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## Forum offers a debate

By Marc Lightdale  
Staff Writer

Candidates for the Springfield Board of Education were peppered with an assortment of questions by local residents on topics ranging from pre-school-kindergarten-to-ways-of-reducing the budget Tuesday at Candidates' Night in the Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School cafeteria.

The event was sponsored by the Springfield Parent-Teachers Association and the Springfield Parent Teacher Student Organization.

Larry Levee, an incumbent board member, started with a presentation on why he wants to be re-elected. He said that he will continue to use his expertise with athletics to serve the board.

"The referendum was an overwhelming experience, it led to a whole new era and the new board stands united. Hours of hard work became recognized," Levee said.

After an angry resident complained about the lack of attendance at Board of Education meetings, Hugh Keffler, a newcomer to the race, pointed out that he has attended many Board of Education meetings over the past two years. He is the parent of three school-age children and he is passionate about education.

"We've had a long history of good boards," Keffler said.

Jacqueline Shanes, the other incumbent, has after served on the board for 12 years. She is excited about what she calls the "premier educational system." She is an attorney who specializes in school financing, and has lived in Springfield for 17 years.

Brian Sheehey, who has three children in the local schools, is president of the Soccer Club and cares about having the board be a watchdog for taxpayers' money. As a newcomer to the race, he said a board member needs to make sure the \$18-million referendum for expansion and renovations is spent judiciously.

The third new candidate, Jo Ann Holmes, a 20-year resident of Springfield, expressed concern about the lack of state aid given to towns like Springfield. She said that the board has to "lobby vigorously to get more money for the county." Holmes has been involved in the James Caldwell and Gaudineer Parent Teacher Association, Girl Scouts, and the Recreation Department. She has also been a teacher in both urban and suburban districts.

Questions came forth about the pre-kindergarten program and about the possibility of teachers paying into their own health care, something that must first be negotiated for in any new contract.

A number of citizens had questions regarding whether or not the pre-kindergarten schools should be funded through taxpayer dollars.

Many of the Board of Education candidates thought the program was a boon and needed to be maintained. Sheehey pointed out that the pre-kindergarten program costs approximately \$200,000 out of a \$26-million budget. He said the cost was "inconsequential" compared to the immense rewards reaped for the program.

Other candidates agreed. "It is a valuable program. Young families are excited about living in this town," said Keffler.

"Pre-school is of great value, putting kids in school at an early age ben-



Jacqueline Shanes



Hugh Keffler



Brian Sheehey



Jo Ann Holmes



Larry Levee

## GOP expected to unopposed again

By Brian Pedersen  
Managing Editor

Looking forward to a successful fall campaign, the Mountainside Republican Committee has announced its candidates for the seats that will be up for re-election on the Borough Council.

With the exception of Councilman Thomas Perrotta, Republican candidates Mayor Robert Vigilanti and Councilman William Lane both will seek re-election as their terms are up this year. Seeking Perrotta's seat will be fellow Republican Robert Messler.

Dona Osieja, chairwoman of the Mountainside Republican Committee, was excited about the upcoming campaign.

"We would be lost without our mayor," she said, referring to Vigilanti. "I'm so glad he's running again. He's done a lot for the town."

Regarding Messler, a newcomer to the race, she said she was happy to see younger people in the town who are interested in serving on the Borough Council.

"I think he will be a great asset to the council," said Osieja. "I'm very sorry to see Tommy go. I just know that it is a lot of time and work for these guys."

On top of work and family responsibilities, she said council members also take time to attend various meetings and subcommittees apart from their regular council meetings.

Regarding Lane, Osieja said she was happy he was running again. "I actually ran Bill's campaign before. He's a great guy, very approachable. He wants to know what your viewpoints are."

Lane, who is currently council president, said he still has more things he would like to accomplish as part of the Borough Council. He is looking forward to investigating the borough's goal of constructing a community center for the Recreation Department. Other areas he would like to focus on are the road projects that have been going on for maintenance and infrastructure.

"I've enjoyed my experience on council the last two-plus years and I look forward to serving another term," said Lane.

With his increased responsibilities as a trader on Wall Street and a growing family, Perrotta said he doesn't feel able to make the commitment that serving on the council demands.

"I don't want to make that commitment for another three years and not devote that kind of time for the next three years," said Perrotta, who has served for seven years. "The town deserves better than that."

He feels he is leaving it in good hands, however, and would love to come back in the future. He plans to continue serving as a volunteer on the Mountainside Fire Department and giving back to the town.

"I'm always going to look out for what's best for Mountainside," said Perrotta.

Vigilanti did not return calls by presstime and Messler was out of town for the week.

For the Democratic party, no candidates will be running to pose a challenge to the Republicans, said Michael Krasner, chairman of the Mountainside Democratic Committee.

"Mountainside's a tough town for Democrats," said Krasner. "We're going to try to spend the time strengthening the Democratic base in Mountainside and try next year."

## Dems name two as Clarke decides no

By Marc Lightdale  
Staff Writer

Current Springfield Mayor Gregory Clarke will not seek re-election to the Township Committee.

Candidates for the Township Committee have until Monday to file petitions to run in the June primary.

"I have served three terms, it's time for me to leave," said Clarke. "I'm older and have seven grandchildren. I want to be a better friend for them."

He plans on pursuing a range of leisure activities.

"I want to travel a little bit, sing in the choir, garden, and play tennis. And I will remain active with the party and support the current candidates," Clarke said.

Roy Hirschfeld, who is currently on the Township Committee and Kenneth Faigenbaum, a certified public accountant who served many years on the Board of Education, are the two Democratic candidates running for Township Committee.

Marcia Forman, Springfield's Democratic chairwoman, tried to put the issue in perspective.

"He's put in years of service to the town, it's a personal choice. He has put in years on Board of Education and years on Township Committee," she said.

The Township Committee is made up of competent individuals with different skills and opportunities, she added.

## Borough answers RVSA's request for help

By Marc Lightdale  
Staff Writer

A resolution was approved by the Mountainside Borough Council at its last regular meeting to support the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority's request for financial assistance.

The plan is to upgrade the sewerage treatment that discharges effluent into the Rahway River.

Borough Attorney John Post said the borough pays approximately 3.43 percent of the estimated \$11.5 million, the amount to be borrowed or bonded in 2003. The amount is based on the amount of sewage that was processed through the system.

In 2003, if the amount of the overall money that will be borrowed or spent is \$11.5 million, and the borough does not generate as much sewage in a given year, the 3.43 percent might shift to 3.39 percent, Post said.

