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## Township to appeal swim club development decis

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

The Springfield Township Committee has decided to appeal Superior Court Judge John Pisansky's decision to overturn the Planning Board's denial of Pinnacle Communities application to build housing on Wilson Road, where the former Baltusrol Swim Club lies vacant.

"Our attorney, who can certainly speak for himself, says that our chances are not good," said Committeeman Gregory Clarke. "He said the appeal isn't full of loopholes and situations that are easily attacked."

The only way that Springfield can stop Pinnacle from building is by filing an appeal and winning, explained Township Attorney Bruce Bergen.

"Essentially, I am going to argue that there was a sufficient factual basis for the Planning Board to deny the application and that Judge

Pisansky overstepped his authority in overturning their decision," said Bergen.

Bergen said that by Pisansky using the terms arbitrary and capricious to describe the Planning Board's decision, he is essentially saying that the evidence presented to him required him to grant the approval.

"I'm going to argue to the Appellate Division that he overstepped his bounds, that it might have been OK for the Planning Board to grant it, and that may be what Judge Pisansky thinks they should have done, but that as an independent quasi-judicial body they had a right to draw their own conclusions and that there was sufficient evidence for them to deny the application," said Bergen.

Springfield has not filed an appeal yet but it will be submitted within a week, well before the 45-day deadline is up.

Bergen said it probably will be six months to a year before the appellate court has ruled

on the appeal, which is typical.

Springfield must first obtain the transcripts of Pisansky's hearing. Then the township has 60 days to conduct a briefing schedule, followed by the opposition's briefing schedule of 60 days. However, that is all subject to stipulations. Then, the briefs are submitted to the Appellate Division, which has the power to review decisions of a lower court.

Once it is in the appellate court, a decision should be made in a month or two.

Pinnacle's original proposal was to build 96 luxury condominiums in four buildings throughout the site. This would encompass 75 percent of what is allowed under the existing zoning code.

The developer, Pinnacle, filed the lawsuit after the Planning Board in 2000 rejected its site plan, by a 7-2 vote, for a high-rise condominium.

"We felt that it is our responsibility to do what we can, to try to protect the citizens in that area from what was described by the judge as an arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable decision by our Planning Board," said Clarke.

If the township loses the appeal, Pinnacle does not have to go back to the Planning Board.

"Judge Pisansky's decision essentially orders the Planning Board to approve the resolution, which means that if the Appellate Division upholds his ruling, they do not have to go back to the Planning Board," said Bergen. "In fact, as it stands today, it would be a risk, but they could essentially begin building immediately because they now have court-ordered approval of the resolution." The Planning Board had denied Pinnacle's

site plan application, as well as the company's request for variance relief in regards to the height, 38.5 feet; the number of stories, going from 2 1/2 stories to three stories; and the steep slope ordinance.

The trial, to overturn the Planning Board's decision, began on Feb. 10 and the township learned of the verdict on June 24.

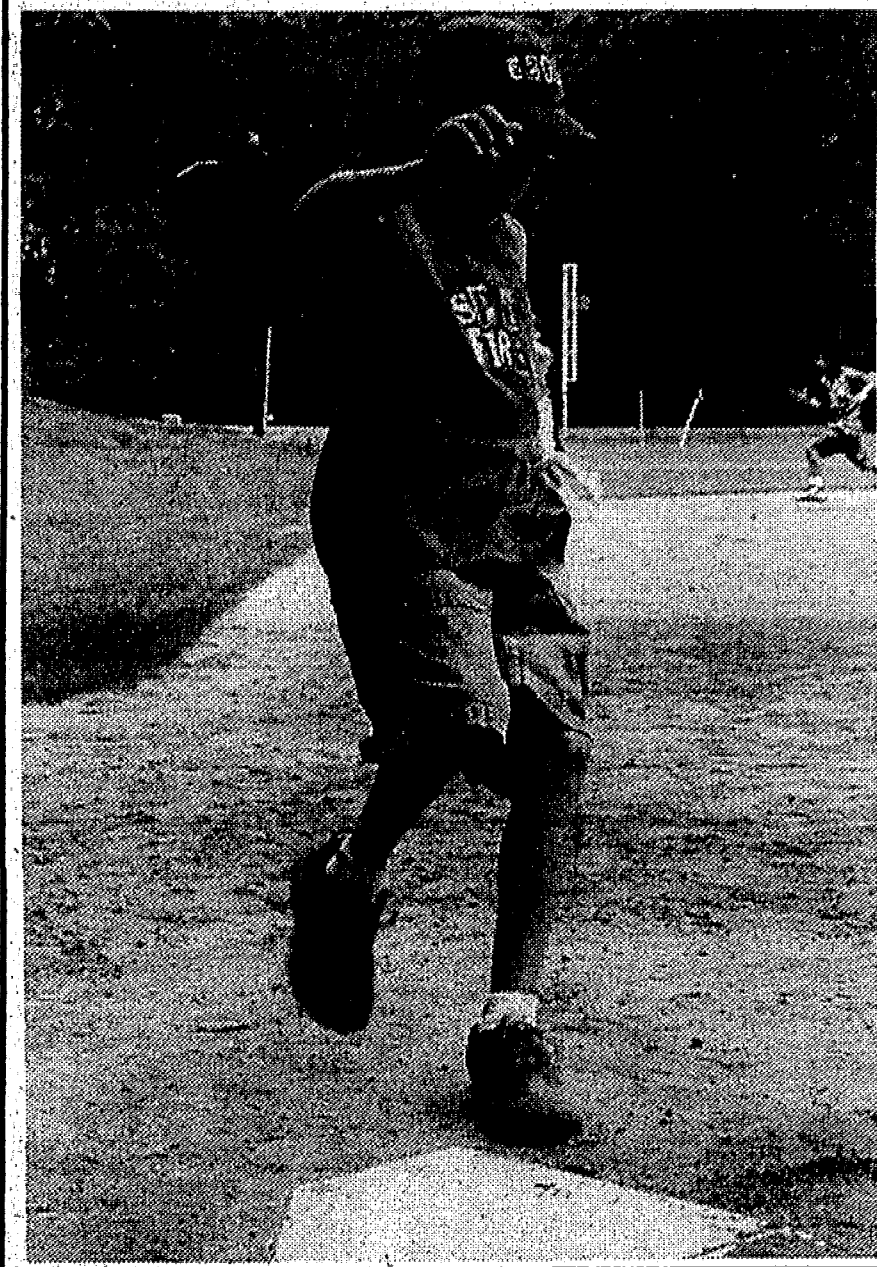
"I think there are a number of factual discrepancies between the record and what Judge Pisansky relied upon," said Bergen.

Bergen said he needs to review the records very carefully before presenting his argument, finding the factual testimony that Judge Pisansky relied on in his decision. Then, Bergen will have to research certain legal issues.

Pisansky will receive notice of the appeal but he has no input or involvement in the appeal process.



Photos By Bob Helfrich



**PLAY BALL** — The Mountainside Recreation Department's summer playground program at the Borough Hall field gives young people the chance to have some good old-fashioned fun. Recreation Counselor Mark Cantagallo watches as batter Chris Trimmer smashes the ball out into the field. As fate would have it, Nick Human gets to second base just as Cantagallo sees lightning in the sky, making this the last play of the game.

## Borough receives donation of AED

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

The Atlantic Ambulance Corporation donated an automatic external defibrillator to Mountainside during the Borough Council's regular meeting Tuesday night.

"We would like to donate to the Borough of Mountainside an AED, fully equipped and ready to use, for any purposes the council deems necessary," said Director of Transportation Services for Atlantic Richard Donovan.

Atlantic supplements the borough's volunteer rescue squad by providing emergency medical coverage on weekdays between 4 a.m. and 4 p.m., the peak hours when volunteers are not available.

The AED is able to shock a patient who has suffered from cardiac arrest.

"The present standards are that the device should be applied within four to eight minutes," said Donovan. "So it is very important that there be enough of these in the community."

Currently, the borough has four other AEDs already in use and can proudly report that three lives have been saved because of them.

The AED is able to detect the rhythms of a person's heartbeat through a computer. It will only shock people who are in need.

"With this, all of us have seen a dramatic increase in the amount of people who have been saved over the last few

years," said Donovan. "It is a brilliant technology that can stop a cardiac arrest and reverse it until the paramedics can get there, until we can get the person to a hospital."

Mayor Robert Vigilanti thanked Donovan for his donation.

"We've had the generosity of other people in town and we expect one or two more to be donated," said Vigilanti. "This will be put into use. I hope we never need it but the person who is going to need it will probably be eternally grateful to you and your organization."

Atlantic houses personnel and emergency medical vehicles in Mountainside.

"A lot of townships wait an inordinate amount of time for ambulances to arrive, especially during the daytime hours when people are working and volunteers are very hard to come by," said Donovan. "I think that it's very important for the council to continue to seek volunteers to cover the majority of the hours. Nights and weekends are very hard for us to fill in regards to manpower."

Having the emergency medical services provided by Atlantic does not increase municipal taxes. Instead, a fee of \$325 is charged to the insurance company of the person who is receiving the medical treatment.

There is no fee charged if the person refuses medical attention once the ambulance arrives.

"I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you for the past six or seven months," said Donovan.

## County submits \$720K plan for clean-up of Meisel Field

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

Although Union County will submit a \$720,000 Meisel Field clean-up plan to the state Department of Environmental Protection, the timeframe as to when the park will be reopened remains uncertain.

"Assuming the DEP concurs with the remediation plan that's outlined by our consultant, then we've got a lot of work to do as we prepare to go to bid and actually hire a contractor to do the work," said Union County Department of Parks and Recreation Director Charles Sigmund. "I would say six to 18 months until everything is completed."

Matrix Environmental of Florham Park completed a report, outlining a remediation plan that was submitted to the county last month. The report estimates a cost of more than \$720,000 to clean up the contaminated areas, conduct a 10-year plan to monitor ground and surface water, and continue additional investigative activities of the park's subsurface soils and groundwater.

Matrix conducted surface soil, subsurface soil and groundwater tests at

the 50-acre park between May 2001 and April of this year.

Meisel has been closed since August when the county discovered that the park contained arsenic, dieldrin; dichloroethane, a solvent for manufacturing usage; an insecticide; benzo, a byproduct that comes from burning coal and/or wood, and lead.

The levels of these contaminants exceeded acceptable DEP levels for residential soil quality standards and groundwater quality standards.

The remediation plan will be submitted to DEP in the very near future, said Sigmund. It takes the DEP a minimum of 90 days to review the plan and let the county know if it is acceptable.

"The plan would incorporate excavating the soil that is impacted or contaminated and bringing clean, backfill to replace it," said Matrix senior project manager Norma Eichlin.

Matrix's report said that much of the surface soil contamination may be attributable to "historic fertilizer, insecticide, and herbicide applications" while the subsurface and groundwater contamination may have come from the American Chemical

Company, a chemical dye plant which operated at the Meisel Field site in the 1920s.

DEP will review the report and submit a comment letter to the county, directing them what to do. If DEP approves of the remediation plan, then the county will go out to bid on the project. If the DEP does not approve of the plan, then Matrix will submit another remediation plan to the county. The county would review that plan and then send it off to DEP again.

County Manager George Devaney said the county always thinks of residents' safety as coming first and therefore once it was discovered that Meisel was contaminated, the field was closed. He said a thorough investigation was conducted and the problem was identified. The next step, he said, is to get the state's approval to conduct the remediation plan.

The 10-year monitoring plan calls for the soil and ground water to continually be tested to ensure the chemicals do not turn up again. It has not yet been determined if Matrix will conduct the additional 10-year testing.

"We're trying to take a proactive and responsible approach. That's what we need to do," said Sigmund.

## Rats continue to stir up residents in Baltusrol neighborhood

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

Despite Springfield township officials claims that the complaints of rat infestation on the residential properties of Temple Drive, Baltusrol Way and Woodcrest Circle have subsided, some residents in the area are still seeing the little four-legged rodents and are up in arms about having to pay exterminators to get rid of them.

"Springfield should hire one exterminator and go through this entire town," said Susan Lhull, a Shunpike Road resident. "Don't tell me I have two weeks to contact an exterminator or I'm going to be fined. I don't know if it's the four-legged rats in this town or the two-legged rats in this town but I'm not going to be told, or intimidated, by someone in the Health Department. I don't have a rat problem."

