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Trip gives students a taste of food biz

By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer "This is definitely one of the better field trips," Meghan Eichner, 13. was overheard saying to her tablemates, as she was enjoying the specialty of the house at Famous Dave's Barbeque on Route 22 in Mountainside Friday.

She was part of the entire eighth grade class at Deerfield School in Mountainside who went on a very different and interesting field trip that day. The children and teachers were led by Police Officer Andrew Huber, better known as "Officer Andy" to one and all, of the Mountainside Police Department.

First they were taken by bus to the Elizabeth Municipal Court House, where, as Huber put it, "They saw a real example of the criminal world; sentencing of drug addicts, and criminals - for real; something they will all remember."

Then, as a special treat to lighten up the "heavy" morning, in conjunction with the Mountainside Police Department, the trip to Famous Dave's was paid with a grant from the Mountainside Municipal Drug Alliance, headed by Corinne Moore. who is also Police Chief James Debbie's secretary.

Aware of their morning trip. Famous Dave's General Manager Jason Sanlarelli made them welcome and gave a very down-to-earth talk himself before they were served the delicious lunch.

First, Huber spoke.

Today you learned about wrong choices that people make. You saw a young girl get sentenced to five years in a federal prisen - because of her wrong choices. Jason, here, knows about that, and will tell, you about himself and the restaurant business."

Santarelli introduced himself with humon hout over sin, which is why I am here because good care of you."

that is where I am also from - and the restaurant has a mid-western concept. I began as a waiter, but I was a terrible waiter."

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He then asked them how many had been to the restaurant before with their parents-He was pleasantly surprised when nearly all of the 64 children raised their hands after all, they all five in Mountainside. "That is great," he said. "But I want to tell you that I made some wrong choices myself before I got the waiter job. I ended up doing a lot of community service, and turning my life around with hard work." He said to them, "Some day you

will all reach a fork in the road. It could be little things -- do I let my friend drive home drunk? Do I do drugs? And so forth, and of course the answer is no to all of that."

He said he employed 140 people there, and added, "When you come to your first job, I will tell you how to act. This industry is often the first job young people take and everybody can move up if you choose to do so."

He said he had his own problems and worked his way out of them. adding that there is nothing more frightening than being in court.

You will face moments of truth as you grow up - how old are you? 13 and 14? You can start working in the restaurant business at 16," said Santarelli.

He told them they did not need experience and that about 70 percent of the employees came without onnorience

"But be sure to make eye contact with the interviewer, and don't leave . without an appointment if you are not interviewed the first time. They will respect you for this."

Everyone applauded as he told them they would be served the specialty of the house, the All-American Barbeque special. "Enjoy, and if you thing, but with a serious edge. ever come again with friends or your aside and explaining how to do this. "Famous Dave's began in Wiscon-parents, call on Jason - 1 will take

Tyvek



Eighth-grade students from Deerfield School in Mountainside learn how to be waiters first-hand during a special class trip to Famous Dave's Barbeque on Route 22 in Mountainside Friday. The students learned various aspects of the restaurant business.

was served by his staff. There was no

limit, and ample food. There were

Teachers accompanying the class were: Linda Shanahan, Milan Smikovecs, Kerry Abruzzó, Barbara Hemmings and substitute nurse Carolyn Fontana. Abruzzo said the children had been very well behaved at the courthouse.

Santarelli had selected a separate ection for the group; teachers sat together and as usual, boys sat together and girls sat together.

After their enlightening morning, they were all hungry Each table was served family-style, with a huge tray of all the specials in the center. Santarelli picked one child from each table to be a "volunteer" and let thembe the waiter/waitress, taking them However, the children just

barbeque ribs, chicken and pork, as well as sides of baked beans and cole slaw. French fries and ears of corn were plentiful on each tray as well as homemade corn muffins which everyone ate. Huber noted, "Jason paid for all

he drinks --- on the house, the real was courtesy of the Municipal-Alliance on Drugs as I said." He said he felt their grant at oney was put to. very good use.

One table of girls were asked if they might ever seek employment there at Famous Dave's, Cindy Avacillos, 13, who had been chosen as the wallress for this table, smiled a said, "It is nice here but I would

brought the drink orders; the hot food "rather work in a clothing store."

Madeline Starkey 13 and Meghan Eichner 13, said they weren't sure, but they might. All of them had eaten at the restaurant several or many times and all said they loved the food.

Meanwhile, the tables of boys were busy touring the kitchen, led by Santarelli and they were thrilled at the "smoker" as he called it where the ribs are first smoked before being cooked. He allowed them all to tour the entire kitchen if they wanted to see how the operation went. More boys than girls did this.

As it was time to go, the children were in an excited mood and Huber said, "We took care of body and soul Inhink everyone had a great odev

time." Teachers agreed.

Turi.~ case closes

By Rick Klittich Staff Writer Assistant Union County Prosecutor William Kolano determined that based on the circumstances surrounding the mid-August accident in which Mountainside Capt. Todd Turner was killed, 60-year-old_Mountainside_resident Ivan Andrie would not face criminal charges.

The investigation, which has been ongoing since the accident occurred last fall, came to a close with conclusions that included Turner not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the collision.

Turner, who was on his way to pick up his 9-year-old daughter, was traveling cast on Wyoming Drive when he was struck by Andric's vehicle, traveling north on Cherry Hill Road.

The reconstruction of the accident indicated that Turner was traveling between 20 and 27 mph, while Andric was going at least 34 mph, but possibly as fast as 50 mph.

According to Mountainside Cpl. Ken Capobianco, Andrie's age did not seem to play a factor in the ctash.

"Everything seemed to be in order," said Capobianco.

While Andric maintained that he came to a full stop at the intersection's stop sign, Capobianco said that there is "no doubt in my mind" that he ran the sign.

According to Capobianco, the lengthy investigation is common for this sort of occurrence, as the interpretation of data takes a long time. Components of the vehicles were sent back to the manufacturers to see if the could "shed any light." Capobianco

Capobianco said that with the investigation at a close, he felt that all the information needed was there to make a presentation to the prosecutor. "I think they did a review of the sit-

uation,"-said Capobianco. "I don't really have any reservations regarding the decision.

"We analyzed what we had, and based on what we had, it was determined that there was insufficient

Spring Mill work continues

By Rick Klittich - Staff Writer -New senior housing that is currently being constructed just off Morris

e behind the new CVS Pharmacy and Commerce Bank is around 50 percent complete, but weather will probably stall work throughout the winter season.

Recently given the title "Spring Mill:" the 48 units are hoped to be completed some time during the season it's named for, although Springfield Planning Board Chairman Richard Colandrea says it's hard to predict when completion will be near. "The weather has certainly slowed down all construction." he said, noting that this is one of the worst winters he's seen and that it obviously affects outdoor construction all over The apartments, located on Black's Lane, have yet to be given addresses.

and prices have not been established yet, either. Colandres added that 20 percent of the apartments must be set aside for low-income housing. The only requirement for living in the senior apartments is to be 55 years of age or

older.

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The housing project was planned for construction when the area was rezoned a few years ago.





-Rest Sibeyes Photo By Re

Construction has basically come to a halt at Spring Mill because the bitter cold weather this winter. The new housing is located behind the CVS and Commerce Bank, which are located on Morris Avenue.

Mountainside school board presents preliminary budget figures came in less in every grace than last year, indi- cal education mats, listed as supplies. The total cating a supply on hand. The exception was expenditure was \$38,224, more than last year's An additional full-time nurse was added for Beechwood School, and the search is still on for substitutes. The total health budget came in A \$112,759, up slightly from last year's actual

All of the above numbers are subject to change --- possibly several times, with another presentation expected Tuesday. Copies of the worksheet are available at the Board of Educa

By Joan M. Devlin Staff.Wetter

At Die Jan. 27 Mountainside Board of Edu cation meeting, the district's Business Administrator Paul Vizzuso gave some of the prelimmany budget maniferry for the year.

"These are not final numbers, just the first go-sround and this is Phase I for the school year 2004-2005," and Virano The budget is not due to be final antil the

end of March.

Board President Peter Goggi said some

items are less than last year's, but overall the increase is at "a small percent, maybe 2 percent --- considering the opening of Beechwood

School. The 20-page comprehensive budget workavnesses and salaries from Moppet and PEAK -Preschool Education for All Kids -drough eighth grade, and included everything from health costs through summer school, which is included this year.

Total salaries for the proposed budget came in at \$30,009, and this includes one teacher split 50 percent between Peak and Moppet, one

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aid, and 11 substitutes, Last year the number was \$28,738. For the kindergarten, four new teachers were insteed and this may change. There w

"specials" listed, which include music, art, and other special classes and with the substitutes. the total salaries came to \$373,147. Last year.

before Beechwood, it was \$249,061. In first grade, three teachers were listed, specials and substitutes, but the total salaries were less than last year, at \$277.307. Last year was \$304,803

Expenditures for supplies and textbooks

with the Resource Room, with a total budget. total of \$32,235, before Beechwood. ed amount of 1252,784. Last year it was \$203,144.

As for the Moppet classes, two aides were Supercu for in solition to one teach as substitutes. The total proposed budget on - total of \$112,292. this section is \$48,414, slightly more than last year's total of \$48,458.

Under, the "co-curricular activities" page, additional expenses for the Beechwood School were added, such as gym wall mats and physi-... tion office in Beechwood School.

dence to warrant a charge of vehicular homicide." said Kolano. Kolano said that the fact that Turner was not wearing a seatbelt at the

time of the accident was "a consideration" in his decision

When reached for comment, Keith. Turner, Todd Turner's brother and a Borough Councilman, offered only one comment.

"I'm very disappointed in the out-

Although no criminal charges are ing faced by Andr ing summonses for reckless driving. careless driving and failure to stop or

Attorney John Blume, who is representing Turner's estate; said that a. civit suir will still be filed against-

The suit, according to Blume, would probably not be under way until at least a year from now.

Blume will be seeking monetary damages from Andric for negligence of operation.

Questions concerning a subsidiary of Atlantic Health Systems, which provides ambulance coverage to the borough during the day, arose when the ambulance was reportedly located outside of the borough, in the Watching Circle, and came late to the SCENC

According to Blume: the healthcare service providers will not be involved in litigation involving the crash. "Under a statute in New Jersey."

said Blume, "they have immunity. It's unfait.

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Messler joins Borough Council



Viglianti, center, and Councilman William Lane, right, after being sworn in during the reorganization meeting. Newcomer Robert Messler, left, also took the oath of office as the council's new member. Messler also serves on the Mountainside Planning Board.

At 7 p.m. Jan. 25, firefighters responded to Route 78 West for a car

+At 12:12 a.m. Jan. 25, firefighters responded to a Route 22 West business for an activated fire alarm. + Jan. 20 at 12:17 a.m., the Fire

Accident yields arrest

At 1:13 a.m. Feb. 2. police responded to the area of Woodland Avanue for a motor vehicle accident-At the scene, police arrested a man who was suspected of driving under-

the influence. + Jan, 30 at 9:32 a.m., police arrested a man suspected of stealing an

Theater parking lot on Route 22.East. The man also had a butterily knife in his pocket and was charged with possession of an unlawful weapon

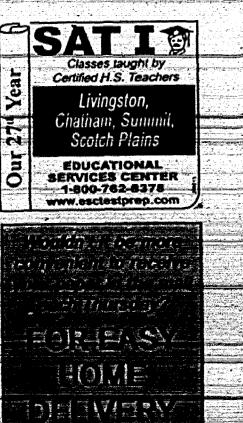
+ 39-year-old Michael Mc "ul'ough was stopped for driving with an expired registration at 12:41 p.m. Jan

The investigation revealed that the chiele was uninsured and the driver was unlicensed and suspended with warranta.

Jan. 27 at 2:26 p.m., employee Robert Southward reportedly stole six rolls of stainless steel strapping, valued at \$480, 70 cutting bits; valued at \$35 each, and three brass plates, valued at \$100 apiece, from a Victory

Road business • At 12:51 n.m. Jan. 29, the owne of a 1998 Ford reported that his vehicle, parked in a rear lot on Morris Avenue, was broken into overnight and a wallet with credit cards was stolen

• At 3:45 Friday, the headlights of a 2001 Maxima were reported stolen from a car parked in the lot of a Route 22 West business.



FD rushes to Route 78 car fire

FIRE BLOTTER

Department responded a ladder truck to Union Fire Headquarters on a request from County Mutual Aid. - At 1:19 a.m. Jan. 25, firefighters responded to a Christy Lane residence for a water condition.

+ Jan. 26 at 1:33 p.m., firefighters responded to a Mountain Avenue business for a medical service call. • At 1 p.m. Jan. 28, firefighters responded to a Springfield Avenue apartment complex for a toaster oven

+ At 1:57 p.m. Jan. 28, the department responded to a Mountain Avenue

burning. + Jan. 28 at 3:06 p.m., firefighters responded to a Diven Street residence

for smoke in the basement. • At 3:47 p.m. Jan. 28, firefighters responded to a Morris Avenue business for an elevator rescue.

• At 1:34 p.m. Jan. 29, firefighters responded to a Morris Avenue business for a smoking light fixture. · At 3:02 p.m. Friday, the Fire

Department responded to a Route 22 West business for a medical service call. + At 1:14 a.m. Saturday, the depart-

ment responded to a Redwood Road esidence for an activated carbon

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the residents of various community activities and government meetings. To mail a schedule, send it to Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109. Union, 07083.

Today • The Foothill Club of Mountainside conducts its luncheon at B.G. Fields Restaurant on Mountain Avenue in Westfield. For information, call 908-232-3626.

 The Good Books Discussion Group meets at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. at 7 p.m. to discuss "Through the Ivory Gates" by Rita Dove. For information, call 973-376-4930. Friday

· Children ages 3-8 are invited to the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. from 3 to 4 p.m. for winter craft activities. A short storytime session celebrating winter will also be held at 3:45 p.m. For information, call 973-376-493D, ext. 232. Saturday

• The Mountainside PTA sponsors its annual Community Pancake Breakfast in the Deerfield School cafeteria from 8:30 to 11 a.m. All are invited. Door prizes will be available. For information, call Teri Schmedel at 908-301-0147. Monday

• The Springfield Township Committee meets in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave., across from the Municipal Building for a workshop session at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

• The Mountainside Board of Education meets in the media center at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave. at 8 p.m.

in the Jonathan Dayton High School auditorium on Mountain Avenue at 8 p.m. regarding the plans that have been developed at Meisel

For information, call 973-376-4930.

Avenue Park. . The Mountainside Borough Council convenes for a work session at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East at 8 p.m. • The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Lunchtime Video Series, "Biographies" at noon with "Zora' is My Name," a look at the life of African-American author Zora Neale Hurston in honor of National African American History Month. Wednesday • The Springfield Board of Health meet in the Annex Building, 20. N. Trivett Ave. across from the Municipal Building at 6:30 p.m. * Upcoming - Feb. 12 · The Mountainside Planning Board will meet in the Council Cham-· The Mother Goose Group promotes enjoyment of language

bers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East at 8 p.m. through nursery rhymes, simple stories, songs and activities for toddlers ages 1 1/2 to 3 years old and their parent or caregiver, from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. Participants can stay and play afterward. For information, call 973-376-4930, ext. 232. Feb. 14 . Three groups join together for a Valentines Night dinner and concert_to benefit the hungry at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall. The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and the concert at 8 p.m. The pop duo Open Book will perform. Dinner tickets must be obtained by calling the church at 973-379-

1695 before Feb. 9. Tickets for the concert only can be purchased at the door for \$12 for adults, \$6 for ages 13-18.





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Bids awarded for construction A second bid was awarded for bids By Rick Klittich mechanical, electrical and miscella-Staff Writer Three bids concerning necessary construction at Jonathan Dayton High School, Thelma L. Sandmeier

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million that will be put to use when

at Sandmeier School was awarded to

G Pacillo Contracting of Hillside.

which submitted a base bid of

\$1,895,900 and a total bid in the

The bid includes the addition of

The total amount of money set

A total of \$150,270 is going

toward the addition and renovation

of a teachers' room and storage

an existing curtainwall with a new

Three other bidders had base bids

exceeding \$2 million, leaving G.

Pacillo Contracting to be the lowest

noted local author Jean-Rae Turner.

Also included in the bid money_

aside for that particular work is

an art and music storage room within

the school, along with the renovation

the contractors begin work

amount of \$2,046.170.

of existing associate rooms.

\$508,120.

storefront.

A bid for additions and alte

ton schools to Lighton Industries, in School and James Caldwell Elemen- \$1,247,300. A \$343,000 base bid was received, tary School in Springfield were and, being close to \$80,000 less than awarded by the Board of Education the next closest bid of the other three Jan. 26, marking a total of nearly \$4

competitors, was accepted. uping replacements at Caldwell and Edward V. Walton Schools.

School, boiler replacement at Jonathan Dayton, and close to \$500,000 for air conditioning in both asbestos, removal is an annual the auditoriums and cafeterias.

Pacillo Contracting in the amount of the schools. \$528,600, after a base bid was submitted for \$280,350, for alterations and renovations at Caldwell School. The construction includes many

aspects, such as \$159,750 for the able furniture and casework.

More costs are going toward the tions, and a concrete ramp on the east ings after an air-quality test is per entrance of the building.

for Sandmeier is the replacement of Nine sets of exterior doors will also cost around \$27,000. The architectural firm Gibson Tar-

companies that submitted the lowest referendum in January 2003.

Historical Society seeks photos

is seeking photographs of locations. from Springfield who served in all are most interested in finding photo-

buildings and people from Spring- wars, especially Vietnam; for places graphs of the Selanders, one a long-

chiefs of the police and fire depart-

the Arcadia Publishing Images of Sip and Sup, Mae Moon, Dairy police in the 1930s-40s.

The Springfield Historical Society particularly for photos of veterans

field's past for possible inclusion in like Prince's Farm, Columbia Lumber,

America series, now being written by Queen, etc.; mayors; postmasters

The Historical Society is looking mients, etc. Dates must be pre-1969.

It was concluded that there were neous upgrades at Caldwell and Day- no material defects within them.

While the Caldwell and Dayton Lakewood, for an amount of Schools' open bid sessions were held on Dec. 30, the Sandmeier open bid session was held on Jan. 16.

Along with the awarded bids, the board also moved that bids be advertised for boiler room asbestos abate-The bid includes costs for sanitary ment at Jonathan Dayton, Sandmeier According to School Business

Administrator Matthew Clarke, the process, and in this case, it is neces-A third bid was awarded to G sary to begin construction at each of

"Within the lining of the boilers," Clarke explained, "there is asbestosmaterial.

Clarke explained that it is the school's responsibility to take care of administration area, along with the asbestos, noting that it will be roughly \$35,000 for the area's move- done during April-vacation, when nobody is allowed at the buildings, and that students and faculty will conter, computer work sta- only-be allowed back into the buildformed by the Department of Enviconmental Protection.

These projects are part of the roughly \$18-million school renovaquini Group reviewed the bid docu- tion and constituction work, which ments submitted by the contracting was approved by voters in a special

time mayor and the other, a chief o

If you have any material, call 973-

The deadline is March 30.

376-4784.

By Rick Klittich

Staff Writer boom continuing worldwide, Mountainside has taken a step further within nents. its own public library to supply convenience to computer users who are

used to traveling with their laptops. WIFI, the new wireless internet access service at the Mountainside Public Library, gives residents the ability to come into the library with West Orange Public Library had it their own laptops and set up shop using their own customized comput-

Library Director Miriam Bein said she has seen many articles referring to the technology, making it part of the next brings with it include being able to wave of Internet accessibility.

include no more waiting for an Internet workstation at the library, along with no time limits on the usage of a

mplementing the service would be another device hooked up to a printer. "library

Since it was first raised last spring

The advantages of the service ciently, along downloading and saving

was unnecessary.

Bein realized that the costs of ments or transfer them on disk to

already in place and the extra purchase less service may vary throughout dif-

to them yet;" said Bein.



computer.









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State Sen, Thomas Kean Jr. meets with Jonathan Dayton High School faculty, administrators and the school TV studio team to discuss many state issues that affect Springfield. The senator's Jan. 16 visit to the high school was sponsored by the Junior States of America club. For information on the JSA political forums, call advisors Frank Sanchez or Mary Cokeing al-973-376-1025. ext. 1615.

ibrary has wireless Net access

For approximately \$350, the library paid for a wireless card, softcians to install the necessary compo-

"I thought it was an intriguing idea," said Bein, "that wasn't too hard or costly, It will catch on soon."

While many libraries in surrounding communities don't have the technology as of yet, Bein noted that the before Mountainside, and other municipalities will most likely be

looking into it soon enough. "Maybe the word just hasn't gotter

Other advantages that the service access personal files quickly and effi-

files on one's own computer. The limitations of WIFI include the fact that it has no printing capability, so users would have to save docustrength of the wire ferent areas of the building.

One of the more notable disadvan tages is that the service is less secure With the evergrowing technology ware, and cable and network techni- than a wired network, making it more vulnerable to eavesdropping due to its dependence on radio waves. Sull, users can work at a table

almost any area of the building According to Beint pretty much the entire building has wireless capability, allowing users to find their own comfortable setting within the large library. This allows for meetings, group research and privacy.

Bein said that the library had gotten a couple of requests and phone calls regarding whether or not the public building already had or was looking into installing the new service.

Since its introduction to the library. Bein said that it hasn't gotten much use, mostly because people don't know too much about it right now.

Still, she has seen some people come in with their laptops, which must be wireless ready and take advantage of the free service provided by the

being used require charged battery and a wireless work interface card.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Wear your seat belt Wear your seat belt

That's something that should be second nature for any driver but for many, it is not. Often, it takes a drastic easualty to bring this message home.

The latest news of Mountainside Police Capt, Fodd Turner's car accident last summer revealed that the officer was not wearing his seat belt at the time of the collision. The unfortunate tragedy is one that rocked our tiny, close-knit borough with many in the community feeling they had lost a close friend.

Wearing seat belts can provide an added measure of safety in most cases. It would be impossible for seat belts to prevent injury or death completely but the fact remains that they do serve a purpose in protecting drivers, particularly during collisions.

Drivers have to think not only of the possibility of saving their own lives, but the lives of other drivers. It only takes a second and it shouldn't even be a conscious decision

Positive steps

The Springfield Township Committee recently made a concerted effort to be aggressive with getting answers from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders regarding the status of Meisel Avenue Park, a county-owned facility that has been closed for several years, placing the township in dire need of a track and some usuable playing fields.