The \$11.5 million is a one-year expenditure, but the project will be constructed over a period of several years.

The collective cost of \$92 million, to be spent over several years, in

improvements will be paid by the 11 municipalities in Union and Middlesex counties that are members of the authority. It will be repaid to the people who bought the bonds, Post said.

Member towns include Mountainside, Westfield, Rahway, Clarwood, Kenilworth, Roselle Park, Clark, Cranford, Scotch Plains, Springfield and Woodbridge.

The upgrade of the plant, based in Rahway, was mandated by a judicial consent order, according to a resolution passed at the March 18 regular meeting.

A judicial consent order was issued in the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority by the Superior Court of the state of New Jersey based on proceedings initiated by the state Department of Environmental Protection and the American Littoral Society. The RVSA must complete plant upgrades over the next several years, which are outlined in its Comprehensive Strategic Plan.

The money will go toward additional improvements at the treatment facility to make sure the discharge is up to the current Department of Environmental Protection standards for cleanliness of water.

## Females may be few and far between, but she feels at home

By Marc Lightdale  
Staff Writer

Catherine Matthews is the only woman on the Springfield Police Auxiliary, however, there have been five on the force over the last few decades. The native French woman considers it an honor to have finished first at the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains.

Matthews, 30, graduated first at the academy and is currently the only woman on staff. She is one of six women who have been on the auxiliary since its inception in 1967.

"As the only woman on the Township Committee, I welcome you as the only woman on the police auxiliary," Clara Harelik said at a Township Committee meeting on March 18.

"You're joining a group of men who give many hours of service to this town, over 2,000 hours. I'm sure you'll be a fine addition to the town."

Matthews' academic average was 93.6. A certificate was presented to Matthews at the March 18 regular Township Committee meeting for finishing first in the Police Academy for the Police Auxiliary.

Beginning with the auxiliary on Jan. 11, Matthews attended the

Police Auxiliary Academy through March 11. She began in a patrol vehicle last week.

John Cottage, coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management in Springfield, presented the resolution to Matthews from Ben Laganga, the Emergency Management coordinator for the Union County Division of Emergency Services.

"I was happy to be chosen number one. I was chosen by people who trusted me, that was the least I could do for the auxiliary," Matthews said.

She said she became interested in the Police Auxiliary because she had done security in France and wanted to get back to something familiar. She was searching for an outlet for her athletic behavior.

Matthews works in New York City as an information and technology manager for Arrangements Abroad, a non-profit organization.

Her job is in close proximity to the World Trade Center, so she felt that it would be nice to give back to the community after everything that happened. She was the only one at the academy from Springfield.

"Any person who wants to give

back to the community could only feel honored," Matthews said.

She was raised in the suburbs of Paris. Matthews studied physical education in college. She has lived in Springfield for two years and is married with no children.

There is a residency requirement to be in the Auxiliary Police.

Of 25 candidates for the Police Academy, there were two women, Matthews and a woman from Rahway. Matthews was surprised and very honored to receive a resolution from the Township Committee.

"We're always glad to get members," said Cottage. "We're no different than the first aid squad, everybody is working maybe two jobs. It's tougher and tougher to get volunteers, it speaks highly of residents who volunteer their time," Cottage said.

Over the years, there have been five or six women who've worked on staff. The auxiliary is an all-volunteer force that is part of the Office of Emergency Management. The auxiliary has two of its own cars.

Currently, there are 26 members who augment the regular Police Department. The auxiliary was

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Photo by Barbara Kuhlmann

Catherine Matthews is proud to have finished first at the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains. She is the only woman serving on the Springfield Police Auxiliary force and recently received a certificate from the Township Committee recognizing her for her efforts. She is one of six women who have been on the auxiliary since its inception in 1967. A French native, Matthews has done security work in France and said she wanted to get back to something familiar.

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formed in 1967 to help Springfield while the regular Police Department assisted with the Newark riots.

Cottage said patrol cars are on the street every week, although their first task is not to pull people over and give tickets. They function more as a deterrent to criminal activity.

"When they're off duty, they are civilians," said Cottage. "They have regular jobs like you and me."

The Auxiliary Police Department also helps with town events such as the Fourth of July, when the local fire market convenes.

Each member must work a minimum of six hours per year to stay proficient with the equipment. Some members work hundreds of hours a year, and usually work in the evenings or weekends when they're not at their full-time occupation.

"She'll be a professional member for the first year. She always has to be with a partner and she is restricted as to what she can do," said Cottage.

"She will carry a gun for the first year. We make sure they are confident it takes a lot of training beyond what they offer in the academy."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Friday: The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library will sponsor the annual lobby sale to benefit the library, 66 Mountain Ave., from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 973-376-4930.

Saturday: The Mountaineers Youth Baseball has opening day activities, beginning at 9 a.m. with a parade. The day will conclude with the annual Mountaineers Baseball auction at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave. The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library will sponsor the annual lobby sale to benefit the library, 66 Mountain Ave., from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 973-376-4930.

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Monday: The Springfield Township Committee will meet in the Annex Building, 20 N. Truxtun Ave. for a workshop session at 7:30 p.m. The Springfield Board of Education will convene in the Media Center at Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday: The Mountaineers Active Retirees meet the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in Mountaineers Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East. For information, call 908-232-4406. To coincide with One Book Springfield Week, Sunday through April 15.

Wednesday: The Board of Trustees of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will meet the second Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in one of the library's meeting rooms. The Springfield Planning Board will meet in Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East at 8 p.m.

April 12: Animal Homes and Hide Outs will participate in search for animal homes made out of a variety of materials at Transade Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineers. The program runs from 10 to 11 a.m. For information, call 908-280-1674.

April 15: The Mountaineers Borough Council will meet at 8 p.m. for a regular meeting in Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East at 8 p.m. Polls for the Board of Education elections will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. A Community Seder on the second night of Passover will be conducted at Temple Beth Ahm, 100 Temple Drive, Springfield, starting at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 973-376-4939, ext. 11.

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To tape or not, that is the question for Mountainside candidates

By Marc Lighthale Staff Writer The issue in Mountainside is whether or not public Board of Education meetings should be videotaped and taped orally on cassettes. Some content that the Board needs to be held accountable via televised tapings and would like to see it happen.

Recent meetings such as the Candidates' Night and the hearing on the budget have been televised and if the budget passes, the Beechwood School would be expected to have an audio/visual system installed for recording purposes on Channel 35.

