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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 Santarelli 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 prison — because of her wrong choices. Jason, here, knows about that, and will tell you about himself and the restaurant business."

Santarelli introduced himself — speaking with humor about everything, but with a serious edge. "Famous Dave's began in Wisconsin, which is why I am here because

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."

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 are 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 experience.

"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 ever come again with friends or your parents, call on Jason — I will take good care of you."



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.

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

Santarelli had selected a separate section 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 them be the waiter/waitress, taking them aside and explaining how to do this.

However, the children just brought the drink orders; the hot food

was served by his staff. There was no limit, and ample food. There were 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 the drinks — on the house, the rest was courtesy of the Municipal Alliance on Drugs as I said." He said he felt their grant money 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 waitress for this table, smiled and said, "It is nice here but I would 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 today — I think everyone had a great time."

Teachers agreed.

## Turner 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 Andric 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 east 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, Andric's age did not seem to play a factor in the crash.

"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 they could "shed any light," Capobianco said.

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 situation," 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 evidence 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 outcome," he said.

Although no criminal charges are being faced by Andric, he is still facing summonses for reckless driving, careless driving and failure to stop or yield.

Attorney John Blume, who is representing Turner's estate, said that a civil suit will still be filed against Andric.

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 Watchung Cretes, and came late to the scene.

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 unfair."

## Spring Mill work continues

By Rick Klittich  
Staff Writer

New senior housing that is currently being constructed just off Morris Avenue behind the new CVS Pharmacy and Commerce Bank is around 50 percent complete, but weather will probably stall work throughout the winter season.

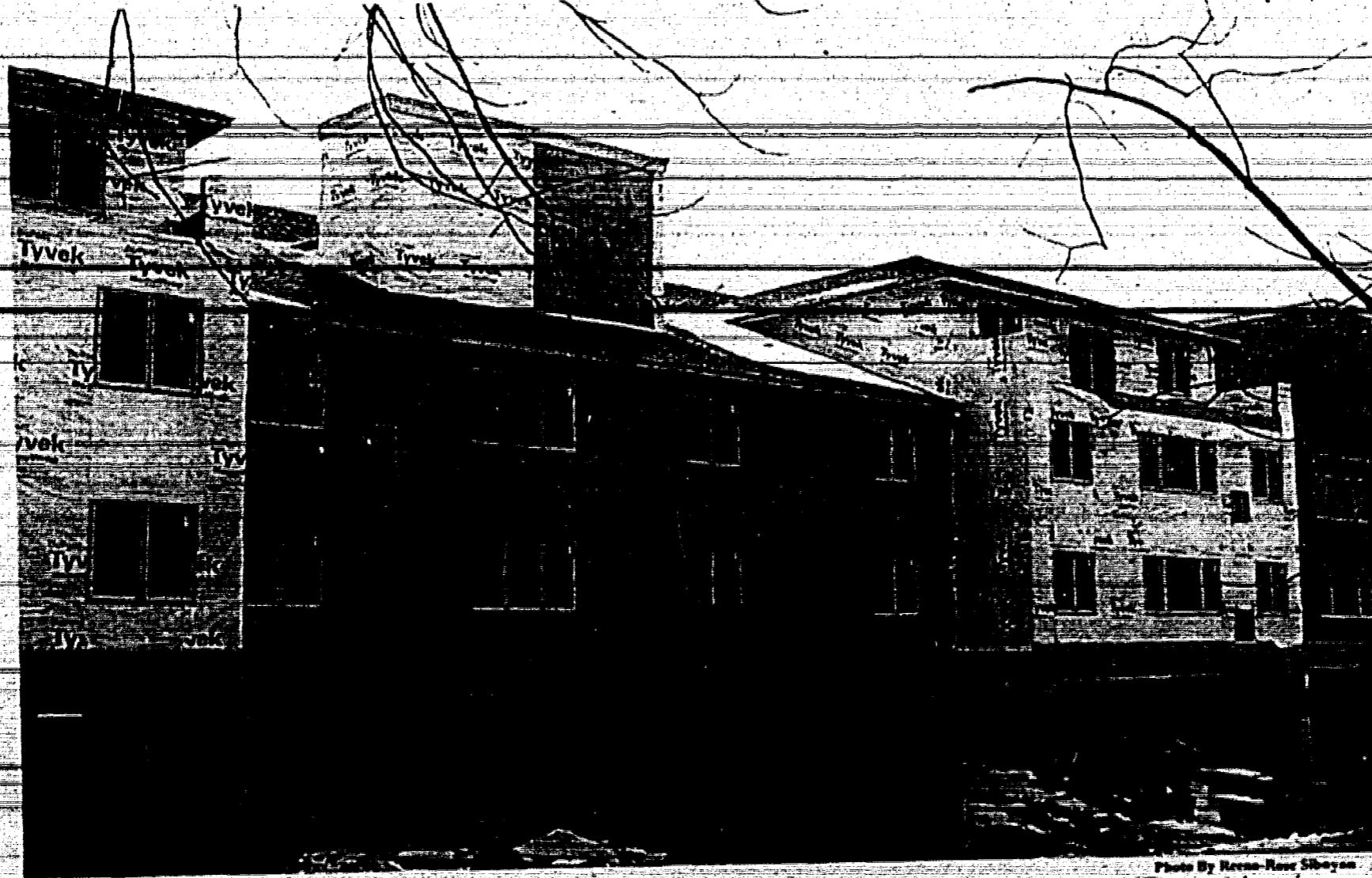
Recently given the title "Spring Mill," the 48 units are hoped to be completed some time during the season it's named for, although Springfield Planning Board Chairman Richard Colandrea says it's hard to predict when completion will be near.

"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.

Colandrea 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.

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



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

By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer

At the Jan. 27 Mountainside Board of Education meeting, the district's Business Administrator Paul Vizzoso gave some of the preliminary budget numbers for the coming school year.

"These are not final numbers, just the first go-around and this is Phase I for the school year 2004-2005," said Vizzoso.

The budget is not due to be final until 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 work-sheet covered expenses and salaries from Moppet and PEAK — Preschool Education for All Kids — through 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

aid, and 11 substitutes. Last year the number was \$28,738.

For the kindergarten, four new teachers were used and this may change. There were "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 \$304,801.

Expenditures for supplies and textbooks

came in less in every grade than last year, indicating a supply on hand. The exception was with the Resource Rooms, with a total budgeted amount of \$252,784. Last year it was \$203,144.

As for the Moppet classes, two aides were budgeted for in addition to one teacher, as well as substitutes. The total proposed budget on 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 phys-

ical education mats, listed as supplies. The total expenditure was \$38,224, more than last year's total of \$32,235, before Beechwood.

An additional full-time nurse was added for Beechwood School, and the search is still on for substitutes. The total health budget came in at \$412,758, up slightly from last year's actual total of \$112,292.

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 Education office in Beechwood School.

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Messler joins Borough Council



Earlier last month, the Mountainside Borough Council welcomed returning Mayor Robert Vigilanti, center, and Councilman William Lane, right, after being sworn in during the reorganization meeting.

FD rushes to Route 78 car fire

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

FIRE BLOTTER

Department responded a ladder truck to Union Fire Headquarters on a request from County Mutual Aid.

business for an odor of something burning. Jan. 28 at 3:06 p.m., firefighters responded to a Diven Street residence for smoke in the basement.

Accident yields arrest

Mountainside At 1:13 a.m. Feb. 2, police responded to the area of Woodland Avenue for a motor vehicle accident.

At 9:32 a.m., police arrested a man suspected of stealing a car that was parked in the Luxe Theater parking lot on Route 22 East.

The investigation revealed that the vehicle was uninsured and the driver was unlicensed and suspended with warrants.

At 12:51 p.m. Jan. 29, the owner 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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Today • The Foothill Club of Mountainside conducts its luncheon at B.G. Fields Restaurant on Mountain Avenue in Westfield.

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.

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.

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.

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 Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East at 8 p.m.

The Mother Goose Group promotes enjoyment of language 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.

Three groups join together for a Valentine's Night dinner and concert to benefit the Jungru at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall. The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and the concert at 8 p.m.

Bids awarded for construction

By Rick Klittich Staff Writer

Three bids concerning necessary construction at Jonathan Dayton High School, Thelma L. Sandmeier School and James Caldwell Elementary School in Springfield were awarded by the Board of Education Jan. 26, marking a total of nearly \$4 million that will be put to use when the contractors begin work.

A bid for additions and alterations at Sandmeier School was awarded to G. Pacillo Contracting of Hillsdale, which submitted a base bid of \$1,895,900 and a total bid in the amount of \$2,046,170.

The bid includes the addition of an art and music storage room within the school, along with the renovation of existing associate rooms.

The total amount of money set aside for that particular work is \$508,120.

A total of \$150,270 is going toward the addition and renovation of a teachers' room and storage room.

Also included in the bid money for Sandmeier is the replacement of an existing curtainwall with a new storefront.

Three other bidders had base bids exceeding \$2 million, leaving G. Pacillo Contracting to be the lowest bidder.

A second bid was awarded for mechanical, electrical and miscellaneous upgrades at Caldwell and Dayton schools to Lighton Industries, in Lakewood, for an amount of \$1,247,300.

A \$343,000 base bid was received, and, being close to \$80,000 less than the next closest bid of the other three competitors, was accepted.

The bid includes costs for sanitary piping, replacement at Sandmeier School, boiler replacement at Jonathan Dayton, and close to \$540,000 for air conditioning in both the auditoriums and cafeterias.

A third bid was awarded to G. Pacillo Contracting in the amount of \$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 administration area, along with roughly \$35,000 for the area's movable furniture and casework.

More costs are going toward the media center, computer work stations, and a concrete ramp on the east entrance of the building.

Nine sets of exterior doors will also cost around \$27,000.

The architectural firm Gibson Targumi Group reviewed the bid documents submitted by the contracting companies that submitted the lowest

It was concluded that there were no material defects within them. While the Caldwell and Dayton 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 abatement at Jonathan Dayton, Sandmeier and Edward Y. Walton Schools.

According to School Business Administrator Matthew Clarke, the asbestos removal is an annual process, and in this case, it is necessary to begin construction at each of the schools.

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

Clarke explained that it is the school's responsibility to take care of the asbestos, noting that it will be done during April-vacation, when nobody is allowed at the buildings, and that students and faculty will only be allowed back into the buildings after an air-quality test is performed by the Department of Environmental Protection.

These projects are part of the roughly \$18-million school renovation and construction work, which was approved by voters in a special referendum in January 2003.

Special guest drops by



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 Coking at 973-376-1025, ext. 1815.

Library has wireless Net access

By Rick Klittich Staff Writer

With the ever-growing technology boom continuing worldwide, Mountainside has taken a step further within 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 their own laptops and set up shop using their own customized computers.

Since it was first raised last spring, Library Director Miriam Bein said she has seen many articles referring to the technology, making it part of the next wave of Internet accessibility.

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

Bein realized that the costs of implementing the service would be inexpensive as a cable modem was already in place and the extra purchase was unnecessary.

For approximately \$350, the library paid for a wireless card, software, and cable and network technicians to install the necessary components.