In the past, the Township Committee left much to be desired when it came to dealing with getting answers from the county on Meisel Field. It appeared that the committee just wasn't doing enough to help push for a rehabilitation of the park and communicate with the county on the importance of this facility and the need to get it ready for use. They also weren't doing much to share this information with the public.

Now, it looks as if the Township Committee is taking some steps in the right direction. They are conducting a special meeting; open to the public, this Tuesday in the auditorium at Jonathan Dayton High School at 8 p.m. They will present the plans that have been developed for Meisel Field, instead of conducting their usual Tuesday meeting in the Municipal Building.

According to Mayor Clara Harelik, the meeting is being presented as an open forum to gather the public's opinions so the committee can bring those views to the county. At the frecholders' meeting in Elizabeth Feb. 19, the Township Committee will be present to show their Meisel Field plans. Both meetings are crucial for residents to voice their concerns for Meisel Field and what developments they would like to see there. The Feb. 19 meeting will be conducted in the public meeting room of the Administration Building, 1 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth. There will be a discussion about the Green Acres application for the development of the park and ballfields, and residents are encouraged to attend and participate.

Written comments are being accepted and should be forwarded to: Chair of the Freeholder Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, standing committee. Union County Administration Building, 6th Floor, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, 07207, The deadline for submission of written comments is Feb. 16.

The point of the meeting should be to educate the public on the status of the facility and to allow residents to heard. The county is seeking Green Acres funding to help pay for the project, but the Township Committee won't-

know the results of that effort until April 15. Preliminary plans at Meisel Avenue Park include two baseball fields, a playground, six-lane track, a combined soccer and football field, bleachers, a fieldhouse and the possibility of a walking track that would surround the entire park. PMK Group, the architectural firm hired to design the plans will also be present at the Tuesday meeting to display the drawings they made for the park.

As it should be, the first priority of the committee is to get the running track rehabilitated. For far too long, Jonathan Dayton High School students have had to be shipped to Millburn to participate in track meets. This shouldn't be the case in a district where high school sports are high priority.

The Township Committee looks as if it is taking positive steps with these two meetings. It remains to be seen whethertheir efforts will be successful, but it's a good sign to see some action being taken.

"Do not... regard the critics as questionable patriots. What were Washington and Jefferson and Adams but profound critics of the Colonial status quo?"-----Adlai E. Stevenson, politician



They're not only caring, they're a grateful group It wasn't too difficult to discover idge-Montclair, wrote, "Although 1 there still appreciates what we do."

It wasn't too difficult to discover **FO** ple. And they're not afraid to show their gratitude. I learned that shortly after we published a column of mine in which I asked for respect for nurses and not contempt.

That column, published Jan. 15, was the result of an advertisement that appeared in The Star-Ledger in. December by attorney Anthony Macri of Denville seeking business from families of patients who were "killed" by a nurse in the state of New Jersey. The way the ad was published made it sound as if nurses throughout the state use euthanasia as some kind of sporting event. I was disgusted by the ad, and I quickly discovered that nurses, at least in this part of the state, felt the same way

This is the first time in 16 years that I'm using responses to a column as the subject of a subsequent column. cerits of the nurses who responded, 1 them. decided that readers should know how -these nurses feit.

Ronnie is a registered nurse, but she didn't tell me where she worked. bottom of my heart for your column, and when I heard how the column was about nurses. I am a registered nurse received, I was thrilled.

go to work every day expecting to journalists than the knowledge that we Unit at St. Barnabas. "Thanks for the - out there somewhere?" make a difference in lives. I enjoy my made a difference in someone's life, article you wrote about respect for practice I was horritied by all that is _____ Karen, an administrative assistant - nurses and the nursing profession. It's _____ Tom-Canavan-can-be-reached-at. going on with the press with Mr. at Mountainside Hospital in Glen uplifting to find that someone out teanavan@thelocalsource.com.



Cullen. He is obviously a very troubled man. What he is accused of is horrific. But he is in the minority as your column states. At work, we made copies of your column and passed it around."

When Ronnie referred to Mr. Cullen, she was referring to Charles Cullen, the nurse who admitted to killing as many as 40 terminally ill patients during his 16-year career as a nurse in 10 medical facilities in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

 She also referred to making copies. the column at work and distributing

She wasn't the only one. They're apparently posted throughout Rahway Hospital, JFK Medical Center and St. Barnabas Medical Center, I haven't "I just want to thank you from the " had this much exposure in a long time, here is no greater reeling amo

am not a nurse but the administrative Steve's response was extremely. assistant in the Cardiac Rehab Depart- genuine and the epitome of how carment at Mountainside Hospital and the ing nurses can be. An open heart surmother of an Emergency Room nurse, gery stepdown nurse, he said, "You I would like to commend you on the wrote a heartfelt article that was wonderful column in response to Mr. admired by my unit at St. Barnabas. It Macri's insult to all in the nursing pro- is now posted at the nursing station. I fession. In my years at Mountainside, yes I have seen the good and I have seen the bad, but the bottom line is. Thank you again and I hope your that all cared. Just that some did it better than others."

Fides is a nurse manager at St. Barnabas with more than 20 years of j is anything that I personally can do for experience. And she was angry when she saw the advertisement

"I was one of the angry nurses who called altomey Macri when I saw the ad in the paper, but like you, I did not get a return call. How dare he put that kind of an ad in the paper! I hope for his sake that he will never need to go to a hospital. Thank you for your man whose sister-in-law is a retired uching anicle Weneed more per like you to appreciate the hard workand dedication of every nurse in this country. It is through you that people get a better understanding and appre- Thanks again for a beautiful article ciation of the nurses' contribution toward health care. Your article is now posted in every nursing unit in St. Barnabas,

A can of worms that no one wants to look at

"It kinds of reminds me of Colo-I days the Colonies were being Countyfaced with the Stamp Act, the Tea Act, the Sugar Act. England wasn't giving Seat Colonies as just a revenue source." By Mark Hrywna That's not former Summit Mayor Regional Editor after Long talking about County government: It's Killington own Munager David Lewis in an Long said during his farewell addre

Associated Press story earlier this month about the town looking to carlier this month. "It should not be a secede from Vermont and join New-Hampshire. Killington officials contend their

popular ski resort town sends \$10 million a year to the state in various taxes from the restaurants, hotels and other tourist attractions, but only gets back \$1 million in state aid. Officials want to present the idea of secession to voters in March, Referendums passed overwhelmingly in recent years in Millburn, Montelair and Roseland to secede from Essex County.

Killington and its population about 1,100 - which is less than. Union County's Winfield --- won_a court order declaring the state's assessment of local properties aroltrary and capricious" in its fight of a statewide property tax in 1997. New Hampshire, where the state motto is "Live free or die," has no income or - Summit as the strong and vibrant and safes tax

among the loudest proponents of timinating county government dur- let for increasing county expendiing his eight years as mayor. "I am tures. As mayor, I pledge to teach out would be approximately 514 million, decrease property taxes..... convinced that county government is and work hard to build a coalition of as compared to \$33 million, if it was an unnecessary bureaucratic layer that like-minded Union County commani- part of Morris instead of Essex. The Mark Hywas can be reached at

at Summit's reorganization meeting political issue. It is purely economic and taxation without representation." Sound familiar?

"Obviously, my approach with the county got off to a terrible start when I threatened secession ... for the past three years, I'm sorry to say, there has been no relationship."

Like Killington, Summit officials believe they don't get back what they send to Union County. That's one reason why the city formed a committee that has been studying and trying to quantify the services received from the county.

Long's successor, Democrat Jordan Glatt talks shoul county gover ment in a similar vein, but not quite

with the same fervor "I want our freeholders to view

fluential city that we are, and react "Summit is much more than a wal-

in Summit, despite being members of the same party. Between that and Meisel Avenue Park being closed for

oppose the reactivation.

mott, who spoke before the Cranford done." Democratic Club last month, has led the charge on the idea, along with Whitman's blue-ribbon property tax This w more as accession or child

ust re-evaluate New Jersey's proper- devoted one paragraph to county govty tax system. He estimates the average Millburn taxpayer could trim according to McDermott. \$3,000 off their \$14,000 property tas ----- "I-get-tired of studies; it's been bill by leaving Essex County and join- studied to death. Maybe it gives us a ing Morris."

Respond to letters and columns that appear on our Community Forum paper and ske par sta discussion of local issues each week.

Tom Canavan **Editor in Chief** Mark Hrywna Regional Editor Boan Redecse Managing Editor George S. Gannon provides: local news - advertising ladueting Director weather updates • sports news Robert Pisaenó

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-It should be interesting to see how with the help of agencies such as the Glatt handles the county. He's as improvement authority. "They don't take us too seriously, opposed to the reactivation of the Rahway Valley railroad as anyone, it McDermott said, referring to county board, which approved the project In almost any part of the discussion, Of course, the same situation exists in County, with Summit and Union-Kenilworth, Roselle and Springfield, Country especially on that point where mayors, also of the same party, - "Now Essex County can't spend

enough money in Millburn New The rail line issue seemed the last streets, new traffic lights; at worst, mong many straws for Springfield, that's what we'll get, but that's not where officials are about as happy what we wanted. If that's what it takes with county government as the people to get things done, there's something seriously wrong."

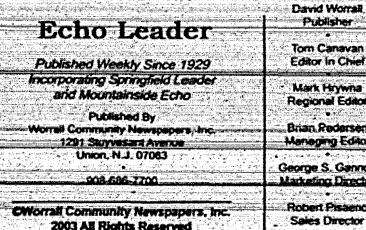
"That can of worms has to be opened," McDermott said when asked two years, Springfield is among a whether secession would lead to other number of towns at least discussing problems or issues. "We've been talkthe idea of creating a new county, an ing about property tax reform since. idea first examined during the 1980s, the Kean administration. It doesn't Millburn Mayor Thomas McDer- matter what party, nothing's getting

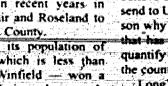
He cited former Gov. Christine ing county government, anything to among its many suggestions only ernment. Why? "It's the sacred cow,"

solution, but we know the problem." Millburn's share of county taxes The ultimate goal, he said, is to

Long, a Republican, was always to us accordingly," Glatt said.

1963





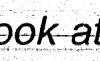
HOW LOW CAN YOU GO? - Edward V. Walton Elementary School in Springfield was the place to be on Jan. 16. Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students dancing the imbo, courtesy of the fund-raiser. Starlight Dance and Basket Auction.

am sure we are not the only nurses who are grateful for your words. recovery goes well. Cancer is a difficult hurdle to face for you and your family, I wish you all the best. If there you, do not hesitate to ask. I will try my best to help. That is what nurses

are all about." The amazing thing about these responses is the sincerity in every word these nurses wrote, and I never met even one of them.

A gentleman from Nutley, a lay---- people based on my many experiences -with them and they do not deserve any cheap shots being taken at them.

and Godspeed." He obviously didn't think highly of the ad and closed with a rhetorical and interesting aside: "Do you suppose



county government to find solutions lion in services are returned by counto entited issues like controlling their by government. The mayor also rails ever-increasing tax demands..." against the debt the county racks up,



SUMMIT OBSERVER - ECHO LEADER Speaker talks about WTC plans

Frank Lombardi, chief engineer of. New Jersey, will present an inside chief engineer in 1995. report on the rebuilding of the World Trade Center Site to the Summit Old Guard Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the New Providence Municipal Building.

He will present his view of the roles played by architects, engineers, planners and other professionals in an unprecedented public process of shaping the development of this hisoric site. Two years ago, Lombardi gave a report to the Old Guard on his escape from his 83rd floor office on Scot. 11.

offer the following short-term support p.m.

fessional therapists and meet at the gy.

groups beginning in early February.

Groups tun for seven or eight

weeks, are limited to a maximum of

Ave., next to Christ Church in Sum-

Unless otherwise stated, the fee for

all the programs is \$105 for members

and \$135 for non-members. Partial

scholarships are available by request.

For registration information call the

Center at 908-273-7253 or for more

grams visit their Web site

www.womensource.org

tional and Spiritual Healing"

a spiritual, non-religious focus.

human beings.

for \$24.

information about these or similar pro-

"Gaining Wisdom Through Emo-

Whether suffering recent losses or

feeling out of sorts with the changing

world, this group will look at the psy-

chological and emotional healing from

the world can change when viewed

from a deeper place within oneself,

which can provide hope, new meaning

and a greater connection to fellow

This group will use 'Wayne Dyer's

"Spiritual Solutions to Everyday Prob-

lems" that is available at the Center

The group will be led by Kathleen

Williams-Biddulph and advanced

graduate student in counseling Asha

emand and meet for eight Wednes

noon-to-1+30 p.m.-and-the-Evening-

days beginning this Wednesday

The Day Group will meet

The way one looks at pain, loss or

Lombardi's career began at the open discussion led by Ken Lindhorst the Port Authority of New York and Port Authority in 1971. He became its on "China - A Rapidly Rising Super-

College, received a master's degree and Politically." How we can best from Columbia University and now meet this challenge will be discussed. serves on advisory boards of Manhattan College, Columbia University and the Salvadori Educational Center Tuesday mornings. Old Guard memat City College of New York.

neering and construction societies events. and is licensed in New York and New

Timely Topics group will hold an stead.com.

Short-term support groups form

"Relationships in Transition"

Working through the crisis of sepa-

ration and divorce takes time and can

same process; participants can work

toward finishing up the business of the

Held for seven Tuesdays beginning

this Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the

group will be led by Helen Lindsay.

MSW, LCSW. Babysitting will be

11 --- Starting Over After Divorce"

"Relationships in Transition Part

Many participants of "Relation-

They voiced the desire to continue

This group is for any woman who

on this path of change and growth in

the company of other women in the

has attended "Relationships in Transi-

tion" and is looking for additional

guidance in dealing with an ex-spouse.

family events as a single woman and

Ellen Sande-Kerback, MA, LAC, a

family therapist and experienced

group leader with a private practice in

Chatham, will facilitate the program to

be held on seven Tuesdays beginning

Babysitting will be available for

. "Rainbows for Kids Of Divorce Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

this Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

younger children.

forming new relationships, handling Alliance

ships in Transition" found 'finishing

up the business of the past' required

available for younger children.

past and look toward the future with

more confidence

more time

same situation

more

The Women's Resource Center will Group will meet from 7:30 p.m. to

10 participants, are facilitated by pro- sap too much of one's emotional ener-

- power Challenging United States Lombardi is a graduate of Queens Supremacy Economically, Militarily

Retired men are invited to attend meetings of the Summit Old Guard bers participate in sports, bridge, He is a member of several engi- hikes, trips, plays, concerts and other

----For info 908 464-5329 or log on to the Web Following the regular meeting, the site: www.summitoldguard.home-

Separation and divorce have a pro-

Gnef is an expression of love and a

Frequently, children are not able to

press their grief verbally, but it sur-

Even children who seem to have

diusted well to their parent's separa-

tion/divorce often struggle inside with

The facilitator-led program, free of

charge and open to both boys and

beginning this Tuesday from 6:30 to 8

in Part II includes: "We Are Family;

Where Do I Fit In?": "Making the

The program offers age appropriate

groups for children in grades K-8 and

Rainbows is underwritten by

• "Should I Stay or Should I Go?"

Maintaining committed, intimate

This group will help women differ-

Explore the options in a safe envi-

eight Wednesdays beginning this

entiate between relationship struggles

that are natural and growth enhancing

and those that are unhealthy or unsafe.

ronment. The program will meet for

grant from the Summit Municipal

registration is required. Babysitting is

Pieces Fit"; "Weathering the Storms"

and "Reaching Out to Others."

available for younger children.

relationships is never easy.

The Rainbows curriculum covered

girls, will meet for seven Tuesdays

the churning and conflicting emotions

faces in their behavior, academics,

physical and/or emotional well being.

found effect on all family members,

normal reaction to a significant loss.

especially children.

of grief.

Series examines infertility with cancer patients

Pathways Women's Cancer Support Services, a program of the Women's Resources Center, is cosponsoring an eight-week series addressing the issues facing those experiencing infertility with Interweave, Resolve of NJ and the Unitarian Church of Summit. The programs, conducted at

from: 7:30 to 9 p.m. ly or \$20 for the entire series, only if about this program, call 908-273-

lem-solving and coping skills.

ly, SAGE InfoCare director, at 908-73-4598

Mind's Eye," a workshop lead by Summit Senior Housing resident Evelyn Hassell.

Feb. 17, 24 from 11 a.m. to noon, in the Arts & Crafts Room at Summit Senior Housing, 12 Chestnut Ave.

the public Eeb. 26 at 2 p.m. to view this session's accomplishments.

art. Class size is limited to 15. Call 908-273-4820 to reserve a spot. Classes are free, but there is a materials charge of \$5 payable on the

first day. Also, guests are invited to join residents of Summit Senior Housing Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. in the Arts & Crafts Room of 12 Chestnut Ave. as they continue their monthly poetry group, "Poetry, Tea & Thee."

"Poems from the Heart," in celebra- practical assistance while giving-them givers since 1954.

Wonders are waiting at winter garden

On chilly days, not all passengers want to get out of a warm car! Sightseers with passengers who can't or won't get out may want to see the new Winter Interest Garden at Reeves-Reed Arboretum.

The garden, funded by a grant from the New Jersey Committee for the plants with various shapes and shrubs with unusual bark." "Of course plants are interesting at-

close range as well as at a distance," said Horticulturist Marta McDowell. Being a horticulturist, she recomnended the close-up view.

"But if Aunt Tillie can't get out," - Garden, which is planted around the daffodil and fritillaria. Arboretum's parking lot," said Elsewhere at the 12.5 acre arbore-McDowell.

'Lunch & More' on tap Tuesday at WRC

Web site at www.womensource.org.

The Wise Wonderful Women of the Summit will be sponsoring a "Lunch noon, WWW Lunch and More p.m.-

about these or other programs, call the Christ Church at the corner of Spring-mystery, humor and humanity. Center at 908-273-7253 or visit their field Avenue and New England For the WWW Monthly Book Avenue in Summit

omen's Resource Center and The "Reel' Women Go To The Movies" ond Monday of each month.

ed, advance registration would be "Street Journal" and currently a con- the Women's Resource Center.

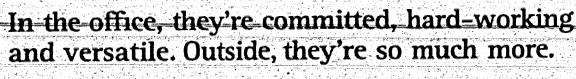
offers Wise Wonderful Women pro- advance and \$20 at the door. The pro- rough has carned a reputation for grams in February. For information gram will be held in Barnwell Hall in - infusing his writing with a sense of Group, Phyllis Lieberman leads a dis-

The WWW is also sponsoring cussion of a different book on the sec-

by Carol Shields the Pulitzer-Prize

Harvey Hammer, M.D., of Morris- turists at the Arboretum. and More" event featuring Bryan Bur- Bryan Burrough is a critically winning Canadian novelist, is a femi- town, visited Reeves-Reed Arboretum 's greenhouse manager Gate." Tuesday from noon to 1:30 of the nation's leading business jour- daughter drops out of college and way the Arboretum fulfilled its mis- stemming from sub-Saharan Africa plants for themselves in the Louise takes up silent begging on a sidewalk. sion. So when he began looking for a and Madagascar. Muncie Rochm-Greenhouse succulents, he thought of the horticul- donating to us such a large collection

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community centers, or serving meals to those in need, Fleet employees are committed to their communities, today and tomorrow.

SENIOR NEWS in of Valentine's Day. Both original a forum to share feelings and receive and favorite poems will be read. Tea support from others in a similar situaand cookies will be served. Summit area seniors are welcome

Admission is free.

Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave.,

Summit, will run through March 24 The fee is \$5 per session per famiprepaid. To register or for information

Summit seniors offer

painting workshop, poetry Summit seniors can express their creativity in "Painting: Exploring the

Classes meet Tuesday, as well as

There will be a reception, open to

Open your mind to the wonder of

This month's theme will focus on-

PREP meets at SAGE

PREP is a caregivers' suppor group offered free of charge to anyone who assumes the responsibility of caring for an older adult at SAGE Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center, 550 Springfield Ave.

People attend the meetings to meet others with similar concerns about their aging loved ones, and share common problems and solutions.

They also acquire knowledge of what community resounces are available to them and learn effective prob-

For information, call Ellen McNal-

Alzheimer's, dementia support group forms

Have you or someone you love been recently diagnosed, with Alzheimer's disease or dementia? Are you concerned and looking for more information about what to expect?

SAGE Spend-A-Day will present the second session of its well-received series, "The Gathering," a free support Alzheimer's disease and dementia. The eight-weekly seminars will be held at SAGE Spend-A-Day, 550 Springfield Ave., Berkeley Heights, with dates and times to be agreed on

by the participants. A light lunch will be served.

"The Gathering's" first participants

Trees and shrubs can have unusual heather, which bloom all winter shapes and bark, even when they have

lost their leaves. For example, the Winter Interest Stick - Corylus avellana 'Contorta' --- with branches twisted like

corkscrews.

Korean dogwoo - Cornus Kousa - with mottled bark. The Paperbark maple - Acer -griesum - peels in orange-red strips. Some plants flower in the winter. including Christmas roses, witch hazels and winter jasmine.

stalk hollies and winterberry hollies

tum, walkers may find heath and historic estate.

One participant in the first session told SAGE, "Presentations were clear and informative. The speakers selected were very good and did a lot to enhance the program."

As a result of the friendships that developed during the program, the group agreed that they would like to ontinue meeting intermittently and keep in touch with each other for support and friendshin.

This free program gives people ecently diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or dementia a forum for dealing with their changing circumstances. It consists for eight weekly seminars, each facilitated by a licensed social worker and featuring speakers expert on their topics.

Each week will focus on an issuu relevant to participants, such as understanding the nature of Alzheimer's disease, adjusting to changing roles and relationships, developing coping strategies; using community resource and planning for the future.

For optimum benefit, participant should attend all sessions and pre-registration is required

For information, call Jennifer Comfort, director of Spend-A-Day, at 908-464-8217.