"I have no problem taping the Board of Education meetings as long as the result is that the board can be seen and heard," Schaumburg said. Meetings have not been recorded at Deerfield School previously. Meetings at Borough Hall have been arranged to be taped and Schaumburg said that she looked forward to having them taped regularly at Beechwood.

"Depending on the interest of the meeting," Schaumburg said, "it should be taped if we feel it's something important to get out to the area. We look forward to having them taped regularly at Beechwood."

Incumbent Frank Geiger is in favor of taping the meetings, but he also believes when people observe anything you tend to change it, so he wouldn't want to see the meetings changed because of the taping going on. The spontaneity is a great asset of the board.

He would hate to see any body change because of the taping hindering their thoughts. Geiger also believes that a schedule can be put together of the most important meetings and a random sampling of meetings during the year. "Not every meeting needs to be taped," said Geiger. "Sometimes we're just paying bills and it's a waste of taxpayers' money to have somebody there filming."

Springfield is on high end of county's starting teacher salaries

By Brian Pedersen Managing Editor In Springfield, teacher contract negotiations are still ongoing after the April 15 Board of Education election marches ever closer.

Aside from three candidates, voters will be deciding on the school budget. With a vast majority of the budget being fixed costs, most of that is teacher salaries.

For the 2002-03 school year, the starting annual salary for a teacher in Springfield with no experience is \$42,175, a figure that is relatively high compared to surrounding districts.

"Our salaries are competitive," said Walter Mahler, superintendent of schools. "I think we're probably better than most of the other districts, but we're not at the top of the county."

According to the New Jersey Education Association, Westfield offers the highest starting salary for teachers in Union County public schools. Westfield offers \$44,831 as a starting salary for teachers with a bachelor's degree. Coming in second place is Springfield at \$42,175.

For the 2002-03 school year, four other Union County districts are in the \$40,000 range as well, according to the N.J.E.A. All of these salaries are for teachers with Bachelor's degrees. Starting teacher salaries for the Elizabethtown district are \$40,000. Berkeley Heights—\$40,500. Kenilworth—\$41,270, and Rahway—\$41,150.

From there, starting salaries go into the high \$30,000 range. Summit is at \$39,823. Scotch Plains-Fanwood—\$38,675. Winfield Township—\$39,007. Union, \$38,650. Mountaineers, \$38,557. Clark, \$38,000, and Cranford is at \$38,545.

Teachers with starting salaries in the mid-\$30,000 range include Linden, offering \$36,833; New Providence, \$36,710. Garwood, \$35,570. Hillside, \$35,400. Plainfield, \$35,000, and Roselle Park, \$34,915.

In Mountaineers, a teacher just starting out with a bachelor's degree and no teaching experience, received an annual salary of \$38,557 for the 2002-03 school year. The teachers' contract negotiations yielded a 5 percent increase across the pay scale during the last negotiation period in 2001. Their contract ends in 2004.

As a result, for the 2003-04 school year, teachers just entering the Mountainside district with no experience will now receive a starting salary of \$41,627.

As far as lowering starting salaries is concerned, Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller, said that these salaries, often continue to rise with each passing year, with the settlement of each three-year teacher contract period.

"That's a negotiable item," said Schaller. "I have never seen salaries go backwards."

While Mahler said salaries are not the only reason teachers are attracted to working in Springfield, he did say that some may take jobs elsewhere if the district does not stay competitive. Over the past three school years, Springfield's starting salary for teachers has continued to rise. In 2000-01, it was \$40,025. In 2001-02, \$41,080, going up to the present level, \$42,175 for the 2002-03 year. The finalization of the next teachers' contract will most likely continue this upward trend.

Regarding the current teacher contract in Springfield, Ter Craddock-Ponce, president and chief negotiator for the Springfield Education Association, said the negotiation teams met again on March 24 and broke into groups to talk about individual parts of the contract.

Although Craddock-Ponce could not speak on specifics, she did say they are hopeful to have a contract settled, one that would begin on July 1 and go through June 30, 2004.

Once teachers achieve tenure, which is three years after their time of hire, the teachers' salaries rise each year, said Craddock-Ponce.

Geiger asked at what time of the night do you stop taping the meetings. If you go to midnight, Geiger questioned whether it's worthwhile to cover the entire meeting. Overall, he is in favor of offering the meetings on tape.

Patricia Knodel, a former board member returning to the race, said she had no problem with taping and no problem with televising the meetings. Several years ago, when she was on the Board of Education, the board proposed televising the meetings, but the board could not get the four votes needed to pass it.

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As a result, for the 2003-04 school year, teachers just entering the Mountainside district with no experience will now receive a starting salary of \$41,627.

As far as lowering starting salaries is concerned, Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller, said that these salaries, often continue to rise with each passing year, with the settlement of each three-year teacher contract period.

"That's a negotiable item," said Schaller. "I have never seen salaries go backwards."

While Mahler said salaries are not the only reason teachers are attracted to working in Springfield, he did say that some may take jobs elsewhere if the district does not stay competitive. Over the past three school years, Springfield's starting salary for teachers has continued to rise. In 2000-01, it was \$40,025. In 2001-02, \$41,080, going up to the present level, \$42,175 for the 2002-03 year. The finalization of the next teachers' contract will most likely continue this upward trend.

Regarding the current teacher contract in Springfield, Ter Craddock-Ponce, president and chief negotiator for the Springfield Education Association, said the negotiation teams met again on March 24 and broke into groups to talk about individual parts of the contract.

Although Craddock-Ponce could not speak on specifics, she did say they are hopeful to have a contract settled, one that would begin on July 1 and go through June 30, 2004.

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# COMMUNITY FORUM

## EDITORIALS

### A step in the right direction

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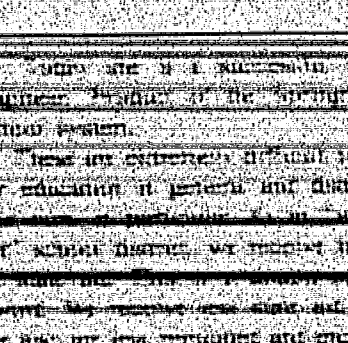
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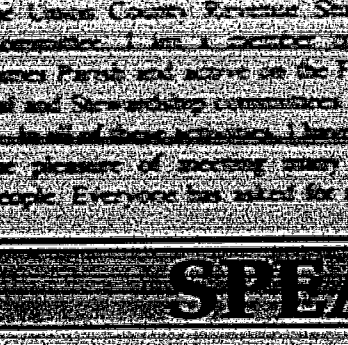
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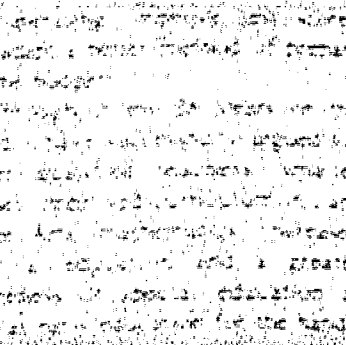
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### Brian Sheehy

I am a candidate for the Springfield Board of Education for several reasons. The most important reason being that I am the father of two children in the system with a third due in April. I am writing to you as a member of the Springfield Board of Education. I am writing to you as a member of the Springfield Board of Education.



