Township releases report; aims to change ISO ratir

Staff Writer

Nearly six months after it was brought up at a Springfield Township Committee meeting in conjunction with the resolution of the Eire Department's new contracts, TriData Corporation's study of the department has been publicly released.

The report, which began in December 2000 and was completed by May 2001, cost \$25,000 and concluded with a Fire Department Management Plan, which makes 31 specific recommendations to Springfield's fire department.

The plan was composed by the Public Safety Committee, Springfield Fire Chief William Gras, Deputy Fire Chief Donald Schwerdt and the Township Committee.

While the recommendations vary in the sense of long and short-term completions, they include ideas such as forming a sub-committee

to analyze civilian dispatch function for all Emergency Services with representation from the Fire Department, Police Department, Emergency Management and First Aid Squad. It was advised that the subcommittee be chaired by Township Administrator Richard

Below each point made in the management plan is a response developed shortly after the report was finished. The item mentioned above, for example, is followed by a statement saying that numerous discussions have been held relative to this item, and that it continued to be addressed.

Two consecutive recommendations call for expanding recruitment efforts beyond word of mouth to include a variety of media and reaching as many citizens as possible, along with having the Fire Department and Emergency Management Coordinator working closely

Recruitment and Retention Program With the two departments now occupying the same building, it is said in the report that recruitment efforts will be coordinated

According to Mayor Clara Harelik, four new firefighters have been hited, effective immediately-

"It was something a gire been considering for a long time," she said, noting that while the Insurance Services Office rating's rise to the poorest mark of a "10" is only a small factor that contributed to the hiring.

Trarelik said the mass, important reason for the increase in manpower is to more effectively "ensure the safety and well-being of the community, as well as the firelighters."

completing and overseeing the construction of however, remains to be seen.

together on the devel pment of a Volunteer the new fire headquarters, along with the continuation of ensuring the Juvenile Life Watch Program is maintained with status reports provided on a regular basis

> Some long-term goals include moving forward with the biring of additional staff at the rank of firefighter and tracking total response times, inclusive of call processing and dispatch, turnout and drive time.

> "I think what we do with the manpower we have, we do a fine job," said Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association Local 57 President Jim Beyer, Beyer said that the main issue has been manpower, and that the department could use at least eight more firefighters

Beyer said that as long as the report benefits the town and Fire Department, it is defi-Several recommendations have been taken, untily worth the money spent on it. Whether or care of, such as creating mission statements, * not the recommendations will be affected to.

Harelik said that it is in stand that each goal is, with that will take steps to complthat several items can be moed now that the new fire he ished and occupied.

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Springfield says yes to district's budget

By Rick Klittich Staff Writer

Springfield's 2004-05 budget passed Tuesday night by less than 100 votes, according to unofficial results, with 794 residents in favor and 701 against.

"I'm thrilled the people of Springfield came out to vote for the children," said Board of Education Vice President Patricia Venezia, one of three incumbents who won re-election

She expected the vote to be close. The budget, which was set at \$29,158,368, calls for an estimated armual school tax increase of \$150 for a homeowner in Springfield with a home assessed at \$100,000

The budget included a large increase in costs for a rise in enrollment, along with the dissolution funds that Springfield will possibly be paying Garwood and Mountainside, once part of the regional highschool district.

"I am thrilled that it passed," said board member Linda Duke, another incumbent. "I'm a little disappointed

The budget also accommodates an increase in staff, including a math teacher at Jonathan Dayton High School, along with a physical education and science teacher at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School.

Decreases in the budget include athletics, facility projects and equipment, and state and federal programs, which dropped close to 30

"I'm extremely happy that it passed," said Brian Sheehey, who ran for the board this year, but lost.

Sheehey noted that the margin is higher than it was last year, when the budget was voted down.

Earlier in the day, several residents who did not want to reveal their names were out early in the afternoon to vote and said that they were against the school budget-

"We're against the budget because we're seniors, of course," said one resident on her way out of

Another resident simply said that she did not want the taxes to rise. and therefore wanted the budget

Time to play ball



It's time for these young girls to play ball as Mountainside Youth Baseball celebrates its 51st year with the annual parade and kick-off festivities at Deerfield School on Saturday. Five different leagues and about 250 athletes are involved this year.

Venezia, Duke and Sablosky win school board race

By Rick Klittich

Staff Writer Springfield's Board of Education will remain the same, as the three incumbents who were up for re-election were voted back in Tuesday night. Linda Duke, Patrician Venezia, and current board President Irwin Sablosky beat out the lone challenger,

Brian Sheehey. Duke, who received a total of 996 votes, was pleased with the outcome. "I campaigned on this being my third and final term," said Duke, who has 24 years of teaching experience. She added that she looks forward to

when she began on the board, such as the school renovation and construction project that is ongoing at some sites. Duke said she is also eager to help new Superintendent of Schools Michael Davino get acclimated.

The current board vice president, Venezia, who received 994 votes, said she is glad people continued to have faith in the board's members.

Venezia said that going into the election, she "hoped people saw the relevance of education the board is providing for the children."

Venezia will be starting her second three-year term on the board and finishing the things that were started—two children in the school system.

Sablosky, who has 25 years of experience in the financial field as an accountant and retail firm owner. received 822 votes. He could not be reached for comment by presstime.....

Brian Sheehey, who ran last year and did not gain a seat on the board, was happy for the incumbents.

"Congratulations to all three of the winners," he said.

"I wish them luck," Sheehey added, noting that they have a large task in front of them with the construction project. "I hope the completion is quick and efficient."

washa has lived in Spring field for more than a decade and has

three children, including two in Springfield schools, said he will continue to attend Board of Education meetings and will stay involved in the district's happenings. He received 656

Earlier in the day, a trend of simply voting for the first three names on the battor could be noticed at the polls.

Several voters were eager to voice their opinions regarding the budget. yet were unable to give reasons as to why they voted for certain candidates trying to gain a seat on the Board of

While one resident remarked, "I don't really know any of them,

another relied on her sister to tell her who she should vote for.

Incidentally, the ballot positioning had Venezia at the top, followed by Sheehey and Duke, with Sablosky at the bottom.

"I voted for Brian Sheehey," said Joe Nagy, a Springfield resident for 11

"I know him through the town and I know he wants to make Springfield a

better town Nagy added that he simply did not

know the other candidates well nough to vote for them.