"The Gathering" is free of charge. thanks to grants from Pfizer, Inc., Wallerstein Foundation for Geriatric group for those jn the early stages of Life Improvement and the Overlook Hospital Foundation

Located in Berkeley Heights Spend-A-Day is one of the most highregarded adult day programs in New Jersey and is a division of SAGE, a private not-for-profit eldercare organization

SAGE has been providing homewere very enthusiastic about the pro- based eldercare services that promote gram and how it provided them with independence and a dignified quality information, emotional support and of life for older adults and their care-

In February, near the arboretum's Garden Shop they find sarcococca hookeriana, a sweetly-scented boxgarden has Harry Lauder's Walking wood, and velvety-blossomed helle-

> Information about the Winter Interest Garden may be found at The Garden Shop, which is open from Monda to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. -The Garden Shop is closed for the

holidays until Monday Reeves-Reed Arboretum, located at 165 Hobart Ave, in Summit, is a sub-Viburnums, witch hazels, long urban conservancy dedicated to environmental and horticultural education planted with early-blooming for children and adults, and to the enjoyment of nature through the professional care and preservation of a

Visitors invited to view unusual plants

of unusual plants," said Karen Moore,

Through the Fleet Works volunteer program, our employees are dedicated to making a difference their communities. Each year thousands of Fleet employees, from executives to branch staff, work together to give their time where they're needed most. Whether they're mentoring children, sprucing up-

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EDITORIALS

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Mountain Creek trip offered

The Mountainside Recreation Department offers a skiing and snowboarding trip-to_Mountain Creek Sunday. Mountain Creek has snowmaking. on all trails and features expanded trails, four high speed guads and a gondula.

The bus will leave Deerfield School at 7.15 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. The registration fee is \$49 for bus and lift, \$61 for a beginner package, \$71 for an all area package, \$20 for a rental, \$15 for a lesson and \$16 for bus

Children through the seventh grade must be with an adult. Childrenyounger than age 10 must be with a skiing snowboarding adult. Lessons are recommended for beginners and those with limited experience. For information, call 908-232-

Classes build computer skills

Computer classes for both adults and senior citizens are scheduled for February and March at Borough Hall on Route 22 East in Mountainside. Would you like to master the mail.

merge? Need help with Excel? An adult Excel class will meet from 7 to 9 p'm. Feb. 17 Topics include creating and formatting a spreadsheet, adding formulas, creating a simple chart and creating a monthly yearly budget using Excel functions. The fee for this class

18 522. The 2-session Word class meets March 11 and March 18 from 7 to 9

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice Springfield Free Public Library - In Com-clance with the Opin Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, the Springfield Free Public Library Board of Trustees advises that the meeting dates for the year 2004 are as follows febru-ary 19, March 17, April 15, May 13 June 10, July 8 (if necessary) September 9, January 13, 2005 No regular meetings are held in July and August unless nec-1569 ECL Feb 5 2004 (\$5 63)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of ALBERTINE KUEBLER A/K/A ALBERTINE CAROLYN KUEBLER Deceased

Pursuant to the order of James S "EaCorte Surregate of the County of Unrun made on the 30TH day of JANU-ARY, A D 2004, upon the application of the ungersigned, as EXECUTOR of the estate of said deceased notice is hereby given to the crasticers of said deceased to "exhibit to the subscriber under cath of against the estate of said deceased with of six months from the date of said order CAROLYN STENERSON EXECUTOR ATTORNEYS GEBHARDT & KIEFER P.O. BOX 4001 CLINTON, NJ 08809 U1582 ECL Feb 5 2004 (\$9.00)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

TAKE NOTICE, that the Regular Meeting -TARE nownship Committee of the Town: certified Crews at the Township Committee of the Township Crews sales can be shown of Springfield, scheduled for Tues- sales can BUSINESS CREDIT. INC cay February 10.2004 will be held at the Alt RICAN BUSINESS CREDIT. INC cay February 10.2004 will be held at the Alt RICAN BUSINESS CREDIT. INC cay February 10.2004 will be held at the Alt RICAN BUSINESS CREDIT. INC cay February 10.2004 will be held at the Alt RICAN BUSINESS CREDIT. INC cay February 10.2004 will be held at the Alt RICAN BUSINESS CREDIT. INC cay February 10.2004 will be held at the Alt RICAN BUSINESS CREDIT. INC cay February 10.2004 will be held at the February 10.2004 will be held at the Cay February 10.2004 will be held at the Cay February 10.2004 will be held at the February 10.2004 will be held at the Cay February 10.2004 will be held at the February 10.2004 will be held at the February 10.2004 will be held at the February

SHERIFF'S SALE

COUNTY UNION DOCKET NO. F1446502 PLAINTIFF NATIONAL CITY, MORT DEFENDANT MARVIN RETANA, PANAY-OTTA RETANA, WIFE OF MARVIN

ÖTTA RETANA WIFE OF MARVIN RETANA. WIT OF EXECUTION DATE DECEMBER 17, 2003 SALE DAT FEBRUARY A.D. 2004 By virtue of the above stated will of executon to me directed i shall expose for spite by optic vendue at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 14(FLOOR 10. ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA ELIZABETH, NJ. on WEDNES-DAY at two o clock in the atternoon. of sad day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash of centres the conclusion of the sales property to be sold is located in the of Springfield in the County of Union. City of Springfield in the State of New Jersey Commonly known as 27 Battle Hill Avenue Springfield, NJ 07081

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Reeves-Reed is for the birds Great blue herons stop by the Reeves-Reed Arboretum's goldfish pond in the warmer

seasons but this is the first time one has been seen there in January. This one spreads its wings and flies low to the grounds of the Arboretum on a wintry day.

Art contest under way The United Way of Summit, New

Providence and Berkeley Heights 'is. sponsoring an art contest which is open to all Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights residents ages 5-12 years.

The winning drawing will be pictured on the United Way's annual. meeting and awards event invitation. Drawings must be 8-1/2 x 11 in size and an color.

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Six acres of woodlands at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in mit and friendly horticulturists who put out cracked corn make the suburban conservatory and ideal home for wild turkeys. On a snowy day, their tracks can be seen all over the Arboretum.

Prom Night clothing collection begins

What does Prom Night mean to a female high school student? Thousands of disadvantaged girls Club at Jonathan Dayton High School long to look and feel like princesses in Springfield, is hard to work for their special night but cannot afford to purchase a dress.

Got a dress? Give Sandy Kessler a call. For the third year, Kessler's nonprofit organization, Catherine's Closet Inc., is collecting new and gently-used prom gowns, shoes and bags for girls who can't afford them.

The gowns must be clean, on a hanger and in the latest styles. Shoes, bags and accessories in good condition are also accepted. Collection dates will be through

Feb. 15. Drop off locations include Westfield High School, Burgdorff Realtors. 600 North Ave. in Springfield and Jonathan Dayton High Schoul on Mountain Avenue. Donations can also be picked up by calling Jayne Salomon at 908-518-1997 or Vicki mmins at 908-654-1120.

The prom-night paraphernalia will experience. be given away April 3 at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark where legions of volunteers will turn the hotel's ballroom into a giant walk-in closet for the day. The packed racks will feature designer dresses from Vera Wang. Giorgio Armani, Ralph Lauren, Jessica McClintock and others.

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As in the past, there are no questions asked - every high school senior who comes to the Robert Treat Hotel will get a dress - but this year there's an emphasis on community service

"After two years of handing out gowns, it's bothering me," said Kessler, who also owns a financial service business in Newark. "I don't mind free dresses because I believe every girl should be a princess on prom night. But I will eventually insist that the young ladies who receive them give something in return --- ideally, getting involved with one of the Catherine's Closet Community Service Clubs. Kids are capable of so much and volunteering provides opportunities to hone valuable skills and build self confidence."

. Under the supervision of Kessler and some committed adult volunteers the clubs raise money, procure gowns through solicitations, sort and organize donated dresses, publicize and staff the giveaway.

In December, clubs in Westfield and Springfield joined together and held a Dressy Dress Sale to raise money for Kessler's organization.

Leftover dresses from the 2002 giveaway were sold for \$5 and \$10, said Sheraine Arbitsman, director of community relations. In preparation for the April give-

ROLDX 5 rster Perpetual Submariner Dat Nith special time-lapse bezel with Oyster bracelet. Pressure-proof to 1,000 feet. Available in stainless steel, stainless steel and 18kt yellow gold or 18kt yellow gold.



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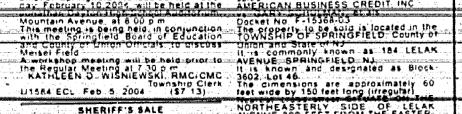
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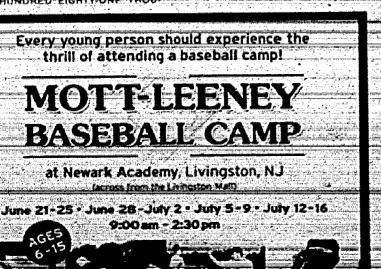
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away, 17-year-old Karen Rozenboim. president of the Catherine's Closet redesigning a number of donated

A designer and seamstress, Rozen boim will attend New York's Fashio Institute of Technology in the fall. Being involved with Catherme' Closet allows me to practice what I love doing while helping fellow stu-

dents," Rozenboim says. The Davton Club will also be replacing zippers on many brand new donated gowns, under the tutelage of the club's advisor, a home economics teacher. Another group of young ladies

from Montgomery High School in Newark are altering other leftover "The Catherine Closet Clubs are evolving into places where young girls

support and care for each other," Kessler says, adding that learning how eat world works is also part of the Kessler, the mother of two grown

children, says Catherine's Closet is her way of giving back to the community. "I've made a living working in Newark for the past 30 years. Catherine's Closet is my community serv-

Since its inception in 2002, Catherine's Closet has outfitted more than 2,500 inner-city students with prom dresses. The organization is dedicated to the memory of Cutherine Johnson. daughter of Paul and Renee Johnson, both employees of Newark Public Schools and twin sister of Courtney

Catherine was valedictorian of her class at Clifford Scott High School in East Orange and the caption of the volleyball team.

> PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.

TAKE NOTICE, that the Municipal Offices will be open on Thursday, February 12, 2004 and Will close on Monday, February 16, 2004 President's Day KATHLEEN D WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC Township Clerk U1591 ECL Feb 5, 2004 (\$4,13)



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launched The Girl Project in 1996 in Anne Marie Tranguch and Iva Louis well as tips and inspiration to start order to create a positive impact on the Shonkwiler Foundation, First Energy lives of girls and there has been an Foundation, Fleet Bank and the Fred overwhelming response to their pro- C. Rummel Foundation. Group size in

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gramming, The Girl Project has provided progrow into tomorrow's strong women. A key component of this tremendous growth has been the successful collaboration with community organizations such as the Girl Scouts, PTOs,

public and private schools, churches, and youth centers in order to offer Girl Project programs at off-site locations for organizations in many local communities. For information about scheduling

one or more of these programs, call The Girl Project at 973-635-4218 or The Women's Resource Center at 908-273-7253

adults, developed by professionals specienced in working with girls and their families. The programs are generally one and one half to three hours in length. They will be conducted at 57 New England Ave., next to Christ Church, in Summit, unless otherwise

Partial funding is provided by the

onter-Summit-Area-Public Foundation, the .. and get a taste of the experience as most programs is limited, so early registration is essential. More informagrams for more than 5,700 girls, par- tion is available on their Web site. Goships are available on request.

Girls Who Write For girls ages 9-12 who like to write for fun and self-expression, just bring your favorite writing tools and a notebook. Silly or serious, joyful or sad, rhyming or not, experiment with different forms of writing such as journaling, poetry or prose. No experience or special skill is required and whether a beginner or returning to "Girls Who Write," all are welcome.

This two part workshop will held on two Fridays, this Friday and March 19 from 4 to 5:45 p.m. Chris Holle, RN, MS, CS, and Barbara Ken- challenging situations will be identi-help her mother deal with her illness Madison, will lead. The fee will be the healthy social relationships girls S20 per session Mother-Daughter Book Club: For

4th and 5th Grade Girls and Moms Mother-daughter book clubs can enrich relationships simply because they are about reading and talking and Asha Bernard, Girl Project direcwith each other. Af anyone is interested in starting a club, spend three evenings

one.

The group will meet every other Tuesday, starting this Tuesday, Feb. 24 and March 9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Led by Joan Hipp, MLS, the club will read "Pink and Say - The Midwife's ents, and teachers since its inception, to: www.wornensource.org and click Apprentice" and another book to be helping to ensure that today's girls on The Girl Project. Partial scholar- chosen. The fee is \$60 for m inbers and \$75 for non-members, in pairs. How to Say What You Mean Without Being Mean and Still Keen

Your Friends This workshop teaches the skills to help young girls with the challenge of

being honest and authentic with others while still maintaining good social relationships Girls may become so concerned with being "nice" that they lose their ability to be direct, genuine and

assertive. Saying "no" may feel more like a social hazard than a personal right. In this workshop, some common deservé.

This program is for girls in grad 3 through 5 and will be held on Wednesday from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. It will be led by Mary Mastria, LCSW; tor and the fee is \$20. Nancy Orlen Weber

givers may attend candy making

out their caregivers on Feb. 20.

count for Arboretum members.

"Animal Psychic" At this special workshop, how to communicate with animals. become a better pet owner and friend

and be able to help sick animals. Orlen Weber, an expert who comworked as a "psychic detective" with the Morris County SPCA to find lost "pets and has helped many animals tolive healthier lives with their human and sexual assault. friends. She is the author of "The Gift Stories and Exercises for the Soul." from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The fee is \$12 for girls and \$15 for adults." Girl Talk: When Your Mother Has

Breast Cancer When a mother is diagnosed with breast cancer, it can be overwhelming for everyone, especially her adolescent daughter

manage school, extracurricular and social activities.

Giffs age 12-18 can co thoughts on dealing with a mother's breast cancer and the changes it brings to their lives. This program will be held on March 12 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and will be led by Barbara Kennard. MSW, LCSW, with a private practice in Madison.

This program is offered free of charge as a collaboration between The -Girl Project and Pathways, both pro-

grams of The Women's Resource Cen- ding, where the wedding took place, preferred.

Maple sugaring spreads warmth The honeybees hibernate in Febru- taste the result. Demonstrations are Children aged 3 to 5 and their care-

ary, but the weather is just right for scheduled beginning at 9 a.m. The fee Reeves-Reed Arboretum's sugar for the maple sugaring program is \$5 When nights are crisp and days are

warmer, the century-old tree sends sap up to its limbs. Sugar-lovers can siphon-off some of the sap to make maple syrup or maple candy, Children's and family programs at the Arboretum teach how to make and enjoy these natural treats.

Feb. 28; families can learn how to identify a sugar maple tree and tap it candy. for its sap. Indoors, they can watch the san boil down into a synip, and then

for the Homeless of Union County,

life in New Jersey and their habitats. The event takes place Feb. 16 and

dren must be accompanied with an

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adult. The fee is \$4 per person.

headquartered in Plainfield.

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per person, children younger than age 2 are free.

A pancake breakfast will begin at 8:15 a.m. for an additional fee.

Reeves-Reed Arboretum also encourages children to learn about nature hands-on, in after-school family fun workshops that are designed to be amusing. February family fun workshops teach how to make maple

In addition to making candy, the children will visit the sugar maple tree 273-8787 ext. 15.

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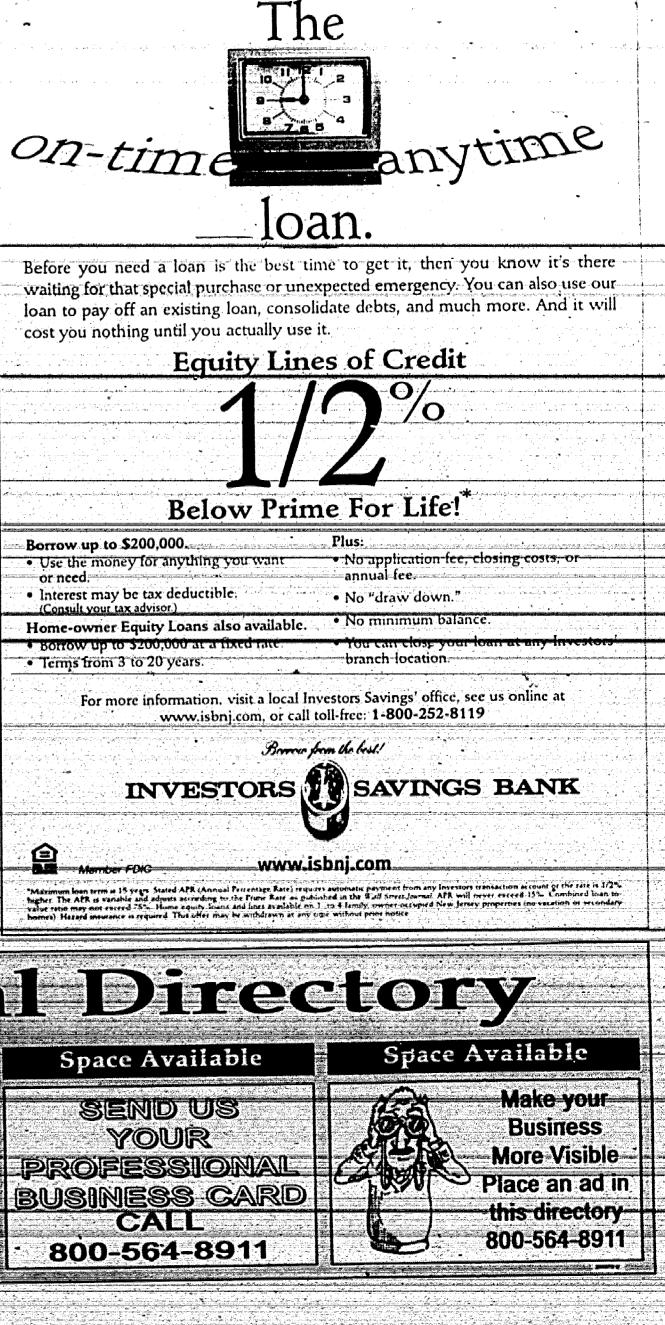
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Carter at several National Prayer of the U.S. Dream Academy, Inc.

Gospel singer performs Feb. 22 acclaimed gospel/inspirational record- by Oprah Winfrey to offer musical ed Kingsway College, a Christian ing artist and Grammy nominee, will interpretations for her weeklong cov- academy; Oakwood College where he perform a concert Feb. 22 at Fountain erage of the "9/11" tragedy. Winfrey received an undergraduate degree in Baptist Church of Summit to benefit also asked him to write a special Theology; carned a Masters of Divini-Interfaith Council for the Homeless of prayer she delivered in tribute to the ty degree from Andrews University; and holds an honorary Doctor of The concert will begin 5 p.m. at Phipps has performed for Mother Humane Letters degree from Waynes-

Fountain Baptist Church, located at Teresa of Calcutta, President Nelson burg College. no admission charge for the benefit - Graham Crusades, the Vatican, the Church uses its witness to transform concert, although there will be a col-____National Easter Seal Telethon, and the lives, minister to the poor and brokenlection of free-will donations. All pro- Rosa Parks Bithday Celebration; and hearted, and to expand the sense of ceeds will benefit Interfaith Council has conducted lectures in Europe, community with the Gospel message of hope and change.

The church membership, currently Phipps is a world-renowned bass- Phipps was nominated for Grammy -more than 2,000 has a commitment to baritone, motivational speaker and - Awards in 1988 and 1989, and is the evangelism and outreach. Local outeducation activist. Phipps has sung for author of "The Power of A Dream." reach programs include ministry to every U.S. President_since Jimmy He is the founder, president and CEO prisons, nursing homes, transitional housing residents, and HIV/AIDS Breakfast events and other distin- Phipps was born in Trinidad and patients.



and sounds of Trailside's night life The event takes place Feb. 17, from puzzle or measure the sizes of a Professional Directory Piano Tuning & Repair Optometrist CONTACEMBENSES Master l'uner & l'echnician Vince McGlone, O.D., P.C. 20 Years Experience Lic 5694 Cert_1124 Aural Piano Tuning Fittings for all lenses from post-surgical to disposable with Computer Ramily Byr Brann Howard Kupferman 50 Main Street, 2nd Ploor (973) 467-2228 Millburn, NJ 07941 Pas: (973) 467-1455 908-903-0964

Trailside Nature and Science Cen- 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., for children ages 6 Stegosaur, T-Rex and Ultrasaur, Chil-

Trailside announces February programs

Australia, Asia, Africa and North and

events in February. For information on a residents, S6 per person for out-of- evening. any of the following, call 908-789- county residents. - Visit the Raptor Trust, a rehab • Discover interesting facts about center for injured birds. Then take a accompanied by an adult.

sey." Meet a live snake, turtle and rab- and owls. Bring binoculars and a county residents. bit and learn how they have adapted to snack. Pre-register as space is limited. The price includes the van trip. This event takes place Feb. 21

17. from-10 to 11:30 a.m., for families from 9 a.m. to noon, for ages 8 and Obituary policy with children ages 6 and older. Chil- older, accompanied by an adult. The fee is \$5 per person for county residents, \$6 per person for out-of-

ticipants can view a brief slide show to With "Discover Dinosaurs," chilsee who our nocturnal neighbors are dren can become a paleontologist and

and then take a hike to look for signs uncover the past, search for dinosaur

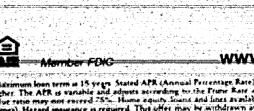
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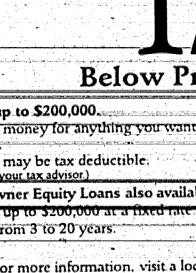
6:30 to 7:30 p.m., for ages 4 and 5. fish, amphibians, reptiles and mam- trip through the National-Wildlife The fee is \$5 per person for county. mals with "Vertebrates of New Jer- Refuge to look for wintering hawks residents, S6 per person for out-of-

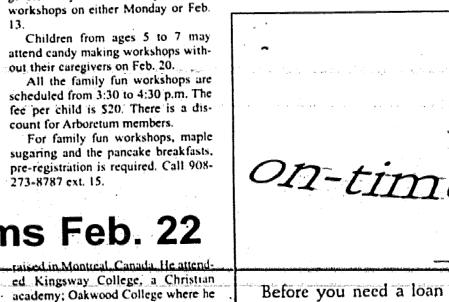
Obituary notices submitted by local funeral homes or families must be in writing. This newspaper cannot accept obituaries by telephone. Notices must be typed and include

a telephone number where the writer may be reached 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For









\$28 and pizza is included

Ruth Goldsmith, MSW, Certified munes with and heals animals, has Chimera Instructor, will lead this workshop for girls ages 13-17. Girls will practice skills preparing them to address sexual harassment, date rape

.The discussion will include the of Interspecies Communication, True psychology of sexual harassment and Self-defense skills can minimize risk how to draw the line between joking The program, co-sponsored with and harassment by using verbal and abilities, an important factor in main-Interweave, will be held on Feb. 26 physical strategies with a focus on taining high self-esteem. prevention. Teens will learn how to recognize and avoid potentially dangerous situations and defend themselves physically with yells, kicks, and techniques that are easy to learn strikes and-releases from grabs. The with an emphasis on having fun while program is especially helpful for those - acquiring new skills.