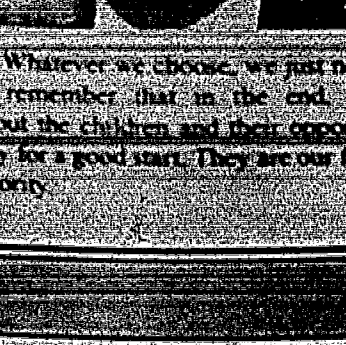
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We are honored to introduce Mark N. Porway, M.D., F.A.C.C., F.S.C.A.I. who has joined the Department of Cardiology at Summit Medical Group. Dr. Porway completed his residency in Family Practice and Internal Medicine and a Fellowship in Cardiology at Ochsner Hospital. He is also a Fellow in Interventional Cardiology, completing his Fellowship in Interventional Cardiology at Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, MA.

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# Advocacy program offers SAGE advice

Older adults often have many questions about their health insurance.

- How much insurance do I really need?
- What do I do if Medicare denies payment for a claim?
- What are the gaps in Medicare coverage?
- Does Medicare pay for nursing home care?
- If you are a Medicare beneficiary and a resident of Union County with questions about Medicare claims, supplemental policies, or long-term care insurance, SHIP can help.

SHIP is the State Health Insurance Assistance Program, a statewide program administered by the New Jersey Department of Health and Human Services. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Call the Union County office of SHIP at 908-273-6999 for assistance. The program is free, objective and confidential.

Volunteer counselors trained by the State Department of Insurance will provide information and assistance for dealing with claims and evaluating health insurance needs. SHIP counselors can also discuss options such as whether to remain in a traditional Medicare plan or choose a Medicare plus Choice plan. Volunteer counselors do not provide legal advice, sell, recommend or endorse any specific insurance product, agent, insurance company, or HMO. They



Dan Kalem of Springfield, volunteer coordinator of the State Health Insurance Assistance Program, listens to a client's concerns at SAGE, which is the sponsor organization for Union County.

provide information and assistance so that clients can make their own decisions.

On March 1, SAGE Solutions, the eldercare organization with headquarters in Summit, became the sponsoring organization for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program in Union County.

Jacqueline Vogelstein, executive director of SAGE, spoke of her enthusiasm for the SHIP program and how it supports other SAGE services.

"This is a time of crisis and change for many people, and Medicare and Medicaid," she said. "We feel it is imperative for SAGE to offer this advocacy service to older residents of Union County and their caregivers. The program will also serve as an enhancement to the full-paging service that will be implemented by SAGE in the near future."

The Union County SHIP counselor program is coordinated by volunteer executive and Springfield resident, and under the direction of Marjorie McGuire, director of Volunteers and Special Legists at SAGE.

Kalem has served as co-chairman of the Medicare, Beneficiary Council for New Jersey, and serves as a key liaison. He is also a member of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare with five million members nationwide. He has also been on the Executive Committee of the Senior Citizens Council of Union County.

## SENIOR NEWS

### SHS hosts annual senior citizens dance

Summit High School will open its doors to Senior Citizens on May 22 for its 17th annual Senior Citizen Luncheon and Dance. The event will begin in the school auditorium at noon with hors d'oeuvres and entertainment by the Summit High School Choir.

Lunch and dancing in the cafeteria will follow with music provided by the Summit High School Stage Band. Reservations may be made through Golden Age Stamps, or through the high school at 908-273-1544.

If transportation is needed, call Union County Para Transport at 908-241-8360.

### NJCVA president talks to Summit Old Guard

Eric Pryor, president of The New Jersey Center for Award Arts, will speak to the Summit Old Guard on Tuesday, April 10, at the New Providence Municipal Center, 100 Parkwood Ave.

Pryor will introduce the center to the Old Guard members and how "art brings value to the lives of people."

He will detail the plan for the Center's future and how he envisions its growth to the next level.

Pryor formerly taught art at Medgar Evers College, City University of New York. He has an MFA from Columbia University. He graduated with a BFA in painting from Wayne State University and a Masters in Fine Arts from the Tyler School of Art, Temple University.

He currently resides in West Orange with his wife and daughter.

All retired men are invited to attend the meetings of the Summit Area Old Guard on Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. at the New Providence Municipal Building. Meetings feature timely, thought-provoking talks. Old Guard members participate in sports, bridge, and trips to various cultural events in the area.

For information, call Bob Regan at 908-664-5329. Seniors can also log onto the Web site at [www.summitoldguard.homestead.com](http://www.summitoldguard.homestead.com).

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## HEALTH

### Men's cancer initiative offered at Overlook

On April 12, from 9 a.m. to noon, a free men's cancer health initiative is open to all Union County men. The program will take place in Overlook Hospital's Wallace Auditorium located at 190 Beacon Ave.

The goal of this initiative is to educate the audience about the leading causes of cancer among men in New Jersey. The American Cancer Society reports that if all Americans participated in regular cancer screenings, the survival rate would increase to 94 percent. Screenings conducted regularly by health care professionals can detect precancerous conditions, such as the colon, rectum, prostate, oral cavity and skin. Patients are more likely to have successful treatment for these types of cancers when detected at earlier stages.

The Statewide Congressional Prostate Cancer Health Initiative for the 20th district is sponsored by the American Cancer Society and the Cancer Institute of New Jersey in conjunction with Congressman Mike Ferguson. Other sponsors of the event include Overlook Hospital, 100 Black Men of New Jersey Inc. and Men's Health Network.

All Union County men are encouraged to attend this comprehensive health program and become more health conscious. Screenings are free, but at risk of developing cancer, and men that cancers can be prevented.

A continental breakfast will be served and parking is available in the hospital's West Garage.

Residents in need of more information can call Ryan Connor, outreach coordinator, at 732-238-5547.

## Spring Health Fair set

The Westfield Regional Health Department will be having their Spring Health Fair on April 26.

A number of free health screenings will be offered that day. Local residents are invited to come and get their cholesterol and glucose checked. Free asthma screening for children and adults will also be offered.