Shunpike Road residents called the Health Department last week. Health officials came to several houses in the area to investigate the rat infestation. They came to my house and they wanted to check my property and everything else," said Lhull. "I was very cordial. Then I was told that I have to get an exterminator at the cost of at least \$175, to come to my residence to have my property checked."

"If we do not spot rodent burrows on someone's property they are not going to hire an exterminator," said Springfield Health Official Robert Sherr. "I was very cooperative once the Health Department surveys a property,

explained Sherr. If burrows are found, the resident gets a notice of violation saying that they have to obtain an exterminator to inspect and treat the property as appropriate. If a resident's property is very overgrown or they have ivy on the lawn, it is nearly impossible for health officials to inspect that property.

In that case, the resident may get a notice saying that they have to hire an exterminator because the exterminator can take the time needed to inspect the overgrown or ivy-covered property.

Another scenario is if no infestation is found and there's not an unusual circumstance, like the ivy, then a notice of violation is issued if officials found substances that can be a breeding or feeding source for the rodents.

"That doesn't tell them that they have to get an exterminator," said Sherr. "It just tells them that they may have to clean something up on their property." Some of these substances include dog excrement, compost and overflowing garbage cans.

The third scenario is if nothing is found, the resident is given an advisory letter. It's nothing that the resident has to comply with.

"It basically says that rodents have been seen in the area. These are some steps that you can continue to take to avoid having them attracted to your property," said Sherr.

Lhull had asked one of the health officials who came to check her property if she planned to have every house in Springfield checked. "She said, 'No just isolated areas.' I said, 'That's ridiculous. That's totally ridiculous.'"

Lhull and her neighbors have two weeks, from the date the health officials came, to hire an exterminator.

"I don't have any rats here and I'm not going to be told that I have to hire someone to come out here. I refuse," said Lhull.

Lhull said that in spite of the recent rat infestation in certain areas of Springfield, she has not had a rat problem on her property.

Sherr said he has received several e-mails and phone calls from furious residents saying that Springfield has told them to get an exterminator.

"Then they go on to say that 'I've had the exterminator come out and he treated my property,'" Sherr said. "Well, if he treated your property then you had a problem on your property. The exterminator is not going to charge you \$150 to \$200 for no reason."

The Department of Health does not refer exterminator companies to residents.

"We tell people that if you have the time, make a few calls because the prices really vary between extermination companies depending on how busy they are," said Sherr. "They don't charge you to come out and give an estimate and if they do you shouldn't be paying it. The only charge would be if they found an actual infestation on your property and they have to treat it."

"If there is evidence of infestation on a private person's property, for instance

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AT THE LIBRARY

International film festival The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., begins its summer international film festival with "Amelie" on July 25 at noon and 7 p.m.

In this film, Amelie is as delightful as she is quickly. Her childhood was bereft of physical contact, both parents being averse to outward shows of emotion.

Directed by Jean-Pierre Juenet, this 2001 French film is 120 minutes. The summer festival continues on Thursdays with "Day I Became A Woman" on Aug. 1.

Funding for the film festival has been made possible by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library. Admission is free for all times.

For more information, call 973-376-4930 or e-mail questions@springfieldpubliclibrary.com.

Origami demonstration Learn how to make folded paper sea creatures with Mary Kao in an Origami program July 29 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Register at the Youth Services desk or by calling 973-376-4930, Ext. 232, or by e-mail to helenkay@springfieldpubliclibrary.com.

Juggle show offered A juggling show with David Smith is offered Aug. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the

STORK CLUB

Victoria Lynn Delia Anthony and Laura Delia of Springfield announce the birth of their daughter, Victoria Lynn Delia, born May 9 at Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Maternal grandparents are George and Eloise Sloane of New Providence. Maternal great-grandmother is Beatrice Cawley of Hauppauge, N.Y.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings.

Today The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., hosts from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. the Mother Goose Group, which promotes the enjoyment of language through nursery rhymes.

Wednesday As part of summer adult computer classes at the Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, a question-and-answer session about e-mail takes place from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Baby pool may close for repairs The new flooring in the baby pool at the Springfield Municipal Pool is coming up and recreation officials are going to determine whether it's worth shutting down the pool for an indefinite amount of time to fix the problem.

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Controversial tenant is gone

Resident-only parking signs to remain in neighborhood

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer If this were a fairytale, little elves would be dancing around boiling cauldrons of mystical pixie juice singing, "Ding-dong the doctor's gone."

Goldstein had given notice to his landlord, William Bohrod, that he would be vacating the premises on or before July 1. Bohrod confirmed that Goldstein moved out by that deadline.

The valets parked cars along Colfax Road, Profit Avenue, Short Hills Avenue, Baltusrol Way, Spring Brook Road, Park Lane and Lewis Drive. This prompted the Springfield Township Committee to pass ordinances.

With each street that the ordinance pertained to, Goldstein's valets would move onto other streets, further from his practice.

Goldstein never applied for the license. Bohrod is in negotiations to have a new tenant move into Goldstein's old office.

"I spent a lot of time and money cleaning the property, cleaning the parking lot, cleaning up the space, taking down his parking signs and all those other things," said Bohrod. "I spent a lot of money making sure that the litter and the trash and the debris was picked up from that side."

"I would wait until they come back," said Mayor Steven Goldstein. "I would wait until the neighbors in the area

"I think you have to," said Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld. "I'm concerned about the little children because sometimes the parents don't watch them and these kids are sucking in these little balls and there are little Styrofoam things floating around."

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# Free car seat checks

Does your "to do list" look like this: Wash the car, check the baby seat, plan a barbecue. On July 27, Children's Specialized Hospital will let you clear that list with one quick stop at a special community event. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., free child car seat safety checks will be provided in collaboration with the Comprehensive Traffic Safety Program of the Union County Police Department. Additionally, fund-raiser for the hospital's Friday Night Fever program, including a car wash and barbecue, will be between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. All the festivities will take place in the front parking lot at Children's Mountaintop facility, 150 New Providence Road.

Friday Night Fever is a social program that gives youngpeople from ages 10 to 21 who use mobility aid — wheelchairs, walkers, etc. — a chance to socialize with their peers.

For more information, call Jill Jacobi, children's community education specialist and a child passenger safety technician, at 908-301-5478.

# A first-rate teacher



Annysa Herlthy brought a special guest to her second-grade classmate's at St. James the Apostle School in Springfield. The special guest was her dad Bill, who had fun teaching the children about electricity. Annysa and her dad worked hard on this science project which shows how, with the use of batteries, current flows through wires to perform such tasks as making a light glow or a buzzer ring. At the presentation are, from left, Caroline Forde, Steven Bratsch, Bill Herlthy and Annysa.

## Blood drive July 25

In an effort to meet the demands of the community's growing need for blood, the AAA Club will sponsor a blood drive on July 25 at Echo Plaza Shopping Center in Springfield from 2:30 to 8:30 p.m. The drive is open to the entire community.

Almost anyone can be a life-saving hero. Blood donors must be between the ages of 17 — 17 with parental consent — and 75, weighing more than 110 pounds and be in good general health. The blood donation process takes less than an hour and

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includes a free mini medical exam — temperature, iron count, pulse rate and blood pressure. Photo or signature ID is required and knowledge of Social Security Number. If you are on medication and not sure if you can donate, call NJBS at 732-220-7000. For more information, call the Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross at 908-273-2076.

## Dinosaurs are the name of the game

Dinosaur Doin' will be presented July 31 at 1:30 p.m. in Trailside

Summer sky show  
Trailside Nature & Science Center,

Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaintop, offers "Summer Skies," a program that shows the hidden beauty of the summer sky.

Cygnus, Lyra and Aquila form the summer triangle. But, many do not know that the center of the Milky Way galaxy is visible during the summer. Come to the planetarium and find out what else you can see if you "keep looking up."

Show times are 2 and 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$3.25 per person; \$2.80 for seniors Sunday and July 28.

## RELIGION

### 'Faith Mountain' theme of summer program

Mountaintop Chapel, 1180 Spruce Drive, Mountaintop, invites children to join them for "Faith Mountain," an eXtreme adventure with Jesus. It is this summer's theme for an exciting week of special fun music, Bible story lessons, recreation and skills, refreshments, live action skits, friend-making and more. The dynamic family and community-oriented program will be Aug. 5-9 from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

The theme focuses on challenging all who attend to "fix their eyes on Jesus," developing in Him an eXtreme Faith that will sustain them in eXtreme times.

Vacation Bible School is offered to children entering Kindergarten

through those entering grade five in the fall. An Adult Class, the VISTA course, a practical introduction to the Christian Faith, is also offered to those Senior age and up, during the same hours as the children's program. Parents who attend this class are provided with childcare for newborns through age 4. The VISTA course is for anyone who is interested in knowing more about the Christian Faith.

A caring staff of over 60 dedicated and responsible Christian adults, professionals, collegians, high school students, and helpers stand ready to welcome your family to take part in our annual Bible School.

Register as soon as possible by calling the chapel office at 908-232-3456.

### eXtreme Faith awaits

Nick Campagna, Director of Mini-

stries at Mountaintop Chapel, invites all those going into grades six through eight to eXtreme Faith from Monday through July 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. Junior Highers will be challenged to "fix their eyes on Jesus," developing in Him an eXtreme faith that will sustain them in eXtreme times.

The eXtreme fun will include a well-supervised all-day trip to Great Adventure on July 25, a day of biking and skateboarding, Mountaintop Chapel Olympics and more.

Call the chapel at 908-232-3456 for information or to register ahead of time or register in person that week. Mountaintop Chapel is at 1180 Spruce Drive in Mountaintop, one block off Route 22 West, directly behind Manor Care.

### Sisterhood rummage sale

The Sisterhood of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, will conduct its annual rummage sale at in the temple's social hall on Aug. 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Aug. 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. Sisterhood Co-Presidents Elaine Marshall and Dotti Stafman and event chairwoman Hlene Rotenberg announced that this year's rummage sale will be the largest and best ever. Items for sale include house wares, clothing, furniture, toys and much more. Additionally, Aug. 12 will be "Brown Bag Day." A brown grocery bag can be filled up with assorted items for only \$4.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call the temple office at 973-379-5387.

## CLUBS IN THE NEWS

### Gadabout Group has trips on tap for July

The Gadabout Senior Group of Mountaintop is sponsoring two trips in July. The first trip will take place on Wednesday and will feature a show called "Ragtime Grammys" at Lake Montauque. The trip will include a sit-down luncheon and boater cruise. The cost is \$69, plus \$5 for non-membs.

The second trip is on July 31 and will feature Bobby Vinton at the Blue Velvet Theatre in Westbury, Long Island. A dinner at the Miller Inn is included. The cost is \$85 plus \$5 for nonmembers.

For information and reservations, call Loretta at 908-232-1404.

### Newcomers, Neighbors Club plans activities

The Newcomers and Neighbors Club of Springfield plans social and community activities for residents of all ages and interests. For more information, visit their web site at

http://community.nj.com/ce/sprintfieldnewcomers. e-mail to spnewcomers@comcast.net, or call Simone Miller at 908-608-0679.

Upcoming activities include:  
• July 25, playground for infants and children. Call MaryBeth Mittaz at 973-376-9035.

• July 31, 7:30 p.m. Bring a picnic dinner and join us for a Motown concert at Echo Lake Park. Call MaryBeth at 973-376-9035.

• Aug. 8, 8 p.m. Game night. RSVP to Risa Yesowitz at 973-379-6683, or at Risayes@aol.com.

• Sept. 18, 8 p.m., new members coffee and planning meeting. Call Kerri Proper at 973-921-0710.

• Sept. 28, wine tasting social. RSVP to Simone Miller at 908-608-0679.

• Oct. 11, 6:30 p.m., Watchung Reservation. Harvested hayrides and campfire. Call Simone Miller at 908-608-0679.

• Oct. 23, 8 p.m., new members coffee and planning meeting. Call Sumita Ambasta at 973-258-9045.

## STUDENT UPDATE

### Tiss earns spot on Syracuse dean's list

Rachel Tiss of Springfield was among the following students enrolled in Syracuse University's School of Management who were named to the dean's list for the spring semester.

Tiss is a sophomore majoring in finance and marketing management. To qualify for the dean's list, students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours and earn at least a 3.4 grade point average on a 4.0 scale during the semester.

### Schnakenberg earns dean's list at Rutgers

Christopher Schnakenberg has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Rutgers College. The son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schnakenberg of Mountaintop, he will be entering his senior year as a finance major.