A total of 3,468 votes were split up

Borough budget supported

By Rick Klittich Staff Writer

Based on unofficial election results, close to 700 voters got out to vote Tuesday night, as Gene Nagel, Carmine Venes, and incumbent Ray Haggar were voted onto the Mountainside Board of Education.

The 2004-05 budget, which was set at \$11,569,245, up 3.8 percent from last year, passed by a vote of 425 to 271. The estimated school tax increase will be \$174 per household, a 5.2-percent increase, for the average home assessed at \$159,300.

Last year, the school tax hike was \$411 for the average home.

"I am grateful to the citizens of Mountainside for their support," said Venes, who received the most votes -nut-nt-ull-the-candidates, 442 11 Will do my best to represent all of the pen-

"Good public schools are a reflection of the people," he added

"I'm looking forward to continuing the work we started," said Haggar, who will be starting his second term on the board. "I'm thankful to every-

one who voted for me. Haggar has two children in the school system and is the board haise

representative for technology. Nagel, who has lived in Mountainside for 16 years and has a child in both Beechwood and Deerfield schools, received 429 votes. He has been active in coaching recreational sports around the borough and continually stressed the importance of communication between the hoard and the public. He could not be reached for comment by presstime.

Michael Melango, who also stressed communication and felt that his experience as a contractor would have helped in the Beechwood and Deerfield renovations and construction, was unable to be reached for comment by presstime as welf.

With the passage of the budget by more than 150 votes, the board will look forward to providing the education, they hoped they could for the children of the borough

"I'm very happy the budget passed," said Haggar.

The total surplus to be used for 2004-05 will be \$252,504 from the general fund and \$438,680 from the dissolution funds the district expects to receive, for a total of \$691,184 toward the budget.

"I'm glad the budget passed," said Venes. "I believe the people are supporting the schools, and that's an indication that they want to see good education," he said.

One notable item included in the budget costs is \$36,000 set aside for the use of Channel 35 to broadcast school board meetings and events.

The district will also see an increase in enrollment at the kindergarten level, along with an increase of 43 at the high school level.

A state-mandated increase in special education students is also compensated for in the budget, as the board agreed that money cannot be spared in this case, saying that every student deserves the best education they can get.

The dissolution funds coming to the district are not yet finalized. The schools that were once part of the Union County Regional High School district have been ordered by the state commissioner of education to pay approximately \$8 million to Mountainside and Garwood over the next

District aims to keep teacher's spirit alive

By Rick Klittich Staff Writer

After the emergency meeting was held after school informing faculty of 55-year-old Beverly Ellenport's death April 12, staff and students alike were in disbetief. A void has been left in Mountainside's school district.

"She was a respected colleague, talented teaching partner and a personat friend," sand Claure Sennen, a seventh-grade teacher of Language Arts Literacy at Deerfield School. Sennett knew Ellenport for 11 years and worked closely with her in the reading and language arts department.

The classroom is so empty without her," said Sennett, who co-taught in the seventh-grade language arts litcracy classroom with Ellenport, planming, grading and teaching by her side.

The day after her death, Deerfield School's flag was at half must Farmlies had already been called via the schoolwide phone chain, and crisis counselors were available for both staff and students.

Teaching was indeed Beverly's true calling in life," said library-media specialist Sheila Silagyi. "Not only did her students learn from her classroom lessons, but Beverly taught many of her colleagues lessons for living life with a smile, a positive thought, a kind word. Bev always walked that extra mile to do things right for our school."

Linda Shanahan, an eighth-grade teacher of Language Arts Literacy said that when she began her now 13-year career at Deerfield, it was Ellenport who acclimated her to life and practices at the school "As time went by," said Shanahan,

"I realized that my relationship with Bev was not unusual. She was everyone's friend and willing to help each of us as we strived to enhance the education of our students."

Sennett said that the Tuesday following Ellenport's sudden death began a new week in the school.

"The halls were subdued, students' faces somber and teachers saddened to face a day without one of their own,"

Ellenport had a bachelor's degree from Trenton State College, a master's degree in remedial reading from New York University, along with another master's degree in educational administration and supervision from Kean College. As a reading specialist in Deerfield School, she worked closely with students to help them overcome reading difficulties and improve

organization. Bev was the consummate profe sional and a genuine lady," said Shanahan. "She often complimented me, claiming to have learned to much from my classroom instruction, but truth be told, Bev was ... surely just



Friends and family were shocked and saddened by the sudden death last week of Beverly Ellenport, a reading specialist in the Mountainside school system for many years. Students, faculty and staff created a memorial on her classroom door, decorated with photos, cards, drawings and fresh flowers.

being kind and boosting my self ther honors for Ellenport Currently, image. This was another of her talents," continued Shanahan, "making ach person she came in contact with

feel special and appreciated." Since the tragedy, students have composed messages for the Ellenport family, signed cards, designed scrapbooks of memories and planned fur-

her office door is covered with cards, notes, drawings and fresh flowers.

She was a valuable resource," said Sennett. "She was a perfectionist in her freid

At Deerfield School's annual book fair earlier this week, students and teachers donated books to the library

in honor of Ellenport.

"We all know how important reading was to her and feel no better tribute could be made," said Shanahan

At the beginning of Enemport's April 14 memorial service, it was said that there are reading specialists and there are reading specialists - and then, there is Beverly Ellenport

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Driver suspected of giving false ID

At 10:40 p m on Saturday, Mountainside police officer was on-

security detail at the Loews movie thevan parked with fictitious plates. As the driver entered the vehicle, \$161

the office stopped him and asked for

The man produced fraudulent forms of identification and gave personal information that conflicted with the DMV record the officer had,

The man was placed under arrest. charged and released with no bail Police did not release the suspect's

** Ricardo Ellis, 21, was stopped on West and stole an IBM Laptop.com-Route 22 East on Friday at 7.52 p.m. puter, along with a duffel bag, causing

POLICE BLOTTER

for not wearing a seatbelt, and was aire on Route 22 and took notice of a later found to have an outstanding side of the car warrant out of Peapack-Gladstone for

• On Sunday at 10.12 p.m., Leonardo Lozano, 27, was stopped for running a red light on Route 22 East and

was later found to have a suspended Lozano was issued a summons and diove his vehicle from the scene."

Springfield On April 15 at 2:13 p.m., unknown suspects broke the right rear window of a motor vehicle parked on Route 22.