"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 West Orange Public Library had it before Mountainside, and other municipalities will most likely be looking into it soon enough.

"Maybe the world just hasn't gotten to them yet," said Bein.

Other advantages that the service brings with it include being able to access personal files quickly and efficiently, along downloading and saving 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 documents or transfer them on a disk to another device hooked up to a printer.

Also, the signal strength of the wireless service may vary throughout different areas of the building.

One of the more notable disadvantages is that the service is less secure than a wired network, making it more vulnerable to eavesdropping due to its dependence on radio waves.

Still, users can work at a table in almost any area of the building. According to Bein, 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 library.

Laptops being used require a charged battery and a wireless network interface card.

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Deerfield's label collection continues. During the past 30 years, Campbell's Labels for Education program has delivered more than \$1 million in free merchandise to schools nationwide. Deerfield Elementary School is seeking photographs of locations, buildings and people from Springfield's past for possible inclusion in the Arcadia Publishing Images of America series, now being written by noted local author Jean-Rae Turner.

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# COMMUNITY FORUM

## EDITORIALS

### 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 casualty 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 because it could save a life.

### 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 usable 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 freeholders' 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 Elizabeth 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 be 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 whether their 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 1963



### HOW LOW CAN YOU GO?

Edward W. Walton Elementary School in Springfield was the place to be on Jan. 16. Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students enjoy dancing — the limbo, courtesy of the PTA fund-raiser, 'Starlight Dance and Basket Auction.'

### They're not only caring, they're a grateful group

It wasn't too difficult to discover that nurses are a grateful group of people. 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 Maeri 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, but after reading the gratitude and sincerity of the nurses who responded, I decided that readers should know how these nurses felt.

Ronnie is a registered nurse, but she didn't tell me where she worked. "I just want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your column about nurses. I am a registered nurse who deeply cares about our patients. I go to work every day expecting to make a difference in lives. I enjoy my practice. I was horrified by all that is going on with the press with Mr. 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 of the column at work and distributing them. "She wasn't the only one. They're apparently posted throughout Railway Hospital, JFK Medical Center and St. Barnabas Medical Center. I haven't had this much exposure in a long time, and when I heard how the column was received, I was thrilled."

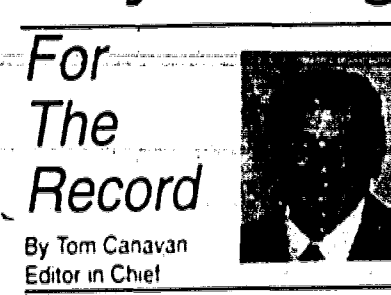
There is no greater feeling among journalists than the knowledge that we made a difference in someone's life. Karen, an administrative assistant at Mountainside Hospital in Glen Ridge-Montclair, wrote, "Although I am not a nurse but the administrative assistant in the Cardiac Rehab Department at Mountainside Hospital and the mother of an Emergency Room nurse, I would like to commend you on the wonderful column in response to Mr. Maeri's insult to all in the nursing profession. In my 25 years at Mountainside, yes I have seen the good and I have seen the bad, but the bottom line is 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 experience. And she was angry when she saw the advertisement. "I was one of the angry nurses who called attorney Maeri 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 touching article. We need more people like you to appreciate the hard work and dedication of every nurse in this country. It is through you that people get a better understanding and appreciation of the nurses' contribution toward health care. Your article is now posted in every nursing unit in St. Barnabas."

Christina is a nurse in the Critical Care Unit at St. Barnabas. "Thanks for the article you wrote about respect for nurses and the nursing profession. It's uplifting to find that someone out there appreciates what we do." Steve's response was extremely genuine and the epitome of how caring nurses can be. An open heart surgery stepdown nurse, he said, "You wrote a heartfelt article that was admired by my unit at St. Barnabas. It is now posted at the nursing station. I am sure we are not the only nurses who are grateful for your words. Thank you again and I hope your recovery goes well. Cancer is a difficult hurdle to face for you and your family. I wish you all the best. If there is anything that I personally can do for 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 layman whose sister-in-law is a retired nurse, said nurses are "the greatest people based on my many experiences with them and they do not deserve any cheap shots being taken at them. Thanks again for a beautiful article and Godspeed."

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### For The Record

It wasn't too difficult to discover that nurses are a grateful group of people. 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 Maeri 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, but after reading the gratitude and sincerity of the nurses who responded, I decided that readers should know how these nurses felt.

Ronnie is a registered nurse, but she didn't tell me where she worked. "I just want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your column about nurses. I am a registered nurse who deeply cares about our patients. I go to work every day expecting to make a difference in lives. I enjoy my practice. I was horrified by all that is going on with the press with Mr. 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."

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### Speaker talks about WTC plans

Frank Lombardi, chief engineer of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, will present an inside 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 historic site. Two years ago, Lombardi gave a report to the Old Guard on his escape from his 83rd floor office on Sept. 11.

Lombardi's career began at the Port Authority in 1971. He became its chief engineer in 1995. Lombardi is a graduate of Queens College, received a master's degree from Columbia University and now serves on advisory boards of Manhattan College, Columbia University and the Salvadori Educational Center at City College of New York.

He is a member of several engineering and construction societies and is licensed in New York and New Jersey. Following the regular meeting, the Timely Topics group will hold an open discussion led by Ken Lindhorst on "China — A Rapidly Rising Superpower Challenging United States Supremacy Economically, Militarily and Politically." How we can best meet this challenge will be discussed.

Retired men are invited to attend meetings of the Summit Old Guard Tuesday mornings. Old Guard members participate in sports, bridge, hikes, trips, plays, concerts and other events. For information, call Bob Regan at 908-464-5329 or log on to the Web site: [www.summitoldguard.com](http://www.summitoldguard.com).

Group will meet from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. "Relationships in Transition" Working through the crisis of separation and divorce takes time and can sap too much of one's emotional energy.

With others going through the same process, participants can work toward finishing up the business of the past and look toward the future with more confidence.

Held for seven Tuesdays beginning this Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the group will be held by Helen Lindsay, MSW, LCSW. Babysitting will be available for younger children.

"Relationships in Transition Part II — Starting Over After Divorce" Many participants of "Relationships in Transition" found "finishing up the business of the past" required more time.

They voiced the desire to continue on this path of change and growth in the company of other women in the same situation. This group is for any woman who has attended "Relationships in Transition" and is looking for additional guidance in dealing with an ex-spouse, forming new relationships, handling family events as a single woman and more.

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 this Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Babysitting will be available for younger children.

"Rainbows for Kids Of Divorce" The Women's Resource Center offers "Wise Wonderful Women Programs" in February. For information about these or other programs, call the Center at 908-273-7253 or visit their Web site at [www.womenresource.org](http://www.womenresource.org).

The Wise Wonderful Women of the Women's Resource Center and The Connection for Women & Families in Summit will be sponsoring a "Lunch and More" event featuring Bryan Burroughs, co-author of "Barbarians at the Gate," Tuesday from noon to 1:30 p.m.

As a catered buffet lunch is included, advance registration would be appreciated. The charge is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. The program will be held in Barnwell Hall in Christ Church at the corner of Springfield Avenue and New England Avenue in Summit.

The WWC is also sponsoring "Reel Women Go To The Movies," Feb. 23 and a book group Feb. 9 at noon, WWL Lunch and More.

Bryan Burroughs is a critically acclaimed author and considered one of the nation's leading business journalists. A nine-year veteran of "The Wall Street Journal" and currently a contributor to "Vanity Fair," Burroughs has earned a reputation for infusing his writing with a sense of mystery, humor and humanity.

For the WWL Monthly Book Group, Phyllis Lieberman leads a discussion of a different book on the second Monday of each month. The Monday selection, "Unless," by Carol Shields the Pulitzer-Prize winning Canadian novelist, is a feminist story about a writer whose oldest daughter drops out of college and takes up silent begging on a sidewalk.

The group meets at 12:30 p.m. at the Women's Resource Center.

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### Series examines infertility with cancer patients

Pathways Women's Cancer Support Services, a program of the Women's Resource Center, is co-sponsoring 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 the Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit, will run through March 24 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The fee is \$5 per session per family or \$20 for the entire series, only if prepaid. To register or for information about this program, call 908-273-7253.

Summit seniors offer painting workshop, poetry

Summit seniors can express their creativity in "Painting: Exploring the Mind's Eye," a workshop led by Summit Senior Housing resident Evelyn Hassel.

Classes meet Tuesday, as well as Feb. 17, 24 from 11 a.m. to noon, in the Arts & Crafts Room at Summit Senior Housing, 12 Chestnut Ave. There will be a reception open to the public Feb. 26 at 2 p.m. to view this session's accomplishments.

Open your mind to the wonder of art. Class size is limited to 15. Call 908-273-8200 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."

This month's theme will focus on "Poems from the Heart," in celebration of Valentine's Day. Both original and favorite poems will be read. Tea and cookies will be served.

Summit area seniors are welcome. Admission is free.

PREP meets at SAGE

PREP is a caregivers' support 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 and share about their aging loved ones, and share common problems and solutions.

They also acquire knowledge of what community resources are available to them and learn effective problem-solving and coping skills.

For information, call Ellen McNealy, SAGE InfoCare director, at 908-273-4598.

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 group for those in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease and dementia. The eight-week 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 were very enthusiastic about the program and how it provided them with information, emotional support and practical assistance while giving them

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forum to share feelings and receive support from others in a similar situation. 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 my program."

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

This free program gives people recently 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 issue relevant to participants, such as understanding the nature of Alzheimer's disease, adjusting to changing roles and relationships, developing coping strategies, using community resources and planning for the future.

For optimum benefit, participants 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 Life Improvement and the Overlook Hospital Foundation.

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

SAGE has been providing home-based eldercare services that promote independence and a dignified quality of life for older adults and their caregivers 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 Garden-Club of America, displays 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 recommended the close-up view.

"But if Aunt Tillie can't get out, she may still enjoy the Winter Interest Garden, which is planted around the Arboretum's parking lot," said McDowell.

Information about the Winter Interest Garden may be found at The Garden Shop, which is open from Monday 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 suburban conservancy dedicated to environmental and horticultural education for children and adults, and to the enjoyment of nature through the professional care and preservation of a historic estate.

Visitors invited to view unusual plants

Harvey Hammer, M.D., of Morris-town, visited Reeves-Reed Arboretum last April. He was impressed with the way the Arboretum fulfilled its mission. So when he began looking for a new home for his collection of African succulents, he thought of the horticulturists at the Arboretum.

He donated to the Arboretum 20 pachycaul and caudexifer succulents stemming from sub-Saharan Africa and Madagascar.

"We're grateful to Dr. Hammer for donating to us such a large collection of unusual plants," said Karen Moore, the Arboretum's greenhouse manager. She invites the public to see the plants for themselves in the Louise Muncie-Roehm Greenhouse at Reeves-Reed Arboretum.

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# Mountain Creek trip offered

The Mountaineer 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 quads and a gondola.

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 and lift.

Children through the seventh grade must be with an adult. Children younger than age 10 must be with a skiing snowboarding adult. Lessons are recommended for beginners and those with limited experience.