### Raman, Venkatchalam selected Byrd Scholars

Governor Livingston High School students Midula Raman and Vivek Venkatchalam were among 190 students selected as Byrd Scholars for 2002. Both were among the scholars in Congressional District 7.

### Newark Academy honors

Several Springfield residents were among the 54 students who earned high honors and 296 students who

earned honors for their academic achievements during the spring term at Newark Academy in Livingston.

Earning high honors was Ariel J. Schwarz, ninth grade. Achieving honors were Aviad Haimi-Cohen and Jacquelyn S. Dorsky, ninth grade; Jacob A. Feldman, 10th grade, and Kevin Zhu, 12th grade.

The high honors list includes those students who earned grades of A-minus or above for each course taken. The honors list includes those students who achieved grades of B-minus or above for each course taken.

### Friedman and Ravitz on dean's list at SU

Springfield residents Staci Friedman and Joshua Ravitz were among the students enrolled in Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications who were named to the dean's list for the 2002 spring semester.

Friedman is a senior majoring in public relations and Ravitz is a senior majoring in television-radio-film.

### Montclair St. dean's list

Springfield residents Jana Franke, Mitchell J. Hollander and Lukasz Grzyzorz Maciak were among the students to earn academic honors for spring 2002 at Montclair State University.

To be eligible, a student must be enrolled full time and have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better on a 4.0 scale.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

PLANNING BOARD  
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN TOP  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that decisions were made at a public meeting by the Mountaintop Planning Board on June 13, 2002 at the Mountaintop Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountaintop, NJ 07992.

William Hoffman, 217 Central Avenue, Block 16 D, Lot 2, Mountaintop, NJ 07992. APPROVED

Charles and Paula Dooly, 415 New Providence Road, Block 4 C, Lot 28 A, Construction of a fence with variances. DENIED

U2362 ECL July 18, 2002 (87.50)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
FOR THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
Take notice that the following decision was made at the regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment held on Tuesday, May 21, 2002.

Application # 2001-19  
Applicant: Milburn, LLC  
Site Location: 570-588 Morris Avenue, Lot 36, 37 & 38  
Preliminary & Final Major Subdivision, Variance and bulk variances for construction of addition. Approved

The resolution memorializing the decision together with the regular Board of Adjustment meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 2002 is available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Robert C. Kirkpatrick  
Board of Adjustment Secretary  
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# Township continues dealing with rat problem

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if there are burrows or droppings or whatever, they are responsible for exterminating their own property," said Township Attorney Bruce Bergen. "If the rats are living on their property, they are responsible."  
The Department of Health is telling residents in the neighborhood that the cause of the infestation is most likely their properties.

"We're still having some minor problems but I think it's taken us a little bit longer to get it under control because it was extensive at the time," said Sherr. "The amount of calls we have received has dropped considerably. Most of it now is just trying to lose ends."

Residents in the area say the rat infestation is not their fault, rather it's due to construction in the area and the increased catering business of Temple Beth Ahm.

"You're not going to wipe out the rat population of America so what you do is you exterminate and you take away the opportunity for them to find water and food and shelter, where you don't want them to be, and they go back underground," said Bergen.

The temple's Dumpsters are owned and operated by New Brunswick-based Midco Waste Systems, which collects the temple's garbage on Mondays and Fridays.

"We haven't seen any rats in a while," said Denise DaSilva, a resident in the area. "We're hoping that they finally got everything under control because everything seems to be quieting down."

DaSilva did not have to hire an exterminator. "They never came to my property because I have a dog, a large dog," she said. "She probably scared them off if they were on their way over here."

The Department of Health has said the temple and the construction sites are 100 percent in compliance.

"They want me to be able to point a finger and say this is exactly where it came from and I don't think we're in a position to do that this time," said Sherr. "There were a lot of things that contributed to it and I don't want to say, without definitive proof, that there was the cause of the problem."

"They should condemn the entire town of Springfield, get someone in here to exterminate all the rats. This is not an isolated incident," said Lhull. "What are my taxes — \$5,800 for this little house — what are my taxes going for?"

## Linked by friendship



Organized by the James Caldwell School PTA in Springfield, 87 soon-to-be first graders at the school spent a recent morning doing arts, crafts and other activities with an older buddy in the third grade. They created paper doll likenesses of their partner and made a friendship chain which will decorate the first-grade hallway in the fall. Helping out are parents Michelle Downey, left, Ginny Russo and Minnie Goldberg, holding the chain made by the buddies.

## Brownstein on dean's list at Wisconsin

Sheryl Jen Brownstein of Springfield was named to the dean's list at The University of Wisconsin-Madison for spring semester 2002. Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Schools or colleges typically require students to rank in the top 10 percent of their class or achieve a grade-point average of 3.75 or higher in order to receive this honor.

## Chesler on Tufts list

Elizabeth R. Chesler of Mountainside was among the students at Tufts University to be named to the dean's list for the spring semester.

## OBITUARIES

### Jean M. Tessitore

Jean M. Tessitore, 62, of Springfield died July 9 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.  
She was the owner of Springfield Taxi for 30 years.  
Born in Orange, she lived in Springfield for 20 years and Millburn for 40 years before returning to Springfield two years ago.

### Anthony S. Volpe

Anthony S. Volpe, 79, of Springfield died July 10 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.  
Mr. Volpe was a salesman at the Weichert Realty Co., Westfield, for the past six years. Previously, he had been a charter life underwriter and branch office manager at the Prudential Life Insurance Co., Clark, where he worked for 34 years.  
Mr. Volpe served in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

He was a member of the Holy Name Society and a Eucharistic Minister of St. James Church, and a leader in contemplative prayer at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mountainside.  
A native of Newark, he lived in East Orange, West Orange, Bloomfield, New Providence, and Union before moving to Springfield.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor; a son, Andrew C.; a brother, Peter, and sisters, Phyllis Sciale, Celeste Kuhlmann and Angel Librizzi.

### Nannie Lou Moses

Nannie Lou Moses, 80, of Springfield died July 11 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Surviving are a daughter, Dirinda Withers; sisters, Clara Baulte, Mary Roane, and Clara Roulack; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

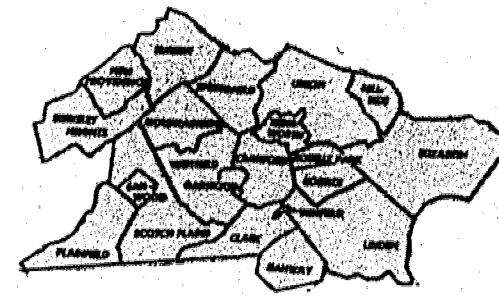
She was a private duty nurse's aide for 30 years and also worked at the Pocatunny Arsenal, Dover, as an assembler for many years.  
A 65-year member of Wallace Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, Mrs. Moses was named Woman of the Year in 1981 and 1985. She belonged to the Stewardess Board and was a life member of the Florence S. Randolph Woman's Home and Overseas Missionary Society and Lay Council at the church. Mrs. Moses was also a former conference worker, trustee, supply captain and secretary of the Woman's Home and Overseas Missionary Society.

She was former past matron of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliation, past dean of the school of instruction of the 6th District of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliation.

Mrs. Moses was a life member of the NAACP and a charter member of the Tri-City Branch of the NAACP of Summit, Springfield and Vaux Hall, where she served on the executive board and fund-raising committee and received the branch's service award. She was also a member of the National Council of Negro Women, Vaux Hall section, and the Republican Voter Association.

Born in Oxford, N.C., Mrs. Moses lived in Springfield for more than 60 years.

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## Keeping up

Hearing a typical work week in the life of James Agresti, D.O., of Kenilworth wears me out. The newly-appointed Vice President of Medical Affairs at Union Hospital also balances his growing private practice including kidney specialty and serving as a Professor of Medical Students.  
Agresti gives a different perspective to healthcare, its future and cost. In fact, benefit consultants project that health insurance premiums will rise about 20 percent next year. This will be the third year of double-digit increases, a good deal of which gets passed on to employees.

## Left Out

By Frank Capece

I asked Agresti flat out about health costs. It really isn't our doctor's fault. While they may still drive a Mercedes and golf on Wednesday, the actual cost of service remains stable with inflation.  
"Patients are paying for the technology and just keeping up," he said. Agresti can reel off the expanded use of MRI, new surgical equipment for invasive procedures and the soon-to-open new surgical operating room at Union Hospital, as examples. While my grandfather paid less for his medical treatment, he didn't have these new benefits which we all take for granted. But they do come at a cost.  
Two of the major health insurers, Aetna and Cigna, point to an April study by Price/Waterhouse/Coopers which target the higher use of healthcare services and the new technologies services as the reason for price increases.  
Drinking a Diet Coke with Dr. Agresti on Sunday, it strikes me how important his effort is to all our well-being. I like this bright guy, who for 16 years has expanded his practice in Kenilworth. He is about to move to a new office on the Boulevard. He serves as the local school physician and physician to the Kenilworth Board of Health. He goes to the Brearley football games from freshman to junior varsity to varsity. He spends the first two weeks of April each year teaching at the school he graduated from in Missouri. Agresti loves the kids and his practice. Kind of like an uncorny Marcus Welby.

He also finds the time to serve as medical director for St. Barnabas Hemodialysis Unit near Union Hospital and visits patients at Newark Beth Israel and Rahway hospitals. He can be intense. Whether it's the uninvited editing of my notes during the interview or talking about the waste of the referral system for patients, he has opinions. "Let's just send the people for the care they need. What good does the excess paperwork accomplish; they still get the treatment."

As a time filler, Agresti keeps abreast of the changes in state and federal regulations on healthcare and clinical operation, and the morass of insurance regulation. He estimates that four hours of his 12-hour work day is spent on administrative functions.  
Others are busy too. Health insurers around the nation are also into a crusade. Their idea is that through increased costs, consumers with a financial stake will make better health care decisions. Teenagers would describe this as doing it on the cheap.  
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A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

## Towns under fiscal stress, study says

By Mark Hrywna Regional Editor

Six municipalities in Union County are in the "trouble zone" when it comes to equalized property tax rates, joining more than 100 towns statewide, according to a recent analysis by an independent liberal think tank. Hillside, Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle, Roselle Park and Winfield all have equalized tax rates that exceed the target \$3 per \$100 of assessed value, leading to "fiscal stress" for these municipalities. At least one town in each of the state's 21 counties was labeled as being in "fiscal stress" with a tax rate higher than \$3 per \$100.  
This fiscal stress is a result of structural imbalance where "resources are inadequate to provide the amount of spending needed in a community," according to the study by New Jersey Policy Perspective. Fiscal stress is described as a dynamic condition — "it produces a vicious downward spiraling cycle."  
"High and rising local taxes plus declining local services lead to a deteriorating tax base and further increases in taxes and reductions in services."  
"To many observers it is simply the natural course of things; cities go from being vibrant to growing old and tired; they become less viable — no longer able to make it on their own," Henry Coleman, who authored the analysis for New Jersey Policy Perspective, stated in the report. "But in New Jersey, there is no question that

the process of decay has as one of its major causes the structure of the tax system we, as a state choose, to live with.  
"Furthermore, it must be emphatically stated that the problems that will be discussed here are not found only in the major cities of New Jersey, the ones that fit the stereotype of decline."  
Coleman is director of the Center for Government Services at Rutgers University and a member of the New Jersey Policy Perspective Board of Trustees.  
The richest state in the nation, New Jersey's median household income is \$54,226, more than 31 percent above the national average. "One reason why the state's high per capita income is of little help to municipalities is that, compared to other states, New Jersey relies excessively on local government and local financing through the property tax," Coleman said.  
Methods for measuring property tax burdens in a state or community include the overall size of the tax levy; property taxes per capita; general/equalized tax rate; property taxes as a percent of all state and local taxes; property taxes as a percent of personal income, and the change in property taxes over time.  
Coleman said the effective tax rate, which is based on market value, as opposed to assessed value at a nominal tax rate, was used in two significant studies about property taxes that employed the \$3 level as a benchmark

Municipality	Tax rate
Berkeley Heights	1.875
Clark	2.806
Cranford	2.320
Elizabeth	2.985
Fanwood	2.651
Garwood	2.680
Hillside	3.848
Kenilworth	2.272
Linden	2.729
Mountainside	1.616
New Providence	2.178
Plainfield	3.407
Rahway	3.202
Roselle	4.463
Roselle Park	3.367
Scotch Plains	2.447
Springfield	2.497
Summit	1.714
Union	2.860
Westfield	2.169
Winfield	11.350

"when a community is in trouble." "It's not always something obvious."