- At-12-54 p.m April 12, a vehicle was damaged when a caustic substance was poured on the passenger

• On April 12 at 3:30 p.m., one Yamaha digital mixer and one Boss metal zone distortion foot pedal were stolen from Guitar Center on Route

22. The total combined value of the * At 5.04 on April 13, a victim reported that her 1999 Audi was stolen

from her Fadem Road residence - At 10/38 p.m. April 15, both headlights were stolen from a 2002 Acura parked on Route 22 East. The grill of the vehicle was also removed and damaged, and both driver's side

Police offer firearm safety kits

The Mountainside Police Department will provide free. Safe kit so that they can securely store their firearm. firearm safety kits to local residents through a partnership with Project ChildSafe, the nationwide firearms safety edu- Police Department is participating in a growing national

Mountainside Police Department.

Shooting Sports Foundation, will distribute millions of age of firearms firearms safety kits throughout the country over the next year. The program is funded by a U.S. Department of Jus- Police Chief James Debbie, Jr. "A recent tragedy involving tice grant, with additional funding provided by the firearms a another police officer's child reminds us that we must

or other unauthorized person from accessing a firearm in. Safe for this very generous donation." one's home. Residents are encouraged to pick up a Child-

By partnering with Project ChildSafe, Mountainside effort to promote firearms safety education to all gun own-The safety kit, which includes a gunlock, will be at the ers. They feel it is an important step forward in helping ensure that all firearm owners fully understand their Project ChildSafe, a program developed by the National - responsibilities with respect to the safe handling and stor-

"A gun carries with it a tremendous responsibility," said take every possible precaution when our weapons are at Fach Project ChildSafe kit contains a safety curriculum home. This simple locking device is very effective in proand a cable-style gun lock. The locks fit most types of tecting our families, particularly children, against the poshandguns, rifles and shotguns. The goal is to prevent a child sublity of discharge. We are very grateful to Project Child-For information, call 908-232-8100.

Officer of the Year



Springfield-Auxiliary-Police-have-named-Lt-Jeffrey-Katz-as-the-recipient-of-the-Harold-H,... Liebeskind Officer of the Year award. Katz, a 36-year veteran of the Auxiliary Police, recieved the award at the unit's annual dinner. The award is named in honor of the late Harold Liebeskind, who served as auxiliary chief for 25 years. At the presentation are, from left, Emergency Management Coordinator John Cottage, Katz, Mayor Clara Harelik and Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator Scott Seidel.

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Mountainside, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. . The Springfield Girl Scout Troops will walk from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park, South Springfield and Mountain avenues, to help Lily's Pantry feed the working poor and needy senior citizens of Northern New Jersey. Andrea Rousso of Troop 519 and Fran Corcione are organizing the walk and are asking for the public to support their quest to help feed the hungry by donating non-perishable foods.

For information, call Rousso at 973-376-0260, Corcione at 973-376-2897 or Lily's Pantry at 973-379-8188.

. Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, will conduct a trash pickup to beautify the Watchung Reservation in honor of Earth Day from 10 to 11 a.m. Gloves will be provided for par-

For information, call-908-789-3670.

* The annual Springfield Rotary flea market will be conducted in the Parking lot of Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Highlights include a fire prevention exhibit, blood pressure screenings, more than 150 vendors and more. Admission is free For information, call 973-379-3319.

* The Springfield Board of Education will conduct its annual reorganization meeting in the media center at Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

*St. James the Apostle Church, 45 S. Springfield Ave., will be hosting its annual Parish Festival through May 1. Tuesday through Friday hours will be from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday hours are 2 to 11 p.m. The festival fea-

tures rides, games, a food court, daily raffle drawings and more. For information, call 973-376-3044. . The Mountainside Board of Education meets in the media center at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave. in Mountainside at 8 p.m.: • The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a regular public

session in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave. at 8 p.m. Wednesday . The Springfield Chamber of Commerce will conduct their annual leadership awards dinner honoring several individuals for their achievements in Springfield in the areas of business, volunteerism and education. The event takes place at L'Affaire Restaurant on Route 22 East in Mountainside. The reception will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by the dinner at 7:30

p.m. For information, call 973-564-9000.

* A basketball benefit game will take place in the main gymnasium of Jonathan Dayton High School at 7 p.m. in memory of Springfield firefighter Joseph Pepe. A sportsmanship fund has been established and donations can be made to: Joseph Pepe III, P.O. Box 537 New Providence, 07974. For information, call Fran Corcione at 973-376-6386.

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saying how far this entire project has

come, saying that when her book was

completed, she was happy and satis-

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Levine said that she became

"How such an evil thing could hap-

intrigued with the Holocaust at an

share the story with people all over.

Staff Writer

The story of a 13-year-old girl who perished in the Holocaust began in Japan, developed in Canada and recently reached Springfield's Florence M., Gaudineer Middle School,

Fumiko Ishioka, a school teacher in ever, was how far she'd be traveling to Tokyo and the director of the Tokyo Holocaust Education Center, received a suitease from the Auschwitz Museum in 2000 during her pursuit of tangible memories that her students could connect with an actual person. With the name Hana Brady written stand," she said. "I still don't under-

on it, the suitease became the center- stand that." piece of "Hana's Suitease" a book written by Karen Levine that traced the developments of the little girl's life, along with the quest that Ishioka about how she reacted when she finaltook part in as she helped bring Holocaust awareness to Tokyo. Ishioka tracked down

Brady's brother, who happened to be held the note. alive and well in Canada. When Levine heard about Ishioka's efforts and George Brady's willingness to share his personal memories of times entire experience, explained how he' conduct concerning the Holocaust during the war and his sister, she first survived the Holocaust with both luck don't "hit home and become real," gave a radio broadcast on her show, and fate. To this day, the number he before writing the book

Together, Ishioka, Leving, and Brady told their separate stories to students at Gaudineer School, prompting audience of students who silently list eighth-graders study literature that not only several questions from the tened to the tales of horrific times in explored the Holocaust.