Couples are encouraged to send who officiated, who attended the bride announcements to the lifestyle editor. Announcements to the lifestyle editor. Announcements should be typed, doubled spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification or it time a questions arise.

Girl Project programs provide positive growth for young females

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Self Defense and Sexual Harassment Prevention for Teens This program will be held on March 15 from 4 to 7 p.m. The fee is

preparing to leave home for college Standing Up For Yourself: Self-Defense for Girls Ages 9-12

The workshop will be held o March 6 from 2 to 5 p.m. and the fee - is \$28 From teasing or bullying on the

playground to a questionable encounter with a-stranger, girls who feel confident in their ability to handle themselves have a crucial advantage and bolster confidence in physical

Ruth Goldsmith, MSW. Certified Chimera Instructor, will lead this workshop that will focus on principles

It is a challenge for the daughter to Newspaper's policy on Listed below are some of the most popular workshops for girls and nard, LCSW, in private practice in fied and new ideas for how to create and treatment and at the same time Wedding announcements

Information requested for engage-

town, college name, town and degree, name of employer and towns where located, job title and where the couple honeymooned and will reside.

When sending a picture with the announcement, a check for \$10 is reautred

Black and white or clear color pictures are acceptable. Pictures of the ments are parents names, date of wed- couple sitting or standing together are Blvd

Students polish their

Wes Pope, currently in the Broadway ensemble of "42nd Street," and Rich

The two professionals worked with the students to polish their routines and

spoke about their experiences in musical theater. Summit Performing Arts .

Performances of "42nd Street" are scheduled for March 4 at 7:30 p.m. and

March 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. at Summit High School. Admission is \$10 for adults and

ill for students and seniors. Summit High School is located at 125 Kent Place.

For advance reserved seating, call the school at 908-273-1494, ext. 5603.

Cinderella Ball gives

students life lessons

Deerfield School in Mountainside, sways the prince her way, but the one

canes, and many cookies to sample it first -- what is in the heart is what

This event, hosted by The Sixth dents realized during their study of the

which advocates a flexible and collab- and Walter Kempner, a social studies

orative approach to research, By teacher, who had his students use text-

working as a team, teachers form part- books, encyclopedias, Internet sources

nerships by integrating their class- and other references from the library

had a memorable holiday affair on with the golden heart who does.

Sixth-grade students attending is not always the prettiest girl who

Mastascusa, recently returned from a European tour and lead the Summit High

School cast in a tap combination in preparation for the school production of the

steps for '42nd St'

Resource Committee, SPARC, provided the funding for the workshop.

Valentine's Dinner

benefits homeless

this evening will put food or, the

Three groups are joining together

to make this evening a reality

Dec. 19, as they made their team pre-

sentations dressed as enchanting book

characters from various Cinderella

These characters waltzed their way

into the Media Center, which was

magically transformed into a fanlasy-

candy land ball room, with giant candy

Grade Team and Special Area Teach- unit.

ers, which included Carol Deets, Wal-

ter Kempner, Sheila Silagyi, Pat

was a culminating activity for their

The students were engaged in the

of the Cinderella story, with the uni- teacher.

Bruce, Elena Beury and Lynn Slotkin

unit on Cinderella Around the World.

field media specialists.

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noor in New Jersey

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will benefit Oratory Prep School. "Net proceeds from the event will be used to select programs and services for Oratory students, grades 7 through 12," announced the event cochairwoman, Doreen Beninati of War-

Tickets are \$85 each which includes a cocktail reception, four hour open bar, dinner, dancing to a live band and various auction events. Tickets can be obtained by calling rene Crum, reservation chairwoman, ut 908-6-7-0351. Ticket holders will observe the work of Oratory Prep's art teacher,

Susan Preston, the art club and student volunteers, who plan to create scenery patterned after the famous Orien "Oratory Prep is dedicated to prodonations of merchandise, services

viding an excellent, affordable academic opportunity to young men, who are committed to service, religion and ethical values. With the generous and contributions, we are able to enrich our school's programs, supportfuture projects and provide scholarship money to students unable to assume full tuition responsibility,"

If a local business or individual One of the new events this year To make a tax deductible financial

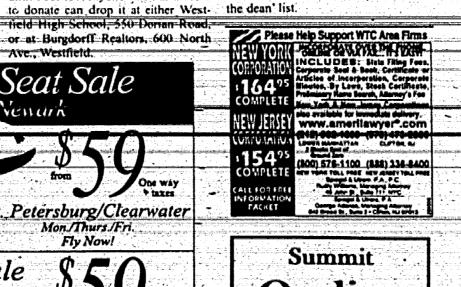
said gala co-chairwoman, Nancy Weeks of Summit. would like to donate a gift, they are encouraged to call Florence Barry of The Blood Center of New Jersey New Providence at 908 665-1662. She and the Tri-County Chapter of the will be assisted by auction co-chair-American Red Cross will sponsor the women, Joanne Restaino of Roseland and Janine Riedinger of Watchung. Mary's Parish, 232 Central Ave-Rah- will be the Grand 50/50 raffle; the goal is to have a top prize of more than • Monday, 4 to 8 p.m., Muhlenberg \$28,000. Tickets are \$10 each and can Regional Medical Center, Park be purchased by calling Arlehe Graco

Donors must be 17 years of age. contribution to the spring gala event, There is no upper age limit to donors call Betty Manetta at 908 953-0827." provided they meet health require- For information on Oratory or to Chieflette (-v)ch-008-004-400 Social Security number and bring a ext. 11, or visit them on the Web at signed or picture form of identifica- oratoryprep.org.

list at Scranton

The University of Scranton has announced its dean's list, which recognizes students for academic excellence during the 2003 fall semester. Christian E. Cupo of Summit, a

junior majoring in special education, was among the 1,197 students who ration of the third annual giveaway on - were named to the dean's list. A student must have a grade point The local dress collection will be average of 3.5 or better with a miniuntil Feb. 15. Anyone who has a dress mum number of credit heurs to make





Students strengthen leadership

After studying the historical signif- of the disease and create social policy

dents were asked to identify the source imaginary towns.

The traditional trappings of Valen- in Paterson, helped more than 27,700 tines Night will be there: soft light- people in 2003 - an increase of ing, live music, food, atmosphere and 6,000 people from 2002. An invita-These seventh graders recently participated in a plague research project that gave them friends, but something unseen will tion will be extended to join church -the chance to take control of the crisis that arose from a simulated outbreak. Seated from underscore the event. Proceeds from members at CUMAC ECHO March 6. left are Patrick Cerillo, Danielle Addonizio, Amy Vitalie and Matt DiLandro, standing.

Each Coffee with Conscience Conbenefits a ministry with a record of " helping people or caring for the earth. Dinner tickets must be obtained by

calling the church office at 973-379-Cioffi's Catering of Springfield. 1695 before Monday. The combined Springfield Émanuel United Methodist Church, and Coffee with cost for the dinner and the concert is S25 per person with a S5 discount for Conscience Concert Series of Springthose 62 years and older. Representatives of CUMAC Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and the ECHO, the primary beneficiary of the concert at 8 p.m. "Concert only" tick-

event, will briefly share how their lets can be purchased at the door for nonprofit, ecumenical agency based... \$12 for adults and \$6 for ages 13-18.

Students see also beyond the good

looks of the prince, and find that kind-

ness and fairness is what rules in his

kingdom. "Beauty is skin deep, look

deeply into the eyes --- windows to the

soul," were some of the messages stu-

dents learned. "Never to judge a book

by its cover, but to open it up and read

In addition to important character

lessons the students learned their sub-

ject matter, making curriculum con-

Deet's class for comparing and con-

The unit wants to thank Carol

room subject matter with information to research the countries in which from early February until April 15 at

Literacy Skills, taught by the Deer- these stories originated. Assisting the the following locations:

nections in the following classes:

skills with research project Seventh grade social studies stuicance of the Black Death during the to deal with the outbreak. dents at Deerfield School in Mountainside took part in an activity that Middle Ages, students applied their Acting as community leaders, stuknowledge to a hypothetical plague dents established ways to treat the sick challenged them to address the effects of an outbreak of the plague on a small outbreak during modern times. Stu- and curb the spread of disease in their

Grand marshal Mass

Matthew P. Glackin.

grand marshal investiture Mass at St.

Agnes Roman Catholic Church, Madi-

son Hill Road, Clark, Sunday at 2

p.m., honoring Grand Marshal

low in the auditorium with music by

the "Round the House" band. A dona-

tion for the reception of \$25 is

requested. Ticket supplies are limited.

-RSVP and AARP both offer free

To request an appointment, taxpay-

2003 records of income, deductions,

income tax file. Last year, volunteers

Free tax-assistance will be offered

Free tax assistance

tions throughout Union County.

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Kenilworth Free Public Library,

4th Street, 908-665-0046. · Plainfield Senior Center, 305 E.

A reception will immediately fol--

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aide coordinator, at 908-351-9050 or Jim Walsh-at 908-276-3152. If you are interested in becoming

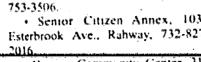
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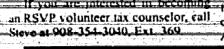
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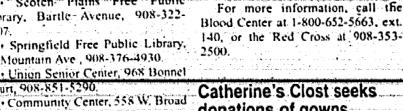
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Special needs screening

The Mountainside School District

recognizes the importance of provid-

ing services to children with special

needs through its involvement in the

The district can provide screening

and evaluation for children ages 3 to

21 years old who appear to have prob-

lems in communication, motor, social-

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found to be eligible are entitled to free

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Information is provided to parents

of children from birth through three

years of age regarding early interven-

Some signs which may indicate a

anguage or significant speech prob-

· significant difficulty walking

running, or manipulating small

· consistent trouble seeing or hear-

+ tendency toward temper tantrums

· significant difficulty playing

significant problems paying

If your child appears to have one or

more of the signs, or for information

about the Mountainside School Dis-

trict's evaluation procedures and spe-

cial education programs, call Elaine

Nestel in the Office of Special Ser-

All information about such

vices at 908-232-8828, ext. 211.

requests will be kept confidential.

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After a successful first year, the

Mountainside school district will con-

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Guild, based in Summit and Berkeley Heights, will hold its annual spring gala, "Aboard the Orient Express," at the Madison Hotel in Morristown on April 2 from 7 to 11:30 p.m. The event

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old on or before Oct. 1, with a date of at 973-376-0948 to request an evaluabirth of Oct. 1, 2000.

The program will run five days per week, 21/2 hours per day. PEAK will be made available to both typically developing pre-kindergarten students and children with special education needs. The district would like to open the class with no more than 12 students, one-third to one-half of the students may have special needs.

The Mountainside School District has identified some preschoolers who are presently receiving special education services through the MOPPET program as potentially appropriate for the PEAK class. They are looking for families who may be interested in voluntarily placing their typically developing children in the district's innovative program

If the number of applicants exceeds the slots available, non-disabled students will be selected by a lottery system. Informational packets and lottery applications are available at Beechwood and Deerfield Schools. The The lottery will be Feb. 19.

There is no cost for the program Parents will be responsible for trans-

porting their child to school: For information or to request an application, call Elaine Nestel, supervisor of Special Services at 908-232-8828, ext. 216.

Disabled pre-schoolers sought for program

Disabled pre-schoolers ages 1-5. who are in need of special education and related services are being sought by the Springfield school district.

Pre-school children with disabilities demonstrate delays in cognition, speech, language, vision, hearing, motor or social/emotional development. Springfield offers a program for pre-school disabled children called SPROUT - Springfield School Readiness Opportunities for Unique

Anyone who knows a preschooler who may be eligible for this program. should call the Springfield school dis-

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Trip takes off for circus The Springfield Recreation Depart-

cus March 6, for an 11:30 a.m. per-

Tickets are in the lower level seats,

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ment offers a family bus trip to the cir- Volleyball tournament slated for Feb. 20 The annual volleyball tournament

for Project Graduation will be in the nain gym of Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield Feb. 20 from to 9:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

with the students from the Class of readiness class, music, gym games, -2004 Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for stu-

The bus departs 9:30 a.m. sharp dents. from the Chisholm Community Cen- All proceeds benefit Project Grad- located at 100 S. Springfield Ave.,

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Adult Education and Youth groups provide a many proper and they Company School for all ages - Nursery through Seniors 973-467-9666.

Children ages 4-11; 6:00 PM Evening Service & Springfield Avenue, Springfield (973) 379-5387. located near Morris and Mountain Avenue at 40 a.m.; Choir-every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Namery care Wednesdays 7:15 PM Prayer. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor, Church Mall. The church and parking lot are the Chapel. We also host various Outside group Autory Care reconstruys 715 For Frayer, John Outors, Anny John Charles, Cannon Charles, and States Construction and Construction of Carlos Construction Construct provided with assistance All are invited and Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with Summit is located in the heart of town on the programs or services, call-Gesele at the Church welcomed to participate in worship with us. For the Union Of American Hebrew Congregations corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Office: 973-379-4320, Mon. through Fri, 9:00 further information contact church office (973). (UAHC). Shabbat worship, enhanced by Avenue Church School and Bible Study is held a.m. 12 noon, 1 00pm-4 00pm 170-4351. Mondays - 7.00 pm - ENGLISH A5 volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at at 9.30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship is at 10.30 \$-00 PM, with monthly Family Services at 7:30 a.m.; the emphasis of which is to always have a A SELUND LANG AUT. PM. Saturday morning Torsh study class begins good week because of Paul's remander to us in JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE. at 9.15 AM followed by worship at 10.30 AM his letter to the Romans "that ALL things work THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, Religious school classes meet on Saturday together for good for those who love God and are LOURDES, 300 Central Avenue, Mountainside, Springfield 973-376-0539 Mark Mallack, mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday and called according to his purpose. The sermons 908-232-1162, Celebrate the Lord's Day. Notingfield. 973-376-0339 Mark: Mallach, mornings for grades A-3; on Juesday and causu according to ms purpose, the sermons 908-232-1102, Celebrate the Lord's Day, Rabba Richard Nadel, Cantor Laurence R. Thursday alterooms for 4.7; and Tuesday are uplifting, Biblically sound and guaranteed to Anticipated Mass 5:00pm, Sunday at 7;30am, Horwitz, President Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, evenings for put barbat mitzval students. Pre-Horwitz, President Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, evenings for put barbat mitzval students. Pre-thorwitz, President Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, evenings for put barbat mitzval students. Pre-torwitz, President Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, evenings for the barbat mitzval students are solidiren's message are memorable. All are Conservative temple, with programming for all school, classes are available for children ages 2 sets of God's love Reconciliation. Saturday at 1pm. Perpetual ages. Weekday services Mon-Fri. 7:00 AM Sun. 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of as Thurs 7:45 PM Shabbat (Finday) 6:00 PM & active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Remainsance and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church Adoration Chapel for personal prayer and 8.30 PM SERVER any 9.50 AM is survey programs include Adult Education. Social refreshments and sciowing, with as Sundays, 8.30 AM Festival & Holiday mornings programs include Adult Education. Social refreshments and sciowing, with as survey and children services are Action Interfact Outvock Singles and Seniors, programs for everyone. Come worship with as survey and children services are Action Interfact Outvock Singles and Seniors, programs for everyone. Come worship with as survey and children services are Action Interfact Outvock Singles and Seniors, and find out how you too can have a "good THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST conducted regularly Our Religious School (third. For more information, call the Temple office, (973) 379-5387.

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Executive skills workshop offered

Children's Specialized Hospital. 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, will present "Executive Skills in-Children and Adolescents: Assessment and Interventions" at 8:30 a.m. Feb. ÷.,

The workshop is designed for speech/language pathologists, occupational therapists, teachers, special educators, school psychologists and child psychologists.

Executive skills refer to the cognitive processes required to plan and organize activities, including task initiation and follow through, working memory, sustained attention, performance monitoring, inhibition of impulses, self-regulation, and goal directed

persistence. The program will be presented by eg Dawson and Richard Guare. Dawson is a former school psychologist on stall with the Cente

Learning and Attention Disorders. Guare is a neuropsychologist and currently serves as director of the Center for Learning and Attention Disor-

For information, call Education Resources Inc. at 800-487-6530.

Beechwood kindergarten registration opens

Beechwood School in Mountain side announces its registration for 2004-05 kindergarten classes. Registration and screening will be held by appointment Monday, Tues-

day and Wednesday. Appointments for registration and screening will begin at 8:45 a.m. Parents are requested to call Lynne

Ciasulli to make an appointment for the screening that will be conducted by kindergarten teachers, a speech therapist and an occupational therapist. Barbara Kemorski, Mountainside school district's guidance counselor. will assist with screening.

For information, call Gloria Rego at 973-376-4485,

Registration opens for spring 2 session

The Springfield YMCA is holding ongoing registration for its spring 2 and dance classes. A variety of classes Dayton High School faculty, are offered for ages 18 months through administrators and staff will compete age 8, and includes for preschoolers a _____at 973-376-3476. and crafts.

The spring 2 session runs through local high school June 20 The Springfield YMCA is bands Springfield,

Senior Set and very active Jr. NCSY and Sr 10:30 am be renewed as you experience God's service. Nutsery care and facilities are provided NCSY chapters for pre-teens. Our Sisterbood, presence through contemporary and traditional Opportunities for personal growth through wide array of communal programming For Families worship together prior to children church activities, and Fellowship. day School which Communion is held the 1st Sunday of every begin midway through the hour. Meaningful month; The Ladies Evening Group-3rd

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Group and Youth Group A wide range of also offers nurvery care, after worship devotion. week". Call the church office or Pastors Gina or JAMES, 45 South Springfield Avenue, week". Call the church office or Pastors Gina or Springfield, New Jericy 07081.973-376-3044. Rich Hendrickson, Senior Co-Pastors for more Springfield, New Jericy 07081.973-376-3044. SUNDAY EUCHARIST: Sat 5:30 p.m. Sun. Rich Hendrickson, Senior Co-Pastors for more information at 908 277-1700.

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James the Apostle School in week.

The Foothill Club luncheon will be today at noon at B.G. Fields Restaurant on Mountain Avenue in Westfield. "Victorian Times" will be presented at the door. ed by Laurie MacDonnell Gaulke, actress and story teller. New members and guests are always welcome.

For reservations, call Genevieve at 908-232-3626, The Foothill Club is a service organization and has been serving the

community of Mountainside for more than 40 years. Garden Club gathers

The Springfield Garden Clubmeets Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. in the Presbyterian Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield. Guest speaker Frank Budney will

talk about "Plants on the Lenape Blueserved. All are welcome. For information, call Faith or Ted

'Cafe at Nite' features

The Springfield Recreation Department will host "Cafe at Nite" Feb. 14

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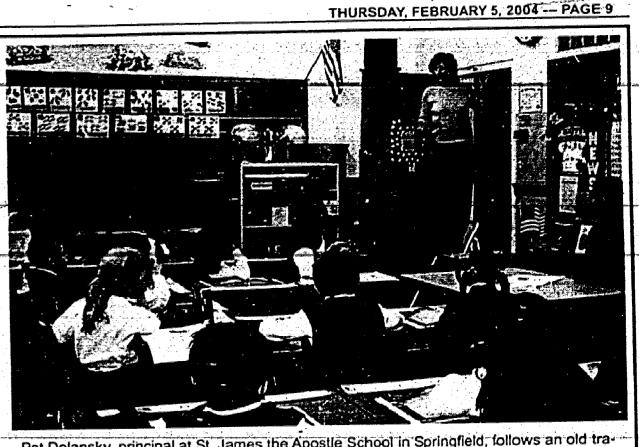
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Pat Dolansky, principal at St. James the Apostle School in Springfield, follows an old tradition on the Feast of the Epiphany. First-graders watch as Dolansky blesses their classroom with a special prayer and marking of the door, followed by the sprinkling of holy ater in the four corners of each room, welcoming in the New Year.

Ceremony honors tradition Catholic's Schools Week at St. Filled Future" of activities all

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EVENTS

from 7 to 10 p.m. at Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave., featuring local bands from Jonathan Dayton High School. Admission is \$3 with a valid Day-

ton student ID, which must be present-This cafe is for all Dayton High

School students. All Springfield residents who attend high school are also

Co-sponsoring the event are the Springfield Recreation Department and the Springfield Municipal

School, Central Avenue, Saturday from 8:30 to 11 a.m." Guests are invited to join their families, friends and neighbors for this

Breakfast in the cafeteria at Deerfield

community event. All are invited and encouraged to attend. For information, call Teri Schmedel at 908-301-0147. Door

prizes will be awarded. The snow date will be Feb. 14. The menu options are: Adult portion - four pancakes, two sausages,

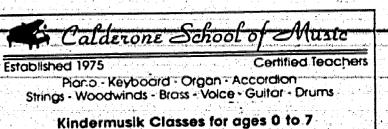
fruit and beverage for \$5; smaller portion - two pancakes, one sausage, fruit and beverage for \$2.50.

Mountainside's Girl Scouts PTA volunteers will play a big part in

PTA presents annua pancake breakfast The Mountainside PTA will sponsor its annual Community Pancake

helping to make this breakfast the huge success it has become each year. Local businesses have also helped with donations of food and prizes.

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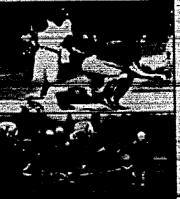
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For more information and brochure, call 973.992.7000, ext. 212. South Orange Avenue, Livingston, NJ 07039 - www.newarka.edu

AT THE LIBRARY

Video explores life of award-winning author The Springfield Free Public 1 ibrary, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Lunchtime Video Series, "Biographies," Juesday, at noon with "Zora is My Name.'

This lunchtime video eelebrates the ife of a woman in lionor of National African American History Month. A true story of author Zora Neale Monston, who was born at the turn of the last century, and grew to be an important voice with her written portravals of Black American life in the rural south of the 1930s and 1940s, and the stories, songs and folklore that were her heritage and inspiration. The film is 88 minutes.

Funding for the video series has been made possible in part by the New-Jersey State Council on the Arts. Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment of the

Bring a brown bag lunch to the program. Refreshments will be provided. For information, call 973-376-4930

Winter programs await

Children ages 3 to 8 are invited for a drop-in crafts program at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave , Friday, from 3 to 4 p.m.

It's still winter, so get ready to choose from a variety of winter-relat- residence to teach puppetry to schooled activities from coloring pages for the young, to making intricate and dealing with memories of racism, glittery snowflakes of various hues, to rejected love, and truths about her coloring and assembling paper doll family figures of penguins and gingerbread men. A short storytime session cele-

for NJ Woodcarvers

Alfano earns dean's

The University of Scranton h

announced its dean's list, which recog-

mizes students for academic excellence.