Jeff Jotz, a spokesman for Rahway Mayor James Kennedy, said the city has one of the most stable tax rates in Union County. "I didn't really expect to see us on the list," he said, adding that the city tax rate had increased 1 percent during the last decade while Rahway has the fourth or fifth lowest tax bill in the county. He pointed to what services residents receive for their tax dollars. In the case of Rahway, Jotz said garbage collection and recycling are included in the tax bill, whereas in other towns, residents are billed separately.  
Many of the older communities which lost their industrial base were  
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## Imaging company files bankruptcy

By Mark Hrywna Regional Editor

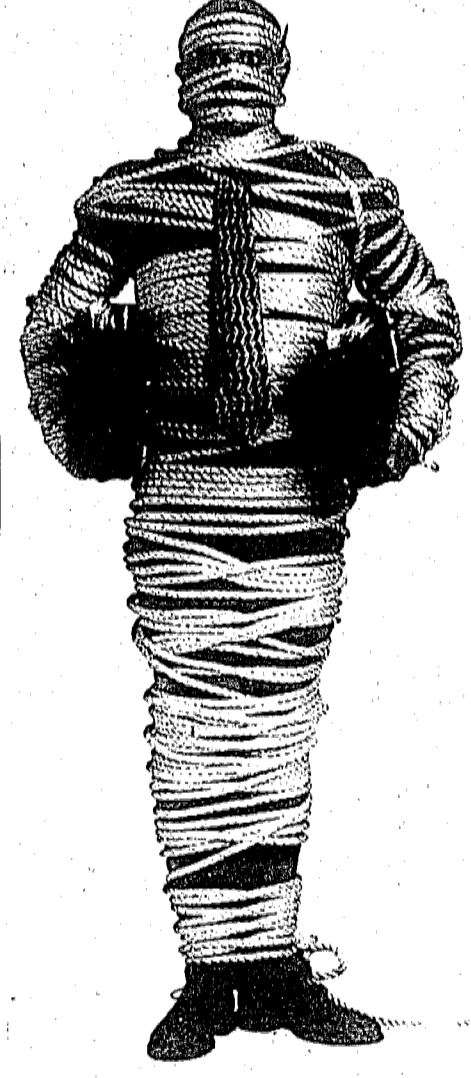
The company responsible for helping to bring the county clerk's documents onto the World Wide Web has filed for bankruptcy.  
Aspedient Technologies of Miami filed Chapter 11 about two months ago and has since filed Chapter 7, according to County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi. Chapter 11 bankruptcy allows a company to reorganize; however, under Chapter 7, there is no chance of reorganization because a company is too far under to be able to reorganize.  
Rajoppi told the Board of Chosen Freeholders last week that a bankruptcy attorney may be needed because not all the work has been completed on the clerk's imaging system. "We should protect our interests and take some proactive action" by setting aside \$5,000 for a bankruptcy attorney, only if "we have a problem with the negotiated amount we feel is fair."  
Since the company filed for bankruptcy, Rajoppi said she believes it is a defaulted contract, with no warranty. The company is in the middle of work that is not completed. The county has paid nothing on a \$36,000 contract awarded to Aspedient by freeholders several months ago. Rajoppi said, so a bankruptcy attorney would not seek to recover payment but rather negotiate an appropriate amount. Special counsel will be hired only if county counsel cannot come to agreement on a settlement. "Only as a last step if it does not work out," would a bankruptcy attorney be necessary, she said.  
Aspedient combined all the work into a \$55,000 invoice, but only about half the work has been completed, Rajoppi said. Aspedient also had a \$20,000 annual contract for support and maintenance of the site. The cost was more than \$56,000 because "we ran into problems none of us knew we would have," she said, adding there are some security issues that need to be addressed to have the system state certified.

Most of the work on the property search web page is completed, and the clerk still hopes to have state certification of the system by the fall. Certification would allow the county to discontinue publishing hard copies of each document, which could save as much as \$150,000 annually.  
The consultant who worked for Aspedient and has worked with the county clerk since 1985, Michael Wisolmerski, drafted a contract for \$75,600 to try to finish the work. Over the years, Wisolmerski has helped to start computerization of the county clerk's office in addition to upgrading programs. Rajoppi said. The contract would include "financial consolidation and security augmentation" for the imaging system. The freeholders are expected to vote on that contract during their next regular meeting on July 25.

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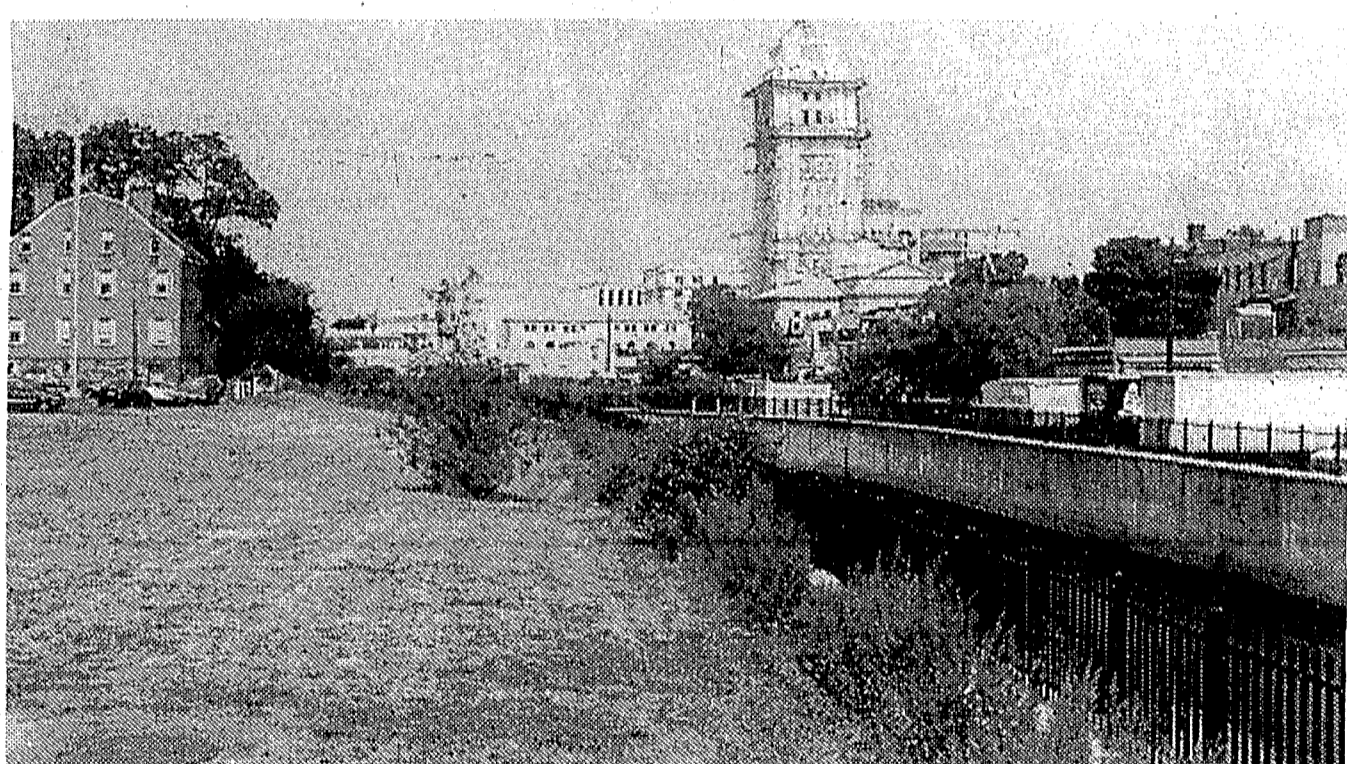
## Greenways would link parks via Olmsted vision

By Mark Hrywna Regional Editor

An amendment to Union County's Open Space and Recreation Master Plan has identified seven potential greenway corridors, a legacy of landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted.  
Olmsted's vision was to create a linear and contiguous park system throughout the county along greenway corridors, river corridors and trails and bicycle paths which link existing recreation and open space sites. In 1921, Olmsted's firm was hired as a consultant to "establishing a cohesive network of parks" in Union County.  
The amendment to the county's 1999 Open Space and Recreation Master Plan was presented by the county's consultants, T&M Associates, and the freeholders accepted the plan last month. The strategic plan is a requirement for the county's Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, County Manager George Devanney said, and to establish criteria for acquisition. A plan is needed for each component of the trust fund, he added, and one for the historic preservation element should be completed by the end of the year.  
The Elizabeth River Greenway and Riverwalk traverses the most urbanized area of the county, from Kawamuch Park in Union to the Arthur Kill in Elizabeth. In 1991, the City of Elizabeth prepared the Elizabeth River Parkway Study "to develop a plan and an implementation strategy for the Elizabeth River corridor to provide a

continuous recreation facility from Ursino Park to the Arthur Kill, linking many existing park and recreation facilities and creating many more."  
The Elizabeth Riverwalk would provide a physical connection between transportation, businesses and cultural establishments, and could be used as a system of interconnecting trails, promenades and bike routes.  
The plan indicates many of the city's vacant or abandoned parcels along the river have an opportunity to be redeveloped into active or passive park facilities.  
The Passaic River Greenway separates Union County from Morris County along the county's 133-acre Passaic River Park and runs along the river corridor from Summit through Berkeley Heights to New Providence. Several possibilities exist for trail routes connecting trails in Essex and Somerset counties. The plan emphasizes acquisition efforts should focus on completing a contiguous greenway along the river.  
The Rahway Valley Greenway "is envisioned as a bridge connecting the isolated western portion of the county," the Passaic River Greenway, and the "remainder of the county park system." The corridor runs along the former Rahway Valley Rail Line in Summit and follows the past east into Springfield. The greenway would provide potential connections with the Watchung Reservation, Hidden Valley Park, Briant Park, the Houdaille Quarry and the Rahway River Greenway. Since most of the land along this corridor is developed, the plan indi-

cates acquiring easements along existing rail corridors "to provide a physical connection and access between the western and central portions of the county."  
The Green Brook Greenway runs north to south along the western boundary of both Plainfield and Scotch Plains and is anchored by Green Brook Park and the Watchung Reservation. The county "should make every effort to acquire flood prone properties within the Green Brook Greenway floodplain and incorporate those properties into a linear Green Brook Park similar to that of Passaic River Park."  
A Cross County Greenway would



Riverwalk promenades along the Elizabeth River Greenway would emphasize scenic vistas and improve pedestrian circulation downtown. A recent report identified six other potential greenway corridors that would connect the park system within Union County.

extend from the Watchung Reservation in the west along the Rahway River and its tributaries to the northernmost portions of the Elizabeth River Park. Three of the seven county greenways converge in the Lenape Park area near Cranford and Kenilworth, making Lenape Park the crossroads of the greenway network.  
The Rahway River North Branch Greenway is made up of a series of parks around the northern branch of the Rahway River, with parkland in the corridor extending into Clark, Cranford, Springfield, Union and Rahway. The State Department of Environmental Protection recently awarded the City of Rahway \$147,500 for restorations along the Rahway River in the city's Union and Allen streets area. Once restored, the area will be included in Union County's Rahway River Parkway as "a gift to the Open Space Trust."  
The Robinson Branch of the Rahway River Greenway traverses Union County's southern boundary with Middlesex County. The plan emphasizes freshwater wetland preservation, drinking water protection and flood control as major environmental issues along the area. "The county supports local efforts to preserve as much of the remaining open space as possible and to protect the nature features in and around the Robinson Branch."