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The assembly moved on when enough time to explain how he hap-Levine played a clip from her radio pened to survive, because there were broadcast, in which Ishioka speaks at least 10 incidences why he should-

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tion or to register for any of the fol- flag football, lacrosse, and pillo polo-

Warmer weather signals the start of spring/summer recreation The Mountainside Recreation Hall field. The camp is under the from July 29 to Aug. 10 and costs \$1,995 person. Coast to Quebec is a

One student asked George Brady

"I couldn't deal," he replied "It's

Students were also wondering if

"They are friends for life," said

Brady said that he didn't have

"I'm a firm believer that seeing is

believing," said Gaudineer Principal

allowing the students to attach a face

to the Holocaust would help them

The assembly coincided with

"Holocaust Remembrance Week" at

the bond made between George Brady

and others who survived the Holo-

Brady, noting that he has been able to

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pen in the world, I couldn't under- keep in touch with at least a couple of

basketball, field hockey, soccer, softwhich is scheduled from July 13-27 at ball, and tennis. The camp will meet from 9 a.m. to a cost of \$2,395 person. I p.m. Monday through Friday, and the registration fee is \$142 per person.

wading pool, a snack bar, and picnic online at www.USsportsInstitute.com. Bike Treks for Teens Looking for a summer adventure The pool is scheduled to open June for your teen? Apogee Adventures 5, and registration for the first session offers bicycle touring and hiking of swim lessons will begin that day. Daily operations begin June 19. The adventures. The primary focus of an Apogee trip is on having fun in small, Residents have three membership supportive groups while developing

gle - ages 16 to 61, or senior citizen plishment ages 62 and older. Nonresident Four tribs have been scheduled for this summer. New England Mountains and Coast is a 7-day adventure for ages 11-13 from either July 12-18 or Expérience more than 15 sports in one week with a multi-sport camp for July 20-26. The cost is \$895 person. children ages 7 to 14, to be conducted Cape Cod and the Islands is a 13-day

the spring and summer. For information to volleyball will be played. Cricket, runs from June 26 to July 10 at balance, blood pressure, flexibility \$2,395 person. The fourth trip is Burlington to Bostom, a 15-day trip for ages 14-17.

Brochures and student applications are available at the Recreation Office. facility features a 50-meter pool, a Camp fliers are available at the Recre- Information is also available at separate diving tank, the zero-depth ation Office Registration may be done www.apogeeadventures.com.

> Spring is here and it's time to get in shape. Join Professional Fitness Athlete Laura Bass for this activity that weights to develop muscle endurance as part of a total body workout. The adult class will meet from 7 to

Body Sculpting

8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday self-confidence and a sense of accomthrough June 2. -----Therteens-554-tor-Mondays-and 562 for Wednesdays. The class meets at Borough Hall, and early registration

> is suggested for this class. T'ai Chi to Begin in May The spring session of T'ai Chi with

T'ai Chi is an ancient form of exer-A variety of sports from badminton 15-day adventure for ages 14-17 that cise that improves heart rate, posture,

and breathing The class will meet on Thursday The beginner intermediate class

meets from 8 to 9 pm, and the advanced class from 6.45 to 7.45 pm. The starting date was not available at The fee is \$43 for residents and \$47

Soccer Sign-Ups in May A variety of instructional, recreational, and competitive soccer pro-

for non-residents.

uses lightweight 3-5-pound hand grams will be offered this fall. Listed at the Recreation Office. All players. Office.

Coming in for a landing

below is a brief description of each must be a current budge when using age group. Children should be regis- the municipal courts at Deerfield tered for the grade in which they will. School or the Echobrook Courts at be enrolled in September. Borough Hall.

Enrollment in all programs is on a May 3. There is a \$15 late fee after

Mountainside Police hosted the U.S. National Guard RAID program. The RAID team flew

in and landed a helicopter at Deerfield School in Mountainside on Friday. Once they hit

the ground, they gave the students a lesson in drug awareness.

The UK Elite Soccer Camp This camp will be conducted in the evening this summer. The Mountainside camp is scheduled from Aug 9-13.

at the Borough Hall Field Brochures will be available at the Recreation Time for Tennis

Those who are unable to purchase a first come, first served basis beginning - badge at the Recreation Office during regular office hours, can call them at 908-232-0015 and make other

arrangements

Don't let time

run out on

Reserved time begins May 10 at Echobrook courts 1-4. Sheets will be posted Monday mornings. Various

The Sportwall electronic backboard will be operational in late April. Tennis badge holders may sign out the 2004 tennis badges are now on sale - remote controller from the Recreation

the week of Aug. 30 at the Borough outing for ages 13-15 that will run instructor Earl Baxter will be held in Welcome, new neighbor 2%

Gourmet Essence, a full-service, 'on-the-go' food shop, recently opened its doors at 263 Morris Ave. in Springfield. Among the items on the menu are healthy salads and sandwiches, soups, complete dinner entrees, and more. Here, owner and chef Robin Cianci serves up some freshly roasted veggies. Call-in orders are available at 973-379-1181.

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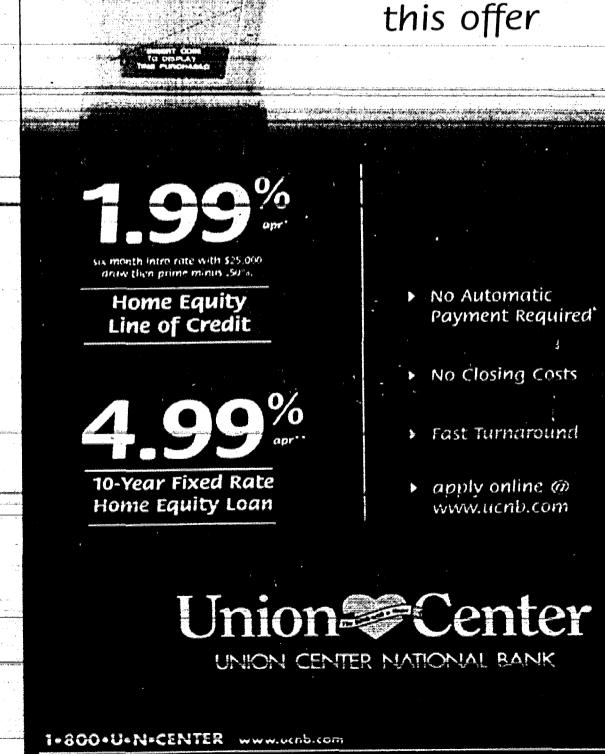
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COMMUNITY FORUM

New voices needed

The deadline for candidacy has come and gone, but no candidates have come forward to challenge the two Republicans running for re-election on the Mountainside Borough Council this year. This same thing happened last year, although there was a new candidate in Republican Robert Messler, who joined the council to take the seat of Thomas Perrotta, who decided not to run again.