Graemarie Alfano, of Springfield,

"A student must have a grade point

a sophomore majoring in special edu-

cation, was among the 1,197 students

who were named to the dean's list.

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The library continues February black actress; and the experimental children's programming for toddlers and young children, as follows:

The Mother Goose Group promotes the enjoyment of language through nursery rhymes, simple sto- to go her way; she all but effortlessly ries, songs, and activities for toddlers ages 1-1/2 to 3 years old and their par- gorgeous man who wears greatent or caregiver. Plan to stay and play afterward. The program will be held disappointments. For drama, there's Feb 12 and Feb. 26 from 10:30 to the revelation of a family secret, the 10:50 a.m. No advance-registration

come in their pajamas, is scheduled for Mondays, 7:30 to 8 p.m. Intended for children ages 3 and older, the programs include stories and a simple project. Parents are welcome. Pre-registration is not required.

For information, stop by the Youth Services Desk or call 973-376-4930 ext. 232

Novel tells story of woman's homecoming

Springfield Free Public Library Will meet tonight at 7 p.m. to discuss "Through the Ivory Gates" by Rita Dove, a debut novel by the 1987 winner of the Pulitzer Prize for poetry.

When a black woman returns to her Midwestern hometown as an artist-inchildren, her homecoming also means

Her-interest in classical cello has become little more than a hobby since brating winter will also be held the end of her affair with a fellow celtowards the end of the craft program, list; her studies of drama and mime led to a dead end because Nixon-era

puppetry troupe she worked and lived with has gone under.

But now, at Washington Elementary School, everything seems at first captivates the children, as well as a smelling cologne and helps heal past -conflict between marnage and career. P-J Storytime, which invites kids to and an accident to a child. In between, Virginia visits her wise grandmother, delivers lectures on the history and psychology of puppetry, and has serious thoughts about the cello's classical repertoire

The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Call the reference department at 973-376-4930, ext. 228 to reserve a copy of the book.

Works of Art, Old and New' await visitors

"Works of Art. Old and New exhibit of sculpture by George Tarr and paintings by Margaret C. Hanscom, will be displayed at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library through Feb. 12.

Painter Margaret C. Hanscom of Cranford is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, where she studied fine art and received an MFA: in Illustration in 1998. Her paintings are influenced by religious iconogra-

West Orange, attended Newark Evening School of Fine and Industrial

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Tom Fontana of Springfield. Fontana elected as officer In October, North Jersey Woodcarvers held a woodcarving show in Officers elected at the Jan. 15 Parsippany at which more than 100 North Jersey Woodcarvers meeting in carvers exhibited and Lee Gedlickian Montelair Lutheran Church included of Upper Saddle River donated his

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handcarved \$400 value lifelike bird raffled off to a lucky winner. Club President Loren Miller announced plans for the new woodcarving show next October.

Wurgaft to speak at

seminar for trial lawyers Jack Wurgaft, a senior pariner of Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks & Zann of Springfield, has been selected by the institute for Continuing Legal Education to serve as a speaker at a seminar for trial lawyers, Feb. 21 at the New ersey Law Center. Wurgaft has been recognized by

the Institute of Continuing Legal Edu

cation as one of New Jersey's "leading trial attorneys."

certified civil trial attorney. He is the immediate past President of the North Jersey Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates and serves as a Master of the Richard J. Hughes of Inn of Court

In addition, Wurgaft is actively involved in numerous professional. ties and serves as a director of the National Burn Victims Foundation.

He limits his practice to matters involving significant personal injury caused by trauma or malpractice and he has achieved numerous verdicts and settlements in excess of \$1,000,000 and is a member of the

"Combining Spirit, Culture and Resilience," an exhibit of bean sculptures, drawings and paintings, will be at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. from Feb. 13 through March 18: An artist's reception will be held on Feb. 14 from 1 to 4 p.m.

With his artwork, Shawn Dray Robinson strives to portray images of spintuality, strength and pride. He son owns Dray's Exhibits, LLC.

As an artist and writer, Robinson infuses his artwork, plays, folk tales and poems with the universal themes of faith, love and resilience. He earned a degree in African-American studies from Rutgers University in New

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Brunswick. A resident of Jersey City, Robin-

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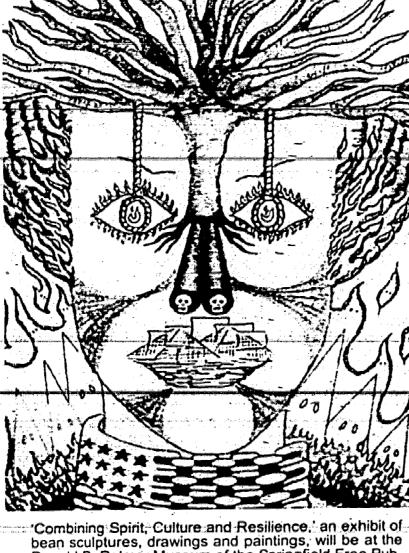
Jessica Nicole, an 8 nound, 15 ounce baby girl, measuring 21 inches long, was born Dec. 22, 2003 in Morristown Memorial Hospital to Staci and Scott Feit n. She joins brothers Zachary and Matthew,

Mrs. Feit, the former Staci Uchitel, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Uchitel of Springfield. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Feit of

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Sculptor George Tarr, a resident of Arts in the late 1930s.



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tions for future meetings. This past year, the group read a number of books by notable authors. "The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay" by Michael Ghabon is an epic saga about a young Jewish immigrant who finds fame and fortune in the 1930s golden age of the comic book industry

of DNA" by Brenda Maddox traces the biography of the eminent crystallographer Her male colleagues - who were part of the research team -have only recently acknowledged her monumental contribution, her photograph of the double helix" in the discovery of

DNA. "The Danie Club" by Matthew Pearl is a mystery set in Boston during the turbulent Civil War era. It features an unlikely quartet of sleuths who solve a series of serial murders. The January selection was "The Chosen" by Chaim Potok, which explores the intricate relationship between sons and fathers in their struggles to maintain a Jewish heritage in the modern

world. Susan Blinder, temple member and professor of English at Kean University, is the facilitator of the group. Participants are encouraged to offer their points of view on the topics under dis-

The group meets the third Tuesday of alternate months, at 7:30 p.m. in Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 So. Springfield Ave., Springfield. The public is invited. The March selec Roth's "The Human Stain," the com-

plex story of a classics professor who attempts to defend his reputation, afterbeing falsely accused of racism. For information, call Susan Blinder through the temple office at 973-379-5387. Information can also be obtained from the temple Web site:

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Dayton girls' basketball is winning games as a team Bulldogs getting solid contributions from all

SPRINGFIELD - It's not a big secret why the Dayton

High School girls' basketball team has had great success so far this season As of Tuesday's scheduled game at Newark Central,

Davton's record stood at 12-2. The Bulldogs, who won 50-34 last Friday night at Johnson to capture their eighth straight, have received major the type of game we like to play because we're moving the

contributions from every starter in the lineup, while also getting great bench play. "I have a great group of girls that are very unselfish," Dayton head coach Dave Rennie said. "Sometimes, I wish_

some of them would be a little selfish with the ball because they'll give up a shot to make an extra pass." In the victory over Johnson, the Buildogs were paced by

or mand Cristin Zasocki, who nome grabbed seven rebounds and dished out three assists. Senior forward Margaret Mysliwiec added 10 points, while classmate Lisa Listowski hauled in11 boards.

Dayton won its seventh straight game tast Thursday night when it crushed visiting Technology 68-21.

The Bulldogs got the bite on the Panthers from the getgo as they raced out to a 16-0-lead. Senior guard Lyndsey Brahm highlighted the surge

when she scored on a steal and layup before sinking a 20footer from the left corner.

Brahm, who had seven of her 13 points in the first quarter, closed out the Bulldog scoring in the period when she drained a "trey" from the right wing.

In the second quarter it was senior guard Sara Steinman's time to shine as she added six of her 13 points in the period as the Bulldogs took a 43-15 halftime lead.

Dayton then outscored its Mountain Valley Conference opponent 14-2 in the third quarter and 11-4 in the fourth to win by the 47-point margin.

Zavocki chipped in with 12 points and five assists, while Amanda DiCocco and Katelyn Viverito added six points apiece off the bench.

"We have received really good, balanced scoring," Rennie said. "Our goal is to get everyone involved because we don't want to rely on any one person. Down the road if an opponent is going to key on one specific player and try to

shut them down, you need others to step up. I feel we have Group 1 playoffs next month. the personnel to do that."

In its 61-48 triumph at Hillside on Jan. 27. Davton

While it will be decided Saturday now just who the top

The annual Union County girls' indoor championships

While Westfield outpointed Plainfield and Elizabeth for

As many as 14 Union County schools scored points in

team honors, individual winners came from Rahway, Eliz-

The boys' meet, originally scheduled to take place J

of for Saturday at 1 nm at Dunt

28 but postponed because of last week's snowstorm, was

Westfield gained 52 points, Plainfield 41 and Elizabeth

Letecia Taylor of Plainfield was first in the 60-yard hur-

Lizzelle Cintron of Elizabeth was first in the shot put at

Summit was sixth with 23 points. Cranford seventh with

Westfield captured the one-mile relay in 4:31.3 behind

eight, Johnson 11th with seven, Linden and Governor Liv-

second last season, also won this year's county relays.

Carter also finished fifth in the 440-yard run and Barnes

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dles in 8.5, while teammate Shakiers Stembridge led the

42-6, winning a tiebreaker over sister Michelle Cintron.

MacNeil, Meg Driscoll, Mika Cruz and Annie Onishi.

ingston 12th with four and Hillside 14th with two.

boys' track and field athletes are in Union County this win

with every team in the county gaining representation.

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received 15 points from Steinman, 14 from Mysliwiee and 11 from Zavocki. Brahm added nine points, while Listowski had eight.

Hillside entered the contest with a 9-3 record and sixgame winning streak, its longest since the start of the 1996-97 campaign.

"We had three girls in double figures and two others a couple of points close to scoring it," Rennie said. "That's ball around and getting everyone involved." Rennie has also been impressed by his team's ball-han-

dling and defense. "We have been able to move the ball to the open man, so we've showed great ability in our passing game," Rennie said. "The defense has also done a great job of holding our opponents in check."

न्द्रे यो समय जिल son in a 41-30 overtime decision to Linden in the second round of the Elizabeth Tournament on Dec. 28. The Bulldogs bounced back the next day to defeat Eliz-

abeth 39-36 to take third place. Dayton then dropped a 55-53 decision at Roselle in double overtime on Jan. 6 to bring its record to 4-2. Steinman and Zavocki each had 13 points in the setback."

Dayton, which is seeking its first MVC title since 1977, began the week tied with Roselle in Valley Division play with one loss aniece.

The Bulldogs are scheduled to host Roselle on Feb. 17. "We're scheduled to play a first-round game in the county on Feb. 16, so we're looking to move the Roselle game up," Rennie said. "However, we must take care of

business until then because you're next game is always the most important one." Rennie still feels improvement needs to be made despite

the success so far. "I'm a firm believer that there's always room for improvement," Rennie said. "Heading towards the state playoffs, I want the team to be able to pay attention to detail and do the little things that make the difference. I still don't

think we've reached our peek yet." NOTES: Dayton was defeated in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 quarterfinals the past two seasons.

The Bulldogs will be competing in the Central Jersey. The cutoff date is Saturday, with competition scheduled

to commence March 1

GL's Sidie 4th in 1-mile in **Union County track meet** Boys' is rescheduled for Saturday at Dunn

UC GIRLS' WINTER TRACK

TEAMS: 1-Westfield 52. 2-Plainfield 41. 3-Elizabeth 39. 4-Scotch Plains 29. 5-Rahway 24. 6-Summit 23. 7took place last week at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth, Cranford 20. 8-Roselle Catholic-16. 9-Union 9, 10-Roselle 8. 11-Johnson 7. 12-Linden and Governor Livingston 4. 14-Hillside 2

60-YARD DASH: I-La'Shonda Carter, Rahway, 7.1, the event with a time of 2:06.49. tied record: tied Charmaine Walker, Plainfield, 1997 2-4-India Walker, Rahway, 7.6. 5-Ja'Net Tiller, Westfield,

440-YARD RUN: 1-Ebony Barnes, Elizabeth, 1:03.3. -Emily MacNeil, Westfield, 1:04.1. 3-Aja Bundy, Scotch Plains, 1:05.6. 4-Meaghan Kelly, Scotch Plains, 1:06.0. 5-39. Next were Scotch Plains with 29, Rahway with 24 and La'Shonda Carter, Rahway, 1:06.9. 6-Andrea Antwi.

880-YARD RUN: 1-Emily MacNeil, Westfield, 2:31.0 2-Annie Onishi, Westfield, 2:31.2. 3-Meg Driscoll, West-Kim Appezzato, Scotch Plains, 2:37.2, 6-Aracelis Lantigua,

2-Jessica Rodriguez, Roselle Catholic, 5:38.5. 3-Samantha . Lee, Summit, 5:38.9. 4-Chrissy Sidie, Governot Livraton, 5:43.4. S-Caroline Mannaerts, Summit, 5:48.0. 6-Jahisa Smith, Plainfield, 5:49.2.

12:21.4. 2-Mary Shashaty, Scotch Plains, 12:30.9. 3-Deenie Quinn, Westfield, 12:45.9, 4-Jessica Rodriguez, Roselle Catholic, 12:49.4. 5-Clare Needham, Summit, 12:54.2. 6-Liz Elko, Scotch Plains, 13:14.0.

8.5. 2-Jennifer Cosby, Roselle, 8.6. 3-Ashley Adams, Plainfield, 8.9. 4-Sunita Braithwaite, Linden, 9.5. 5-Monique ackson, Rahway, 9.5. 6 Mika Cruz, Westfield, 12.1 HIGH JUMP: 1-Shakiera Stembridge, Plainfield, 5-0.

NOTES: The Cintron twins threw a 42-6 in the shot put son, 4-10. 4-Heather Scudellari, Summit, 4-10. S-Lizzelle Cintron, Elizabeth, 4-10, 6-Rachel Smith, Summit, 4-10. throw was a bit better at 41-9.5 to Michelle's 41-6. SHOT PUT: 1-Lizzelle Cintron, Elizabeth, 42-6 (won on tiebreaker). 2-Michelle Cintron, Elizabeth, 42-6. 3-T.K.

Harlin was the meet's only double-winner. Westfield, Lawson, Plainfield 36-10. 4-Carrianne Zielinski, Roselle Catholic, 36-9/5-Stakirah Hauser, Hillside, 35-6.25, 6-Ali-ONE-MILE RELAY: 1-Westfield (Emily MacNeil

Jessica Rodriguez of Roselle Catholic was second in the Meg. Driscoll, Mika Cruz and Annie Onishi) 4:31.3. 2one-mile run in 5:38.5, while Summit's Samantha Lee was Scotch Plains 4:32.5. 3-Rahway 4:35.0. 4-Summit 4:42.3. 5-Union 4:50.9. Plainfield 4:51.3.

St. James 6th graders post another win

The Springfield St. James CYO basketball team defeat- ket each. ed Our Lady of Peace 6th grade team 33-11 to improve to Lies, Ailison Weber and Cara Bibbo provided excellent 1 in Union County CYO competition and 10-3 overall, rebounding, while Smith and Casey Sheehey ran the

after beating St. John's of Linden 25-5.

The SL James CYO 3rd and 4th grade girls" remained undefeated in CYO play after posting a hardfourth 19-17 win over SL John's of Linden. Jennifer Kuczynski led all scorers with 11.

Dan DuBeau paced a balanced acoring attack with seven offense at point guard. points. Dylan Prus and Will Stankevicius poured in six Katy Condon, Emily MacDonnell, Jessie Condon, Melanie Rossamando and Deirdre McElroy provided St. James is scheduled to play at James Caldwell School lomorrow night at 8.

The SL James CYO 3rd grade boys' team defeated St John's 3rd grade team 14-10 to improve to 3-1- Caris Manucci accored six points and Joe Wightman, Ryan Russo added four and Anna Lies and Hayley Smith a bas- Matthew, Sleven Bugayong and Rob Fiorilli two.





Union, 1:08.5. -7.1, tying the meet record established in 1997 by Char-Ebony Barnes of Elizabeth captured the 440-yard run in Elizabeth, 2:37.8 Emily MacNeil of Westfield was first in the 880-yard

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2-Ashley Adams, Plainfield and Stephanie Barbosa, John-

son Petrow, Westfield, 35-3.75.

- Anna by Room Mary Shays

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Mountainside library plans winter events

The Mountainside Free Public Library has a variety of activities planned for the upcoming winter months for families and children in the community. Preschool storytime will be held on Thursdays, from Feb. 26 through April 1. from 2 to 2:30 p.m. Toddler storytime will be held on Wednesday mornings, from March 3 through March 24, from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Registration is required for both programs, along with proof of age at the time of registration. Proof of age is a first-time only registration requirement.

March 13, the Mountainside Public Library will present "Origami with Mary (30" for children in kindergation through grade six. This program is scheduled for 2 p.m. and is sponsored by the Friends of the Mountainside Public Library. Along with Mary Kao's presentation, an origami exhibit wall be on display during the month of March. For information on any programs, call 908-233-0115.

Children's Chorus offers auditions and rehearsals

The Springfield Community Children's Chorus is holding auditions and Leslie Adler, who has an extensive rehearsals every Wednesday from 4:30 -- musical background -She is a graduateto 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian of West Chester University with a Church Parish House, 37 Church bachelor of arts in music education Mall. Springfield. For information, and voice, is a music educator at the call 973-376-0012. The chorus will present h program May 2.

This is a tuition program, open to all children in grades 3-6, regardless of sex, race or religion.

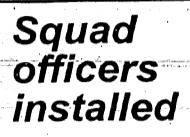
The chorus is under the direction of School in Metuchen has Campbell conducted workshops for the American Choral Directors Association, the N.J. Music Education Association and the N.Y



In December, Deerfield School students in grades 5 to d in the National Geographic Geography Bee, After narrowing the field to 10 semi-finalists, a final run-off was held and Paul Mirabelli, left, came in as the first runner-up semi-finalist and Brenton Rehm became the Deerfield School finalist.



The following officers for the 2004 year were sworn in at the annual installation dinner for the Springfield First Aid Squad: President - Martin Gornstein; Vice President - Ray Netschert; Recording Secretary ---- Jill Penna; Corresponding Secretary ---- Kayla Latimer; Captain - Apu; First Lt. - Paul Dorman; Second Lt. - Chelsea McKinley; Supply Sgt. - Gerry Gebauer; Trustee - Carmen Alverez; and House Committee -Jed Jorda.



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Gerry Gebauer: Trustee - Carmen Alverez; and House Committee - Jed Jorda, During the installation ceremonies, President Gorstein presented 30-year service awards to Elizabeth Netschert- In addition, Jackie Herzlinger was presented with a 40 year service award, Gomstein noted that these four members have spent more -

of their lives as members of the squad ---- than they have as non-members.







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passed last week at the freeholder meeting with scant notice. No press coverage, no letters to the editor, just unanimous approval. They direct the county manager to enter into memorandum of under standings with both Overlook lospital in Summit and Robert way for the "outstationing" of an employee at these facilities.

A part-time employee from the Division of Social Services is sent to help patients process Medicaid applications. No big deal? Actually, it is pretty innovative.

Left Out

By Frank Capece For our most vulnerable, there is somebody at the hospital to cut through the red tape, counsel family members, and get the patient financial assistance.

For the hospital it's a win-win situation. They actually reimburse the county for the employee's time. Not out of the goodness of their heart mind you, but the program means that the employee armed with a laptop gets the information quickly and accurately.

The hospital gets its money quicker and the county maximize: assistance to patients who would otherwise often find themselves lost in the maze of paperwork. The program has been in effect

for eight years. Sometimes when government works in a quiet, efficient way it gets lost. Still there is a certain fascination watching this program.

- It's akin to the experience of Beth-Ann Bodek of Linden. On her 17th birthday last week she showed the skills that make her an honor student. She had the foresight to schedule her driver's test for that date. She arranged to meet all the ID criteria of the Division of Motor Vehicles, notified the family insurance carrier of the ouschold's new driver, passed the driver's test, and informed her parents of the completion.

But not all stories have the happy ending. There is an episode of Andy Griffith where Barney. after first intimidating a bully withtough talk, finds a second guy respond with a hard shot to his gut. It leaves Griffith to remind

So is the case on Berkeley cent to the high school is swamped with teens who drive to school. There are some slobs who not only park their cars, but leave

some garbage behind. Enter Cranford Commissioner Scott Mease whose folksy solutions are starting to grade. After first knocking the Board of Education for not meeting to solve a problem for which they have no authority, his less-than-clever solution was to map out a distance where students should walk.

The fact that this age probatic is an irrational class distinction which wouldn't stand legal muste doesn't faze Mease. Heck, it stil sounds good for the people on the street. Residents deserve relie like maybe resident parking and tough litter enforcement by the

township We also need tough talk to the presidential candidates. State Department of Labor figures reveal over the past two years a loss of 11,400 computer systems design or related jobs. It's part of the wave of sending jobs to Indiaand other parts to be done by

cheap labor. This simple-sounding but disastrous technique of "offshore outsourcing" is becoming a wave. Companies such as IBM and Bank of America are devotees of the

new_tactic. Our governmen and even in Sut like Andre Goil fith said, "It doesn't always

A resident of Crasford Prank Capeco is an alto act.

Weather delays **Rizzuto Park**

Completion expected by summer

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

Construction of Phil Rizzuto Park in Elizabeth is scheduled to be com- ground" - a fully accessible play pleted by early summer. Groundbreaking on the 10.4-acre

recreational area named in honor of the Baseball Hall of Fame legend for resident of Hillside took place in 2002. The park was supposed to be completed in 2003. However, actual construction did not begin until August.

"There was a delay from the time of the ceremonial groundbreaking to the actual groundbreaking," Union County Manager George Devanney

The delay was a result of the county trying to acquire state Department of Environmental Protection permits for the property's floodlines. "There was a discrepancy between the county and the state on

floodlines that required some reconciliation," said Devanney. Currently, work on the park has

been temporarily halted due to inclement weather, the county manager explained. "As soon as the weather breaks,

construction will resume and the park will be completed," he said.