## Authorities rule two suicides at jail unrelated

By Michelle Runge Staff Writer

Preliminary reports from authorities investigating a pair of suicides that took place in the Union County Jail on July 3 indicate the staff was not negligent in the care of the prisoners.  
Both of the inmates, each in their 20s and arrested on minor charges, committed suicide within a 12-hour timeframe in the fourth-floor reception area at the county jail in Elizabeth.  
Although inmates often are housed in the unit, sometimes for several days in the same section where inmates are evaluated upon their arrival, Jail Director Frank Cross said there is no indication that the deaths are anything but a coincidence.  
The first death in the cellblock that holds 48 inmates was discovered when a corrections officer found Jack Lazarski, 21, of Elizabeth hanging by a bedsheet tied around the bars of his cell at 12:15 a.m., Cross said.  
Lazarski killed himself during a corrections guard shift change while his cellmate slept through the incident.  
Attempts at CPR were unsuccessful and he was pronounced dead, Cross said, adding that "the staff did their very best to assist both men."  
About 12 hours later, at 12:10 p.m., a corrections officer found Gregory Knable, 29, of Helmetta hanging from his bedsheets which he had wound around the top bunk of his bed frame. The inmates had been served lunch shortly before then, and officers were busy collecting lunch trays when Knable was found hanging from the bed, Cross said.  
Knable was taken to Trinitas Hospital where he was pronounced dead, the jail director said. An unidentified landscaper with a record of misdemeanor crimes, the victim had been arrested in Union on July 2 for minor drug-dealing charges and his bail had been set at \$12,000.  
Newark Municipal Court had a detainer on Knable, meaning that he would have been turned over to Newark authorities had he posted bail.  
Talk to the victim's families and another story emerges, one that accuses jail authorities of being irresponsible.  
Gregory's mother, Benita Knable, is not satisfied with the response she has received from authorities concerning her son's suicide and said she believes officers were derelict in their duties.  
"Anyone would think there would have been increased security after the first suicide," Knable said. "If they were doing the job they are paid to do, they would have been making rounds every half-hour and my son wouldn't be dead today."  
Just as distressed and equally sure corrections officers were not making adequate rounds on a day when the temperatures outside reached 100 degrees, is Zofia Lazarski, Jack's mother. Lazarski had been arrested on June 27 by police when they pulled him over for a routine stop and a computer check revealed he was driving with a revoked license. He was placed under arrest and held to preserve as much of the remaining open space as possible and to protect the nature features in and around the Robinson Branch.

An investigation is ongoing by county police.

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**MUSICAL ROYALTY**

By Charles Preston

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# What's Going On?

**FLEA MARKET**  
SATURDAY  
July 27, 2002  
EVENT: Flea Market & Collectible Show  
Outdoors  
PLACE: Hoffman LaRoche, Nutley, NJ  
Address: Georgia Pacific Lot on Kingsland Avenue

**RUMMAGE SALE**  
TUESDAY EVENINGS  
July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd 2002  
THURSDAY MORNINGS  
July 11th, 18th, 25th 2002  
EVENT: 69th ANNUAL TURNOVER SALE  
PLACE: Morrow Memorial Church, 600 Ridgewood Road, Maplewood  
TIME: Thursdays 9:30am-12:30pm  
Tuesdays 7:00pm-9:00pm  
PRICE: Free Admission. Bargains in clothing, linens, collectibles, sporting goods, housewares, etc. All proceeds benefit many charitable projects, including inner city causes.

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## Folksinger to perform free concert for kids

The Arts Guild of Rahway will present Philadelphia-area folk singer Daria at a free concert for children at Hart Street Park in Rahway during the Rahway Recreation Department "Community Day" festival that ends this summer's park activities program.

The event is July 25 from 4 to 7 p.m. The concert will begin at 5:15 p.m.

Have you ever seen a 5-year-old play a "Fish"? A 3-year-old play a 4-foot rain stick from the Amazon? Or watch children making music on washboards and spoons like they did in American vaudeville? You can see all that July 25 when the tremendously talented Daria plays at Hart Street Park. Daria fearlessly encourages kids to come up and handle and experiment with her musical instruments from all over the world and to spontaneously help her create the concert as she goes.

Daria, who speaks and sings in five languages, has performed in 14 countries around the world. She plays a variety of musical instruments including guitars, dulcimers, washboards, spoons, guiros and shekeres. Accompanied by drummer/percussionist Dave Beaver, she shows high-

lights other instruments including the cajon, bodhran, dumblek, rainsticks and much more.

The concert is free for all Rahway children who attend the summer activities in the park run by the Rahway Recreation Department. Parents and others are welcome to attend as well. This is the third free children's summer presented by the Arts Guild of Rahway since 2000. The Arts Guild, located at 1670 Irving St. in Rahway, is a multi-disciplinary center for the arts offering a nine-month season of professional art exhibits, concerts, art classes and films each year.

This program is made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Additional funding has been provided by Phillips Petroleum through the Linden Refinery, Phillips 66, Bayway.

For information, contact the Rahway Recreation Department at 732-669-3600 or the Arts Guild of Rahway at 732-381-7511.

## REUNIONS

The following reunions have been registered with Reunions Unlimited.

- Union High School Classes of 1972 and '73, Aug. 16.
- Summit High School Class of 1982, 20th reunion, Aug. 24.
- Union High School Class of 1977, 25th reunion, Nov. 30.
- Union High School Class of 1983, 20th reunion, 2003.
- Westfield High School Class of 1992, 10th reunion, May 4.
- For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at 732-617-1000.
- Abraham Clark High School, Roselle, Class of 1950 is searching for classmates in preparation for its 52nd reunion. For information, call 954-360-0666 or send e-mail to jounjer@aol.com.
- Elizabeth High School Class of 1982 is organizing a class reunion. For information, or to volunteer for the planning committee, contact Kim Troutman-Lewter 973-623-3314 and Sandra Holmes at 732-381-2541.
- Rahway High School Class of 1977 is searching for classmates in preparation for the 25th reunion. Members of this class are asked to contact Charlene Rankins-Jackson at 908-490-1543 or Bob Brandler at 732-821-5774.
- St. Mary High School, Jersey City, Classes of 1960, '61, '62 and '63 are planning a reunion. For information, call Ken Giordano at 732-549-6600 or 732-946-7075.
- Linden High School Class of 1966 will sponsor a reunion picnic Aug. 10. For information, contact Carolyn (Mihalik) Pabon at 908-862-4110 or 4rainbows@msn.com, or Susan (Hughes) Davidson at 908-754-6215 or susanedith134@hotmail.com.
- Linden High School will sponsor a reunion picnic for classes from the 1950s and '60s Aug. 24 from 1 p.m. to dusk at Memorial Park, South Wood Avenue, Linden. For information, call 908-862-4272.
- Linden High School Classes of 1952 to '56 will sponsor a New England reunion cruise Sept. 8 to 13. For information, call 732-793-3151.
- Roselle Park High School Class of 1952 will conduct its 50th reunion Sept. 15. For information, call 732-928-5192 or send e-mail to bw-advertising@aol.com.
- Frank H. Morrell High School Class of 1977 will conduct its 25th reunion Sept. 21 at the Kenilworth Inn, Kenilworth. For information, contact Donna Kimmel-Zolli at P.O. Box 4108, Roselle Park, 07204, or at Donnaetz@aol.com.
- Jonathan Dayton Regional High School Class of 1947 will conduct its 55th reunion Oct. 18 at the Gran Centurions in Clark. For information, contact Anne Greve at 908-272-8796 or Hary Kundrat at 908-665-1873.
- Linden High School Class of 1952 will conduct its 50th reunion Oct. 18 at the Westwood in Garwood. For information, call Vera Benek Novak at 908-245-5591 or Wilma Spanjerberg Villani at 908-862-8748.

# Area youths learn skills, business sense in theater conservatory

Through the support of American Express, The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and Kids-for-Kids Foundation of New Jersey, Paper Mill's Summer Musical Theater Conservatory will present "New Voices 2002: The Magic of Lerner and Loewe" July 26 and 27 at 7:30 p.m. and July 28 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$18 to \$35 and are available by calling 973-763-4343. This annual event, now in its seventh year, features more than 100 young performers between the ages of 10 and 18 from 71 towns across New Jersey in a musical celebration of some of the greatest musicals of the 20th century by the team of Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe. "New Voices 2002" is directed by Robert Johnson, Associate Director Mark S. Hoebe, Artistic Associate Patrick Park, Director of Education Susan Speidel and John Housley with musical direction and vocal arrangements by Albert Evans.

According to Speidel, "As the conservatory has grown over the past seven years, it has become a rich and rewarding experience for faculty and students alike. The students learn from us about America's indigenous art form — the musical theater — and we, in turn, are inspired and energized by their enthusiasm and optimism."

Now in its seventh season, the conservatory provides a place for gifted and talented young performers to develop their musical theater performance skills in five weeks of intensive study that began June 24. Those accepted into the program have been attending classes Monday through Friday, from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Professional and personal development is the focus of all classes and students receive individual attention from Paper Mill's faculty of professional teaching artists.

For the first four weeks, students take part in singing, acting and dancing classes, and attend guest artist workshops and master classes conducted by actors, directors, choreographers, designers and casting agents. Each student also receives personalized instruction through a private voice lesson once each week. The fifth week is devoted to rehearsals for an annual concert event that showcases the talent of the conservatory students on the Paper Mill stage.

Classes and guest artist workshops have included Musical Theater Performance; Music Theory; Acting; Improvisation; Speech and Diction; jazz, ballet, tap, ballroom and period dance; Dance Technique/Conditioning; Stage Combat; Ensemble Vocal Performance; Scene Study; Acting for the Camera; Stage Makeup; Mime; Audition Techniques; The Business of the Theater; Principles of Stage Design; The History of Musical Theater, and Stage Management.

All classes and rehearsals are under the supervision of Paper Mill's professional artistic and administrative staff. This year's conservatory has taken place in the air-conditioned Wilkins Theater building at Kean University in Union, as part of the Arts Incubator Project. A new division of the conservatory, designed specifically for students in the 12-to-13 age range, has been introduced this year and is being held at the JCC of Metropolitan New Jersey on Northfield Avenue in West Orange.

Graduates of the Summer Musical Theater Conservatory have gone on to appear in several Broadway shows such as the current revival of "Into the Woods." Others have gone on to be featured in Paper Mill mainstage productions, including "I'm Not Rappaport," "Carousel," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "Gypsy," "Children of Eden," "Jane Eyre" and "Big River." Others are continuing their training in theater programs at the finest colleges and universities in the country. Paper Mill is proud of its graduates including two-time Tony-nominee Laura Benanti and Anne Hathaway who starred alongside Julia Andrews in the hit Disney film, "The Princess Diaries." This past spring, Hathaway was the toast of New York for her acclaimed performances as Lili in City Center's "Encore!" concert version of "Carnival!"

Alan Jay Lerner, book and lyrics, wrote these musicals with Frederick Loewe: "Life of the Party," "What's Up," "The Day Before Spring," "Brigadoon," "Paint Your Wagon," "My Fair Lady," "Camelot" and "Gigi." He also wrote "Love Life" with Kurt Weill, "On a Clear Day You Can See Forever" and "Carmelina" with Burton Lane, "Coco" with Andre Previn, "1600 Pennsylvania Avenue" with Leonard Bernstein and "Dance a Little Closer" with Charles Strouse. He wrote the libretto and/or lyrics for the following films: "An American in Paris," "Gigi," "The Little Prince," "Royal Wedding," and the film versions of his plays: Lerner wrote two books — "On the Street Where I Live" and "The Musical Theater: A Celebration." In 1985, he was awarded the Kennedy Center Honor for his contribution to theater.

Frederick Loewe, music, was a child prodigy at 4, and made his concert debut with the Berlin Symphony at 13. He came to America in 1923. In 1942, Loewe approached Alan Jay Lerner in New York and said he would like to collaborate with him on a musical show. The two went on to enjoy a notable partnership resulting in the stage musicals "The Day Before Spring," "Brigadoon," "Paint Your Wagon," "My Fair Lady" and "Camelot," the films "Gigi" and "The Little Prince," and the stage version of "Gigi." Loewe was the recipient of several Tony and Academy Awards.

Paper Mill's "New Voices 2002: The Magic of Lerner and Loewe" will be presented July 26 and July 27 at 7:30 p.m., and July 28 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$18, \$25 and \$35, and are on sale now. Call 973-376-4343 or visit www.papermill.org. Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express are accepted.

"New Voices 2002" is made possible in part by the generous support American Express, the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and Kids-for-Kids Foundation of New Jersey.

For more information on Paper Mill's The Theater School, call Mickey McNamany-Damian at 973-379-3636, Ext. 2626.

The following Union County youngsters are participating in Paper Mill's Summer Musical Theater Conservatory and will appear in "New Voices 2002: The Magic of Lerner and Loewe":

- Fanswood: Sarah Avarale, 13.
- Linden: Justin Bellero, 17.
- Mountainside: Greg Trimmer, 16.
- New Providence: Garrett Gallinot, 11, and Gus Gallinot, 13.
- Springfield: Peter Sandler, 12.
- Summit: Gregg Bakalar, 11; Vincent Balzano, 13; Megumi Haggerty, 16; Tim Lynch, 10; Julia Scan, 11, and Sean Wilkins, 13.
- Union: Kassic Laguna, 13.
- Westfield: Tara Deieso, 13; Allison Siko, 14, and Lindsay Rose Sinclair, 17.