Not only did no Democrats come forward, but neither did any Republicans or Independents. This speaks rather poorly to the local political structure in Mountainside. For one thing. Republicans have always been in control of Borough Council seats throughout Mountainside's history. Two-party government works and it can work for Mountainside, but only if the opposite party is strong and well-organized.

Granted, this can't be helped if nobody runs. But this is the problem. If elections continue uncontested, the same people will retain their seats, espousing the same views that they have in the past. This can contribute to complacency.

This is not to say the Republicans running for re-election this year are not strong candidates or that they should be replaced for the sake of being replaced. Nor does this mean that one party is better than another. It's the individual person's beliefs, goals and actions that matter.

Candidates Glenn Mortimer and Werner Schon are both effective, smart and dedicated councilmen who have demonstrated sound judgment and character as members of the council.

Continuing along the one-party path that Mountainside has been on closes opportunities for other people to offer their views in public discourse on issues. Those people who do not agree with the current council's methods or beliefs should do something to make a difference. Participating in an active, contested election is the way to do this. Watching or speaking critically from the sidelines is not enough.

Each year, every local government election in every town deserves to be contested. New voices are always needed, if just to be able to provide healthy dialogue and a demonstration of a true republic

The deadline to file for candidacy may have passed, but there's always another chance next year, or even the longshot write-in candidacies in the June primary or November

Go organic

Today is Earth Day. Forget for a minute the canard you've heard about how every day should be Earth Day, and how we should love the earth, our universal mother. Popular as they are, such oversimple sentiments produce little of the meaningful change that Earth Day has been about for the last 34 years. If you want to make a difference, go organic.

That means two things, the simpler being a change in diet, and the second a more encompassing change in lifestyle. A basic organic lifestyle involves a commitment to buying or, better yet, raising — produce grown without chemical fertilizers, pesticides or defoliant. Part of that is just a matrots; the tomatoes taste more like tomatoes and the apples taste more like apples, than the usual fare we settle for at the supermarket. Once the sole purview of health food stores. organic food in the last several years has moved into America's supermarkets, making it increasingly easier to find, even in the prepared foods section.

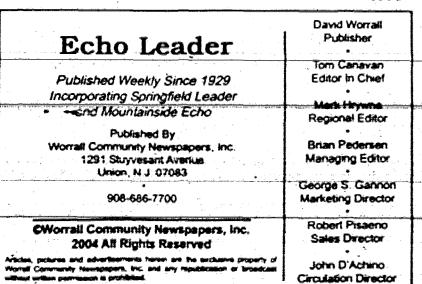
If you're already accustomed to eating organic produce, make the leap to other foods. Organic meats can be harder to come by than organic produce, but they are well worth the effort. As with organic produce, organic meat is at once more flavorful and far healthier than the conventional meat, coming as it does from animals that are not confined to narrow cages nor subjected to the other inhumane conditions that are a standard practice among factory farms.

Besides food, there are any number of other organic praccheaply. Skip the chemical fertilizers, and build the soil in your yard with natural supplements such as finished compost or organic fertilizers. Forget the pesticides, and add a birdfeeder or bat box to your back yard and let nature take care of the biting, stinging, crawling insects. A commitment to organic gardening makes for a much more beautiful and far healthier lawn in the long run than chemical treatments that leach the natural nutrients out of the soil, put young

children at risk, and pollute our waterways. Like anything else that is worth undertaking, adopting an organic lifestyle is something that will come in stages. Take the first steps today, and make this Earth Day one where you make a difference that will last a lifetime.

"The attention to the trivial rather than the substantial is a problem ... Reporting gets to be superficial too

> Paul Simon Politician 1996





HELLO UP THERE Two-year-old Springfield resident Hunter Gollin checks out the giant white rabbit giving away lollipops to the children who gathered for the Easter egg hunt at the Chisholm Community Park in Springfield on April 10.

Only pain can come of machines with personality

the Japanese electronics manufacturer. and when I turn it off, the little LED window tells me "goodbye."

The receiver is part of our home entertainment system --- a term that really could apply to lots of things but now appears to be exclusively linked with consumer electronic prod-

ment system could have applied to a when I turn it on. Nor does it occapet monkey dressed up in a bellhop's outfit, but today it's pretty much confined to music, movies and TV. It's too bad. I always got a good

Eighty years ago, a home entertain-

and auditory pleasures,

-laugh seeing a monkey sporting one of have been together for more than three those brimless red hats and a little blue years, it has never once opted for a jacket with gold buttons, but the odds of finding one of them next to the one plasma screen televisions at Best Buy-

ing monkey fling all the condiments. know is very formal. from my refrigerator around the

grammed to speak to me completely sideration.

By John Hartnett

out of the context of its intended puructs dedicated to enhancing our visual pose which is to amplify sound waves, tune in radio stations and not blow up. The receiver doesn't say "hello" sionally ask, "Is everything OK?" durread the book?" Just goodbye --- that's it. And even though the receiver and I

At first I was upset - 'I mean, what does it take to get an electronic device Believe me I checked, and after sit- to let its hair down? — but then I real- when I turn it off, nothing. No thank

"five-flye now," or "flave a good

me goodbye when I shut it off. I find it—bye is plenty good for me -- especial-

chased it at the same time as the receiver and I fing it odd that one Aiwa component is apparently willing to establish a deeper relationship with tent to keep things on a more profes-

They're physically connected to each other via cables, exchanging sig- patients. nals, working in close quarters. One admittedly formal but personable, the ing the middle of a movie, or "Did you | loner. It's like that movie with the two | become palpable, I'm no longer cerconvicts chained together, "The Defi-Remember that film with Sydney

> They'll probably remake it with Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson. Two words of advice: Save your money Anyway, with my Aiwa VCR,

Pointer and Tony Curtis? A classic.

connected properly. It was What can exactly what I'm looking for. I can respect that, I'm not one who __you do? To some appliances, it's nothkitchen sounds like entertainment wants to see the whole world Ameri- ing more than a job. To my Aiwa FX canized and saturated with the type of 8000, I'm just another faceless, name-

slang expressions that drive William less schnook without the common home entertoinment receiver that tells. Satire bonkers, I mean crazy, Good-sense to go out and get some exercise.