By Joshua Zaitz

Staff Writer

from the state's Green Acres Program to-help-

finance the county's open space acquisitions in

The properties include 63 acres of open

space once owned by New Jersey-American

erty, \$5,45 million for the Clark prop

\$3.4 million for the Union land.

Summit, Clark and Union.

Green Lane in Union.

Phil Rizzuto Park will contain soccer field, para-course fitness stations, as well as a "Boundless Playarea for children of all physical abil-

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The park will be decorated with baseball themes, including a concrete stadium-theme overhead, and a grante dedication monument. Other attractions will include a spray pool and pedestrian bridge.

So far, construction on the gazebo, and the playground are nearly completed. Grating is up on the walking path and the curbing has been put down for parking. Several rees have also been cleared to make way for the park.

"The park is very far along," said Devanney.

Initially, the cost to construct the park was \$1.8 million. However, at the Jan. 22 Board of Chosen Freeholder regular meeting, freeholders approved a change order, funding an additional \$87,000 to increase the size of the park's bridge.

The DEP mandated that the length of the bridge over the park's stream be doubled in size.

Devanney said he does not anticipate any additional change orders.

The county purchased the land for the park, located at the southeast corner of Morris and North avenues, in project, children who use wheel-1998. The property, located across chairs, leg braces, or walkers can the street from the Kean University play on at least 70 percent of the campus, borders Elizabeth, Hillside and Union

"Boundless Playgrounds" are Additionally, "Boundless Playdesigned so that children with dis-

be in regard to helping to finance each properof open space since the Open Space, Historic

voters in 2000. Voters approved the trust fund by a 60-to-Water Co. in Summit, the 13-acre Esposito. 40 percent margin in a November 2000 refer-

of assessed value dedicated to open space.

from the state Green Acres program when it ing Union County.

For the first time, the county manager's . The Green Acres funding comes as part of a projects.

""If we are to preserve our quality of life, we must act now to save open space and parks," Holly Street and Springfield Avenue. The county received \$1.5 million in 2001 to projects in every county in this state, includ-

Farm in Clark, and a little less than 5 acres on endum that established a tax of \$0.15 per \$100

chased using the county's Open Space; His ----- In addition to the three properties, the coun--- quick action on these bills demonstrates our___ the Elmora Racquet Club on Fernwood toric and Recreation Trust-Fund. The county ty acquired the 23-acre Ponderosa Farm in commitment to stopping overdevelopment and race. spent S7.5 million to acquire the Summit prop-Scotch Plains last year for \$10 million sprawl. Nearly \$175 million is being allocated Plaintield will see \$250,000 in funding to

County officials said they do not know first acquired the 63-acre New Jersey-Ameri-

what the break down of the \$1.2 million will can Water Co. property located in Summit. The county has acquired a total of 104 acres - of \$1.25 million for debt service on open space, also receive a combined \$1.2 million for and Recreation Trust Fund was approved by package of seven bills Gov. James McGreevey -- Cranford will be provided with \$150,000 for

side

counties throughout the state.



County's park system offers winter sports activities

public to visit the Union County park system for the purpose of enjoying seasonal activities. Winter sports --- cross-country skiing, sledding and ice skat-

ing ---- are permitted in several locations, weather, snow and ice -- strongly discouraged and park-supervisors may suspend tied ----Reservation, conditions permitting, but there is no location in times. Snowmobiles are strictly prohibited, the park system suitable for downhill skiing activities. Galloping Hill Golf Course is not available

The Union County park system is heavily wooded, sits proximity to roadways and bodies of water and has other park that are considered too hazardous for this use. that can be barandous to sledders Suggested sledding areas include:

Briant Park in Sammi . The Springfield Avenue end of Echo Lake Park in West-Seld/Mon The Springfield Avenue end of Lenape Park in West-

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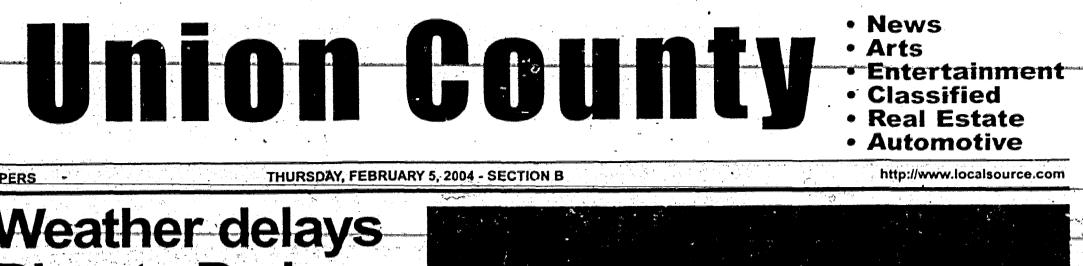
The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites the - Lenspe Park in Cranford, away from the water, and

All areas are unattended and used at the patrons' own risk. Toboggans, bobsleds and other non-steerable devices are safety concerns.

souditions permitting. Cross country skiing will be allowed at - ding activities if there is not enough snow on the hill or if there - discretion of the Union County Police, based upon the ratio of the Ash Brook and Oak Ridge golf courses and at the Watchung are severe ice conditions. Children should be supervised at all ice hockey skaters and non-hockey skaters, proportionate to the size of the skating area. It is the county's intention to provide Galloping Hill Golf Course is not available for winter sports adequate ice area for the enjoyment and safety of all skaters. writening (liven the terrain of the course, there are many are The Union County Department of Parks and Recreation reserves the right to cancel winter sports at any park at any time Additionally, with \$4.7 million of renovations to the course if the conditions of the park are such that the safety of the put complete, protecting the turf and the investment made in this. lic is in jeopardy. area is a priority. For more information regarding winter more call the

Snowboarding and sledding are also prohibited at Ash Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4900 week-Brook and Oak Ridge golf courses. Along with skating at the days. county's ice rink at Warmanco Park, many lighted and nonighted options for ice skating in natural areas are available.

Phil Rizzuto Park, located near the Kean University campus at the corner of Morris and North avenues, is expected to be completed by the summer. Construction, which began last summer, has been delayed the past several weeks due to inclement weather. "We're expecting it to be done on abilities can enjoy outdoor recretime and within budget," said Devan- ation, while encouraging children





without disabilities to play along-

Photo By Barbara Kokka needs of children with vision or hear-

ing impairment and children with developmental disabilities. While the park may be open fo

the public's use this summer, the soc-

In a "Boundless Playground" playground without having to leave their support equipment behind. grounds" are considerate of the

cer field may not be ready. "We may have to wait and make a determination later, depending on when it's complete and what the weather is at that time we'll determine whether it's full usage or limited usage," said Devanney.

State pledges \$1.2 million for acquisitions

these open spaces, parks and recreation areas will be protected from future development."

has signed that will provide over \$175 million improvements to its Canoe Club, located to open space and park improvements in all 21 between Orange and Springfield avenues, and to enhance the grounds surrounding the historie-Hanson House, located in Hanson Park at

pools at Rushmore Park on Rushmore Avenue "This major investment will ensure that and Seidler Field Park on Garfield Avenue



Regional Editor

A prominent Democratic fund-raiser landed a plum appointment this week sey Sports and Exposition Authority board by Gov. James McGreevey Tuesda Castro, the first Hispanic-commissioner, will

11-member board that oversees the Meadowlands Racetrack. Giants Stadiu and Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford, as well as Monmouth Park Racetrack and Atlantic City Convention Center Authority commissioners at

Castro, 43, was born in Colombia and came to the United States in 19 The president and chief executive officer of Century 21 Atlantic Realtors Inc. in Roselle Park, Castro is a member of the Elizabeth Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Union County Motion Picture Advisory Board and past president of the Hispanic American Association for Political Awareness. He also owns the Ritz Theatre in Midtown Elizabeth.

Castro last year contributed more than \$4,000 to Democratic campaigns last year, including \$1,000 to state Sen. Nicholas Scutari, \$2,200 to state Sen. Raymond Lesniak, \$370 to former state Sen. Joseph Suliga and \$500 to Assemblyman Joseph Vas, also the mayor of Perth Amboy, according to documents filed with the state Election Law Enforcement Commission. He also gave \$2,540 to the Union County Democratic Committee last year and contributed \$2,600 to McGreevey's gubernatorial campaign in 2001.

"This appointment is a result of Governor McGreevey's commitment t opportunity, to participation and to the advancement of Hispanics sey," Castro said in a prepared statement from the governor's office."I am high ly honored to be part of this prestigious authority and accept the challenge i continue the significant schievements made by its board."

Signs announcing the suitability of any natural area for skating will be posted. The public is urged to observe any restrictions, which are based upon the lake's ice thickness and other

tion on natural stating areas can also be obtained b calling the County Police at 908-654-9800.

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Gateway chamber of commerce recognizes three companies

held at the Wyndham Hotel in Elizabeth on Jan. 27.

Beach said that the Bush administration's economic plan was worklog, despite-the worst collapse of equity which awards also were presented to the Small, Medium - Accepting the Large Business of the Year Award for many affinity programs offered by the chamber. Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and unprecedented boardroom were Kaplan Consulting Group of Livingston, ATX Com-

"I think it's just short of miraculous that the recession lasted only eight months and that the unemployment rate Somerset, Middlesex and Hudson counties. never rose above 7 percent, given the multiple blows to the economy," Beach said.

Beach scored the president on how well his total economic plan - tax cuts, spending changes, and trade poli- other small business owner, who, day in and day out, works cy -- had performed. "On balance, the president should to make the next sale or the next payroll, and works with have little difficulty presenting his handling of the econo- " employees to offer them Benefits. They do this because my to the voters. Since most of them pay taxes and have many, if not all of the employees, are like family, and they jobs, the performance of the economy and the president's do it all the while trying to find the wherewithal for these

praised President Bush's handling of the economy and said itage Foundation. As CDA Director, Beach oversees Her- and honored to be recognized by the Gateway Chamber of award, and for making us the company you turn to for the it was miraculous the recent recession was not worse than itage's original statistical research on Social Security. Commerce as their Mid-Size Business of the Year. This connections that are important in your lives." A it was. His remarks were delivered at the 92nd annual crime, education, trade and a host of other issues, ensuring award is particularly pleasing for ATX because of the repumeeting of the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce it is both rigorous in its technical scholarship and produced tation, credibility, success and professionalism of the Bank for central New Jersey and chairman of the Gateway in time to help inform the public debate over the issue.

> Beach was the keynote speaker at the annual dinner at Chamber of Commerce." ons in Woodbridge and Comeast which has 1.4 million customers statewide and 365,000 in Union, Essex,

In accepting the Small Business of the Year Award, Paul "I would like, in some small way, to share this with every

Heritage Foundation data analyst William Beach and director of the Center for Data Analysis at The Her- kets for ATX, said in accepting the award, "ATX is proud colleagues and co-workers, our humble thanks for this organization honoring us - Jim Coyle and The Gateway

markets since 1987, the economic harm caused by the and Large Companies of the Year. The winners this year Comcast was John DelViscio, Comcast area vice president in our trucks, offices, payment windows, and call centers, services and others," Gillen said. but you'll also find us in a host of other places - fixing up Kaplan, chief executive officer of Kaplan Consulting, said a home for Habitat for Humanity, collecting and distributboards and committees of not-for-profits, churches and civic organizations, and many others.

"In the big picture, we're committed to using our strength as a company to make a difference in our commu- the largest business organization in northern New Jersey nities," DelViscio added. "We're proud of the fact that we and is one of the fastest growing chambers in the nation, in are one of the few businesses that gives away its core prod- part because of the many money-saving programs offered

Chamber, used the dinner as an opportunity to emphasize the importance for all businesses to take advantage of the

"The chamber has programs to offer substantial savings for northern New Jersey, who said, "Doing business with to members in telecommunications services, office sup-70 percent of the community confers a responsibility to plies, dental benefits, credit card processing, the importing connect with more than just a high-tech wire. You'll find us and exporting of foods and chemicals, human resources

"A member taking advantage of these programs can save hundreds of dollars to hundreds of thousands of doling food for the FoodBank in Hillside, serving on the lars," Gillen said. "These benefits are there for the askingand a member is doing himself a real fiduciary disservice if he or she does not take advantage of them." The Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce is by far



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Kevin T. Gillen, senior vice president of Commerce



Open Book, the duo of Rick Gedney and Michele Rubin, will be the hosts of the first Songwriters in the Round event, to be presented by the Coffee With Conscience Concert Series in Springfield on Feb. 14. The featured guests will be Ina May Wool and Dan

Series to kick off 'Songwriters' concerts

The Coffee With Conscience Concert Series of Springfield will present the first of four evenings of its Songwriters in the Round Sub Series on Feb. 14 at the Emanuel United Methodist Church of Springfield, 40 Church Mall in. downtown Springfield.

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Pop duo Open Book will host the first in this series of four shows, and will present special guests Ina May Wool and Dan Bonis.

p.m. Admission is S12, which includes an evening of live Competition. The Just Plain Folks Music Awards named entertainment and all manner of treats and refreshments. In keeping with the mission of the Coffee With Con- song by a female singer-songwriter and placed her first CD, science Concert Series, the proceeds from each concert will "Moon Over 97th Street," in the top five albums worldconcert will be named at a later date.

Four intimate evenings of acoustic music and harmony Sept. 11, 2001, also featuring Vega, Christine Lavin, will be presented between February and June, where audi- Richard Julian, and Jack Hardy. For information on Wool, ence members are introduced to the varying musical styles visit www.lnaMayWool.com of several touring singer-songwriters. Each of the fourevents will be hosted by, a singer-songwriter of some composer who plays a variety of lap steel instruments and prominence who has selected two others as his or her the mandolin. He is an in-demand sideman and has just guests. The setting will be cozy, the atmosphere will be completed his first soon-to-be-released CD of original

has gained a loyal following of listeners drawn to the beau- Cry, Cry and produced Open Book's "Out of Time" CD. tiful melodies, harmonies and honest, hopeful lyrics. Their For information on Bonis, visit the Web site at www.dan- in downtown Elizabeth..... live show is intimate and compelling, with their individual bonis.com. writing styles, guitars and voices weaving seamlessly, Hugh Blumenfeld writes of their midway performance at events this season. On March 13, Bob Malone will host and Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, "You don't hear such careful present his guests, Kristy Jackson and Carla Ulbrich. On attention to the sounds of words very often in folk music. May 8, Ritt Henn will host and present his guests, Noam and they were fine musicians to boot."

nic. Their musical connection began when Rubin asked E. Moore and Rod Picor Gedney to play mandolin with her at a subsequent gig. That Several of the hosts have been featured before at other first show led to others and soon Gedney began to write his Coffee With Conscience concerts and all are among the own material as well. During the next couple of years, they finest in professional and touring singer-songwriters. honed their material and did many shows backing each For more information about the Coffee With Conscience other up instrumentally and vocally. The response to their Concert Series, the Songwriters in the Round Sub-Series, collaboration was met with a great deal of enthusiasm on the upcoming performance, or ways in whi the part of musical friends and club owners. The path involved with the series, call Ahrre Maros, owner

became clear, they would become a duo, Although they Ahrre's Collee Roastery in Westneid, at 90 individually and privately been moving toward this their at www.coffeewith

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the Morristown CraftMarket, one for applications is April 1.

American crafts in the country, is Market show and sell exquisite hand-

For information on Open Book, visit the Web site

www.OpenBookMusic.com/index.html. Ina May Wool has garnered her share of affirmation and acclaim. Representatives from BMI and ASCAP -- the world's top two music publishers -- chose one of her songs for a CD of the 15 best unsigned acoustic artists worldwide. She has also been a finalist in the New Jersey Folk Fes-

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 8 tival Songwriter Contest and the Plowshares Songwriting one of her songs, "Elephant Learning to Dance," the best "Vigil2 CD; a collection by New York songwriters after-

Dan Bonis is an accomplished multi-instrumentalist and -Open Book, the duo of Michele Rubin and Rick Gedney, -- Masters, Suzanne Vega's guitarist who toured with Cry. -- County Division of Cultural and Her-

There will be three more Songwriters in the Round Weinstein and pop-duo Too Human. Finally, on June 12. Rubin and Gedney met in 1999 at a New York-area or an Jessica Owen will host and present her special guests. Scott

have only been playing publicly for three years, they have Information also is available online on the series' Web site

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They applaud with hands raised over their heads, so everyone will notice. hoping to set the tone for the rest of the audience to follow along. They are also the first ones to stand up after the performance and yell, "Bravo," encouraging the more reticent audience members to join in. E, or Joiners,

Have you read the recent survey,

that claimed to determine what kind of

person you are by whether you sleep

on your side, in fetal position, or on

That made me wonder whether

other positions we take in life are

natures. For instance, where do you sit

you take while watching television?

Or even: what do you do while listen-

the first-case scenario: the theater.

People who sit in the orchestra at the

front are obviously: A. Richer: B.

Nearsighted; C. Hard-of-hearing; D.

Exhibitionists: or E.-Joiners. A, B, and

C are self-explanatory, D and E need

some delving into your personality

before deciding which one is you. D.

or Exhibitionists, are the kind of peo-

with the actors or musicians. They

wink at the performers, hopin t they

can be spotted despite the footlights

Having heard that an actor often picks

one person and plays to him, Exhibi-

tionists are determined to be chosen.

have some characteristics in commonwith the Exhibitionists, but their motives are purer. They just want to be one with the performers - to come as close to them as possible, so they can synergistically achieve something they cannot perform alone. First row is the dream seat for D and E who, being that close to the stage, can easily boast, "I performed with the Metropolitan Opera Company last night!" How about those who sit in the

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your back?

ing to the radio?

back of the audience? They are: A. listening are obviously people who Poofer: B, Farsighted, C, Continence would rather live their own lives than

Scholis' works are on exhibit at Pearl Street

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders announces the opening of an exhibit of paintings by Dario Scholis of Elizabeth in the gallery itage Affairs, located at 633 Pearl Sta

"Mr. Scholis won the competition. to design the city of Elizabeth's 9-1 commemorative monument," said Freeholder Chuirman Angel G Estrada. "The 8-foot monument that pays... special tribute to the Elizabeth residents who lost their lives on Sept. 11. 2001, is in the new pedestrian plaza in front of the historic Midtown Train Station. We are proud to display paint-

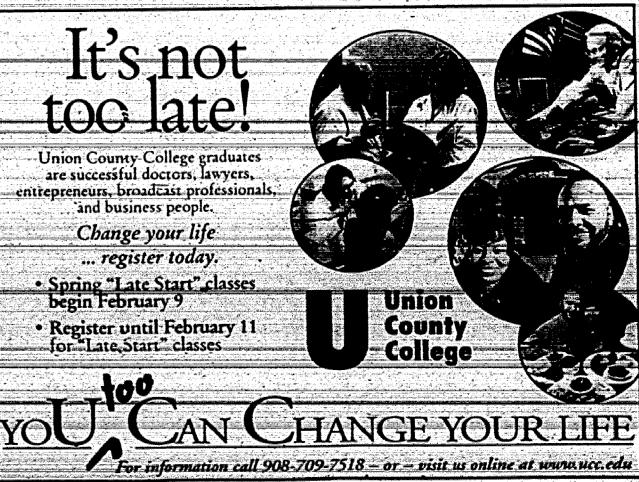
ings by this talented artist." Scholis was born in Ecuador and studied art at the Escuela de Bellas for and at the Corcoran School of Art in Washington, D.C. His work has been exhibited in cities throughout the United States, Europe and Latin America.

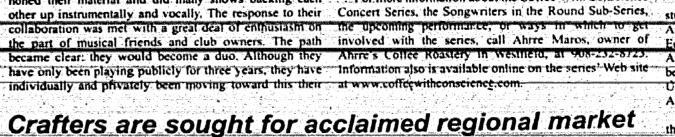
Scholis' painting are on display at the Pearl Street Gallery through and Heritage Programs Advisory contact the Union County Division of March 15. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m., Board, "We thank Dario Scholis for Cultural and Heritage Affairs by writto 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

"Mr. Scholis works in mixed media, acrylics and intaglios in color- works can be hung on a wall - inter- turalinfo@ucnj.org.

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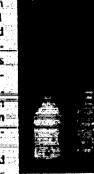
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For audiences, position is everything The Art of Laughter

By Helen Argers

equally representative of our secret Problemed, which demands closer egress when nature calls, D. Sports in a theater? What kind of position do Fans: or E. Greta Garbos. Again A. B. and C are self-explanatory. D stands for husbands who would rather be at home watching football and poised to Let's start this-psycho-babble with leave the moment the curtain falls. E means "You want to be alone." This group wants to be as far away from the action as possible and still see it. For them, real live people performing are too intrusive --- they must keep some boundaries, after all. They are the first ones to leave before the actors come out for acknowledgement - especially before a third curtain call, when people are still valiantly, generously applauding to prevent the performers being embarrassed.

Balcony people are similar to those in the back-of-the-audience. Jonly poorer. Other balcony types are students who come in groups, and sing along - which would get them thrown out of the orchestra - or hoot. and boo - ditto. Box audience sitters are similar to the front-of-the audience crowd, but richer. Or they know the producer, have slept with the producer. or backed the producer. Last of all are the Royalty Impersonators, who see themselves as Queen Elizabeth with , her crown, hoping the peasants below will notice their jewels as they walk in

Television watchers and radio listeners reveal their personalities by whether or not they keep busy while watching or listening to shows, sports or discussions. Those who do homework, housework, write letters, make love, or talk on cells while watching or

subliminally share the lives of others Further denizens of this category are the Limited Attention Spanners. They need several jobs at once. They would never be able to stare at a chess piece for 20 minutes figuring out all the possible moves. They'd move, and the hell with the results! (In there is the single working mother who has to feed her child, wash the floor, and keep one ear open for the telephone's announcing a second job offer. The rest of the world coming through radio or television is mere background. noise. Only occasionally does she pay attention if someone yells, a bulletin interrupts, or a particularly sensitive. caring, handsome man comes on, verifying that his kind still exist even if only too far across the airwayes to do her any good.

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The audience that sits and watches television at full attention is A. Sports else is going on for a sports fan but the game: B. Sleepers, or those who use the television as a night light and the radio as soothing sound to cover up snores or, in extreme cases, the sounds of the possible intruder who is lurking out there ready to break in and get grandfather's goldwatch hidden under the bed; C. Dreamers, who see themselves starring in every movie, debating on "Hardball" and fixing Katie Courie's hair.

Do you have a better understanding of who you are? In any position, you are free to psychoanalyze yourselves. I'm too busy sleeping in front of my television, writing this to the sound of the radio; dancing with the ballet; and running out before the boos begin. So, in short, I believe that you and I are not A, B, C, D or E. But all-of-theabove at different times. But it's nice to know how predictable other people are, isn't it?