For information, call 908-232-0015.

# Reeves-Reed is for the birds



Great blue herons stop by the Reeves-Reed Arboretum's goldfish pond in the warmer seasons but 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 windy day.

# 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 is \$22.

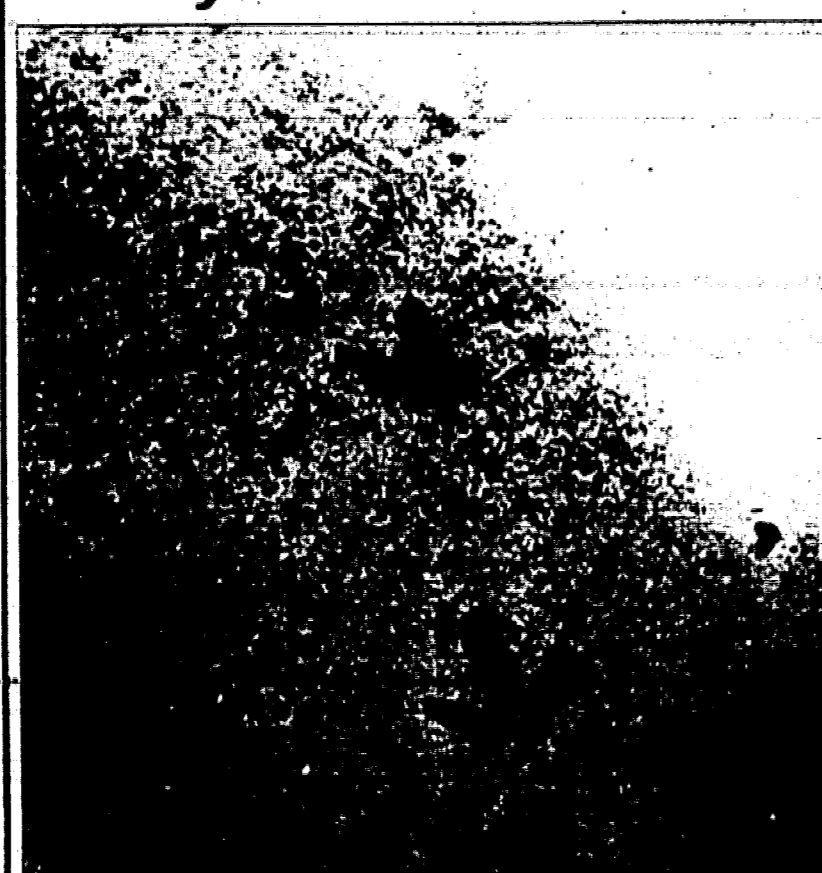
The 2-session Word class meets March 11 and March 18 from 7 to 9 p.m.

# 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 in color.

# Turkey trot



Six acres of woodlands at Reeves-Reed Arboretum and nearby 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 long to look and feel like princesses 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 non-profit 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, Burgdorf Realtors, 600 North Ave. in Springfield and Jonathan Dayton High School, on Mountain Avenue. Donations can also be picked up by calling Jayne Salomon at 908-518-1907 or Vicki Kimmelman at 908-454-1370.

The prom-night paraphernalia will 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.

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.

"Flower dresses from the 2002 giveaway were sold for \$5 and \$10," said Sheraine Abbisman, director of community relations.

In preparation for the April give-

# Girl Project programs provide positive growth for young females

The Women's Resource Center launched The Girl Project in 1996 in order to create a positive impact on the lives of girls and there has been an overwhelming response to their programming.

The Girl Project has provided programs for more than 5,700 girls, parents, and teachers since its inception, helping to ensure that today's girls grow 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.

Just below are some of the most popular workshops for girls and adults, developed by professionals experienced 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 noted.

Partial funding is provided by the Summit Area Public Foundation, the Anne Marie Tranguch and Iva Loui-Shonkwiler Foundation, First Energy Foundation, Fleet Bank and the Fred C. Rummel Foundation. Group size in most programs is limited, so early registration is essential. More information is available on their Web site. Go to: [www.womensource.org](http://www.womensource.org) and click on "The Girl Project. Partial scholarships 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 be held on two Fridays, this Friday and March 19 from 4 to 5:45 p.m. Chris Holle, RN, MS, CS, and Barbara Kennard, LCSW, in private practice in Madison, will lead. The fee will be \$20 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 with each other. If anyone is interested in starting a club, spend three evenings

and get a taste of the experience as well as tips and inspiration to start 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, M.L.S., the club will read "Pink and Say," "The Midwife's Apprentice" and another book to be chosen. The fee is \$60 for 10 members and \$75 for non-members, in pairs.

**How to Say What You Mean Without Being Mean and Still Keep 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 challenging situations will be identified and new ideas for how to create the healthy social relationships girls deserve.

This program is for girls in grades 3 through 5 and will be held on Wednesday from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. It will be led by Mary Mastrini, LCSW, and Asha Bernard, Girl Project director and the fee is \$20.

Nancy Orlen Weber

**Maple sugaring spreads warmth**

The honeybees hibernate in February, but the weather is just right for Reeves-Reed Arboretum's sugar maple.

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 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 for its sap. Indoors, they can watch the sap boil down into a syrup, and then taste the result. Demonstrations are scheduled beginning at 9 a.m. The fee for the maple sugaring program is \$5 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 candy.

In addition to making candy, the children will visit the sugar maple tree

**Animal Psychic**

At this special workshop, learn how to communicate with animals, become a better pet owner and friend and be able to help sick animals.

Orlen Weber, an expert who communicates with and heals animals, has worked as a "psychic detective" with the Morris County SPCA to find lost pets and has helped many animals to live healthier lives with their human friends. She is the author of "The Gift of Interspecies Communication, True Stories and Exercises for the Soul." The program, co-sponsored with Interweave, will be held on Feb. 26 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.

It is a challenge for the daughter to help her mother deal with her illness and treatment and at the same time manage school, extracurricular and social activities.

Girls age 12-18 can come and share their engagement and wedding announcements to the lifestyle editor. Announcements should be typed, double 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.

Information requested for engagements are parents names, date of wedding, where the wedding took place, who officiated, who attended the bride and groom, high school names 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 required.

Black and white or clear color pictures are acceptable. Pictures of the couple sitting or standing together are preferred.

**Newspaper's policy on wedding announcements**

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the lifestyle editor. Announcements should be typed, double 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.

Information requested for engagements are parents names, date of wedding, where the wedding took place, who officiated, who attended the bride and groom, high school names 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 required.

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Springfield Free Public Library, in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, the Springfield Free Public Library hereby notifies the public that the meeting dates for the year 2004 are as follows: Regular meetings: 19 March 11 April 15 May 13 June 10 July 8 August 5 September 2 October 14 November 18 December 9 January 12 2002. No regular meetings are held in July and August unless necessary.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH757679

PLAINTIFF: ZUCKER GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN ATTORNEYS

SUIT NO. 03-00033

300 BELLEVILLE STREET, MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07096

DEBTOR: JAMES J. SHERIFF

SHERIFF: RALPH FROELICH

FILED AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

DECEMBER 29, 2003

WEDNESDAY THE 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D. 2004

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue at the Union County Administration Building, 211 FLOOR 10, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY, at two o'clock on the afternoon of said day, 25% of their bid available in cash of letting check at the conclusion of the sale.

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# Students polish their steps for '42nd St'

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

The two professionals worked with the students to polish their routines and spoke about their experiences in musical theater. Summit Performing Arts Resource Committee, SPARC, provided the funding for the workshop. 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 \$8 for students and seniors. Summit High School is located at 125 Kent Place Blvd.

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

# Valentine's Dinner benefits homeless

The traditional trappings of Valentine's Night will be there: soft lighting, live music, food, atmosphere and friends, but something unseen will underscore the event. Proceeds from the evening will put food on the table of the homeless and working poor in New Jersey.

Three groups are joining together to make this evening a reality — Cioffi's Catering of Springfield, Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, and Coffee with Conscience Concert Series of Springfield. Dinner tickets must be obtained by calling the church office at 973-379-1695 before Monday. The combined cost for the dinner and the concert is \$25 per person with a \$5 discount for those 62 years and older.

Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and the concert at 8 p.m. "Concert only" tickets can be purchased at the door for \$12 for adults and \$6 for ages 13-18.

# Cinderella Ball gives students life lessons

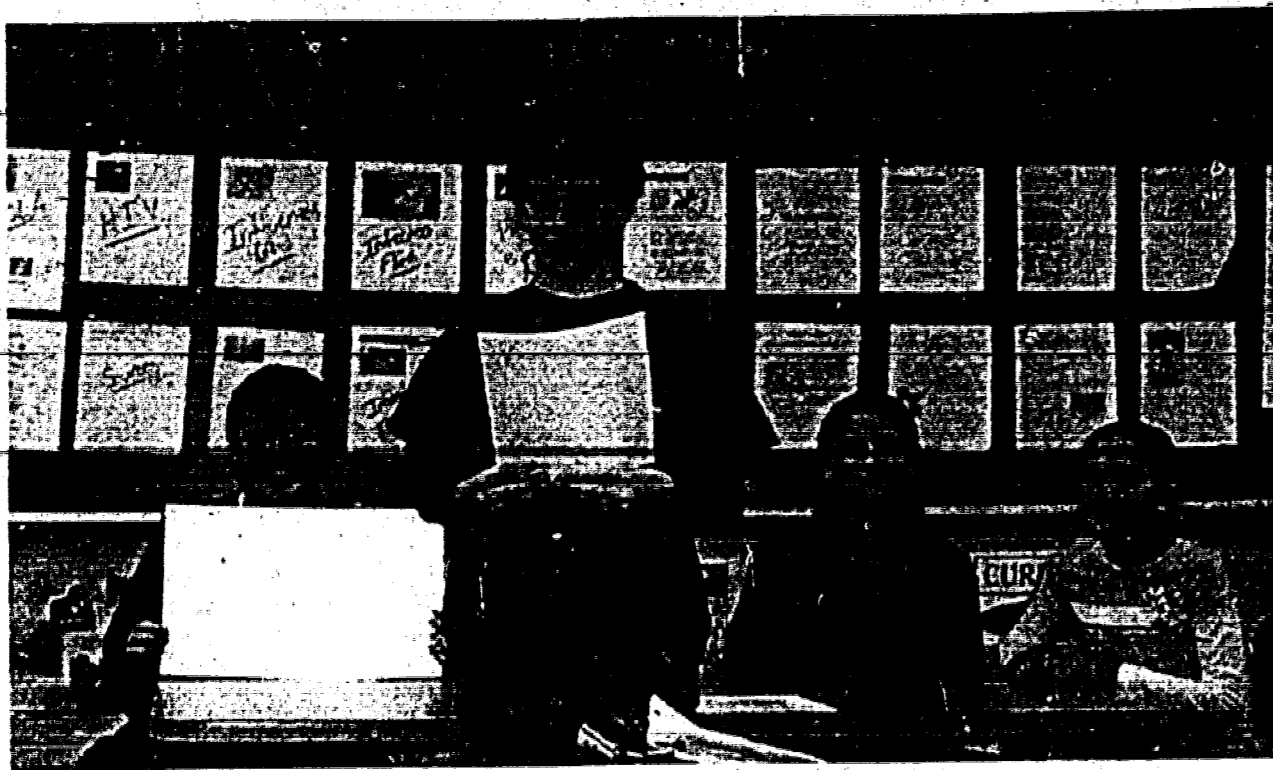
Sixth-grade students attending Deerfield School in Mountainside, had a memorable holiday affair on Dec. 19, as they made their team presentations dressed as enchanting book characters from various Cinderella stories from around the world.