It's also an Aiwa -- an FX 8000 Maybe I should try to get a little closbut it doesn't speak to me at all. I pur- er, use one of those VHS rewinding time, let it know I care. I looked into counseling for the

VCR and me, but whenever I asked a me while another machine seems con- potential therapist how far away the electrical outlets were from where they'd be sitting, they all said the same thing: They weren't taking on any new Lately, my relationship with the

entertainment system has worsened. other closed-lipped, content to be a The tension in the family room has tain that my receiver is being sincere when it tells me goodbye and I'm convinced the VCR is eating my daughter's Elmo tapes on purpose. I'm thinking seriously about put-

ting the whole entertainment system up for sale on ellay and looking for an electronics company based in Vermont. They don't speak unless spoken ing-through-"Starsky-and-Hutch"---ized-that-it-could-just-be-an-aspect-of---you-or-goodbye--1-even-uhecked-the----to-up-there-and-when--it-comes-to-uthree weeks ago, watching a fez-wear- the Japanese culture, which as you manual to make sure everything was home entertainment system, that's

Or maybe I'll just see what eBay's got in the way of monkeys.

John Hartnett is a frequent con-And then sometimes I think: What tributor to this newspaper. He can ninguing that an appliance is pro---ly whea-you take my VCR into con---it it's me? Maybe I'm being too hard the reached at Johnhartnette, early on my VCR, maybe it's just shy. birdpublishing.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let's compare taxes to services

Before Mountainside could boast of its lowest taxes in Union County, they must be compared with the services they provide by each municipality in the

Arts center needs help to survive

If anything else, your recent editorial about the Union County Arts Center best — misrepresenting the facts about county government in a very partisan manner to a dwindling subscription base. The Union County Arts Center which is one of the last large-scale cultural gems in our county — needs help to survive and to reach its full potential. Despite what the editors from Worrall think, it has not been coming from the private sector.

The theatre is the centerpiece of the recently established arts district in the City of Rahway and a key to Rahway's redevelopment. The downtown area is undergoing a \$100-million redevelopment project that will create new jobs and business, increase ratables, and create new housing for all Union County residents. Part of the purpose of our government is to spur economic development for Union County residents. That's what we are doing with the revitalization of the Union County Arts Center. The editors of Worrall apparently prefer that we do nothing in this regard, and stand idly by, allowing another opportunity to slip.

As part of the freeholder board's initiatives for 2004, the investment in the arts was included as a way of bringing new energy to our communities and our families. The revitalization of this historic landmark by the County of Union is also to further elevate and establish the Union County Arts Center as a premier northern New Jersey performing arts establishment.

One only needs to look at the success of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark to see how beneficial such an endeavor can be. NJPAC has been credited with helping to spur an unprecedented revitalization of Newark, drawing developers and tenants back to that city and leading to a true renaissance. Other communities in New Jersey such as Red Bank and New Brunswick have also seen their downtowns turned around because of public sector invest-

Rather than writing misleading editorials with "impunity," we welcome the editors of Worrall to join us in our vision for a brighter future with new jobs and ncreased ratables for Union County.

Freeholder Daniel Sullivan, chairman Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Committee

Taxpayers should not be misled

I'm sorry that I have to write again to point out an error in an Echo Leuder. editorial about the Mountainside school system's benefit from the dissolution of the regional-high-school system.

Your editorial, "Yes for Mountainside plan," begins: "This year, the Mountainside school district is expected to receive a total of \$5,749,251.10 in dissolution funds ...

In fact, the payments of this money are to be spread over five years beginning next year. If the other school systems fail to overturn the latest state ruling

in Mountainside's favor. that our Board of Education is about to be flush with cash to make substantial immediate reductions in taxes. I don't think the best way to prevent the spread

of misinformation is through a letter to the editor, and I'm not trying to get my I suggest instead that you print a formal correction to clarify the facts prominently on your next editorial page. And please don't take my word for them. Call

Paul Vizzuso, the school board secretary, at 908-232-3232, to get the exact numbers, hoped-for payment schedule, and status of the legal situation. I also would like to comment on your last paragraph about group health-

I'm not sure you understand that it isn't possible for an employee to benefit simultaneously from two plans --- his or her own and the spouse's plan from a

different employer. The insurance companies obviously take steps to prevent this. What happens when spouses may choose between two plans is also pretty obvious: They pick

Therefore, if a teacher's plan is better than the spouse's plan, the school's plan gets hit. There isn't much that can be done about this, if anything at all. But again, don't take my word for it. Ask the Mountainside and Springfield school

Finally, I'm curious about something on your page. It's of no direct concern

How can you endorse three incumbent members of the Springfield school board, including its president, and in your next breath urge voters to disown the budget that these "highly qualified, dedicated, professional" public servants have labored to produce and recommend to voters?

Without knowing any facts about the Springfield budget, I would encourage you to reflect a little more on its issues and details. You might also do a thoughtful investigation of the disturbing claims raised in the "Point of View" by Dr. Sudler-Stein in the April 15 issue.

Scott R. Schmedel

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Soothing sounds in Summit



The Summit Symphony and the Concord Singers Chorale perform in a recent concert featuring works with various Shakespeare themes. This concert was sponsored by the Summit Board of Recreation and Schering-Plough Corp. via the Suburban Chambers of Commerce Foundation. The next Symphony concert will be May 15 at Summit High School, 125 Kent Place Blvd., at 8 p.m.

non-profit educational organization in 1974. It is now celebrating its 30th SAGE celebrates 50th year of service in May

Causes rise and fall over the years, emerged from the club's commitment resale shop and a workshop specializbut SAGE feels they have remained to educate itself and members of the ling in the repair of wooden items. steadfast in their mission to provide - community on issues affecting the eldservices that allow the elderly to erly. Council representation included remain independent and living at civic groups, churches, social agencies dedicated to helping the elderly organ-

SUMMIT OBSERVER - ECHO LEADER

Plant

auction

May 14

Local resident Nick Dawes, a for-

mer auctioneer for Sotheby's, will

wield the gavel at "A Garden

Evening," featuring Reeves-Reed

Arboretum's annual plant auction on

The auction will feature a silent

auction of plants grouped by the area

of the garden in which they belong,

and a live auction. The live auction,

which will take place under a tent, will

offer rare and unusual trees and

In addition, there will be a gourmet

Admission to the plant auction is

\$75. Proceeds from the auction benefit

Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart

Ave., Summit, a suburban conservan-

cy 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 country

organized by Summit residents as a

Reeves-Reed Arboretum was

buflet dinner and an open bar.