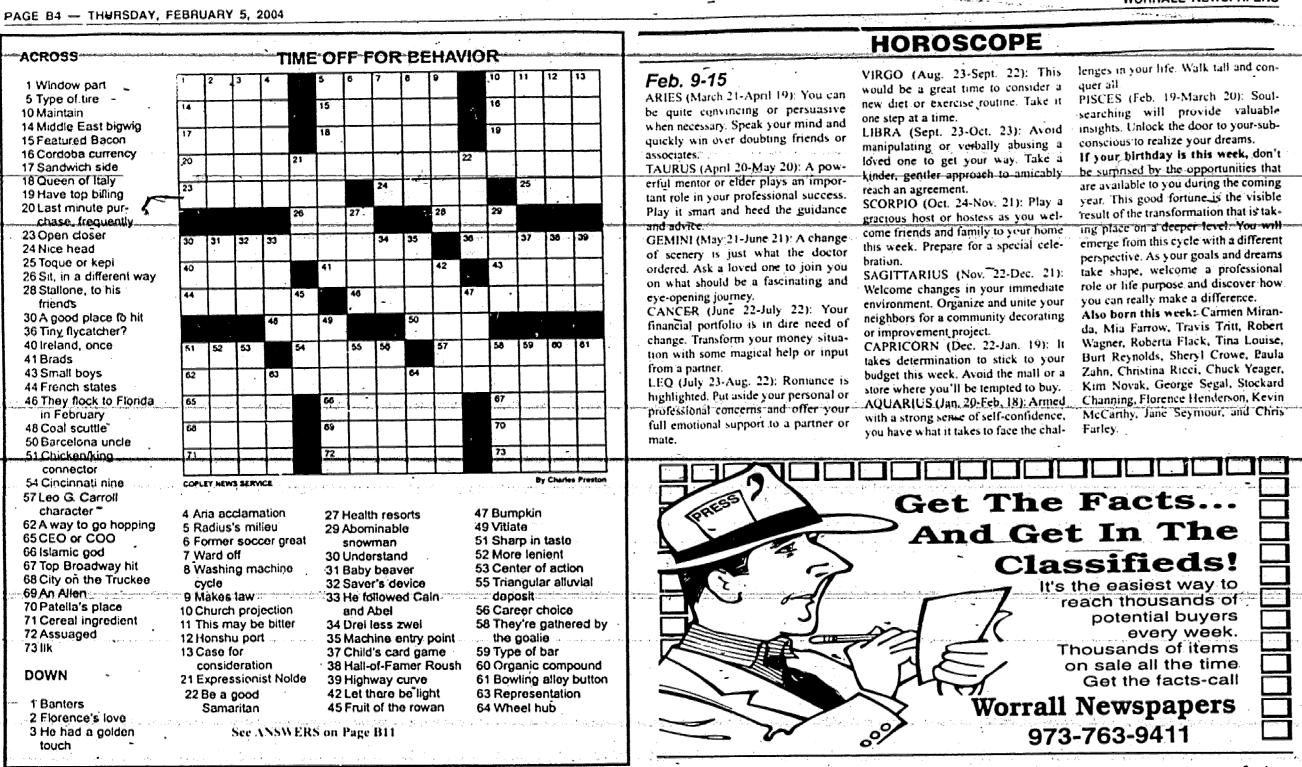
Helen Argers is an award-winning novelist and playwright.



Street Gallery in the offices of the Union County Divi--tures the work county-artists

ful, traditional South American and Mary Ruotolo, liaison to the Cultural

ested in exhibiting in the gallery an contemporary styles," said Freeholder welcome to apply. For more information about the Pearl Street Gallery, sharing his inspired and distinctive ing to 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202; calling 908-558-2550, NJ Relay users Union County artists - whose can dial 711; or sending e-mail to cul-



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Sathered in Paper Mill's balcony are, standing from left_student Amy Santiago. Provident Senior Vice President Mike Revesz, Paper Mill Manager of Outreach and Access Michael Mooney, Provident Vice President Freeman Ingram, student Santos Medina, and seated, student Crystal Lee Santiago, student Juan Quiles, and Ferris drama specialist Susan Murphy.

Paper Mill outreach program receives donation

hearts produced in England and Ger-

many were often assembled by hand

The Miller-Cory House Museum is

a living museum that offers visitors

the opportunity to step back into the

past and experience life as it was in

colonial New Jersey. Every room in

the farmhouse captures the atmos-

phere of the colonial era, complete

with volunteers dressed in authentic

While at the museum, be sure

and sold in America in the 1800s.

The Paper Mill Playhouse Adopt-a-School program Paper Mill, working with in-school artists, attending master recently received a grant from the Provident Bank Founda- workshops, and career exploration. tion, helping the theater to continue its popular outreach A group of students from Ferris High School in Jersey program.

brated on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at

the Miller-Cory House Museum in

The museum is located at 614

Evelyn Kennely of Westfield will

demonstrate how early Americans

made valentines using techniques of

the period. A variety of valentines will

be on display for visitors to view, and

children will be able to make a valen-

tine to take home and give to that spe-

tury who was known as the patron

saint of lovers, this festive occasion

became a welcomed winter treat. The

Roman martyr priest of the third cen- through the 1740 house.

Mountain Ave. in Westfield.

Westfield.

cial someone.

. City attended a recent performance with their drama spe-More than 400 students in 10 high schools participate in cialist. Susan Murphy, and met with representatives from

the program, which includes seeing a performance at the the theater and the Provident Bank.

Film symposium is ready for 'Action!'

come up, and there in front of you are "The Reckoning," with Paul Bettany the creators of the film, ready to and Willem Dafoe, directed by Paul answer- questions and chicuss their. McGuigan: "Sex Is Comedy," with

Widely praised as one of the best film series in the world, Filmmakers Otar Left," with Esther Gorintin and premieres in the past 12 years. Filmmakers Symposium will take Life," with Lili Taylor and Guy

lace de two locations: Locus Mount Pearce, directed by Tuni Kalem. tainside on Monday evenings starting Feb. 23, with the second session beginning April 7; or at Loews Monmouth Mall on Tuesday evenings starting Feb. 24, with the second session beginning April 8. For information or to register, call

800-531-9416. The series is open to anyone, but seating is limited, so early enrollment is advised. Subscription is \$131 for six Peter O'Toole, directed by Wolfgang weeks or \$249 for 12 weeks, plus \$20

registration fee Confirmed films and those under consideration for the upcoming spring session include "The Agronomist," directed by Jonathan Demme;

Clearing," with Robert Redford and Helen Mirren, directed by Pieter Jan Brugge: "Danny Deckchair," with Rhys Itans and Miranda Otto, directed by Jeff Balsmeyer; "Dogville," with Nicole Kidman and James Caan, directed by Lars von Trier; "Ella Enchanted," with Anne Hathaway and Cary Elwes, directed by Tommy O'Haver; "Envy," with Ben Stiller, Jack Black and Rachel Weisz, directed by Barry Levinson; "Final Cut," with Robin Williams and Jim Caviezel. directed by Omar Naim; "Godsend," with Robert De Niro, Greg Kinnear and Rebecca Romijn Stamos, directed by Nick Hamm; "Hidalgo," with Viggo Mortensen, directed by Joe lofinston; "I'll Sleep When I'm

Dead," with Clive Owen and Charlotte Rampling, directed by Mike Hodges: "I'm Not Scared," with Aitana Sanchez-Gijon and Dino Abbrescia, directed by Gabriele Salvatores; "The Intended," with Olympia Dukakis and Janet McTeer, directed by Kristian Levring, "Intermission," with Cillian Murphy and Colin Farrell, directed by John Crowley: "The Ladykillers," tours for school groups or the muse- with Tom Hanks and Marlon Wayans, um's outreach program, which visits directed by Joel Coen; "Laws of

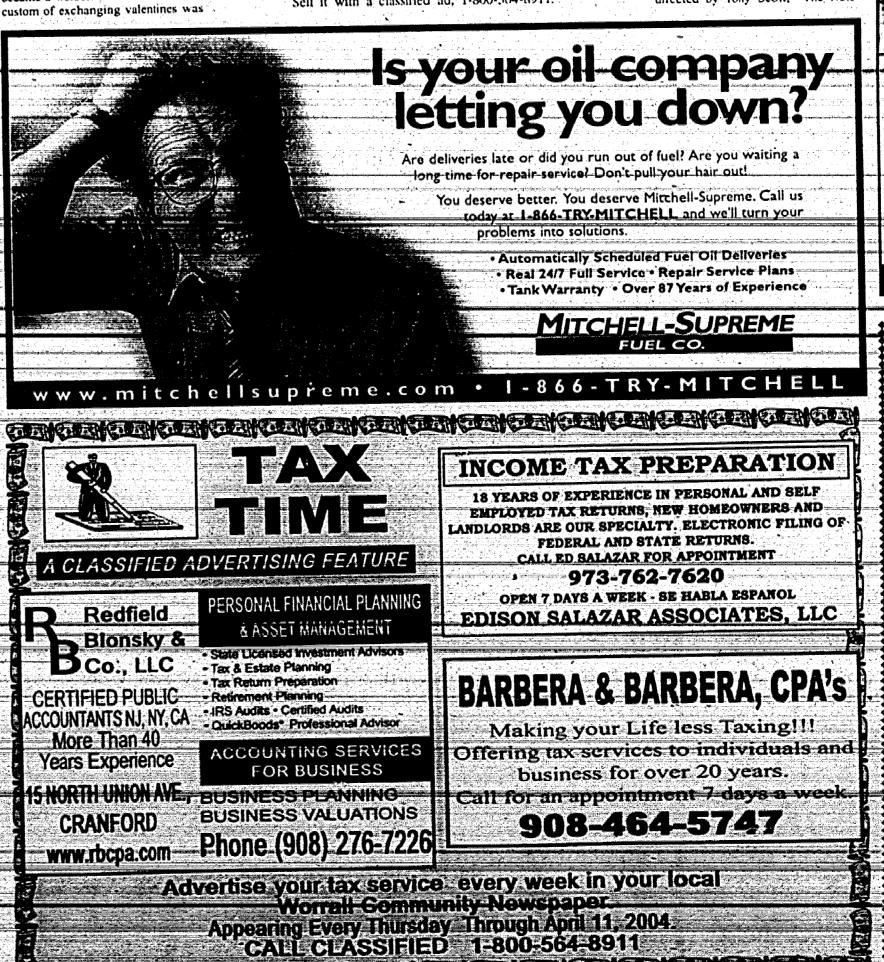
-Julianne-Moore-directed by Peter Howitt: "Man on Fire," with Denzel Washington and Christopher Walken." directed by Tony Scott; "The Note-

Miller-Cory celebrates Valentine's Day, Colonial-style St. Valentine's Day will be cele- brought to America by the English set- visit the museum's gift shop. The shop tlers, but was not widely celebrated carries a wide variety of colonial during the 1700s, Lace paper and reproductions, cookbooks, crafts, and

educational materials. Admission the museum is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and children younger than 6 years old are admitted free of charge. On Feb. 22. the museum will present "Patriotic Sunday.

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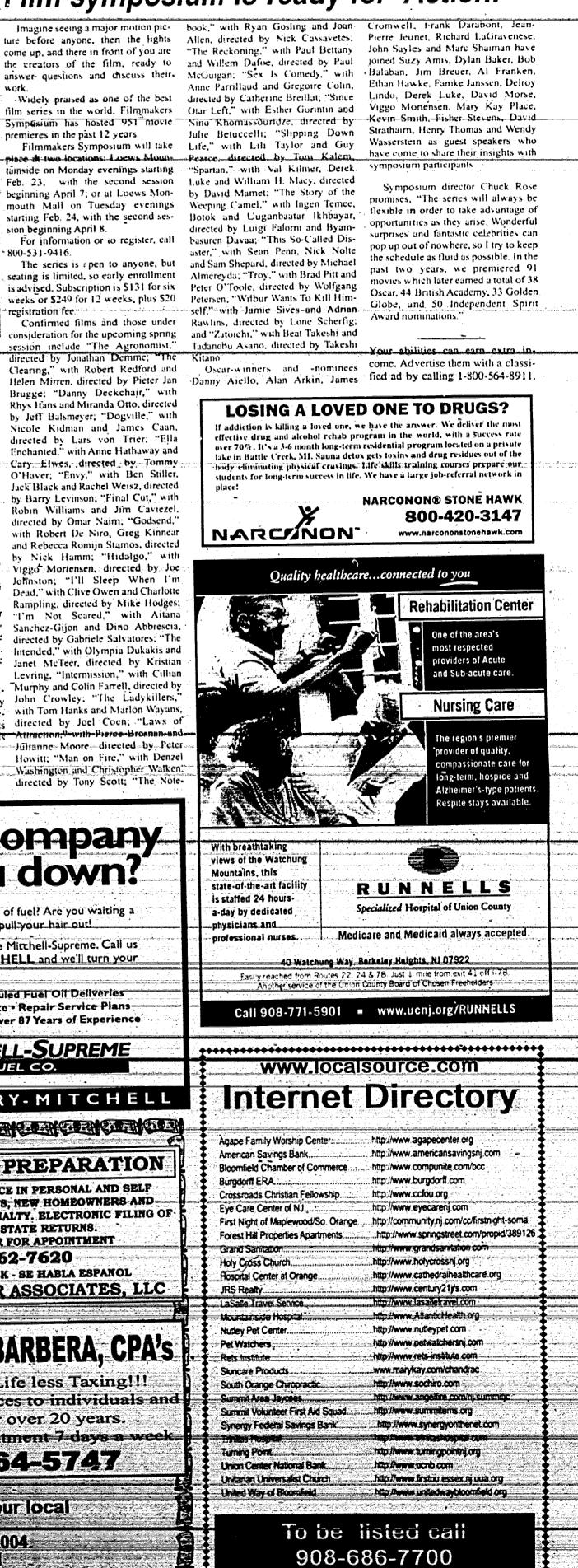
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Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertalisment events in the Union County area. The calendar is open to all groups and organizations in the Union County area. To place your free listing, send information to tris and Entertain- ford For information, including exhibit ment Editor Bill VanSant, Worrall Community Newspapers, 463 Valley Sir P.O. Box 158, Maplewood, NJ. 07040, Faxes may be sent to 973-763-2557.

ART SHOWS

AN EDGE IN SPACE/A SPACE IN TIME will be on exhibit at the Arts Guild of Rahway through Friday

Gallery hours are Wednesdays. Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m. Thursdays 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway, For information, call 732-381-7511, send e-mail to artsguild1670@earthlink net. or visit www.rahwayartsguild.org

FROM THE ROCKIES TO THE PACIFIC, works by photographer Marie Burns, will be on exhibit in the Wisner House at Reeves-Reed Summit through Marc

Exhibit hours are weekdays, 9 a m to 3 p.m. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located, at 165 Hobart Ave , Summit For information, call 908-273-8787 or risit www.reeves-reedarboretum.org ODYSSEY WITH AN OPEN EYE. works by photographer Sheilia Lenga of Union, will be on exhibit at the Les Malamut Art Gallery in Union Public Library through March 10.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays 9 a m to 5 p m. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave in Friberger Park, Union For information, call 908-851-5450

THE FACE IN THE MIRROR, artists self-protraits, will be on exhibit at the Arts Guild of Rahway from Feb. 15 through March 12. An opening reception will take place Feb. 15 from 1 to 4

Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m., Thursdays 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511, send e-mail to artsguild1670@earthlink.net, or visit www.rahwayartsguild.org.

PAINTINGS BY DARIO SCHOLIS will be on exhibit through March 15 at the Pearl*Street Gallery in the offices of ...

and Hentage Affairs... Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays: 8:30 a m to 4:30 p m The Pearl Street Gallery is located at 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth. For information, call 908-558:2550, NJ Relay users dial 711: or send inquiries via e-mail to cul-

turalinfo@ucnj.org. PAINTINGS BY MATT JOHNSON will he on exhibit in the Col

Union County College In Cranford Ihrough March 22 The Granford campus of UCC is

located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cran-

hours call 908-709-7155 BOOKS

AUTHOR CAROLINE LEAVITT will appear at the Town Book Store in Nestleld on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign copies of her new book. 'Girls in Trouble ' The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St. Westfield For information, call 908-233-3535 or visit the Web site at www.towebookstore.com.

AUTHOR JEFF TAMARKIN will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign copies of his new book, "Got a Revolution! -- The Turbulent Flight of Jefferson Airplane." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad -St-Westfield For information call 908-233-3535 or visit the Web site at www.townbookstore.com

TEEN-AGE AUTHOR TIMOTHY OLSEN will appear at the Town Book

Store in Westfield on Saturday from 2 to 4 pm to sign copies of his new book, 'Teenage Investor How to Start Early, Invest Often and Build Wealth.

The Town Book Store is located at 255 E Broad St. Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535 or visit the Web site at www.townbookstore.com. EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITERS' CIRCLE, led by Cheryl Racanelli, meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark, Barnes and Noble. is located at 1180 Rantan Road, Clark For information, call 732-574-1818

CLASSICS BOOK CLUB meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7'30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located a 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, For information, call 973-376-8544

CLOAK AND DAGGER READING GROUP will meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble of Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818

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973-376-8544.

CONCERTS COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE CON-CERT SERIES in Westfield and Springfield will present a series of artists through June at two locations

through June Feb. 14: Songwriters in the Round, nosted by acoustic duo Open Book, Springfield

Feb 21 DaVinci's Notebook Westfield Westfield concerts are presented at

the First United Methodist Church, 1 Broad St., Westfield: Springfield concerts are presented at Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall - Springfield. Tickets are \$12 and include refreshments. For information. call 908-232-8723 or visit the Web site at www.coffeewithconscience.com

SANCTUARY CONCERTS in Berke-

the coming weeks. Feb. 14: The Best of Jersey

acoustic performers Feb. 22: Tom Rush

Concerts are presented at Union Village Methodist Church, 1130 Mountain Ave., Berkeley Heights. For information, call 973-376-4946 or visit www.sanctuarvconcerts.org.

VOCALIST PETER CINCOTTI will appear in concert today at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing_Arts Center in Newark as part of the Cabaret at the Chase series. Tickets are \$45 and

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St. Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.nipac.org.

WESTFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHES. TRA will appear in concert Saturday at-8 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, East Broad Street and Mountain Avenue. For information, including ticket prices, call 908-232-

THE MUSICAL CLUB OF WEST-FIELD will present flautist Jenny Cline. clarinetist George Toenes, planist John Blasdale, and vocalist Suzanne Beeny Jones in concert Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield.

DANCE

JANT-BI: THE GERMAINE ACOGNY COMPANY will appear in "Rwanda: Fagaala" on Feb. 13 at 7.30 p.m. in the Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$26.

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SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS Will sponsor evenings of international dance, Noble in Springfield Barnes and throughout the year at The Connection for Women and Families, 79 Maple

Fridays from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$2, or \$12 for half the season;" workshops are \$5. For information,

Y-SQUARES, a local square dance club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Frank K. Hehnly School, Raritan

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC. meets at 295 Jefferson Ave., Union, behind Home Depot on Route 22 East. The club is open to the public Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. For information call 908-964-9724 or 908-964-6808. send inquiries via e-mail to TMRCInc@aol.com or visit the Web site at www.tmrci.com.

JAZZ

VOCALIST NNENNA FREELON with appear in concert Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. n the Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$36.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St. Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

KIDS

TRAILSIDE NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER in Mountainside will sponsor several workshops for the whole family in the coming weeks. "Explore Your Senses" — Satur-

day from 10 to 11 a.m.; admission is by donation "The Journey of Sap to Syrup" -

Feb. 14 from 10 to 11 a.m., Feb. 16 and 17 from 1'30 to 2:30 p.m.; \$4 for Union County residents, \$5 for out-ofcounty residents; pre-registration, required

 "The World of the Coyote" — Feb. 14 from 1 to 2 p.m., 6 years old and older with an adult; \$4 for Union County residents, \$5 for out-of-county residents; pre-registration required

· "Vertebrates of New Jersey" --Feb. 16 and 17 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. 6 years old and older with an adult; \$4 for Union County residents, \$5 for outof-county residents; pre-registration required

17 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.: 6 years old and older with an adult; \$4 for Union County residents \$5 for out-of-county resitents pre-registration required

Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, For information, call 908-789-3670

POFTRY

POETRY OUT LOUD! will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West-Springfield. For Information, call

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

THEATER

NEW JERSEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER in Newark will present "The Full Monty" through Sunday in Prudential Hall. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. today, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with matinees today at 1:30 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12 to \$54 today, \$14 to \$64 Friday to Sunday.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St. Newark, For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

THE THEATER PROJECT at Union County College will present a staged reading of "Flirt" by Marie Trusis on-Sunday at 3 p.m. in the atrium of The Commons on the Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. 908-659-5189

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE in Millburn will present "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife" by Charles Busch through Sunday. Shows are Wednesdays to Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 7:30 p.m.; matinees are Thursdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. and Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. Ticket are \$30 to \$67.

Special performances are the Conversation Series, Thursdays at 7 p.m in the mezzanine, today; audiodescribed performances, with sensory. seminar 90 minutes prior to curtain, today at 2 p.m., Saturday at 2:30 p.m., and Sunday at 7:30 p.m.; and a signinterpreted performance. Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Paper Mill is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information, call 973-376-4343 or visit the Web site at www.papermill.org.

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will present "Smokey Joe's Cafe" from Friday through Feb. 21. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18, with a discount available for senior citizens. The CDC Playhouse is located at 78 Winans Ave., Cranford For information, call 908-276-7611.

KEAN UNIVERSITY will present "Joe Turner's Come and Gone" by August Wilson from Feb. 13 to 22 in Wilkins Morris Ave. Union, Shows are days org. Wednesdays to Saturdays at 8 p.m. Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for eneral admission. S12 for senior citizens and Kean alumni, \$10 for students and children. For information, call 908-737-7469.

ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE in Elizabein will present 'The Great God through March 7 Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for general for all Sunday concerts. admission, \$6 for students and senior

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call 732-388-6511.

SECOND SATURDAYS COFFEE-HOUSE will take place the second Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. Featured will be an "open mic" forum of music, poetry, comedy and performance art. Refreshments are served. Admission is \$4, Talent is sought for future dates. For information, call 908-928-0127

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citizens. The Elizabeth Playhouse is located at 1100 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. For information, call 908-355-"0077 or visit the Web site at www.E abethPlayhouse.com.