• Aug. 13 — Jimmy Sturr Orchestra at Wilson Park, Summit Terrace.  
Call the Gregorio Recreation Center at 908-474-8627 or the Recreation Hotline at 908-474-8604 for more information.  
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## Railroad Club now offers two-for-one ticket rate

The Model Railroad Club Inc., an activity of the Union County Park System, announced that it is now offering a new discounted ticket.

The tickets will be available at the club ticket office, located at 295 Jefferson Ave., Union, off U.S. Route 22 east, behind the Home Depot. The club is open to the public every Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.

The new ticket is called the Discount Return-Trip Ticket. Individuals purchasing a Discount Return-Trip

## Concerts live up nights in Linden's park series

The Linden Department of Recreation, Community Services and Public Property is sponsoring a free six-week summer concert series.

All concerts begin at 7:15 p.m. The rain location for the performances is the Linden High School gymnasium.

Dates and performers are:

- Tuesday — Total Soul at Wilson Park, Summit Terrace.
- July 30 — Johnonans and the Gossoms of Soul at Wilson Park, Summit Terrace.
- Aug. 6 — The Nice 'n' Easy Orchestra at Wilson Park, Summit Terrace.

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unique arrangement with the Union County Park System.

For more information about the Model Railroad Club Inc., contact the club at 908-964-9724. Saturdays between 1 and 5 p.m., or 908-964-8808 for a recorded message; or by visiting the club's Web site at www.trmci.com.

The Model Railroad Club Inc. was founded in 1949 in the basement of Paul Malley, a pioneer of the hobby of model railroading. The club occupies a building on Union County parkland designed, built and maintained entirely by the members, under a

## HOROSCOPE

**July 22-28**  
ARIES (March 21-April 19): It's OK to make plans for a social meeting or romantic encounter with someone from a different culture or background. Just be you!  
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The support of your family and friends will help through a challenging emotional cycle. Let go of your foolish pride and learn.  
GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Keep a promise or pledge made to a sibling or neighbor. Make an important decision only after giving it much thought and consideration.  
CANCER (June 22-July 22): Your financial picture looks very unstable at this time. Stop shopping and charging and agree to pay for your necessities in cash.  
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Display mental courage by acting on your ideas. With a written plan or proposal in hand, go out and knock on the necessary doors.  
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Venture outside of your normal routine and discover the wonder of variety. Add a little creativity and the stage is set for fun.  
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Trust your instincts about a friend or associate and follow up on a hunch. Don't let him or her pull the wool over your eyes.  
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Do something to get on the good side of your boss or superior. You have the OK to mix a little business in with pleasure, or vice versa.  
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Foreign travel is a very good possibility. Clear your schedule and pack your bags for an exciting and enjoyable adventure.  
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Charitable works lead to new interests and opportunities. Share your extra time and money and benefit in personally fulfilling ways.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll learn things about your partner or relationship that may not be what you expected. Keep an open mind and avoid judging too quickly.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Your energy level really picks up this week. Concentrate your work efforts and avoid taking on more than you can handle.  
If your birthday is this week, relationships will play a major role in your life during the coming year. Get involved with individuals who are moving in your direction, and perhaps you can share in the manifestation of your common goals. Mentally, you are strong and competent, making problem-solving an easy task. Stay away from underhanded or illegal activities and keep your affairs above board.  
Also born this week: Don Henley, Karl Menninger, Amelia Earhart, Walter Payton, George Bernard Shaw, Norman Lear and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

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By Bill VanSant Associate Editor

When an elegant atmosphere, affordable prices and delicious food coincide in one restaurant, you can be sure you're in for a dinner you won't soon forget.

Such a treat awaits visitors to Christina's in Kenilworth, where owner/chef Anthony Vaz is ready to dazzle hungry patrons with his impressive offerings. Vaz learned his craft at a young age — he is the son and grandson of the former owners of Ange & Min's.

The comprehensive menu of Italian fare is tempting enough to make final decisions difficult — one would hope for a sampler with some of everything!

Having made our own difficult decisions, my dining companion and I started our meals with the garlic shrimp appetizer for me and a tossed salad with Italian dressing for him. The salad was crisp and fresh-tasting, perfectly complemented by the blend of oil, vinegar and seasoning. The shrimp was firm and deliciously prepared in a garlic sauce that begged to be mopped up with bread.

Our main courses were served in hearty portions, the norm at Christina's, according to Vaz, who's been operating the restaurant for roughly a year and a half.

I opted for the veal Marsala, which was tender and flavorful and swimming in a rich Marsala sauce and huge mushroom slices. More than I could finish in one sitting, the meal was also my lunch the following day. My companion chose the chicken Francaise, one of his favorite dishes. The chicken was tangy with lemon, and light enough to practically melt in your mouth. My companion described it as "the best chicken Francaise I've ever had."

Both meals were served with delicious fresh green beans and roasted potatoes.

Dessert was a richly decadent tiramisu for me and the Italian cheesecake for my companion. Though very tasty, the cheesecake was not as moist as I might have liked. The accompanying cappuccino perfectly complemented our desserts.

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Officials at University Hospital and New Jersey Medical School have announced an affiliation with the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons for the establishment of a new division of cardiothoracic surgery at the hospital and school. Columbia faculty members will assume leadership positions in the division and will join the team at University Hospital July 1.

"Through our affiliation with Columbia, we'll take an immediate leap forward in the services and quality we can bring to our patients," said Sidney E. Mitchell, president and chief executive officer of University Hospital. "As an academic medical center, University Hospital has the existing talent and technology necessary to support the introduction to New Jersey of new procedures that are currently being pioneered and perfected in New York by Columbia." University Hospital is owned and operated by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

New Jersey Medical School Dean Russell T. Joffe M.D. agreed. "This innovative affiliation agreement provides enormous opportunity for the Medical School as well as the hospital. The combination of the best of both schools allows us to move quickly in broadening our clinical, education and research capabilities in the entire range of the cardiac sciences."

Columbia physician Dr. Barry Esrig will become the director of the division of cardiothoracic surgery at University Hospital/New Jersey Medical School. Dr. Esrig is a superbly skilled surgeon, with a 0.0 percent coronary bypass mor-



Columbia physicians Dr. Douglas Jackson, left, and Dr. Barry Esrig join Dr. Michael Banker at The University Hospital's new cardiothoracic surgery center.

tality rate as reported in the latest Cardiac Surgery Report published by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

Also joining the University Hospital team from Columbia will be Dr. Dou-

glas Jackson. Dr. Jackson will be named vice chairman of critical care in the department of anesthesiology and will direct the new Cardiothoracic Surgery Intensive Care Unit currently under construction. Director of cardiac surgery Drs. Esrig and Jackson join Dr. Michael Banker, director of cardiac surgery at University Hospital. Dr. Banker has more than a decade of experience in New York State and New Jersey and a track record of excellent outcomes. For more information about the new cardiac surgery program at University Hospital, call 973-972-5742 or visit the Web site at [www.TheUniversityHospital.com/njci](http://www.TheUniversityHospital.com/njci).

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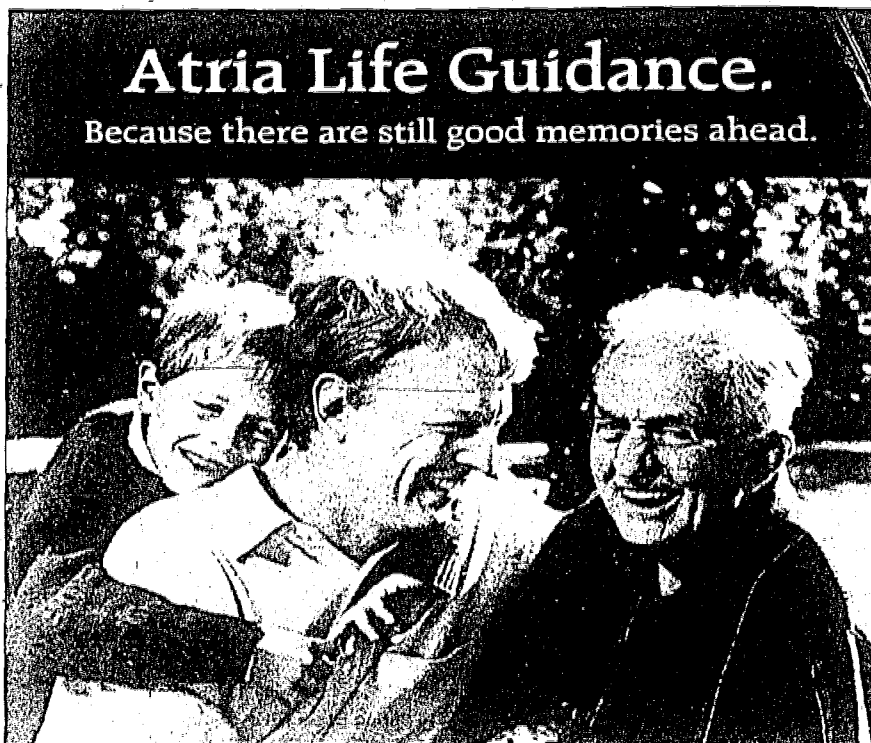
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**Barry Esrig, MD**

Director of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery  
C.A. Cardiac Bypass mortality rate as published in the latest New Jersey Cardiac Surgery Report

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## Liberty Hall names Siegel as president

The Liberty Hall Foundation has announced the appointment of Joel D. Siegel as the president of its board of trustees.

Siegel fills the position left vacant by the death of its past president, Stewart B. Kean, June 16.

Siegel's long-term service on the board and his intimate knowledge of the foundation's goals and operation ensure a smooth transition in leadership. The Liberty Hall Foundation oversees the administration of the 23-acre historical site and museum, Liberty Hall, in Union.

In addition to his service to the Liberty Hall Foundation, Siegel is a partner in the Roseland law firm of Orloff, Lowenbach, Stettinman & Siegel and is a director and member of the executive committee of RCS Energy Inc., a New York Stock Exchange company. He served as a director and chairman of the board of the Constellation Bank prior to its 1994 merger with CoreStates Financial Corp. In 1991, Siegel was asked by the Constellation Board to serve as its interim president and CEO where he was successful in instituting policies to assist the bank in surviving the prevailing banking crisis.

Siegel, who resides in Livingston, is a graduate of the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania and a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He received a master's degree in taxation from New York University and is a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. Siegel and his wife, Shelley, have two daughters, Jane Greene of New York City and Jill Siegel of Philadelphia.

For more information about the Liberty Hall Foundation or Liberty Hall Museum, contact the administrative office at 908-527-0400 or visit [www.libertyhallnj.org](http://www.libertyhallnj.org).

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## Enchanted evening



Katie Anson and Mark Perman portray star-crossed lovers Nellie Forbush and Emile deBeque in the Westfield Young Artists Cooperative Theater production of "South Pacific." The Rodgers and Hammerstein classic is on stage this weekend at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, and will be performed July 26 to Aug. 4 in Manasquan. For information, call NJPAC at 888-466-5722 or visit [www.njpac.org](http://www.njpac.org), or call 732-528-9211 for the Manasquan appearance.

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## NJPAC expands its jazz offerings for teens

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center has doubled the number of classes offered in its much-heralded Jazz for Teens education program.

Jazz for Teens provides budding high school jazz musicians an opportunity to study and perform with top professionals under the aegis of NJPAC, in conjunction with WBOG Jazz 88.3 FM. Thanks to a grant from the Surdna Foundation, and the continuing support of First Union National Bank, Jazz for Teens will be conducted at NJPAC for a total of 20 Saturdays. The fall semester will begin Sept. 21 and run through Dec. 14; the spring semester will resume March 1, 2003, and run through May 17, 2003.

Jazz for Teens was created by NJPAC and WBOG in 1998 to introduce promising teen musicians to the creative energy and spontaneity of jazz while helping them to develop their talent. Through both classwork and performances, the teen-age musicians explore the history, techniques and styles particular to this uniquely American art form. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a professional recording at the conclusion of the fall semester and a professional concert at the conclusion of the spring semester.