May 14. Festivities start at 6:30 p.m.

SAGE, a major community resource for eldercare since 1954, will — tion of SAGE, the Summit Association cefebrate its 50th anniversary this May, SAGE is a private, not-for-profit organization concerned with the health, happiness and general welfare of older citizens and their families. It is the oldest eldercare agency in New profit agencies in the United States that offers a comprehensive array of

The organization currently serves Union, Morris, Essex and Somerset

Club. A local council on aging homecare, a companion service, a leading eldercare organization," said meet the changing needs in eldercare, a organ and tissue for transplantation.

munity efforts resulted in the forma-

for Gerontological Endeavor. SAGE has been a pioneer in providing community-based care for the first adult day care centers with the Spend-A-Day Center in 1975. SAGE has continued to expa 1 its programs and services in the last 50 years.

In addition to the Meals-on-Wheels program and Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center; SAGE offers a shop-

(Cor, Elmora Ave.)

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Most recently, SAGE introduced "Checks and Balances," a program—are devoting their time to care for an

ize their bills and financial records,

answer questions about Medicare cov-

erage and more. To commemorate 50 years of service, SAGE will hold an anniversary elderly. It started one of New Jersey's celebration -- "At the Hop" -- from 7 first Meals-On-Wheels programs in to 11 p.m. at Oratory Prep School, 2 1966, and opened one of New Jersey's Beverly Road, Summit, on May 14. The evening will include a DJ and

dancing; food, contests, prizes, a silent auction and more. Tickets to attend are \$60 per person and '50s attire is "SAGE is a wonderful example of

how a community can come together SAGE grew out of a two-year ping service, a caregiver support with committed volunteers and a dedstudy initiated by the social studies group, InfoCare an information and icated staff to take a small grassroots

"Each year, more and more people

elderly parent or spouse. Because of create monthly budgets, sort mail, programs and services to assist the elderly and their caregivers who choose their home as a place to age SAGE's 50th anniversary is a time to tion, and how we can best support the elderly population and their loved

> Part of this development includes building a new, state-of-the-art facility at 290-306 Broad St., Summit. The building is scheduled to open in January, and will house all of SAGE's programs under one roof, including its

"Our new building and location

Performed will be works of Handel, Mendelysohn, Bach, Michael Hardr Rachmaninoff, as well as Z. Randall Stroope, Samuel Barber and Gershwitt

These selections will be enhanced by piano and string accompaniment The Concord Singers, a women's non-auditioning community chorus celebrating their 27th year, are based in Summit. They perform two formal concerts yearly, and also have an active outreach program, providing informal concerts

Concord Singers prepare

The Concord Singers announce their upcoming spring concert, "A Joyda Spring 2 Concert for Voices and Strings." May 16 at 4 p.m. at Calvary, him

At their spring concert, they will again be awarding their biennial Choral Aris-Award to a deserving, musically talented high school student who has shown exemplary dedication and an invaluable contribution to the choral music trade-

Tickets for "A Joyful Spring" represent a \$10 donation - senior citizens and

students \$6 - and are available at the door For information, call Debra Boyman at 908;771-0978

Free seminar explores estate, planning options

will host a free estate and investment ment firm with offices in New Proviplanning seminar for women from dence and Naples, Fla., in 1985. She 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 4 at Baltus- was named one of Worth Magazine's rol Golf Club, 201 Shunpike Road,

copal Church, 31 Woodland Ave.

Wealth and Wills," is designed to help women navigate complex cash flow, retirement, investment, tax, risk management and estate issues in today's continually changing economic envi-

Featured speakers are Anita J. Siegel, a partner at the firm of Schenk, Price, Smith & King in Morristown, cial planning and investment manageand Diahann W. Lassus, president of ment issues, Lassus Wherley & Associates in New

Siegel is the chairwoman of the Tax, Trust and Estate Department of tor of Major and Planned Gitts, at 908low of the American College of Trust and Estate Planning Course ACTEC - since 1991, and a member of its Charitable Planning Committee' special programs to help Overlock and Estate and Gift Tax Committee. Siegel is a frequent lecturer and author

administration and tax issues. Lassus co-founded Lassus Wherley remain at Overlook

on various estate planning, estate

Seating is limited for the luncheor sennnar. To make a reservation, RSVP by April 29 to Carol Cimilluca, Direc-

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NI State Chamber of Commerce and

the Center for Women's Business

Research. She also has served on

financial planning professional

boards, including the Certified Linan-

cial Planners Boards of Standards;

Board of Covernors Lassus is an

author and frequent lecturer on finan-

The Overlook Hospital Foundation raises funds that are used to purchase state-of-the-art equipment and fund remain on the torefront of medical

All gitts to the Overlook Hospital Foundation are tax-deductible and

Organ, tissue transplants discussed

Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Cen- Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave., Summit. Coffee and social begin at 5148

The April topic will be "Organ and Tissue Transplants." The Sharing Netdepartment of the Summit College referral service for elderly resources, movement and transform it into a will provide us with the opportunity to work is a federally certified nonprofit organization dedicated to the recovery of



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and Haddon Heights for many years

before moving to Summit in 1962. She

She was a long time and active mem-

ber of the Central Presbyterian Church

in Summit, Mrs. Thatcher was a char-

ter member and past president of the

Saltbrook Chapter of Questers, the

Summit Fortnightly Club and was a

volunteer with the Meals on Wheels

program. She also was a Girl Scout

eader and Sunday school teacher in

Surviving are four daughters, Terry

' Iliff, Jan T. Smith, Mary Jo Mis-

John R. Gerity of Grand Lake

Born in Summit, Mr. Gerity lived

Stream, Maine, formerly of Summit,

died April 17 in Overlook Hospital,

in Maine for 10 years. He joined the

Summit Fire Department in 1969 and

retired in 1994 as the fire chief. Mr

Gerity served in the Coast Guard dur-

ing the Vietnam War He was a mem-

ber of the Eirefighters Association, the

Fire Chiefs Association and the Emer-

Mr. Gerity also was a member of

the Exempt Firemen's Association and

ald Society, all of Union County.

erendino and Sally Ross, nine grand-

children and 14 gréat-grandchildren

John R. Gerity

Senior art workshops

encourage creativity Senior Housing in the Arts & Crafts Room of 12 Chestnut Ave., Summit. as they express their creativity in the "Creating Relationships Between Elements," a workshop lead by Evelyn-

Classes meet from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, including this Tuesday There will be a reception, open to the public at 2:30 p.m. April 30, to view this session's accomplishments.