These characters walked their way into the Media Center, which was magically transformed into a fantasy candy land ball room, with giant candy canes, and many cookies to sample from around the world.

This event, hosted by The Sixth Grade Team and Special Area Teachers, which included Carol Deets, Walter Kemper, Sheila Silagy, Pat Bruce, Elena Beary and Lynn Slotkin was a culminating activity for their unit on Cinderella Around the World.

The students were engaged in the district's new library media program, which advocates a flexible and collaborative approach to research. By working as a team, teachers form partnerships by integrating their classroom subject matter with Information Literacy Skills, taught by the Deerfield media specialists.

Every culture has their own version of the Cinderella story, with the universal theme of good vs. evil and a prince searching for the nice, young maiden. Throughout their study, comparing and contrasting the various tellings of the "Cinderella" story, which most people recognize as a Disney story and now the Charles Perrault version — students realized it



These seventh graders recently participated in a plague research project that gave them the chance to take control of the crisis that arose from a simulated outbreak. Seated from left are Patrick Cerillo, Danielle Addonizio, Amy Vitale and Matt DiLandro, standing.

# Students strengthen leadership skills with research project

Seventh grade social studies students at Deerfield School in Mountainside took part in an activity that challenged them to address the effects of an outbreak of the plague on a small town.

After studying the historical significance of the Black Death during the Middle Ages, students applied their knowledge to a hypothetical plague outbreak during modern times. Students were asked to identify the source

# Gala benefits Oratory

The Oratory Preparatory Parents' 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 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 co-chairwoman, Doreen Beninati of Warren.

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 Irene Crum, reservation chairwoman, at 908-677-0351.

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 Orient Express.

"Oratory Prep is dedicated to providing an excellent, affordable academic opportunity to young men, who are committed to service, religion and ethical values. With the generous donations of merchandise, services and contributions, we are able to enrich our school's programs, support future projects and provide scholarship money to students unable to assume full tuition responsibility," said gala co-chairwoman, Nancy Weeks of Summit.

If a local business or individual would like to donate a gift, they are encouraged to call Florence Barry of New Providence at 908 665-1662. She will be assisted by auction co-chairwomen, Joanne Restaino of Roseland and Janine Riedinger of Watchung.

One of the new events this year will be the Grand 50/50 raffle; the goal is to have a top prize of more than \$28,000. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased by calling Arlene Graco of Warren at 908-647-7604.

To make a tax deductible financial contribution to the spring gala event, call Betty Manetta at 908 953-0827.

For information on Oratory or to schedule a visit, call 908-273-5971, ext. 11, or visit them on the Web at oratoryprep.org.

# COUNTY NEWS

## Grand marshal Mass

The Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee will sponsor a grand marshal investiture Mass at St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, Madison Hill Road, Clark, Sunday at 2 p.m., honoring Grand Marshal Matthew P. Glackin.

A reception will immediately follow in the auditorium with music by the "Round the House" band. A donation for the reception of \$25 is requested. Ticket supplies are limited.

## Free tax assistance

RSPV and AARP will offer free tax assistance to senior citizens and other lower-income taxpayers at locations throughout Union County.

To request an appointment, taxpayers must call the site in their local community and bring with them their 2003 records of income, deductions, property tax bills, and their 2002 income tax file. Last year, volunteers aided more than 2,600 citizens with their tax returns.

Free tax assistance will be offered from early February until April 15 at the following locations:

- Berkeley Heights - Free Public Library, 290 Plainfield Ave., 908-464-9333.
- Clark Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave., 732-388-3600.
- Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., 908-709-7283.
- Elizabeth Free Public Library, 11 S. Broad St., no appointments necessary. Tax help on Thursdays from Feb. 5 to April 15, 9 a.m. to noon.

## Community blood drives

The Blood Center of New Jersey and the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor the following blood drives:

- Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Mary's Parish, 232 Central Ave., Rahway.
- Monday, 4 to 8 p.m., Muhlengberg Regional Medical Center, Park Avenue and Randolph Road, Plainfield.

Donors must be 17 years of age. There is no upper age limit to donors provided they meet health requirements. Donors should know their Social Security number and bring a signed or picture form of identification.

For more information, call the Blood Center at 1-800-652-5663, ext. 140, or the Red Cross at 908-353-2500.

## Catherine's Closet seeks donations of gowns

Catherine's Closet has begun its annual gown collection in preparation of the third annual giveaway on April 3.

The local dress collection will be until Feb. 15. Anyone who has a dress to donate can drop it at either Westfield High School, 550 Doran Road, or at Burgdorf Realtors, 600 North Ave., Westfield.

## Trips take off for circus

The Springfield Recreation Department offers a family bus trip to the circus March 6, for an 11:30 a.m. performance.

Tickets are in the lower level seats, section 127 at the Continental Airlines Arena. Admission is \$55 per person. The fee includes a circus ticket and transportation to and from the Continental Airlines Arena. Also, a Three Ring Adventure before the performance will include autographs and an up-close visit with the animals.

The departure is 9:30 a.m. sharp from the Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave. For information, call 973-372-2227.

## Cupo earns dean's 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 were named to the dean's list.

A student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours to make the dean's list.

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# EDUCATION

## Special needs screening, evaluations offered

The Mountainside School District recognizes the importance of providing services to children with special needs through its involvement in the Statewide Project Child Find efforts.

The district can provide screening and evaluation for children ages 3 to 21 years old who appear to have problems in communication, motor, social-emotional, or learning areas. Children found to be eligible are entitled to free and appropriate special education programming and related services.

Information is provided to parents of children from birth through three years of age regarding early intervention services.

Some signs which may indicate a possible area of concern are: significant delays in acquiring language or significant speech problems;

- significant difficulty walking, running, or manipulating small objects;
- significant health problems or birth handicaps;
- consistent trouble seeing or hearing;
- tendency toward temper tantrums or excessive anxiety or shyness;
- significant difficulty playing appropriately with other children; and
- significant problems paying attention or listening.

If your child appears to have one or more of the signs, or for information about the Mountainside School District's evaluation procedures and special education programs, call Elaine Nestel in the Office of Special Services at 908-232-8828, ext. 211.

All information about such requests will be kept confidential.

## District plans to continue PEAK program

After a successful first year, the Mountainside school district will continue the PEAK program. The PEAK — Preschool Education for All Kids — program will be available to Mountainside residents who will be 4 years old on or before Oct. 1, with a date of birth of Oct. 1, 2000.

The program will run five days per week, 2 1/2 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 eligible 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 deadline for application is Feb. 13. The lottery will be Feb. 19.

There is no cost for the program. Parents will be responsible for transporting 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 3-5 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 Tot.

Anyone who knows a preschooler who may be eligible for this program, should call the Springfield school district's Department of Special Services at 973-376-0948 to request an evaluation of the student.

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 Peg Dawson and Richard Guare. Dawson is a former school psychologist now working with the Center for Learning and Attention Disorders.

Guare is a neuropsychologist and currently serves as director of the Center for Learning and Attention Disorders. For information, call Education Resources Inc. at 800-487-6530.

## Beechwood kindergarten registration opens

Beechwood School in Mountainside announces its registration for 2004-05 kindergarten classes.

Registration and screening will be held by appointment Monday, Tuesday 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.

## Registration opens for spring 2 session

The Springfield YMCA is holding ongoing registration for its spring 2 session preschool and youth sports and dance classes. A variety of classes are offered for ages 18 months through age 8, and includes for preschoolers a readiness class, music, gym games, and crafts.

The spring 2 session runs through June 20. The Springfield YMCA is located at 100 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield.

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

## Volleyball tournament slated for Feb. 20

The annual volleyball tournament for Project Graduation will be in the main gym of Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield Feb. 20 from 9:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Dayton High School faculty, administrators and staff will compete with the students from the Class of 2004.

Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for students. All proceeds benefit Project Graduation.

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Prayer: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM  
Worship: 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM  
Sunday School: 9:30 AM  
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- JEWISH - REFORM**  
TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield, (973) 379-5387  
Shabbat Services: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 6:00 PM  
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Sunday School: 9:30 AM  
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HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Morris Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081  
Worship: 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM  
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- METHODIST**  
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# Ceremony honors tradition

Catholic Schools Week at St. James the Apostle School in Springfield marked the beginning of open registration for the 2004-05 school year. St. James conducted "A Faith Filled Future" of activities all week. Pat Dolansky, principal at James the Apostle School, recently followed an old tradition on the Feast of the Epiphany. First-graders watched as Dolansky blessed their classroom with a special prayer and marking of the door, followed by the sprinkling of holy water in the four corners of each room, welcoming in the New Year.

# EVENTS

## Foothill Club enjoys 'Victorian Times' talk

The Foothill Club luncheon will be today at noon at B.G. Fields Restaurant on Mountain Avenue in Westfield. "Victorian Times" will be presented by Laurie MacDonnell Gault, 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 Club meets Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. in the Presbyterians Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield.

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## Cafe at Nite! features local high school bands

The Springfield Recreation Department will host "Cafe at Nite" Feb. 14 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave., featuring local bands from Jonathan Dayton High School.

## PTA presents annual pancake breakfast

The Mountainside PTA will sponsor its annual Community Pancake Breakfast in the cafeteria at Deerfield School, Central Avenue, Saturday from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

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## camp horizons

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## Summer Sports Institute at Newark Academy

Sports camps for boys and girls ages 6-16. Mott-Leoney Baseball: Session I: June 21-25; Session II: June 28-July 2; Session III: July 5-9; Session IV: July 12-16. Boys Basketball: July 19-23. Girls Basketball: July 19-23. Boys and Girls Fencing: Session I: August 2-6; Session II: August 9-13. Field Hockey: August 9-13. Boys and Girls Lacrosse: Session I: July 27-31; Session II: July 26-30. Boys and Girls Soccer: August 2-6. For more information and brochure, call 973.992.7000, ext. 212. 91 South Orange Avenue, Livingston, NJ 07039 / www.newark.ac.edu

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Video explores life of award-winning author
The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Lunchtime Video Series, "Biographies."

Novel tells story of woman's homecoming
The Book Discussion Group of the Springfield Free Public Library will meet tonight at 7 p.m. to discuss "Through the Ivory Gates" by Rita Dove.