Participants can get bloodwork done, including a complete chemistry and CBC for \$17.50. High school-aged children can get a Hepatitis B vaccine. The fair will take place at the Westfield Municipal Building in the Community Room, at 425 L. Broad St. from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Bloodwork requires pre-appointment with the Health Department, call 908-789-4070 from Friday to April 14 to register.

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### Resident evaluations offered for stroke risk

Residents living in and around the Springfield community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke. Life Line Screening will be at the Presbyterian Church of Springfield on April 11. The site is located at 11 Church Mall in Springfield. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m.

A stroke, also known as a "brain attack," is ranked as the third leading killer in the world, and the second among women. Through preventive screenings, the risk of having a stroke can be greatly reduced.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

2003 Municipal Budget TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

Summary of Revenues - Current Fund table with columns for 2003 and 2002, and Final 2003 Budget.

Summary of Appropriations - Current Fund table with columns for 2003 and 2002, and Final 2003 Budget.

Summary of Revenues table for 2003 Dedicated Swim Pool Utility Budget.

Summary of Appropriations table for 2003 Dedicated Swim Pool Utility Budget.

Balance of Outstanding Debt table.

RECREATION

Pick-up pool membership - The Springfield Recreation Department announces that memberships to the Springfield Community Pool are available...

Par 3 golf memberships

The Springfield Recreation Department announces that memberships to the Millburn Par 3 Golf Course are now available to township residents...

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE - CHANCERY - COUNTY OF UNION - Plaintiff: MOHAMMED RIZK vs. Defendant: ...

RELIGION

Evangel Baptist offers upcoming April events

Evangel Baptist Church, 247 Shunpike Road in Springfield, announces the following April events...

Lenten services offered

Each Wednesday during Lent leading up to Easter week, St. John's Lutheran Church in Summit will host Lenten services...

Rosary Altar Society tips its hat to door decor

Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 100 Central Ave. in Mountainview, offers a Rosary and Novena at 7 p.m. followed by a door decoration...

Wallace Chapel sponsors Ross Concert Choir

The Steward and Deaconess Board Ministries of Wallace Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, 138-142 Broad St. in Summit, are sponsoring the Ross Concert Choir on April 26 at 8 p.m. at Wallace Chapel...

Students enjoy Shakespeare's 'Midsummer'

On March 10, Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' was performed by the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival...

WORSHIP CHURCH

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - 247 SHUNPIKE RD., SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081. JEWISH - REFORM - TEMPLE SHALOM, 100 MOUNTAIN AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081.

Choir will sing at St. John's

Westminster Schola Cantorum choir, conducted by Heather Buchanan, will present a concert Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church...

Heather Buchanan

Heather Buchanan, from the Baroque to the 21st century, spent 2002-2003 season, includes performances in Virginia, New Jersey and Pennsylvania...

Program shows how to keep children safe

The Junior League of Summit will continue its informative workshops for parents with a rescheduled event Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The workshop is free and open to the public...

The Antioch Baptist Church

640 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07379-1465. Easter Sunday Services - The pastor and congregation of Antioch Baptist Church extend a warm welcome to the community and others to worship and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...

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Wednesday, April 9, 2003 @ 6:30 PM. The Altum Country Club. 609 Eagle Rock Ave. West Orange, NJ

EASTER WEEK AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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Professional Directory

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Grid of religious and community events including Pentecostal, Unitarian, Presbyterian, Methodist, and various church services.

EVENTS

Senior identity theft is focus of program
Union County Sheriff Ralph...

Temple Beth Ahm hosts fashion show, auction

When Pamela Dennis launches her first fashion show at Temple Beth Ahm's annual fashion show...

various branches of the temple as well as charitable organizations within the community...

continue April 16 from 7 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$3 per person. Pre-registration is required...

Saint James schedules trip to Switzerland in July

Saint James the Apostle Church, 45 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, offers a trip to Switzerland...

Discover 'Animal Homes and Hide Outs'
Adult family programs at Trailside Nature & Science Center...

Take a moonlight walk at Trailside center

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AT THE LIBRARY

Video series continues with Princess Di: Heppburn

The 'Princess Di' video series continues with 'Princess Di: Heppburn'...

AT THE LIBRARY

Family, friends and colleagues create a portrait of this Hollywood legend...

Trustees meetings

The Board of Trustees of the Springfield Free Public Library...

Evening Group hosts annual pasta dinner

The Ladies Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church...

Mountainside Newcomers assembling baskets

The Mountainside Newcomers Club announces the following activities...

The carnival comes to town



The Edward V. Walton School PTA in Springfield recently sponsored a winter carnival...

CLUBS IN THE NEWS

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BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

A large grid of advertisements for various services including cleaning, landscaping, moving, and home repairs.

RECREATION

Mountainside league set for Opening Day

Mountainside Youth Baseball is a non-profit organization that runs baseball leagues for children ages 6-14...

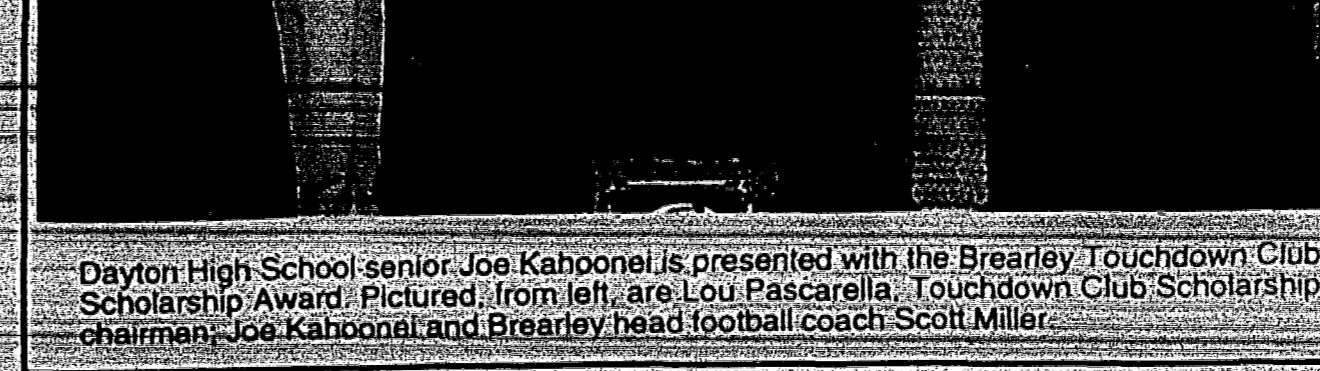
Soccer officiating class is scheduled

The Soccer Club of Springfield will sponsor a N.J. Youth Soccer Coach...