Well-known jazz musician Don Braden is the program's music director and Art Martin, a noted educator, is the program advisor. Braden has performed and toured with Wynton Marsalis, Betty Carter and Freddie Hubbard. Martin, who has taught music in New Jersey public schools for the past 30 years, is currently United States Section Coordinator for the International Association of Jazz Educators. The faculty is comprised of professional jazz musicians. Trombonist Mike Fahs has performed with Maynard Ferguson and Dizzy Gillespie. Saxophonist Ron Jackson appears frequently in New York City and has performed at venues including The Blue Note, Fat Tuesdays, Iridium and Birdland. Pianist Mike LeDonne has performed and recorded with Milt Jackson. Drummer Ralph Peterson has toured and recorded with Branford Marsalis and The Count Basie Orchestra. Bassist Joris Teepe has recorded with some of the best modern artists, and has six CDs as a leader to his credit. Vocalist Roseanna Vitro has appeared in New York City at Town Hall with Steve Allen, as well as The Blue Note, Fat Tuesdays, Birdland and The Five Spot.

Students will attend several WBOG Children's Jazz Concerts as part of the curriculum. All students will perform in a concert on the stage of NJPAC's Victoria Theater May 17, 2003, featuring the music of Jazz Master of the Year Benny Golson. Golson will perform his own concert, with Don Braden, that same evening in Victoria Theater. Past Jazz Masters honored have included Dizzy Gillespie, Horace Silver and Herbie Hancock.

According to Program Coordinator Joanne Gibson, Jazz for Teens is open to high school students, ages 15 to 18, although advanced 13- and 14-year-olds may also apply. Applicants will be considered for a single 10-week semester or the full-year, 20-week program. All classes are conducted on Saturdays at the Lucent Technologies Center for Arts Education adjacent to NJPAC. Tuition for a single semester is \$300 and \$450 for a full year. Scholarships are available based on talent and financial need.

Students must complete an application form and obtain a letter of recommendation from a music instructor no later than August. Mandatory auditions, scheduled after review of the application, will be conducted at the NJPAC Lucent Center for Arts Education Sept. 8. Applications are available online at [www.njpac.org](http://www.njpac.org) or by calling 973-353-9009.

Jazz for Teens is made possible by the support of First Union National Bank and the Surdna Foundation, and is presented in collaboration with WBOG Jazz-88.3 FM Radio. WBOG is the country's foremost traditional jazz radio station and serves the greater New York and New Jersey metropolitan area.

This program has been made possible in part through a gift from the Joseph G. O'Reilly Trust, a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/ Department of State, and funds from the National Endowment for the Arts. The NJPAC Arts Education Department acknowledges the special generosity of The Amelior and MCJ Foundation, Allen and Joan Bildner and the Bildner Family Foundation, Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, Robert Wood Johnson Jr. Charitable Trust, Lucent Technologies Foundation, Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey, Albert W. and Katharine E. Merck, NJPAC Arts Education Endowment Fund, NJPAC Women's Board Association, The Prudential Foundation, The Sagner Family Foundation, The Smart Family Foundation/Freedman & Stone, Turrell Fund, Verizon and Victoria Foundation.

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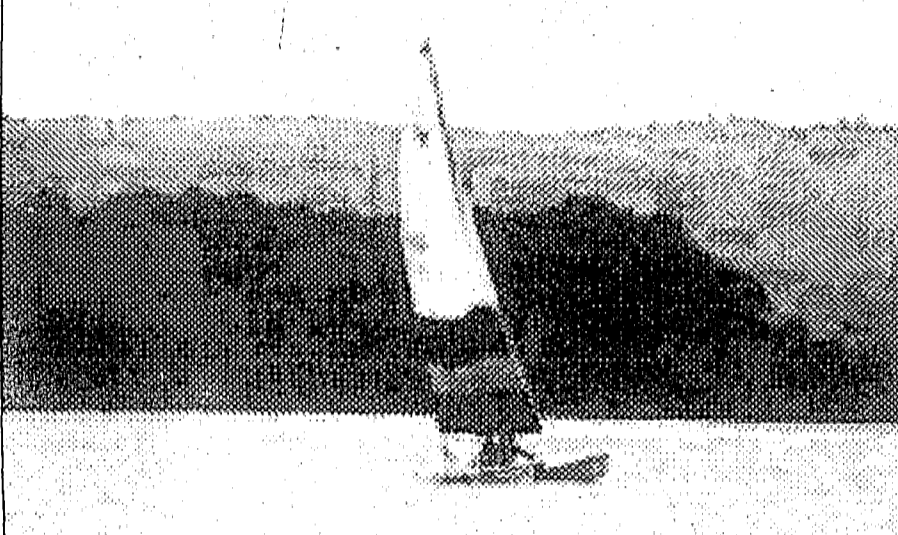
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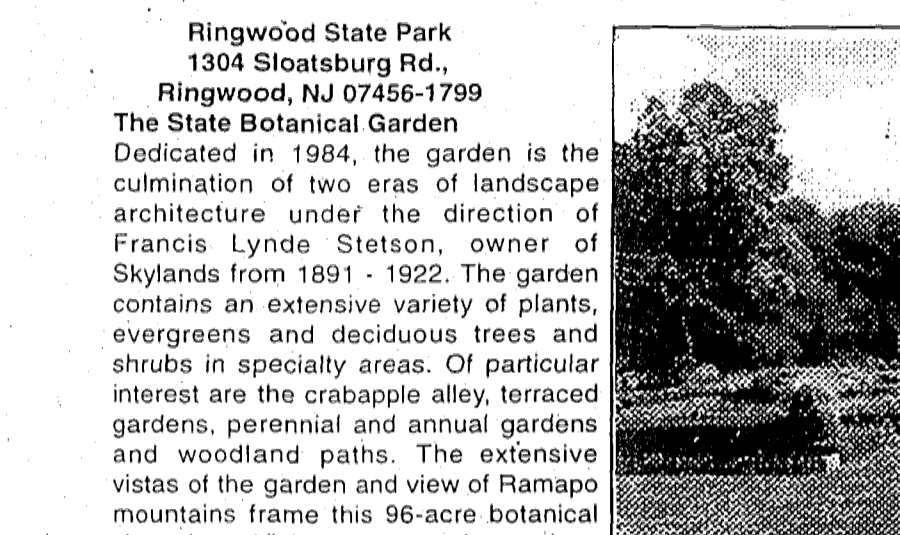
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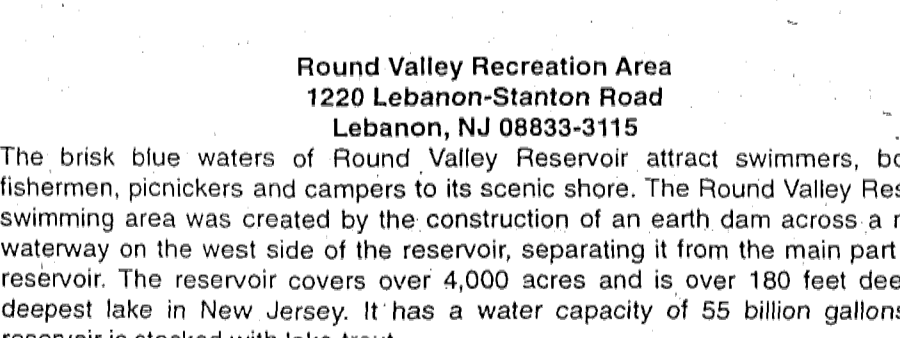
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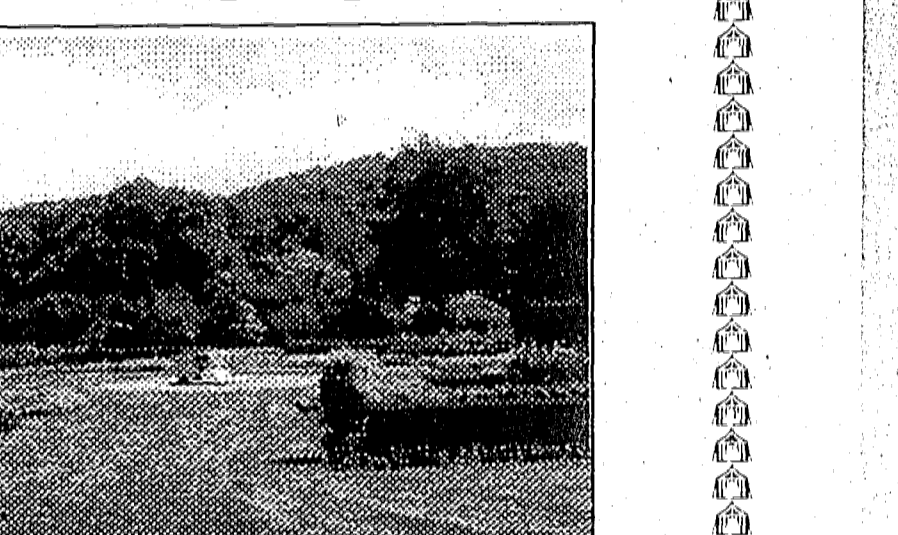


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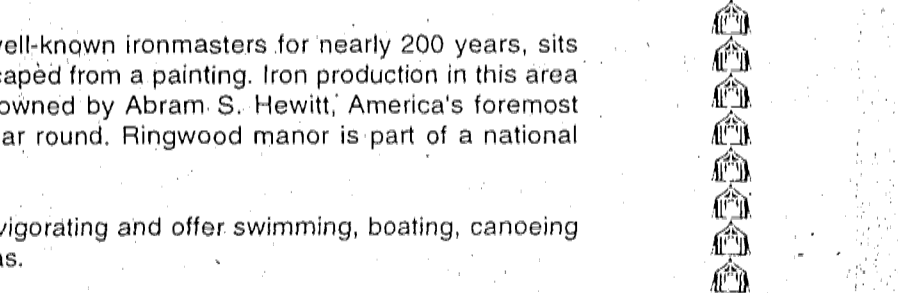
Dedicated in 1984, the garden is the culmination of two eras of landscape architecture under the direction of Francis Lynde Stetson, owner of Skylands from 1891 - 1922.



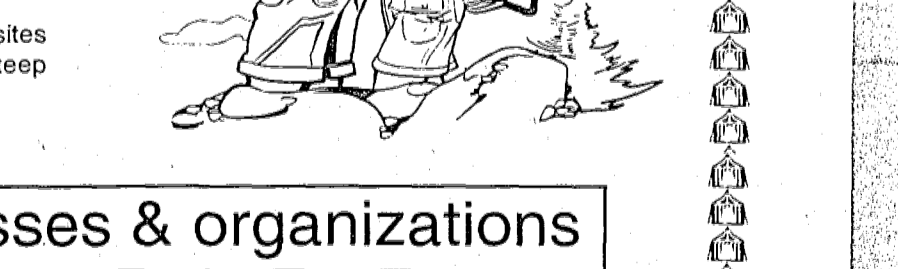
Shepherd Lake Recreation Area The spring-fed waters of the 74-acre Shepherd Lake are brisk and invigorating and offer swimming, boating, canoeing and fishing.



Ringwood Manor with its English Jacobean architecture common in the English countryside 400 years ago, was designed by John Russell Pope for Clarence McKensie Lewis, a stockbroker and civil engineer.



The beautiful country house, which was home for a succession of well-known ironmasters for nearly 200 years, sits comfortably on a low hill overlooking a landscape that looks as if it escaped from a painting.