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

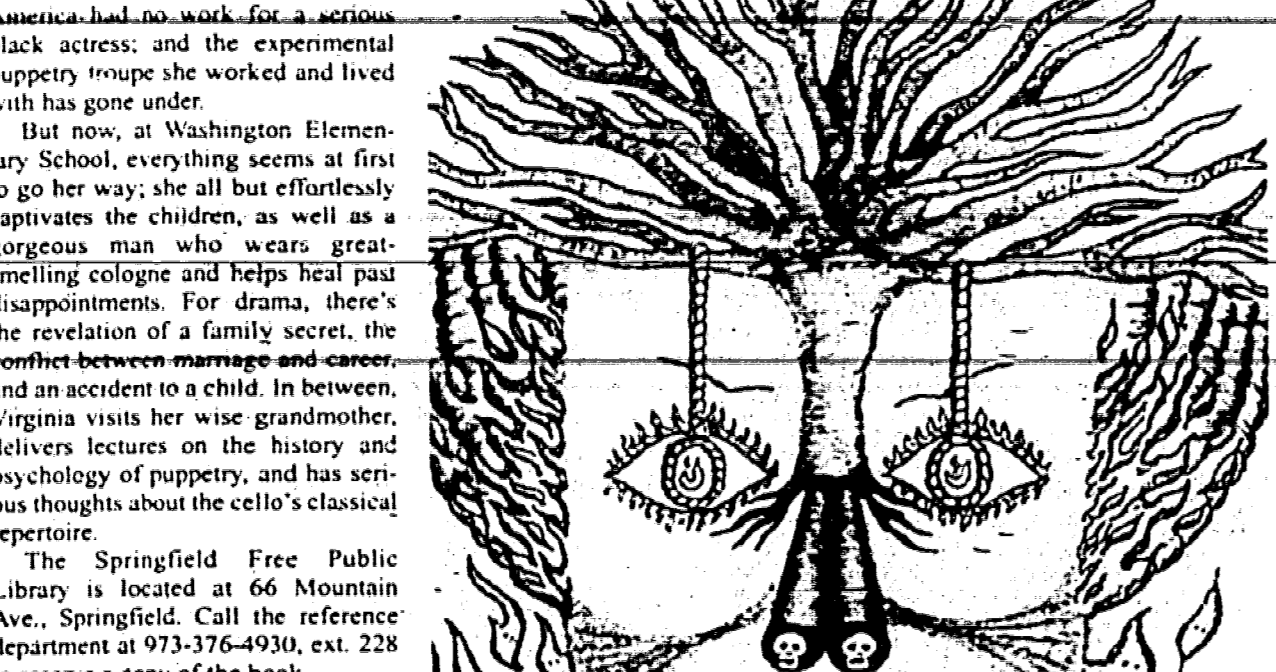
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SPORTS

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Dayton girls' basketball is winning games as a team

Bulldogs getting solid contributions from all
By Jeff Wolfgram
Staff Writer
"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, Dayton'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 contributions from every starter in the lineup, while also getting great bench play.

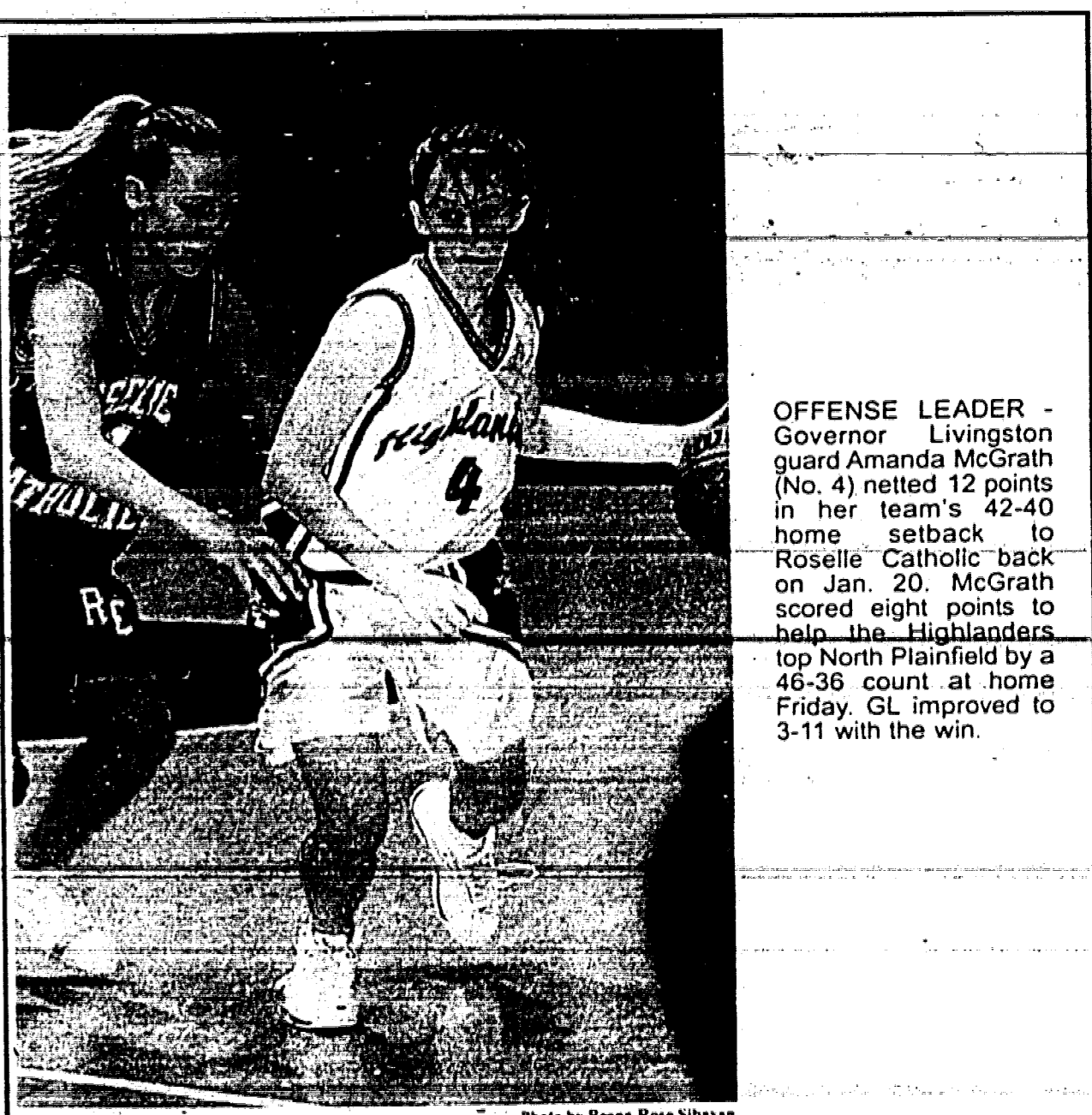


Photo by Rena Rose Sibayan

OFFENSE LEADER - Governor Livingston guard Amanda McGrath (No. 4) netted 12 points in her team's 42-40 home setback to Roselle Catholic back on Jan. 20. McGrath scored eight points to help the Highlanders top North Plainfield by a 46-36 count at home Friday. GL improved to 3-11 with the win.

GL's Sidie 4th in 1-mile in Union County track meet

Boys' is rescheduled for Saturday at Dunn
While it will be decided Saturday now just who the top boys' track and field athletes are in Union County this winter, it has already been decided on the girls' side. The annual Union County girls' indoor championships took place last week at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabethtown, with every team in the county gaining representation. While Westfield outpointed Plainfield and Elizabeth for team honors, individual winners came from Rahway, Elizabeth, Westfield, Cranford and Plainfield.

GL athletes among the top performers in UC swimming

Swimming success
That's what some local teams and athletes accomplished at the Union County Girls' Swimming Championships last Saturday morning at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabethtown. Westfield won the team title for the 12th consecutive year with 285 points, while Governor Livingston was second with 199 points and Scotch Plains third with 179. GL's Moira Price defended her title when she won the event in 25:80. While teammate Lauren Hauser placed sixth in 26:77, Roselle Catholic's Vanessa Rosa was third in 26:69. In the 100-yard freestyle, Bates took fifth place with a time of 59:34. GL's Ange Pflug was second in 57:34, while Cranford's Lauren D'Elia was sixth in 59:43. Pflug also placed in the 200-yard freestyle as she took fifth in 2:10.65. Kent Place's Helena Sullivan was fourth in 2:06.49. The event with a time of 2:06.49. Sullivan took top honors in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:24.82. GL's Kelsey Hall was third in 5:33.74, while teammate Gabby DeFiglia was right behind in fourth with a time of 5:37.33. In the 100-yard individual medley, Ebert was fourth in 2:12.26 and Rubino fifth in 2:14.44. In the 200-yard freestyle relay, GL was fourth in 1:39.69. Union was fifth in 1:44.19 and Cranford sixth in 1:46.00. In the 400-yard freestyle relay, GL was second in 3:36.26. Summit fourth in 3:43.09 and Union fifth in 3:53.54. In the 200-yard medley relay, GL was second in 1:47.55. Summit was fourth in 1:50.85 and Union sixth in 1:56.03. In the 200-yard individual medley, Ebert was fourth in 2:12.26 and Rubino fifth in 2:14.44. In the 200-yard freestyle relay, GL was fourth in 1:39.69. Union was fifth in 1:44.19 and Cranford sixth in 1:46.00. In the 400-yard freestyle relay, GL was second in 3:36.26. Summit fourth in 3:43.09 and Union fifth in 3:53.54. In the 200-yard medley relay, GL was second in 1:47.55. Summit was fourth in 1:50.85 and Union sixth in 1:56.03.

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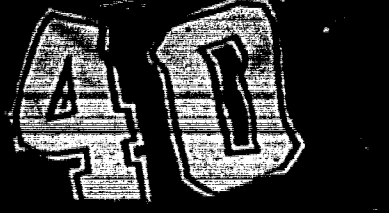
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MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE MEET: At Drew University in Madison on Jan. 25, GL's girls' team finished second with 234 points behind winner Mount St. Mary's, who had 395. GL had one victory as Price won the 50-yard freestyle in 25.41. GL's boys' team also finished second, finishing with 220. Oratory Prep won with 253. GL wins came in the 400-yard freestyle relay and the 200-yard medley relay. Rubino, Denby, Eric Hermon and Ebert won the 400 in a meet record time of 3:34.48. The old record was 3:40.72 by GL in 2003. Rubino, Ebert, Craig Bostwick and Boctan won the 200 in a meet record time of 1:46.23. The old record was 1:48.86 by Oratory in 1999. In the 50-yard freestyle, Bates tied for fourth place with Kent Place's Jennifer Pflieger with a time of 26:73.

St. James 6th graders post another win

The Springfield St. James CYO basketball team defeated Our Lady of Peace 6th grade team 33-11 to improve to 6-1 in Union County CYO competitions and 10-3 overall. Dan Dubois paced a balanced scoring attack with seven points. Dylan Pur and Will Stankevich poured in six each. The St. James CYO 5th grade team improved to 9-4 after beating St. John's of Linden 25-5. The St. James CYO 3rd and 4th grade girls' team remained undefeated in CYO play after posting a hard-fought 19-17 win over St. John's of Linden. Jennifer Kuczyński led all scorers with 11 points. Jenna Russo added four and Anna Lisa and Hayley Smith a bes-

DISHING OFF Amy Mondadori (No. 23) looks to pass the ball during GL's home game against Roselle Catholic. Mondadori scored eight points for the Highlanders against the defending Union County Tournament champion Lions. GL was to host Oak Knoll Tuesday afternoon. Les, Allison Weber and Cara Bibbo provided excellent rebounding, while Smith and Casey Sheehy ran the offense at point guard. Kay Condon, Emily MacDonnell, Jessie Condon, Melanin Rossamando and Deirdre McElroy provided great defense and were aggressive on their play. St. James is scheduled to play at James Caldwell School tomorrow night at 8. The St. James CYO 3rd grade boys' team defeated St. John's 3rd grade team 14-10 to improve to 3-1. Chris Manucci scored six points and Joe Wightman, Ryan Matthew, Steven Bugbyong and Rob Fiorilli two.