Minutemen will offer reduced sign-up fee

An ability to save on registration fees will be offered when the Springfield Minutemen football program...

Grid standout honored



Dayton High School senior Joe Kahoonei is presented with the Brearley Touchdown Club Scholarship Award...

TOP BOYS' BASKETBALL PLAYERS, COACHES EARN MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE HONORS

There were a number of high school boys' basketball teams that excelled on the Mountain Valley Conference this year...

VALENTINE DIVISION

First Team: Jesse Holley, Roselle; Jonathan Hart, Roselle; Jason Johnson, Rahway...

SKY DIVISION

First Team: Blake Weber, Oratory Prep; Brian Teryak, Manville; Ed Shevin, Roselle Park...

Advertisement for Fleet investment services, featuring a large 'S' logo and text about retirement planning.

OBITUARIES

William McIlroy
William R. Drew McIlroy, 78, of...

Magdalena Fader
Magdalena M. Fader, 100, of...

Louis Di Marco
Louis Di Marco, 85, of Springfield...

Margaret Cochrane
Margaret E. Cochrane, 87, of...

Antonia Kitchell
Antonia M. Debra Kitchell, 89, of...

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Sylvester E. Hill, 77, of...

Elizabeth Keller
Elizabeth Keller, 83, of Summit...

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Raymond Herrgott, 82, of Wall...

Saul Leon Luber
Saul Leon Luber, 88, of Springfield...

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Human Rights Watch founder is guest speaker at luncheon

Liber, author and founder of Human Rights Watch, will be the next speaker at the Wise Wonderful Women Luncheon...

Author of "The Courage of Strangers" coming of age with the Human Rights Movement...

Her story is also one of rebirth, of discovering the passion for freedom and justice that animated her life's work...

Liber served as executive director of Helsinki Watch from 1979 to 1995 and as part-time senior advisor to Human Rights Watch until 2001.

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Authorities, schools come together on gangs

Prosecutors offer warning signs of gang identification

By Joshua Zaltz, Staff Writer
The Union County Prosecutor's Office has teamed up with superintendents and police chiefs in order to recognize and spot warning signs of gang activity within schools and municipalities...

Tough decisions can make some people angry. In the next few weeks, Edward Beghin Jr. sort out whether Linden Chief of Police John Milano can be told to wear his uniform at work...

Some cities have public safety directors to set policy for departments. In Linden, the mayor fulfills that role. The case last in New Jersey talks about the "para-military" role of police but the need for civilian oversight...

Milano filed his lawsuit in early January. In his suit, he claims the order for him and his men to wear uniforms "interferes with the right of the chief to prescribe the duties and assignments..."

Police departments have always had the club of being able to charge political interference. Just a headline in that area sends any hardened street official seeking cover...

The charge of threat to public safety seems to pop up around budget time when new equipment or raises are sought. Just a question as to the number of police officers is enough to start...

In his answer to the charges, Linden City Attorney Edward Kolosi, rejects the complaint. He argues that the subject of the powers "are within the mayor's authority as appropriate authority over the Linden Police Department..."

Unwittingly, Milano deserves some praise. The Police Chief's Bill of Rights and its authority has never been on the public radar screen in the past. It is a good idea to have a bill of rights for police officers...

As the public watches the uniform controversy and considers exactly just what is the proper line for civilian oversight of the department, it has to be a healthy experience, no matter how it turns out...

A car issue is also causing some waves at the Union County Administration Building. With no fanfare, County Manager George Devanney has reduced the county car fleet by 19...

One estimate places the savings at each car in terms of \$1,200 in insurance, \$600 in fuel, \$300 in maintenance and \$23,000 in capital costs. Of course, the county manager says it's hard to grapple with an employee car bill of rights...

We've made a commitment that it will not come from any taxpayer dollars. Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, a member of the Sept. 11 memorial committee, said...

So far, fundraising efforts have resulted in approximately \$26,000 worth of donations from the public and various corporations...

Royal Antique Treasures in Rahway was contracted at a cost of \$11,300 to construct an eternal flame. The flame will rest atop a concrete and cast-iron torch of liberty standing 7 1/2 feet tall with a 5-foot wide base...

The flame will be electrical contained within a plastic cylinder and illuminated with light bulbs. It will remain lit at all times in remembrance of Flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania on Sept. 11, 2001 after passengers stormed the cockpit of the hijacked airplane...

Approximately 60 people from Union County were killed in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. The county's memorial committee included about a dozen citizens who were victims of those who were affected by the Sept. 11 attacks...

The designs for the monument incorporate two beams from the original World Trade Center, which the county acquired from New York City last September. The beams, measuring seven feet and weighing more than 1,000 pounds, will be featured prominently in the memorial, which will pay tribute to the attack on the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

A stainless steel plaque, inscribed with the names of all 60 Union County victims, will be affixed to the granite base of the monument. The plaque will be affixed to the granite base of the monument...

To help defray the cost of the memorial's construction, the county is a separate fund set up at the county. People are taking advantage of that. The county said it's committed to have it completed by Sept. 11 of this year, in order to commemorate the second anniversary of the terrorist attacks...

The county originally hoped to break ground on the project last month but in seeking its \$100,000 goal the county opted to continue its fundraising with letters to the business community, as well as soliciting contributions to cover all construction costs. The ground-breaking will most likely happen later this month...

At the present time, the tax deductible, said Mirabella. "We have a separate fund set up at the county. People are taking advantage of that. The county said it's committed to have it completed by Sept. 11 of this year, in order to commemorate the second anniversary of the terrorist attacks..."

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Security beefed up around buildings
By Joshua Zaltz, Staff Writer
As an increased security measure, Union County has placed barriers in the streets around its government buildings on Rahway Avenue and Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth...

Work to get under way on county's Sept. 11 memorial
By Joshua Zaltz, Staff Writer
Fundraising continues for Union County's memorial to local victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, as the county hopes to acquire \$100,000 toward the construction and maintenance of the memorial...