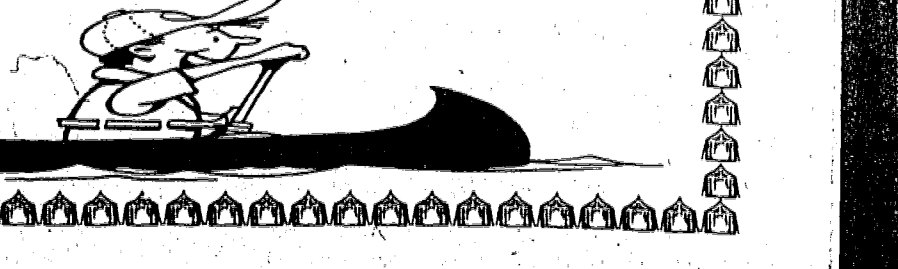
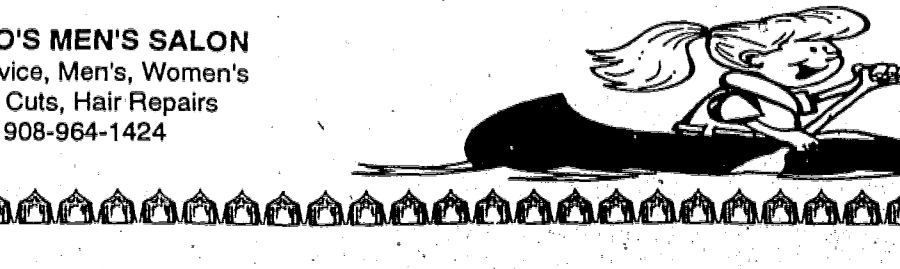
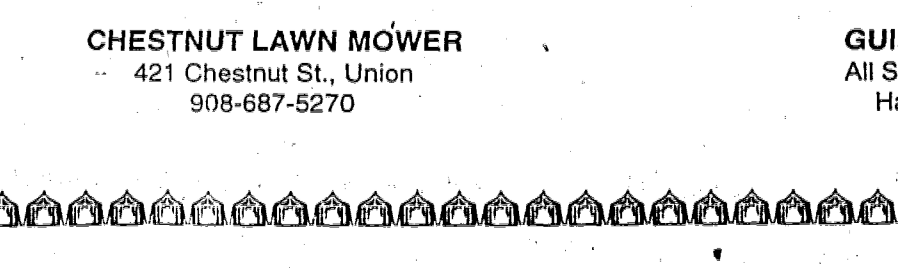
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# Aston Martin DB7 is wicked pleasure

By Mark Maynard  
Copley News Service

The average Aston Martin enthusiast is anything but average. Ninety percent of the owners are male, age 35 to 55, well-employed and getting by on a household income of \$500,000 and up — waaay up.

Aston demographers call these buyers "confident connoisseurs." They are not overt or arrogant but have a quiet confidence.

"The Aston owner is more forward-thinking, but not forgetting where he came from," a spokeswoman says. "These are independent people who lead a multilayered life — with boats, planes and real estate."

They value emotional attributes and beauty, she says.

This group also must be willing to pay the high cost of driving something exclusive as they tolerate some of their car's shortcomings.

There are three models in the Aston Martin line — with the promise of more to come, something in the \$100,000 range.

The steel-bodied DB7 Vantage coupe — that's "COO-pay," please — and the DB7 Vantage Volante, or convertible, are the entry-level models in the Ford-owned company.

The Vantage has a starting price of \$150,550, which includes the \$1,350 destination charge and \$3,700 for the gas-guzzler tax. The Volante starts at \$156,850.

The icon of Aston extravagance is the drop-dead gorgeous Vanquish coupe, which comes with a higher-output V-12 and a \$233,050 window sticker. Buyers are standing in line for one of only 500 copies of the aluminum-bodied Vanquish that will be built a year. Production is sold out for two years, with an 18-month waiting list.

Aston Martin sold 300 cars last year, most of which were the Volante. Sales next year will grow to about 500, including the Vanquish, which has just gone on sale.

Aston insists premiums are not being charged for the cars, but it's also noted they aren't selling under the manufacturer's suggested retail price.

For the price of a modest vacation hangar, the Vantage is exclusive but not without frustrations, especially when compared with other less-

expensive luxury cars. Among the nicks:

- No side air bags, and the convertible does not have a rollover system.
- Unlike the one-button raise and lower tops of Porsche and BMW, this one requires the release of two latches before powering down, just like the old days. It's wise to take time to tug, stretch and then snap the top cover in place to protect the Alcantara headliner.
- The horn uses a pair of thumb buttons instead of a floating horn pad, which even the cheapest Korean import has mastered.
- And, the five-speed Touchtronic (auto-stick) transmission — one of the car's showpieces of technology — is a \$3,000 option.

Expectations aside, the curves and muscular lines of the body design are artful. The design — the same since 1996 — shows the difference between the whims of fashion styling and credible and enduring design. And I'm overlooking the convertible's small rear window and a back seat too small for humans.

Buying an Aston Martin is more an emotional decision than rational. The marque is rich in racing history, and many new owners still connect with

the solid bloodline of collectible DB4s and DB5s from the '50s and '60s.

But tally up the features, technology and conveniences on the new ones and the business case is a little thin.

**Emotional lift**

But wait, there's that 12-cylinder engine and a full-bodied driving experience.

There's something alluring about the DB7's 420-horsepower, despite the car's 2-ton curb weight. Prior to mid-1999, the Vantage was powered by a supercharged 335-horsepower in-line six-cylinder engine, which was adequate but too near the output of a Jaguar XK8 at half the price.

The wonderfully rich-sounding V-12 comes from Ford's Research and Vehicle Technology Group and racing partner Cosworth Technology.

Lightweight aluminum alloy castings are used for the block and heads, produced at Cosworth's foundry, the same spot where Formula One and CART motors begin life.

With four valves per cylinder, twin overhead camshafts for each cylinder bank and electronic management, the engine revs to 7,000 rpm.

Even so, a double-downshift stomp on the throttle at highway speeds can

yield more engine roar than forceful acceleration. Fuel economy — not that it matters — is 11 miles per gallon around town and 18 on the highway.

Three transmissions are offered: a six-speed manual, four-speed automatic or five-speed Touchtronic that can be manually shifted. I haven't tried the six-speed, but the Touchtronic would likely be my choice.

Channeling big horsepower through a manual transmission can be a chore and the Touchtronic was a very eager performer giving near-instant shifts at the press of a thumb button on the three-spoke, leather-wrapped wheel.

The well-balanced Volante will do zero to 60 in about 5 seconds with the Touchtronic. The six-speed manual shaves a couple tenths off the sprint to 60.

**Racetracks needed**

If only there were such roads or convenient racetracks for owners and enthusiasts to enjoy this abundance of power. Protected by traction control and well-endowed Brembo brakes, the driving experience is beefsteak juicy — and mercifully unmolesied by too many electronic controls and interventions.



Buying an Aston Martin is more an emotional decision than a rational one. The beautiful DB7 Volante starts at \$156,850.

# Lincoln's new Navigator outdoes the Ford Expedition

By Jerry Garrett  
Copley News Service

Tweaked by Ford's redesigned 2003 Expedition, but still not motivated enough yet to buy one?

Consider its sibling from Lincoln Mercury: the 2003 Navigator. It's everything the new Expedition is. And more.

Of course, it costs more, too. The 2003 Expedition, out this summer, will offer features not available elsewhere in the full-size sport utility vehicle genre. And the Navigator will offer even more exclusive features than Expedition.

As we mentioned in a previous review of the Expedition, Ford's design team completely overestimated what it would take to stay competitive in the full-size sport utility vehicle class.

A new hydro-formed frame, a state-of-the-art double-wishbone, independent rear suspension, power folding rear seats and rack-and-pinion steering were among the more notable improvements incorporated into the new model.

Navigator has all that, of course. Plus, it has a few things that Expedi-

tion engineers had on their "wish list" but couldn't deliver — at least not in the initial model year.

First on that list is Navigator's suspension, which adds air springs and monotube shocks to the Expedition's critically acclaimed base version. The air suspension also lowers the vehicle one inch when the engine is off for easier passenger loading and unloading.

"We believe this suspension enables us to set new standards in the class leadership for such essential attributes as ride quality, body control, precise steering and powerful, confident braking," says Al Kammerer, the director of product development.

While Expedition will be able to offer the air suspension option, starting with the '04 model year, Lincoln Mercury is keeping a couple of goodies all to itself — just as any competitive sibling would.

A power liftgate is a Navigator exclusive and is understandably popular, as are optional power running boards that move out four inches when the vehicle is in park. This step-up option offers a "default" feature,

which keeps them from deploying if a "large stature operator" doesn't need or want to step over them.

Unfortunately, you can't turn them off until you're already inside, and therefore you already have had to step over them at least once. Also, the running board feature is either off or on, you can't just turn off one side or the other, if for instance a shorter passenger needed one but a taller driver didn't. Engineers said that would be "an easy software fix" if enough feedback showed that capability is desirable.

Also special to the Navigator is the interior design, which to our way of thinking is classy and high-character enough to be something you might only expect on a concept car. Materials such as burl walnut, plush leather, satin nickel accents and white LED lighting are homogeneously styled for a particularly handsome result.

The interior packaging can be configured for seven or eight passengers. Navigator offers the same roomy third-seat option as the Expedition, though Lincoln is proud to note the Navigator offers "44 percent more

legroom than the Cadillac Escalade."

Also, like Expedition and unlike Escalade, the third-row seat can be electronically lowered flat into the load floor. Gone is the need to remove the heavy seats from the vehicle — and then store them someplace — to increase cargo room.

Also, the second-row seats feature a 40/20/40 split configuration. The middle seat is specifically made for a child safety seat, and it can be moved as much as 11 inches forward to allow front-seat occupants easy access via the front seat pass-through.

All three seating positions are self-latching and easily fold flat into the load floor. However, 70 percent of Navigator buyers opt for a two-passenger bucket seat arrangement, with a center console, for the second-row seats.

Outside, the new Navigator is not noticeably different from the original, though only the roof panel and front doors are the same as the current model.

A smoother, lower front clip treatment eliminates the steel bumper and improves drag, for reduced wind noise and improved fuel economy.

Chrome-lovers might despair at the reduction in the amount of sparkly stuff, inside and out. The signature chromed Navigator grille is an exception, although it has been integrated into a new hood line that's been raised four inches.

Under that hood, buyers will find the same 300-horsepower, 5.4-liter V-8 mated to the same four-speed automatic transmission. Two-wheel drive and full-time four-wheel drive systems are offered, just as with the

## Car notes

**100 years of GMC**

Just to let us know it plans on being around for another century, GMC commissioned auto writer John Gunnell to chronicle its years as a truck maker. Gunnell is the automotive books editor for Krause Publications and he has written more than 30 automotive books.

His "GMC: The First 100 Years" gives a decade-by-decade study of trucks, trailers, taxis, motor homes, military vehicles, buses and concept vehicles. Production figures, styling changes and technical specifications are included along with 200 color photos, 50 black-and-whites and illustrations.

To keep you supplied with trivia for the next car-club gathering, here are some notes from the book: GMC began as the Grabowsky Motor Vehicle Co., later renamed Rapid Motor Vehicle Co., and sold its first truck to the American Garment Cleaning Co. in 1902. The first trucks with the GMC logo came out in 1911 after the General Motors Truck Co. was formed in the merger of Rapid Motor Vehicle, Reliance Motor Truck Co. and Randolph Motor Truck Co.

The 200-page hardcover book is available at better bookstores (ISBN 0-87349-326-5) or from Krause Publications, \$29.95 (not including sales tax or \$4 shipping). For information, call 800-258-0929 or visit [www.krausebooks.com](http://www.krausebooks.com).

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The collection of road-related links and information is a partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation's America's Byways program, Conde Nast Traveler and Entertainment Weekly.

**Stretching it**

The Society of Automotive Engineers has taken a comprehensive look at limousines, chauffeurs and the back-seat passengers and published its findings in "Stretching It: The Story of the Limousine."

It is written by Michael Bromley and Tom Mazza, whose research traces the history of the stretch limo from the stately early styles to the contemporary push pits of today.

The book, \$49, can be ordered online at [www.sea.org/bookstore](http://www.sea.org/bookstore) or by calling 877-606-7323, including Canada. SAE has more than 500 automotive and aerospace books. Expedition.



Lincoln's new Navigator has a new interior design, air suspension, power liftgate and optional power running boards.

## 2003 Lincoln Navigator

Body style: Four-door, 7 or 8 passenger luxury sport-utility vehicle

Drive system: Rear wheel full-time four-wheel drive (optional)

Engine size and type: 5.4-liter DOHC 4-valve V-8

Horsepower: 300 at 5,000 revolutions per minute

Torque: 355 foot-pounds at 2,750 rpm

Transmission: Four-speed automatic with overdrive

Acceleration: 0 to 60 mph, n/a

EPA fuel economy estimates: n/a

Fuel capacity: 28 gallons

**Dimensions**

Cargo volume: 105.9 cubic feet, all seats folded

Front head/leg/shoulder room: 39.6/41.1/63.3 inches

Middle head/leg/shoulder room: 39.7/38.6/63.4 inches

Rear head/leg/shoulder room: 37.8/36.3/59.3 inches

Length: 206 inches

Wheelbase: 118.8 inches

Curb weight: 5,822 pounds (6,041, 4,541)

**Features**

Standard features include dual-zone climate control, auxiliary climate control (rear seats), power front seats, heated power mirrors that fold, adjustable pedals, running boards, roof rack, AM-FM stereo with in-dash 6-CD changer, remote keyless entry.

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