# 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 3:30 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 Kao" for children in kindergarten 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 will 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 rehearsals every Wednesday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-0012. The chorus will present a program May 7.

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 Leslie Adler, who has an extensive musical background. She is a graduate of West Chester University with a bachelor of arts in music education and voice, is a music educator at the Campbell School in Weymouth, has conducted workshops for the American Choral Directors Association, the N.J. Music Education Association and the N.Y.

# Students score big



In December, Deerfield School students in grades 5 to 8 participated 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.

# Squad officers installed

The Springfield First Aid Squad conducted its annual installation Jan. 10 at L'Affaire on Route 22 in Mountainside.

The following officers for the 2004 year were sworn in: President — Martin Gornstein; Vice President — Ray Netschert; Recording Secretary — Jill Penna; Corresponding Secretary — Kayla Latimer; Captain — Aju; First Lt. — Paul Dorman; Second Lt. — Chelsea McKinley; Supply Sgt. — Gerry Gebauer; Trustee — Carmen Alvarez; and House Committee — Jed Jorda. During the installation ceremonies, President Gornstein presented 30-year service awards to Elizabeth Priore, Lind-Mann and Raymond Netschert. In addition, Jackie Hertzinger was presented with a 40 year service award. Gornstein noted that these four members have spent more of their lives as members of the squad than they have as non-members.



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 — Aju; First Lt. — Paul Dorman; Second Lt. — Chelsea McKinley; Supply Sgt. — Gerry Gebauer; Trustee — Carmen Alvarez; and House Committee — Jed Jorda.

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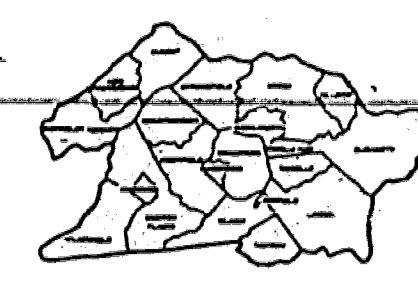
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# It doesn't always work

Resolutions 100 and 101 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 understandings with both Overlook Hospital in Summit and Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in Rahway 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

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 maximizes 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 household'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 with tough talk, finds a second guy respond with a hard shot to his gut. It leaves Griffith to remind him, it doesn't always work.

So is the case on Berkeley Place in Cranford. The street adjacent to the "high school" is swamped with teens who drive to school. There are some slobos 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 probation is an irrational class distinction which wouldn't stand legal muster doesn't faze Mease. Heck, it still sounds good for the peoplen on the street. Residents deserve better 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 India and other parts to be done by cheap labor.

This simple-sounding but disastrous technique of "offshoring" is being used by IBM and Bank of America as devices of the new tactic. Our government should step in. But like Andy Griffith said, "It doesn't always work."

A resident of Cranford, Frank Copeco is an attorney.

# Weather delays Rizzuto Park

Completion expected by summer

By Joshua Zaltz Staff Writer

Construction of Phil Rizzuto Park in Elizabeth is scheduled to be completed by early summer.

Groundbreaking on the 10.4-acre recreational area named in honor of the Baseball Hall of Fame legend for the New York Yankees and longtime 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 Devaney said.

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 Devaney.

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.



Photo By Barbara Kulkalis

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 time and within budget," said Devaney.

The county purchased the land for the park, located at the southeast corner of Morris and North avenues, in 1998. The property, located across the street from the Kean University campus, borders Elizabeth, Hillside and Union.

"Boundless Playgrounds" are designed so that children with disabilities can enjoy outdoor recreation, while encouraging children without disabilities to play alongside.

In a "Boundless Playground" project, children who use wheelchairs, leg braces, or walkers can play on at least 70 percent of the playground without having to leave their support equipment behind.

Additionally, "Boundless Playgrounds" are considerate of the needs of children with vision or hearing impairment and children with developmental disabilities.

While the park may be open for the public's use this summer, the soccer 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 Devaney.

# State pledges \$1.2 million for acquisitions

By Joshua Zaltz Staff Writer

Cranford County will receive \$1.2 million from the state's Green Acres Program to help finance the county's open space acquisitions in Summit, Clark and Union.

The properties include 63 acres of open space once owned by New Jersey-American Water Co. in Summit, the 13-acre Exposito Farm in Clark, and a little less than 5 acres on Green Lane in Union.

The three pieces of property were purchased using the county's Open Space, Historic and Recreation Trust Fund. The county spent \$7.5 million to acquire the Summit property, \$5.45 million for the Clark property and \$3.4 million for the Union land.

"County officials said they do not know what the break down of the \$1.2 million will be in regard to helping to finance each property."

The county has acquired a total of 104 acres of open space since the Open Space, Historic and Recreation Trust Fund was approved by voters in 2000.

Years approved the trust fund by a 60-to-40 percent margin in a November 2000 referendum that established a tax of \$0.15 per \$100 of assessed value dedicated to open space, recreation and historic preservation purposes.

In addition to the three properties, the county acquired the 23-acre Ponderosa Farm in Scotch Plains last year for \$10 million.

The county received \$1.5 million in 2001 from the state Green Acres program when it first acquired the 63-acre New Jersey-American Water Co. property located in Summit.

For the first time, the county manager's acquisition budget for fiscal year 2004 includes \$1.2 million for debt service on an open space.

The Green Acres funding comes as part of a package of seven bills Gov. James McGreevey has signed that will provide over \$175 million to open space and park improvements in all 21 counties throughout the state.

"If we are to preserve our quality of life, we must act now to save open space and parks," McGreevey said in a prepared statement. "Our quick action on these bills demonstrates our commitment to stopping overdevelopment and sprawl. Nearly \$175 million is being allocated to projects in every county in this state, including Union County."

"This major investment will ensure that these open spaces, parks and recreation areas will be protected from future development."

The municipalities within the county will also receive a combined \$1.2 million for local projects.

Cranford will be provided with \$150,000 for improvements to its "Canoe Club," located between Orange and Springfield avenues, and to enhance the grounds surrounding the historic Hanson House, located in Hanson Park at Holly Street and Springfield Avenue.

Elizabeth will receive \$300,000 to restore the Elmora Racquet Club on Fernwood Terrace.

Plainfield will see \$250,000 in funding to continue the rehabilitation of the swimming pools at Rushmore Park on Rushmore Avenue and Seidler Field Park on Garfield Avenue.

# Companies of the year



The Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce honored its three companies of the year during the 92nd annual meeting at the Wyndham Hotel in Elizabeth. For more, see Page B2.

# Local Democrat gets nod as commissioner

By Mark Hrywna Regional Editor

A prominent Democratic fund-raiser landed a plum appointment this week. George Castro II of Elizabeth was appointed a commissioner to the New Jersey State Sports and Excise Authority board by Gov. James McGreevey Tuesday, following approval by the state Senate.

Castro, the first Hispanic commissioner, will serve a four-year term on the 11-member board that oversees the Meadowlands Racetrack, Giants Stadium and Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford, as well as Monmouth Park Racetrack and Atlantic City Convention Center. Authority commissioners are unsalaried.

Castro, 43, was born in Colombia and came to the United States in 1985. 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 to opportunity, to participation and to the advancement of Hispanics in New Jersey," Castro said in a prepared statement from the governor's office. "I am highly honored to be part of this prestigious authority and accept the challenge to continue the significant achievements made by its board."

# County's park system offers winter sports activities

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites the public to visit the Union County park system for the purpose of enjoying seasonal activities.

Winter sports — cross-country skiing, sledging and ice skating — are permitted in several locations, weather, snow and ice conditions permitting. Cross-country skiing will be allowed at the Ash Brook and Oak Ridge golf courses and at the Watchung Reservation, conditions permitting, but there is no location in the park system suitable for downhill skiing activities.

The Union County park system is heavily wooded, and its proximity to roadways and bodies of water and has other park amenities that can be hazardous to sledgers and snowboarders. Suggested sledging areas include:

- Lenape Park in Cranford, away from the water, and;
  - Unami Park in Garwood.
- All areas are unattended and used at the patrons' own risk. Toboggans, bobsleds and other non-steerable devices are strongly discouraged and park supervisors may suspend sledging activities if there is not enough snow on the hill or if there are severe ice conditions. Children should be supervised at all times. Snowmobiles are strictly prohibited.

Galloping Hill Golf Course is not available for winter sports activities. Over the terrain of the course, there are many areas that are considered too hazardous for this use.

Additionally, with \$4.7 million of renovations to the course, complete, protecting the turf and the investment made in this area is a priority.

Snowboarding and sledging are also prohibited at Ash Brook and Oak Ridge golf courses. Along with skating at the county's ice rink at Warnance Park, many lighted and non-lighted options for ice skating in natural areas are available.

# Gateway chamber of commerce recognizes three companies

Heritage Foundation data analyst William Beach praised President Bush's handling of the economy and said it was "miraculous" the recent recession was not worse than it was. His remarks were delivered at the 12nd annual meeting of the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce held at the Wyndham Hotel in Elizabeth on Jan. 27.

Beach said that the Bush administration's economic plan was "astounding" despite the "worst collapse" of equity markets since 1929. The economic harm caused by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and unprecedented bedroom construction.

"I think it's just short of miraculous that the recession lasted only eight months and that the unemployment rate 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 policy — had performed. "On balance, the president should have little difficulty presenting his handling of the economy to the voters. Since most of them pay taxes and have jobs, the performance of the economy and the president's tax policy can only help his prospects for a second term."

Beach is the John M. Olin Senior Fellow in Economics

and director of the Center for Data Analysis at The Heritage Foundation. As CIDA Director, Beach oversees Heritage's original statistical research on Social Security, crime, education, trade and a host of other issues, ensuring it is both rigorous in its technical scholarship and produced in time to help inform the public debate over the issue.

Beach was the keynote speaker at the annual dinner at which awards also were presented to the Small, Medium and Large Companies of the Year. The winners this year were Kaplan Consulting Group of Livingston, ATX Communications in Woodbridge, and Comcast, which has 1.4 million customers statewide and 365,000 in Union, Essex, Somerset, Middlesex and Hudson counties.

In accepting the Small Business of the Year Award, Paul Kaplan, chief executive officer of Kaplan Consulting, said "I would like, in some small way, to share this with every other small business owner, who, day in and day out, works to make the next sale or the next payroll, and works with employees to offer them benefits. They do this because many, if not all of the employees, are like family, and they do it all the while trying to find the wherewithal for these benefits along with everything else they have to do."

