; Beth

Michelle Michaelis, violin; Christine Terhune, viola; Ted Hoyle, cello, and the New Jersey Saxophone Ensemble. Turrin, of Clifton, has been recognized with major commissions from many of the world's leading orchestras, chamber ensembles and soloists. These include the New York Philharmonic Commission of "Hemi-

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cert with the orchestra in May 2002, the "Concerto for Trumpet" with Erich Leinsdorf conducting and Philip Smith as soloist, "Modinha" for the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, "Riffs and Fanfares" for the Lincoln Center Chamber Music Society and Carnegie Hall, and the "Concerto for Flute." written for Carol Wincenc, that premiered at Avery Fisher Hall with the New Jersey Symphony.

Woicik, of Perth Amboy, has been lauded as a composer, conductor and educator in the United States and in Europe. During the 2000-01 season, Wojcik was commissioned to compose "Akin to Fire" by the Colonial Symphony and Vanishing Lands, commissioned by the Southamptom Chamber Music Society. He conducted the Garden State Philharmonic in his own composition, "Closer to Home." Woicik is the recipient of grants from the Garden State Council on the Arts, the Helen Letzgo Foundation, the Bergen Foundation and the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

For more information, call the Department of Music at 908-527-2107, send e-mail arsvital@kean.edu - or.

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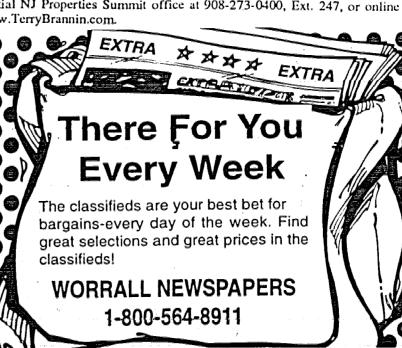
Prudential New Jersey Properties has announced that Teresa "Terry" Brannin of the Summit office has been named secretary of the Board of Trustees for the North Central Jersey Association of Realtors for 2002. "Terry brings over 12 years of real estate experience to the NCJAR Board of

Frustees," said Karen Hedge, manager of Prudential's Summit office. "Her knowledge and skills will provide strong guidance for the organization." Her strong industry involvement is equaled only by her active community relations activities. Brannin is an Area Baby Center donator, which means that for every home sale or listing, she makes a donation to the organization. Established by the Summit Women's Club in 1999, Area Baby Center provides basic necessities and toiletries for babies of disadvantaged families in the community. Brannin also volunteers with Hospice for Atlantic Healthcare and Overlook Hospital.

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> Unless you are ready and able to tackle a major remodel, look for a

low-cost inspections to tell you if the house is energy-efficient. Look for a house with universally popular selling points. If you're impressed, the next buyer down the line is bound to be, too. For example, a roomy, modern easy-to-clean kitchen is the best selling point a home can have. A house with only one bathroom is less desirable than a house with two or more. Many buyers expect at least three bedrooms, with a master bedroom that offers a feeling of privacy. Lots of storage space and closets, especially walk-in closets, will be a real selling point. Family

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some of these key features. Don't forget the old adage: location, location, location. Unless you're looking for a fixer-upper, the house should be in a condition that is comparable to other homes in the neighborhood. Avoid buying the biggest or

rooms or "great rooms" also are desir-

able. On closer examination, a house

that looks like a bargain may lack

the amount of traffic or noise. Homes Beware of improvements that seem located in a quiet area away from easy enough at first glance but may busy street will command a higher turn into major headaches and require price. Make sure the schools in Nour a lot of money once you've moved in. district have a reputation for quality Remodeled kitchens and bathrooms, education and safety. Nearby superchanges to the floor plan, room addi- markets, gas stations, restaurants and tions and redesigned landscaping are theaters also will make a location

examples of seemingly minor changes more desirable. Good community facilities also add you thought you saved by selecting a appeal; pools, athletic fields, comso-called "bargain priced" home. Of munity centers, libraries and hospitals course, you may be perfectly willing all add to a neighborhood's value and to spend whatever money is needed to desirability. Transportation needs also customize the house to match your should be considered. Is local public transit available? How long are typical commutes to places of current and house are in good working condition. potential employment? Are there sev-The furnace, air-conditioning and eral alternate routes? How close is a plumbing should be up to date, since major airport? All of these can affect a repairs can be costly. Your agent can home's pricing.

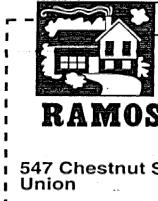
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You can find a bargain! Your first step should be to seek out a knowledgeable real estate agent with experience in the market areas where you wish to purchase a home. Your agent can help you locate those properties that truly are "bargains" and help find the home that most closely matches vour desires and needs. Margaret Fisher is an agent at

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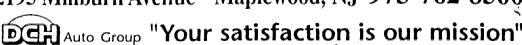
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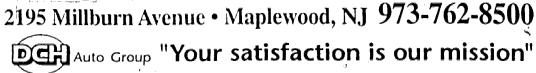
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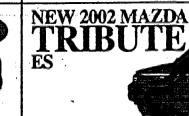
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