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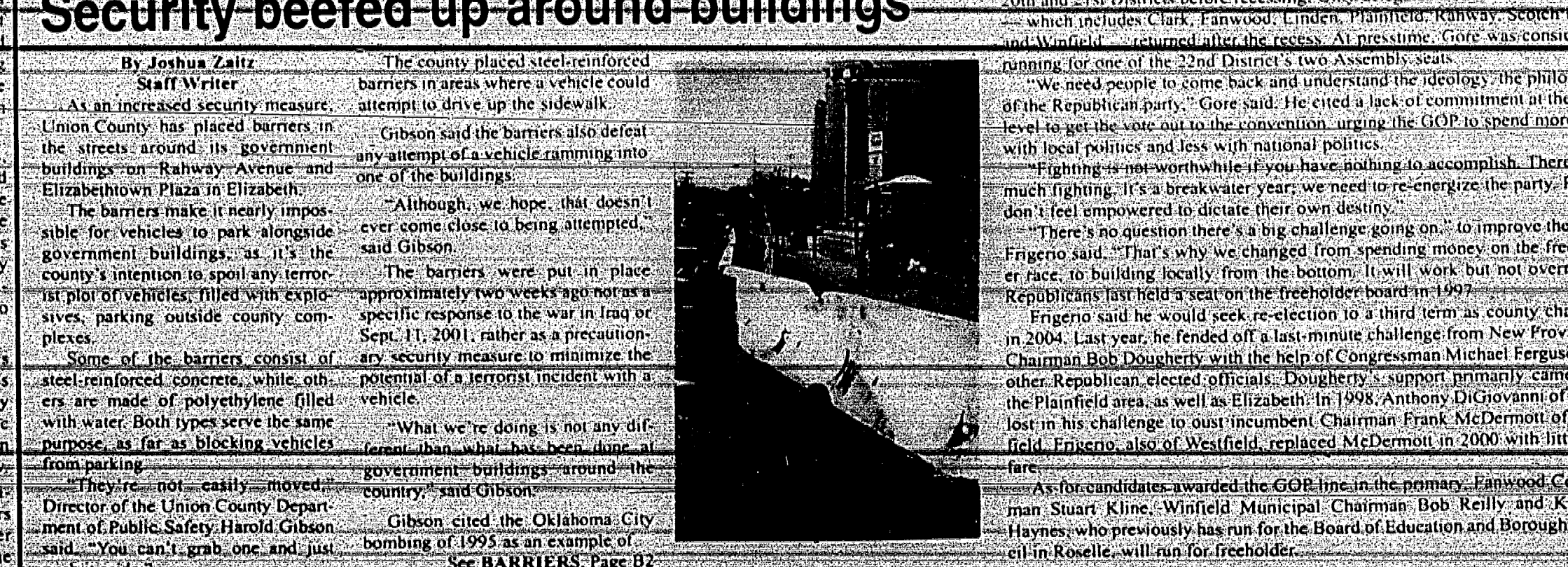
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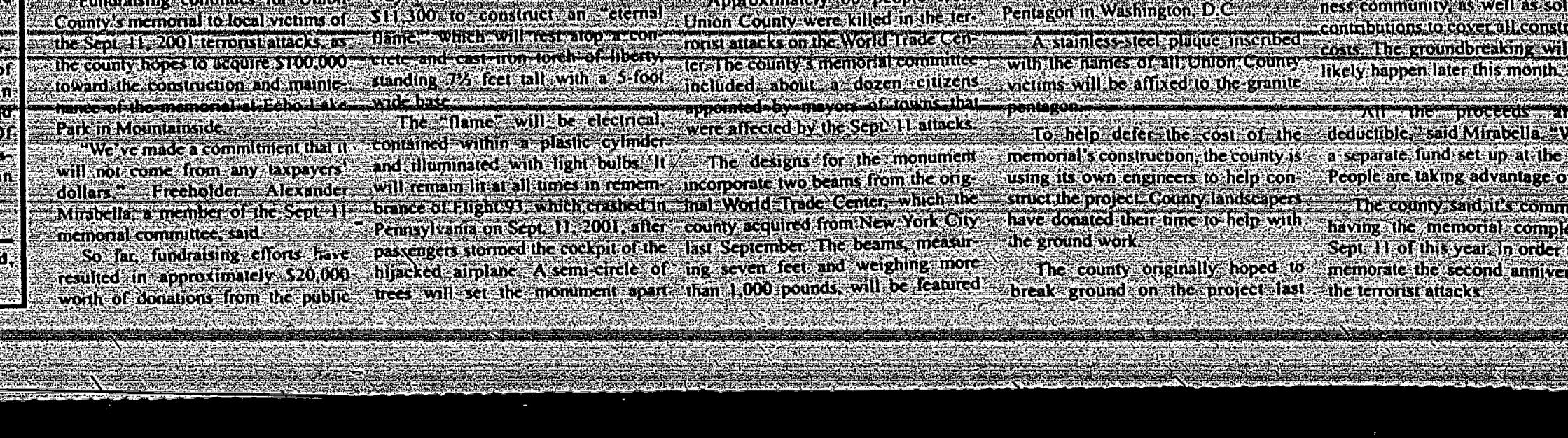
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GOP member calls for change

By Mark Hrywna, Regional Editor
What was expected to be a routine off-year convention for the Union County Republican Committee likely marked the start of a campaign for chairman...

George Gore of Plainfield, co-chairman of the state Republican Committee, withdrew his candidacy Saturday for 22nd District state Senate but not before urging the county GOP to reverse its course and concentrate on local elections...

"I remember a time in this county when people were fighting to be delegates," Gore said. "Everybody understood what was required to win. Now we're down to 200 delegates. It's a travesty. There was a time when Union, Plainfield and Elizabeth alone accounted for 200 delegates at a convention, he said..."

"It's the slowest year in politics," Union County Republican Chairman Ron Frigo said, with only state legislators at the top of the ballot. "You'd always like to see more delegates..."

COUNTY NEWS

Ammunitions collection April 12 at Warnanco

Residents with unwanted ammunition... Warnanco... April 12 at Warnanco... 1602 Dell Ave., Linden, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Patriots' Path Council to honor three women

The Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America will honor four local women at their annual Lion County Tribute to Women Awards Luncheon April 11 at the Wyndham Newark Airport Hotel in Elizabeth at noon.