Christopher J. McGurk, vice president of vertical mar-

kets for ATX, said in accepting the award, "ATX is proud and honored to be recognized by the Gateway Chamber of Commerce as their Mid-Size Business of the Year. This award is particularly pleasing for ATX because of the reputation, credibility, success and professionalism of the organization honoring us — Jim Coyle and The Gateway Chamber of Commerce."

Accepting the Large Business of the Year Award for Comcast was John DeVisio, Comcast area vice president for northern New Jersey, who said, "Doing business with 70 percent of the community confers a responsibility to connect with more than just a high-tech wire. You'll find us in our trucks, offices, payment windows, and call centers, but you'll also find us in a host of other places — fixing up a home for Habitat for Humanity, collecting and distributing food for the FoodBank in Hillside, serving on the boards 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 communities," DeVisio added. "We're proud of the fact that we are one of the few businesses that gives away its core product to schools and municipal facilities. On behalf of all my

colleagues and co-workers, our humble thanks for this award, and for making us the company you turn to for the connections that are important in your lives."

Kevin T. Gillen, senior vice president of Commerce Bank for central New Jersey and chairman of the Gateway Chamber, used the dinner as an opportunity to emphasize the importance for all businesses to take advantage of the many affinity programs offered by the chamber.

"The chamber has programs to offer substantial savings to members in telecommunications services, office supplies, dental benefits, credit card processing, the importing and exporting of foods and chemicals, human resources services and others," Gillen said.

"A member taking advantage of these programs can save hundreds of dollars to hundreds of thousands of dollars," Gillen said. "These benefits are there for the asking and 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 the largest business organization in northern New Jersey and is one of the fastest growing chambers in the nation, in part because of the many money-saving programs offered to its members.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## For audiences, position is everything

### The Art of Laughter

By Helen Argers

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 your back?

That made me wonder whether other positions we take in life are equally representative of our secret natures. For instance, where do you sit in a theater? What kind of position do you take while watching television? Or even, what do you do while listening to the radio?

Let's start this psycho-babble with the first case scenario: the theater. People who sit in the orchestra at the front are obviously: A. Richer. B. Neartighted; C. Hard-of-hearing. D. Exhibitionists. Of 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 people who 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 and out.

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 cell phones while watching or listening are obviously people who would rather live their own lives than

subliminally share the lives of others. Further demerits 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 rest of it. Or 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 airwaves to do her any good.

The audience that sits and watches television at full attention is A. Sports Fans. They're cheering, screaming, 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 snoring or, in extreme cases, the sounds of the possible intruder who is lurking out there ready to break in and get grandfather's gold watch hidden under the bed. C. Dreamers, who see themselves starting in every movie, debating on "Hardball" and fixing Katie Couric's hair.

Do you have a better understanding of who you are? In any position, you are free to psychoanalyze yourself. 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 boss begin. So, in short, I believe that you and I are not A, B, C, D or E, but all-of-the-above 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.



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 Bonis.

## 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 Hill in downtown Springfield.

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.

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$12, which includes an evening of live entertainment and all manner of treats and refreshments.

In keeping with the mission of the Coffee With Conscience Concert Series, the proceeds from each concert will benefit a charitable organization. The beneficiary of this concert will be named at a later date.

Four intimate evenings of acoustic music and harmony will be presented between February and June, where audience members are introduced to the varying musical styles of several touring singer-songwriters. Each of the four events will be hosted by a singer-songwriter of some prominence who has selected two others as his or her guests. The setting will be cozy, the atmosphere will be warm and magic is guaranteed.

Open Book, the duo of Michele Rubin and Rick Gedney, has gained a loyal following of listeners drawn to the beautiful melodies, harmonies and honest, hopeful lyrics. Their live show is intimate and compelling, with their individual writing styles, guitars and voices weaving seamlessly.

Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, "You don't hear such careful attention to the sounds of words very often in folk music, and they were fine musicians to boot."

Rubin and Gedney met in 1999 at a New York-area jam music. Their musical connection began when Rubin asked Gedney to play mandolin with her at a subsequent gig. That first show led to others and soon Gedney began to write his own material as well. During the next couple of years, they honed their material and did many shows backing each other up instrumentally and vocally. The response to their collaboration was met with a great deal of enthusiasm on the part of musical friends and club owners. The path became clear: they would become a duo. Although they have only been playing publicly for three years, they have individually and privately been moving toward this their

whole lives.

For information on Open Book, visit the Web site at [www.OpenBookMusic.com/index.html](http://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 Festival Songwriter Contest and the Plowshares Songwriting Competition. The Just Plain Folks Music Awards named one of her songs, "Elephant Learning to Dance," the best song by a female singer-songwriter and placed her first CD, "Moon Over 97th Street," in the top five albums worldwide.

Suzanne Vega included one of her songs on her album "Night" (CD), a collection by New York songwriters after Sept. 11, 2001, also featuring Vega, Christine Lavin, Richard Julian, and Jack Hardy. For information on Wool, visit [www.InaMayWool.com](http://www.InaMayWool.com).

Dan Bonis is an accomplished multi-instrumentalist and composer who plays a variety of lap steel instruments and the mandolin. He is an in-demand sideman and has just completed his first soon-to-be-released CD of original material called "Delivering the Cake," produced by Billy Masters. Suzanne Vega's guitarist who toured with Cy, Cry and produced Open Book's "Out of Time" CD. For information on Bonis, visit the Web site at [www.danbonis.com](http://www.danbonis.com).

There will be three more Songwriters in the Round events this season. On March 13, Bob Malone will host and present his guests, Kristy Jackson and Carla Ulbrich. On May 8, Ritt Henn will host and present his guests, Noam Weinstein and pop-duo Too Human. Finally, on June 12, Jessica Owen will host and present her special guests, Scott E. Moore and Rod Picot.

Several of the hosts have been featured before at other Coffee With Conscience concerts and all are among the finest in professional and touring singer-songwriters.

For more information about the Coffee With Conscience Concert Series, the Songwriters in the Round Sub-Series, the upcoming performance, or to buy tickets, contact the event, call Anne Maros, owner of Anne's Coffee Roastery in Westmont, at 908-232-8723. Information also is available online on the series' Web site at [www.coffeewithconscience.com](http://www.coffeewithconscience.com).

## 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 space at the offices of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, located at 633 Pearl St. in downtown Elizabeth.

"Mr. Scholis won the competition to design the city of Elizabeth's 9-11 commemorative monument," said Freeholder Chairman Angelo G. Estada. "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 paintings by this talented artist."

Scholis was born in Ecuador and studied art at the Escuela de Bellas Artes of the Universidad Central del Ecuador 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 March 15. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

"Mr. Scholis works in mixed media, acrylics and intaglios in colorful, traditional South American and contemporary styles," said Freeholder Mary Rootolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "We thank Dario Scholis for sharing his inspired and distinctive vision."

Union County artists whose works can be hung on a wall — interested in exhibiting in the gallery are welcome to apply. For more information about the Pearl Street Gallery and Heritage Programs Advisory Board, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs by writing to 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202; calling 908-558-2550, NJ Relay users can dial 711; or sending e-mail to [culturalinfo@ucnj.org](mailto:culturalinfo@ucnj.org).



Artist Dario Scholis will exhibit his work at the Pearl Street Gallery in the offices of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. The space features the work county artists.

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To send for an application to be part of the 2004 Morristown CraftMarket, write to Barbara and Michael Feno, technical directors, Morristown CraftMarket, P.O. Box 2305, Morristown, 07962-2305; fax an application request to 973-263-2866; or call 973-893-3336.

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**Feb. 9-15**  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): You can be quite convincing or persuasive when necessary. Speak your mind and quickly win over doubting friends or associates.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): A powerful mentor or elder plays an important role in your professional success. Play it smart and heed the guidance and advice.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21): A change of scenery is just what the doctor ordered. Ask a loved one to join you on what should be a fascinating and eye-opening journey.  
**CANCER** (June 22-July 22): Your financial portfolio is in dire need of change. Transform your money situation with some magical help or input from a partner.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Romance is highlighted. Put aside your personal or professional concerns and offer your full emotional support to a partner or mate.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): This would be a great time to consider a new diet or exercise routine. Take it one step at a time.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Avoid manipulating or verbally abusing a loved one to get your way. Take a kinder, gentler approach to amicably reach an agreement.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Play a gracious host or hostess as you welcome friends and family to your home this week. Prepare for a special celebration.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Welcome changes in your immediate environment. Organize and unite your neighbors for a community decorating or improvement project.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It takes determination to stick to your budget this week. Avoid the mall or a store where you'll be tempted to buy.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Armed with a strong sense of self-confidence, you have what it takes to face the challenges in your life. Walk tall and conquer all.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Soul-searching will provide valuable insights. Unlock the door to your subconscious to realize your dreams.  
**If your birthday is this week, don't be surprised by the opportunities that are available to you during the coming year. This good fortune is the visible result of the transformation that is taking place on a deeper level. You will emerge from this cycle with a different perspective. As your goals and dreams take shape, welcome a professional role or life purpose and discover how you can really make a difference.**  
**Also born this week:** Carmen Miranda, Mia Farrow, Travis Tritt, Robert Wagner, Roberta Flack, Tina Louise, Burt Reynolds, Sheryl Crowe, Paula Zahn, Christina Ricci, Chuck Yeager, Kim Novak, George Segal, Stockard Channing, Florence Henderson, Kevin McCarthy, Jane Seymour, and Chris Farley.

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**Paper Mill outreach program receives donation**

The Paper Mill Playhouse Adopt-a-School program recently received a grant from the Provident Bank Foundation, helping the theater to continue its popular outreach program.

More than 400 students in 10 high schools participate in the program, which includes seeing a performance at the Paper Mill, working with in-school artists, attending master workshops, and career exploration.

A group of students from Ferris High School in Jersey City attended a recent performance with their drama specialist, Susan Murphy, and met with representatives from the theater and the Provident Bank.

**Miller-Cory celebrates Valentine's Day, Colonial-style**

St. Valentine's Day will be celebrated on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield.

The museum is located at 614 Mountain Ave. in Westfield.

Evelyn Kennedy 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 valentine to take home and give to that special someone.

**Named in honor of St. Valentine,** a Roman martyr priest of the third century who was known as the patron saint of lovers; this festive occasion became a welcomed winter treat. The custom of exchanging valentines was brought to America by the English settlers, but was not widely celebrated during the 1700s. Lace paper and hearts produced in England and Germany were often assembled by hand and sold in America in the 1800s.

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 atmosphere of the colonial era, complete with volunteers dressed in authentic clothing. The volunteer guide visits through the 1740 house.

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

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The series is open to anyone, but seating is limited, so early enrollment is advised. Subscription is \$131 for six weeks or \$240 for 12 weeks, plus \$20 registration fee.