VARIETY

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mic Night every Thursday night, a disc jockey every Friday night, and solo artists and bands on Saturdays. Happy Hour is 4 to 7 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, with \$1 drafts and \$3 Long Island iced teas. Mondays are Mexican Mondays with \$2 shot spemain \$2 Corunas, \$2 margnitas and \$1. tacos, Wednesdays are Ladies Nights

The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St., Rahway. For information, call

CRUSSROADS, 78 North Ave., Garwood, presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts, as well as football-themed nights.

Every Sunday: Live comedy, funk and poetry; "Live at Instant Coffee," 8

Every Monday Open Mic Night,

coming weeks. Thursdays are Ladies Nights, and Sundays feature NFL games and \$2 drafts.

Molly Maguire's is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information,

VAN GOGH'S EAR, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesdays are "Acoustic Tuenday," some of which feature open nic from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer. Open mic participants sign-up at 7:30 nhone lazz and blues are leatured

Sundays at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 For information, call 908-810-1844.

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Teen Arts Festival Do you like working with artists teachers, and students?

The Union County Teen Arts Festival provides an opportunity for volunteers to get involved.

The Union County Teen Arts Festival, sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Affairs, Department of Economic Development, is a two-day celebration of the arts held annually at the Union County College campus in Cranford. The event, scheduled for March 18

and 19, is open to all students from public, private and parochial middle and high schools in Union County.

than 3,000 students participate in performances, critiquing seminars, mas-Free spruces available ter classes and workshops with a staff of 50 professional artists in every discipline - visual art, music, writing, theater and dance," said Freeholder Chester Holmes, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory

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tickets are \$5. · Feb. 21, 8 p.m.: Richard Nader's

Doo Wop Reunion Tour with Lou Christie, Emil Stucchio and The Classics, and The Chiclettes. Tickets are \$40, \$35 and \$30.

. Feb. 22-3 p.m.: Children's show, "Martin Luther King Jr.," a musical tribute. All tickets are \$10.

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Brothers and The Aoife Clancy Band. Tickets are \$40, \$35 and \$30.

Magic Show, All tickets are \$10. March 26, 8 p.m.: "Sophisticated

ton," All tickets \$35. • March 27, 8 p.m.: The Amazing Kreskin, Tickets are \$40, \$30.

· April 3, 2:30 p.m.: Movie Matinee, "Sons of the Desert" with Laurel and Hardy. All tickets \$5.

• April 3, 7:30 p.m.: Movie double feature, National Lampoon's "Animal House" and "The Blues Brothers." All tickets are \$5.

Harmony Excursion, one of the barbershop quartets composed of members from the alley Jerseyaires Chorus, is ready for Valentine's Day. Among those performing singing Valentines are, from left, tenor Tom Walsh, lead Doug Brown, bass Chris MacVicar, and baritone Ed Ringel.

Barbershoppers have love songs for Valentines

Send a musical Valentine that your sweetheart or someone special will dressed in formal attire will sing a love-song serenade at a location of.

The Rahway Valley Jerseyaires choice, such as workplace, residence, tet Singing in America Inc. announces 14 and 15 for \$50; other dates are its 11th year of performing "Singing accommodated if possible. Valentines" for that special person.

never forget. A barbershop quartet Ken Friedlander, president of the

the National Arbor Day Foundation during February 2004. The free trees are part of the non-Board. profit foundation's Trees for America Colorado blue spruces have a silver-blue-green color and a compact conical shape. They can be used as individual ornamentals, an energy- , ciate the invaluable assistance of The Longest Running Community Theater in New Jersey

"Volunteers are needed to assist artists with workshops, manage performance sites and staff information stations," Holmes added, "We appre-

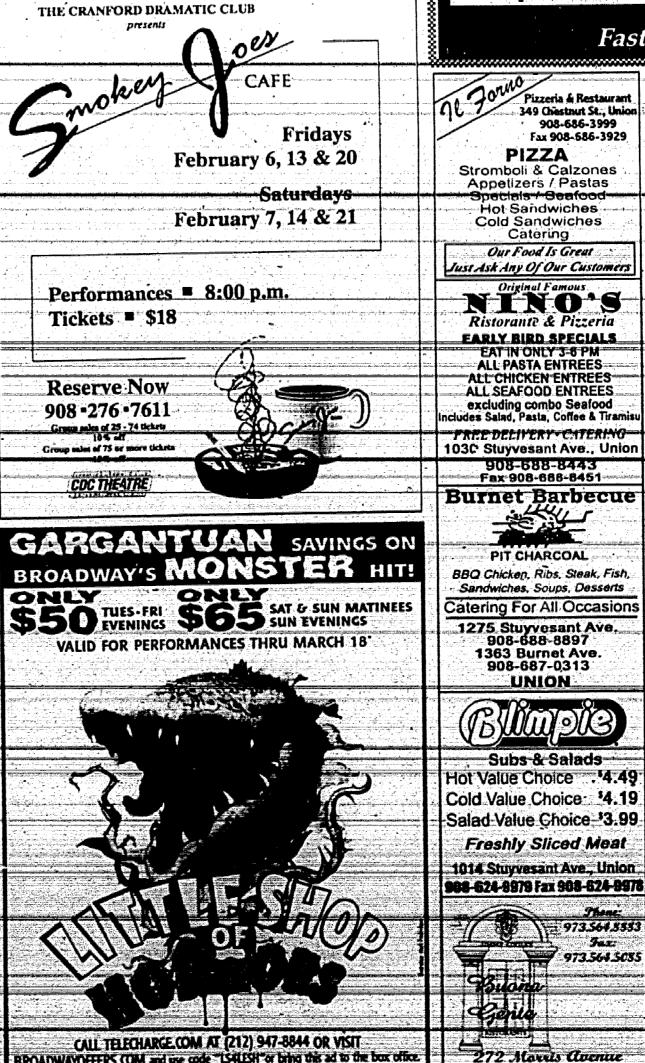
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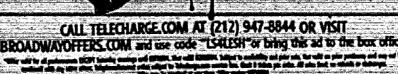
parm was cooked to perfection, accompanied by angel hair pasta topped with marinara & a salad. The chicken marsala was absolutely the best I have ever had. We ended the meal with expresso & shared the homemade black & white cheesecake. The expresso was a rich brew of the finest beans. The cheesecake was as light and fluffy as a mousse. The portion's of everything was so plentiful needless to say - we had leftovers for another meal at home. Our waitress throughout the meal was cheerful and very attentive. Mr. Nino's has been in business since 1990 and the owners aspiration to be great hosts have

mastered This is one special, wonderful restaurant. Mr. Nino also offers an Early Bird Special - Eat In Only from 3 to 6. The Early Bird Special is a tremendous value for anyone but especially the seniors. Catering is also available. Reservations are now being accepted for Valentine Day - it will be a meal she will surely remember.

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"At the Teens Arts Festival, more

Musical Club tunes up

The fourth concert of the Musical Club of Westfield will be presented Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, The first two compositions in this concert were written originally for vir-

tuoso wind instrumentalists. -Flautist Jenny Cline of Westfield will perform "Concerto for Flute" by Otar Gordelli. She will be accompa--nied on the piano by Mary Beth McFall of Roselle, Clannetist George Toenes of Westfield will perform C.M. von Weber's "Grand Duo Concertante for Clarinet and Piano." McFall is not a piano accompanist in this piece, but an equal partner. This composition was written for Germany's No. 1 clarinetist, Heinrich Baermann, in 1816.

Pianist John Blasdale of Whippany will perform "Arabasques No. 1 in E Major" by Claude Debussy, and "Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue" by

-Vocalist Suzanne Beeny Jones of Hackensack will sing "Flammende" Rose" and "Susse Stille." Both of del, and have flute obligati played by Cline. McFall will be at the piano. Beenv Jones will also perform a selection from Mozart's "La Nozze di Figaro,"

The "Hungarian Dance Suite No. 1" by Johannes Brahms will be performed by Cline, Toenes, and McFall. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

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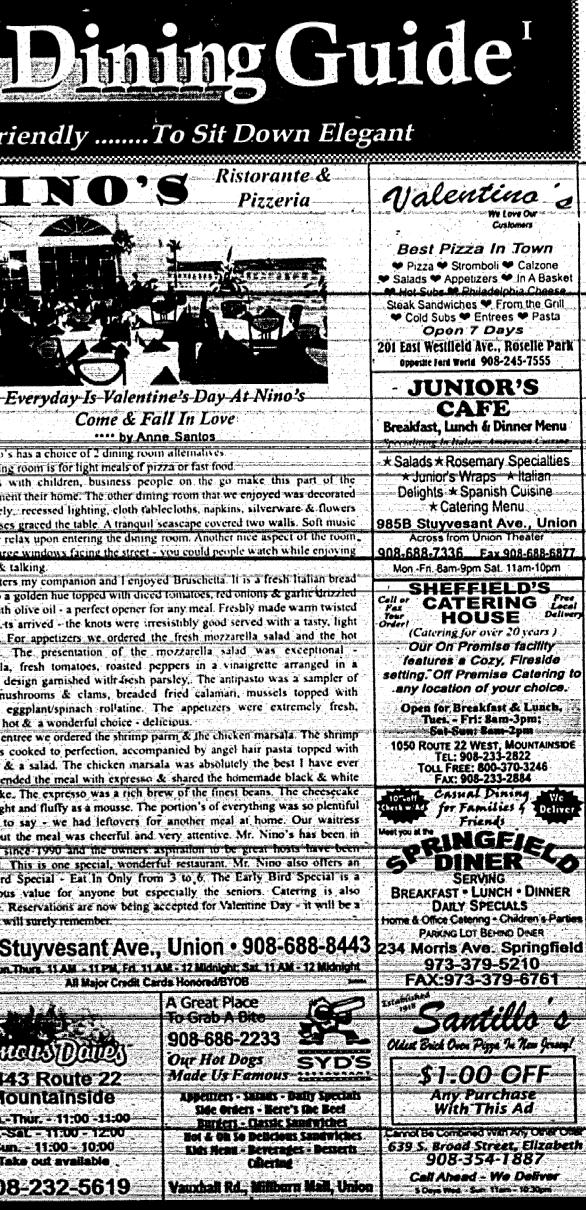
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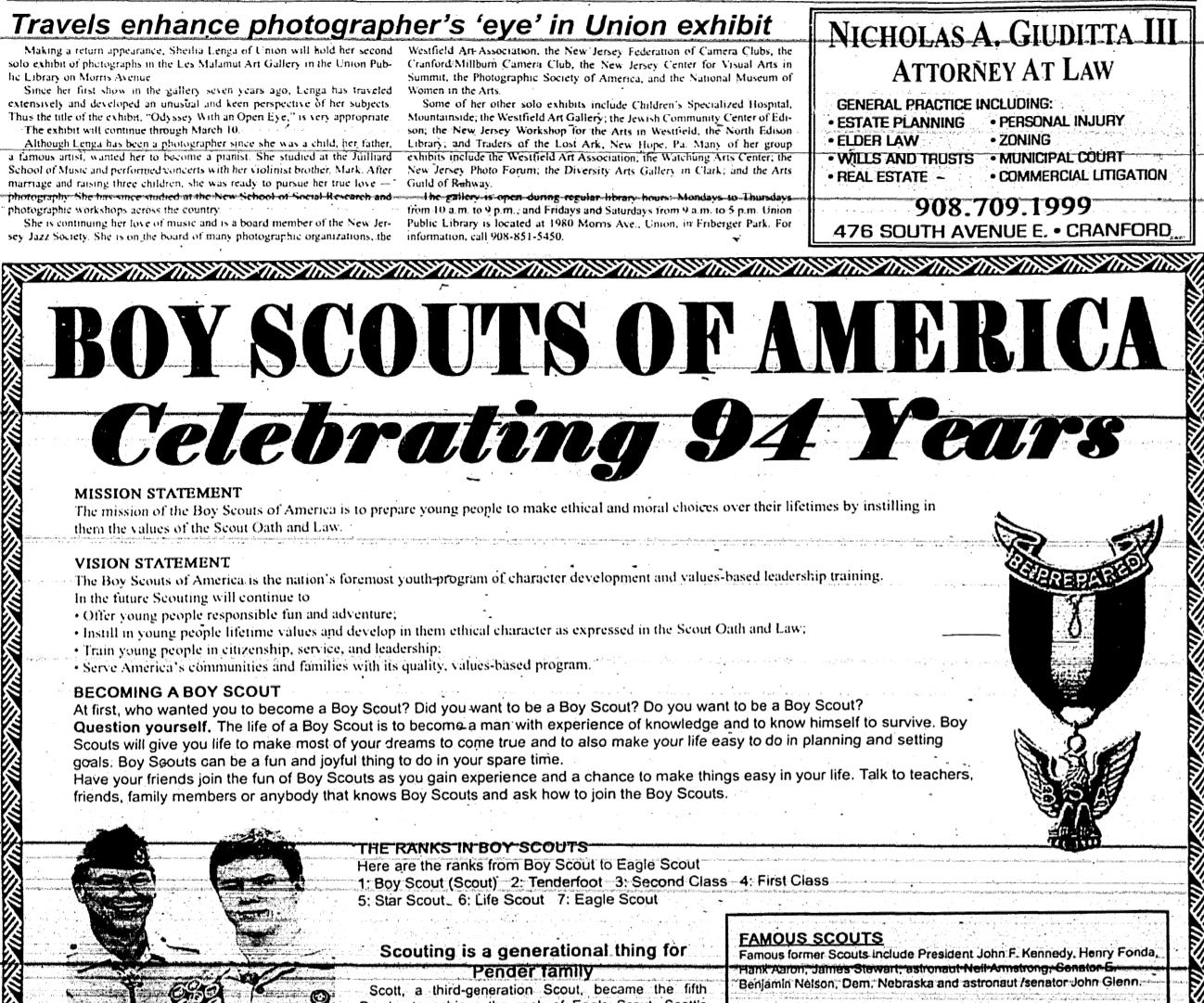
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> "Availability of quartets is limited. so reserve your screnade now," said Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Chorus. For more information or to arrange

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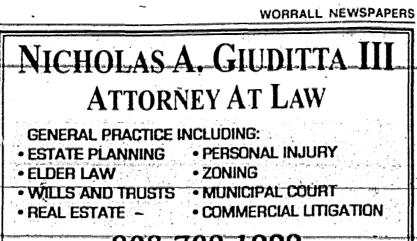
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Middleton said. Kathleen S. Middleton - "Mrs. Middleton" to her student population celebrates her 31st school year as an early childhood program director, and 36th

as an educator - honorable milestones for a highly lauded teacher. "When I was looking into pre-schools for my daughter, I polled many friends who had the ways and means to send their children to anywhere in the books, and music. area," said Betsy Sagges, a Middleton Early Learning Center Mother and board member. "Most parents casually named their school of choice, but two in parstrongly about this Middleton program. I was extremely impressed."

Clearly, many of Middleton's supporters are impressed. Six years ago, when Middleton's program moved from one space to its current location, the school faced the daunting task of trying to establish itself in a new neighborhood and 1972_she became the educational director at the Nursery School at Christ needing all new furnishings and surroundings. In less than three months, Elis- Church in Glen Ridge, where she developed and ran the pre-school program for ing Center offers a pre-school program based on tested principles of early childabeth Ginsburg, a former board member and current president of the Glen -27 years. Her role ran the gamut from program and curriculum development to shood education. Under the direction of Kathleen Middleton, the program boasts Ridge Board of Education, reveals, "We had to leave everything - more than staffing and children's assessments; from facility maintenance and upkeep to a long-standing tradition of educational excellence and loving care. M.E.L.C. \$60,000 in equipment and supplies at the school's old location. So we contact- public relations and office administration. In 1998, well armed with the knowl- is a nonprofit organization, governed by an independent board. For more infored our supporters an all the parents who had sent a child through Kathy's pro- edge and acumen to run her own program. Middleton, founded the Middleton mation call 973-677-4176

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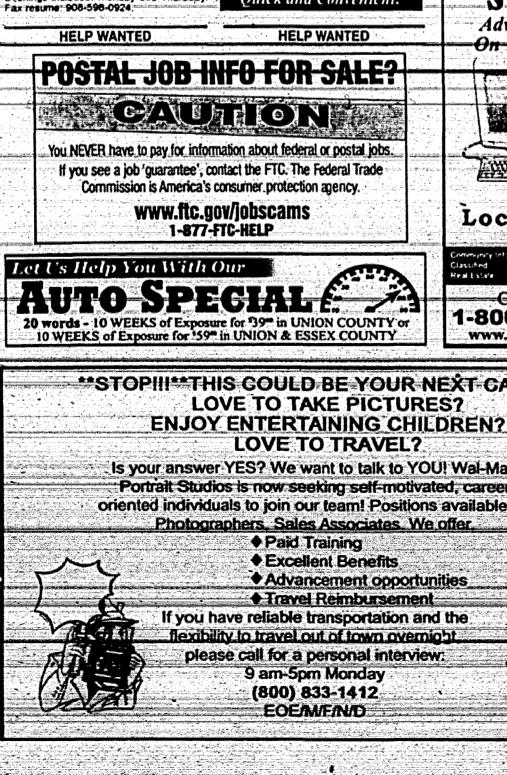
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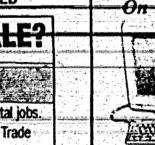
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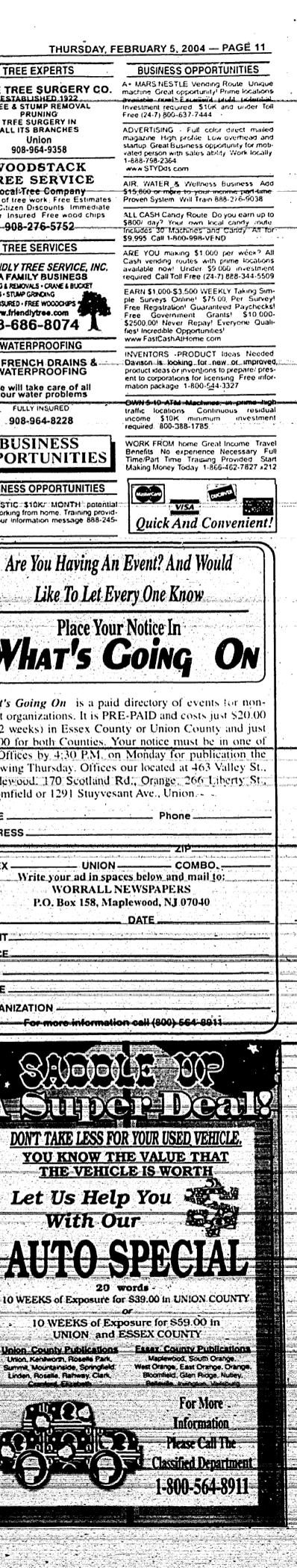
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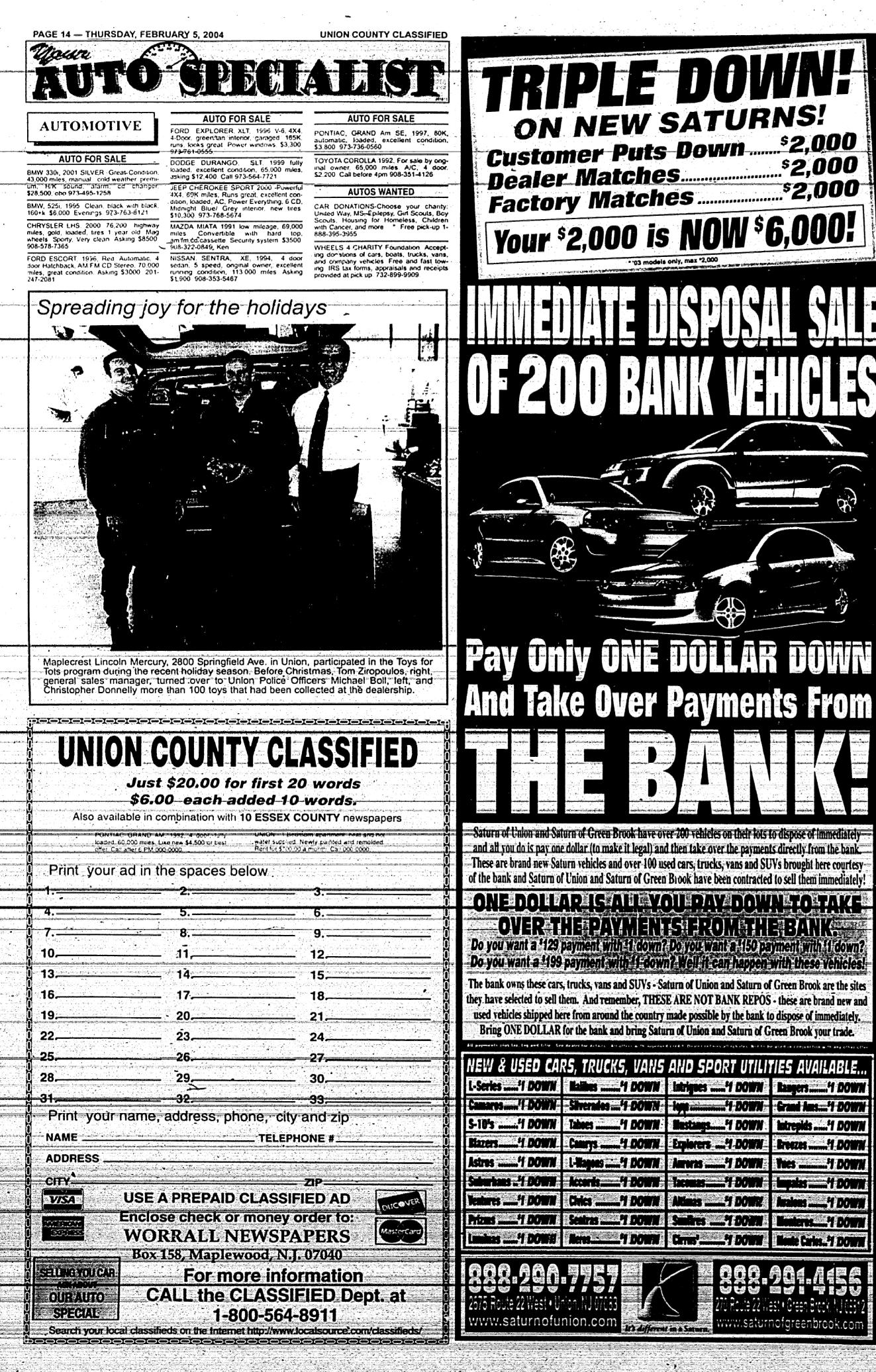
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