Senior outreach services

Through the Department of Human Services... Outreach Services... Senior outreach services... 1602 Dell Ave., Linden, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Annual Candlelight Ball

Plans are under way for the ARC of Union County's 2003 Candlelight Ball... Annual Candlelight Ball... 1602 Dell Ave., Linden, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

resident of Elizabeth and current City Council president... Elizabeth... 1602 Dell Ave., Linden, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Karen Kiefer of Kenilworth will be honored for her work with the Boy and Girl Scouts... Kenilworth... 1602 Dell Ave., Linden, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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The honorees include as 2003 Humanitarian of the Year... Elizabeth... 1602 Dell Ave., Linden, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Also being honored is Councilwoman Chela A. Mazza... Elizabeth... 1602 Dell Ave., Linden, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Barriers are installed

what can happen when a vehicle loaded with explosives... barriers... 1602 Dell Ave., Linden, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The 2003 Community Service Award... Margaret F. Gordon of the ARC of Union County... 1602 Dell Ave., Linden, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit the programs and services that The Arc of Union County staff and Board of Directors provide to empower and support people with developmental disabilities and their families throughout Union County... 1602 Dell Ave., Linden, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

It's a two-way street of communication that's very active... barriers... 1602 Dell Ave., Linden, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As far as I'm concerned they need to stay there for a considerable period of time... barriers... 1602 Dell Ave., Linden, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Blood Center, Red Cross to sponsor blood drives

The Blood Center of New Jersey and the In-County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor the following blood drives... Blood Center, Red Cross... 1602 Dell Ave., Linden, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Author mixes topics in pop-culture tome

By Bill Vansant Associate Editor European immigrants and pop-culture Americana don't seem to naturally go hand in hand... Author mixes topics in pop-culture tome



Michael Immerso

Immerso will appear at Barnes and Noble in Springfield Monday to sign copies of his latest book, 'Coney Island: The People's Playground'... Author mixes topics in pop-culture tome

Immerso spent more than two years researching the topic and amassing photographic images... Author mixes topics in pop-culture tome

Immerso's first book was 'Newark's Little Italy: The Vanished First Ward'... Author mixes topics in pop-culture tome

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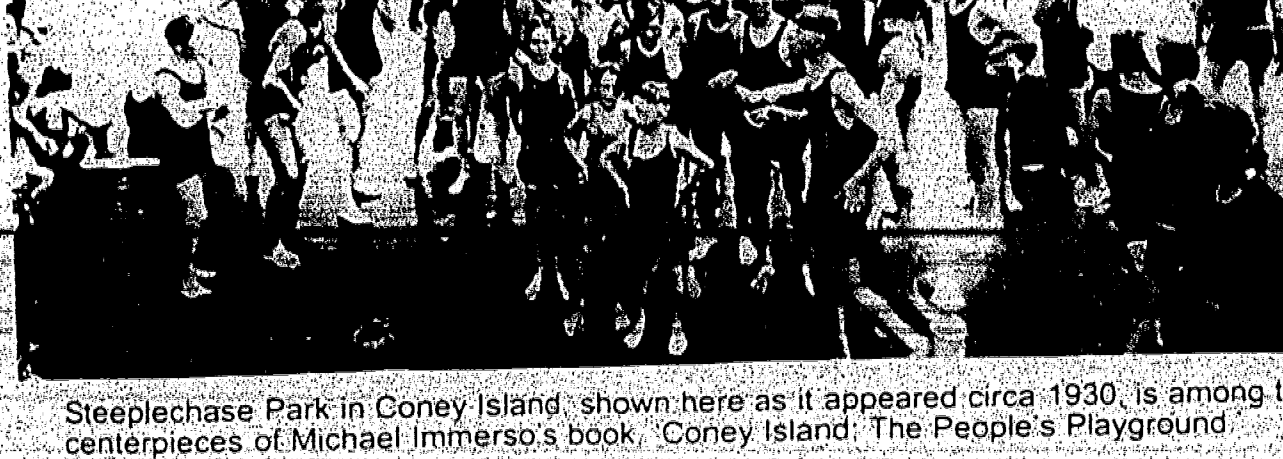
Book is valentine to long-ago era

Part history book, part pop culture examination, part sociology report... Book is valentine to long-ago era

Immerso focuses primarily on Coney Island's changing face from the late 1800s through the 1930s... Book is valentine to long-ago era

Immerso is not careful to include the impact had on the park by the various people who flocked there in throngs... Book is valentine to long-ago era

Immerso's writing style is engaging and accessible without watering down any of the data... Book is valentine to long-ago era



Steeplechase Park in Coney Island, shown here as it appeared circa 1930, is among the centerpiece of Michael Immerso's book, 'Coney Island: The People's Playground'

Barbara Cook lives up to her legend in Sondheim concert at NJPAC

The cavernous space of Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center was filled Friday night with the iconic music of Broadway's true legends... Barbara Cook lives up to her legend in Sondheim concert at NJPAC

Concert Scene

By Bill Vansant Associate Editor talents as an actress put her numbers over the top... Concert Scene

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Rasmussen joins Coldwell... Alan Rasmussen, Westfield resident since 1970, has stepped down as president of Real Industries...



Alan Rasmussen

Sullivan is a member and past member of the Mulhensberg Hospital... Beth Sullivan, a graduate of Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania...



Beth Sullivan

He wanted to work with the best in the business... The education that Sullivan received has served her well as the executive director...

Sullivan to Burgdorf... Ron Sharpe Realty... We buy houses ALL CASH AS IS!

Century 21 advertisement for Ron Sharpe Realty, featuring photos of houses and contact information.

Century 21 advertisement for Call-Century 21 Picciotto Realty, featuring photos of houses and contact information.

Advertisement for Pennylyn Mannioti, Real Estate Specialist, featuring photos and contact information.

Weichert opens a new Web site

James M. Weichert, president of Weichert Realtors, has announced the debut of the company's all-new website... Weichert Realtors, based in Morris Associates in 214, companies owned and franchised sales offices located in Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Washington, D.C., North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida...

Clothing drive to dress up those seeking employment

The Greater Union County Association of Realtors is collecting business clothing for women, to be used by job applicants who do not have appropriate clothing for employment interviews... The drive continues through April 15.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage advertisement featuring photos of houses in Union and Roselle, and contact information for the Springfield office.

Advertisement for Jill Guzman, Real Estate Specialist, featuring photos and contact information.

Advertisement for Jill Guzman Realty, Inc., featuring photos and contact information.

AUTOMOTIVE

Automotive section containing various car listings under 'AUTO FOR SALE' and 'AUTOS WANTED'.

Sebring: roomy, sporty and fun

Four-seat convertibles seem like a great idea when someone has an eye on an icon of the good life... The Sebring convertible comes in four models, and the GTC features a V-6, five-speed manual transmission and a package of sportier extras...

Saddle Up Super Deals advertisement for used vehicles, featuring a 'DONT TAKE LESS FOR YOUR USED VEHICLE' slogan and 'AUTO SPECIAL' offers.

Large advertisement for Chevrolet vehicles, featuring 'ZERO for 60' financing offers and 'USED CAR SUPERSTORE' information.

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