Confirmed films and those under consideration for the upcoming spring season include "The Agonomist," directed by Jonathan Demme; "The Cleaning," with Robert Redford and Helen Mirren, directed by Peter Jan Brugge; "Danny Deckchair," with Rhys Ifans 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 Robert 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 Johnston; "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," with Tom Hanks and Marlon Wayans, directed by Joel Coen; "Laws of Attraction," with Pierce Brosnan and Julianne Moore, directed by Peter Howitt; "Man on Fire," with Denzel Washington and Christopher Walken, directed by Tony Scott; "The Notebook," with Ryan Gosling and Joaquin Phoenix, directed by Nick Cassavetes; "The Reckoning," with Paul Bettany and Willem Dafoe, directed by Paul McGuigan; "Sex Is Comedy," with Anne Parillaud and Gregoire Colin, directed by Catherine Breillat; "Since Otar Left," with Esther Gorlant and Nino Khamasouridze, directed by Julie Beteucelli; "Shipping Down Life," with Lili Taylor and Guy Pearce, directed by Tom Sallinen; "Spartan," with Val Kilmer, Derek Luke and William H. Macy, directed by David Mamet; "The Story of the Weeping Camel," with Ingen Temece, Hotok and Lughanbatar Ikhbayar, directed by Luigi Falorni and Byambasuren Davaa; "This So-Called Disaster," with Sean Penn, Nick Nolte and Sam Shepard, directed by Michael Almerday; "Troy," with Brad Pitt and Peter O'Toole, directed by Wolfgang Petersen; "Wilbur Wants To Kill Himself," with Jamie Sives and Adrian Rawlins, directed by Lone Scherfig; and "Zatoichi," with Heiichi Takeshi and Tadanobu Asano, directed by Takeshi Kitano.

Oscar-winners and -nominees Danny Aiello, Alan Arkin, James Cromwell, Frank Darabont, Jean-Pierre L eaud, Richard LaGravenese, John Sazley and Marc Shaiman have joined Susie Amis, Dylan Baker, Bub Balaban, Jim Breuer, Al Franken, Ethan Hawke, Famke Janssen, Delroy Lindo, Derek Luke, David Morse, Viggo Mortensen, Mary Kay Place, Kevin Smith, Fisher Stevens, David Thewlis, Henry Thomas and Wendy Wasserstein as guest speakers who have come to share their insights with symposium participants.

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- Pet Watchers: http://www.petwatchers.com
- Reits Institute: http://www.reits-institute.com
- Suncare Products: www.marykay.com/chandrac
- South Orange Chiropractic: http://www.sochoiro.com
- Summit Area Jaycees: http://www.sajcees.com/summitjcees
- Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad: http://www.summitvolunteers.org
- Synergy Federal Savings Bank: http://www.synergyfederal.com
- Treasure Hospital: http://www.treasurehospital.com
- Turning Point: http://www.turningpoint.org
- Union Center National Bank: http://www.ucnb.com
- Unionville University Church: http://www.1stuniv.esser.nj.us.org
- United Way of Bloomfield: http://www.unitedwayofbloomfield.org

To be listed call 908-686-7700

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### 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 artsguid1670@earthlink.net or visit www.rahwayartsguild.org

**FROM THE ROCKIES TO THE SEAS** will be on exhibit at the Wisner House on Reeves-Reed Boulevard in Summit through March 8. Exhibit hours are weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-8787 or visit www.reeves-reedartforum.org

**ODYSSEY WITH AN OPEN EYE**, works by photographer Sheila Lengua of Union, will be on exhibit at the Le Malin Art Gallery in Union Public Library through March 13. 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 Frieburger Park, Union. For information, call 908-851-5450

**THE FACE IN THE MIRROR**, artists self-portraits, 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 p.m. 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 artsguid1670@earthlink.net or visit www.rahwayartsguild.org

**PAINTINGS BY DARIO SCHOLIS** will be on exhibit through March 15 at the Pearl Street Gallery in Newark in the offices of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Pearl Street Gallery is located at 653 Pearl St., Elizabeth. For information, call 908-558-2550. NJ Relay users dial 711, or send inquiries via e-mail to culturalinfo@ucnj.org

**PAINTINGS BY MATT JOHNSON** will be on exhibit in the Commons at Union County College in Cranford through March 22. The Cranford campus of UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, including exhibit hours call 908-769-1155

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**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 Rantian Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818

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### 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 specials, \$2 Coronas, \$2 margaritas and \$1 tacos. Wednesdays are Ladies Nights and karaoke. The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-6544

**CROSSROADS**, 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 p.m. Every Monday, Open Mic Night, Happy Hour all night. Every Tuesday, Jazz Jam, all pints are \$2. Every Wednesday, Hi-Fi Wednesdays with "G.O." with DJ and music. Fridays, Karaoke Night, Corona, Cuervo, Margaritas, \$2 all night. Every Thursday, Rolling Rock beer, \$2 all night. Today: Snafoo. Friday, America in a tribute to the Black Crowes. No Code in a tribute to Pearl Jam. Saturday, Brother John Brown. Feb. 12 Remount, and Universal Dataline. For information, call 908-232-5668 or visit www.xroads.com

**MOLLY MAGUIRE'S IRISH PUB** in Clark will present entertainment in the 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, 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 or send e-mail to info@secondsat.com

**VAN GOGH'S EAR**, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesdays are "Acoustic Tuesday," some of which feature open mic nights from 8 to 9 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 or send e-mail to info@secondsat.com

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**ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE** in Elizabeth will present "The Great God Brown" by Eugene O'Neill from Friday through March 7

### Travels enhance photographer's 'eye' in Union exhibit

Making a return appearance, Sheila Lengua of Union will hold her second solo exhibit of photographs in the Les Mafumut Art Gallery in the Union Public Library on Morris Avenue.

Since her first show in the gallery seven years ago, Lengua has traveled extensively and developed an unusual and keen perspective of her subjects. The title of the exhibit, "Odyssey With an Open Eye," is very appropriate. The exhibit will continue through March 10.

Although Lengua has been a photographer since she was a child, her father, a famous artist, wanted her to become a pianist. She studied at the Juilliard School of Music and performed concerts with her violinist brother, Mark. After marriage and raising three children, she was ready to pursue her true love — photography. She has since studied at the New School of Social Research and photographed workshops across the country.

She is continuing her love of music and is a board member of the New Jersey Jazz Society. She is on the board of many photographic organizations, the

Westfield Art Association, the New Jersey Federation of Camera Clubs, the Cranford Millburn Camera Club, the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit, the Photographic Society of America, and the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

Some of her other solo exhibits include Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside, the Westfield Art Gallery, the Jewish Community Center of Edison, the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts in Westfield, the North Edison Library, and Traders of the Lost Ark, New Hope, Pa. Many of her group exhibits include the Westfield Art Association, the Watching Arts Center, the New Jersey Photo Forum, the Diversity Arts Gallery in Clark, and the Arts Guild of Rahway.

The gallery is open during regular library hours, Mondays to Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Union Public Library is located at 1800 Morris Ave., Union, in Frisberger Park. For information, call 908-851-5450.

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Here are the ranks from Boy Scout to Eagle Scout  
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5: Star Scout, 6: Life Scout 7: Eagle Scout

### Scouting is a generational thing for Pender family

Scott, a third-generation Scout, became the fifth Pender to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Scott's grandfather, father, two uncles, two first cousins, and sister are or were all Scouts.

John Pender achieved the rank of Life Scout himself and later became his son's troop's cubmaster when Scott entered at the age of 7.

Scott received his Eagle Scout award in May 2003, for which he had to complete 21 merit badges as well as a service project. Scott helped build wooden benches out of log rounds at Watchung Reservation.



John Pender and his son Scott represent two generations of a longstanding family involvement in Scouting.

### FAMOUS SCOUTS

Famous former Scouts include President John F. Kennedy, Henry Ford, Hank Aaron, James Stewart, astronaut Neil Armstrong, Senator Benjamin Nelson, Dem. Nebraska and astronaut/senator John Glenn.

Eagle Scout Paul Siple sailed to Antarctica with Commander Byrd in 1928.

Since 1928, Boy Scouts of America honored American adults for noteworthy service to the nation's youth by awarding them the silver Buffalo, the highest award in scouting. Recipients have included Charles Lindbergh, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Norman Rockwell, Walt Disney, and President Ronald Reagan.

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# SCHOOLS, Kids & CAMPS

## Long-standing traditions of excellence continue at nearby school

When Kathy Middleton started teaching the children of her former students, she knew she had reached a milestone in her career.

"It is the most rewarding experience" — that many former pupils would seek me out to educate their children was the greatest compliment I could receive," 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 — looking into pre-schools for a highly lauded teacher.

"When I was honored to pre-schools for my daughter, I polled many friends who had the ways and means to send their children to anywhere in the area," said Betsy Siggers, a Middleton Early Learning Center Mother and board member. "Most parents casually named their school of choice, but two in particular responded so passionately, I felt compelled to find out why they felt so strongly 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 needing all new furnishings and surroundings. In less than three months, Elizabeth Ginsburg, a former board member and current president of the Glen Ridge Board of Education, reveals, "We had to leave everything — more than \$60,000 in equipment and supplies at the school's old location. So we contacted our supporters and all the parents who had sent a child through Kathy's program, and every single one of them reached into their pockets to help." In addition,

local grants reinforced their opinions that Middleton's school deserved such fervent support.

The Middleton Early Learning Center opened its doors to its pre-school students in September 1998 and has maintained a full enrollment ever since. Middleton's program is based on a blend of educational philosophies, including Montessori, Reggio Emilia, Piaget, and other recognized early childhood authorities. There are areas in the classrooms for mathematics, language, reading-readiness, role play, "manipulatives," sensory-tactile materials, practical life skills, creative arts, social studies, block party, science, physical education, books, and music.

A graduate of Glen Ridge High School, Middleton earned a B.A. in English and speech from Montclair State University. She received state certification in early childhood education at Kean College of New Jersey, and went on to receive certification in Montessori education at the Early Learning Center of Stamford, Conn. After three years teaching in high school English in Bloomfield, Middleton shifted gears to teach pre-schoolers in Cedar Grove. Then in 1972, she became the educational director at the Nursery School at Christ Church in Glen Ridge, where she developed and ran the pre-school program for 27 years. Her role ran the gamut from program and curriculum development to public relations and office administration. In 1994, well armed with the knowledge and experience to run her own program, Middleton founded the Middleton Early Learning Center in a location of her own.

But Middleton's passion for teaching goes beyond her in-school responsibilities. For seven years, she served on the Glen Ridge Board of Education, elected vice president and president twice. She was appointed by the mayor to serve on the Glen Ridge Historic Preservation Commission and the Mayor's Committee on Alcohol/Drug Abuse. She remains an active member of the Theodora Women's Association, and St. Peter Claver Church. Middleton has also served as a volunteer and trustee of the Montclair Adult School since 1990. "It's worth doing, it's worth doing it right" is a familiar Middleton mantra heard by friends, family, and co-workers over the years. That rings true as Middleton has maintained a strong following over the years. At her pre-school's annual fund-raiser, parents of former students regularly turn out in support of Middleton and her center. But Middleton's greatest asset goes beyond the environment she has created and the teachers she has trained: Kathy Middleton has given her pre-schoolers the gift of feeling special, secure, loved, capable, and happy in their first school experience — a solid educational foundation that a new generation of parents and students can feel good about.

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**ESSEX COUNTY**  
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