Call 908-273-4820 to reserve a

Old Guard hears The Larks sing Tuesday

will discuss the essential rules for The Summit Junior League's singing group, The Larks, will start happy relationships and good mental their spring program at 10 a.m. at the health. The program is open to the Tuesday meeting of The Summit Area public and will include retreshments. Old Guard in the New Providence Municipal building.

The Larks were formed 18 years ago by members of The Summit Junior League, a national volunteer service organization. The Larks are under the musical direction of Old Guard member William Houpt.

The Larks are members of the Summit Junior League that includes more than 500 members from the communities of Chatham, New Providence, Berkeley Heights and Summit They raise money and sponsor projects in local communities. Some recent endeavors include a parent education series to help women to become better parents and The League works with the Union County Battered Women Organization. The Larks singing group stage programs throughout the area nursing homes and senior citizen centers.

All retired men are invited to attend the meetings of the Summit Area Old Guard on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. at the New Providence Municipal Building, 360 Elkwood Ave.

Meetings feature timely, thoughtprovoking talks. Old Guard members participate in sports, bridge, and trips to various cultural events in the area. For information, call Earl Gilkey at 908-464-2480 or log onto: www.summitoldguard.homestead.com.

Poetry group meets

Housing on Monday at 2 p.m., in the Arts & Crafts Room of 12 Chestnut Ave, Summit, as they continue their monthly poetry group, "Poetry: Poems from the Heart."

April is designated "Poetry Month", so participants are invited to come and celebrate with a verse or two. Both original and favorite poems are welcome.

Admission is free

Relationships.

SAGE offers Living Well Lecture Series Tuesday

SAGE Solutions, a major community-resource for eldercare, will-present a free program from its Living Well Lecture Series on Tuesday titled "How to Successfully Manage Your-

The program will be conducted from 7 to 8 p.m. at SAGE Spend-A-Day, 550 Springfield Ave., Berkeley

Spend-A-Day is SAGE Solutions* Adult Day Health Center, Spend-A-

Students use arboretum for artistic inspiration

When the spring flowers are at their fresh and vivid peak, students in Jutta Hagen's watercolor class at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., meander the grounds. When they have found the perfect vista, they settle themselves to paint from 9 a.m.

The Wednesday Watercolor Class offers eight sessions, beginning Wednesday and continuing through June 23. The fee is \$138 for the gener-

For information, call 908-273-

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MARS meets Tuesdays The Mountainside Active Retirees

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The Senior Citizens Club meets on the second and fourth Fridays of the month at noon at the Presbyterian Church on Meeting House Lane and Deer Path in Mountainside.

Upcoming programs include: On Friday, a Nominating Committee report and on May 11, a trip to Doolan's for an old-time Polish Polka Party, Call Virginia Lucas, at 908-518-0231 for details.

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With their roots providing points of departure, these artists often use images as metaphors for displacement. and for the establishment of a personal foundation in American society

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personal while being raised in, cur-

NJCVA exhibit explores multicultural art 'see' the images buried in the experience of the artists' different cultures The exhibit, which will remain on These 'unveiled' images are illuminat-Asian-American and Middle-Eastern view through May 26, has been cos ed for exhibition visitors and serve to American women artists and their curated by Nancy Cohen and Denise build better bridges of understanding

by becoming a part of the American

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Local photographer exhibits at Bouras

Nature photographer Bruce H. Morrison of Chatham, formerly of Short Hills and Summit

will be exhibiting at Bouras Galleries in Summit on DeForest Avenue. These photos of

wildlife and nature will be at Bouras Galleries from May 4 through June. The exhibit is

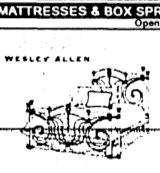
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artists' identities, both as womer, and "This exhibition is an opportunity as women making art outside of the that NJCVA relishes, not only does Euro-centric mainstream, is the focus this exhibition allow us to be involved of "Unveiling the Image: Multicultural Women Artists," said Cohen, "Their mission, which is to provide access to heritage is an integral part of their art for all," said Eric Pryor, president

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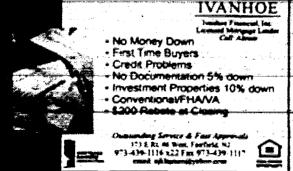
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Ida Goldschmidt Gertrude Johnson Ida F. Goldschmidt, 92, Union, for-Gertrude S. Johnson, 86, of Boca merly of Mountainside, died April 5 in Raton, Fla., formerly of Springfield,

the Clark Nursing and Rehabilitation - died on April 9. Born in Newark, Mrs. Johnson lived in Hillside and Springfield Born in Germany, Mrs. Goldschmidt lived in Mountainside for 40 before moving to Florida last year. She years before moving to Union four was employed with SAGE in Summit before retiring. Mrs. Johnson was a cook for

Women's Club of Springfield.

great-grandchildren.

George Bleznick

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Surviving are her husband of

years, Frank; two sons, Charles and

Richard; five grandchildren and six

George Bleznick, 77, of Manches

ter, formerly of Springfield, died April

10 in the Fountain View Care Center,

Born in Newark, Mr. Bleznick

Ruth L. Wood

Ruth L. Wood, 81, of Washington Township, formerly of Springfield, died April 6 in the Country-Arch Nursing Home, Pittstown.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Wood lived in Springfield for 20 years before moving to Washington Township 20 years ago. She was an elder, Woman's Club president and chairperson of the antique show at the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield. Surviving are her husband of 60

years, William; a son, Garv, and a daughter, Ruth

John Cirrito

John Cirrito, 95, of Mountainside died April 7 in Overlook Hospital,

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Cirrito lived there for 94 years before moving to Mountainside last year. He was a brokerage manager at Herzog, Heine and Duld brokerage firm on Wall Street. New York City, for many years before retiring.

Mr. Cirrito was a lifelong member of the Holy Name Society at Our Lady

of Mercy Church, Jersey City. Surviving are two sons, John and Raymond; a sister, Jave Tortore; three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a companion, Josephine Bur-

Bessie Y. Karp

Bessie Y. Karp of Westfield, fcamerly of Mountainside, died April 7 at the Westfield Center, Westfield. Born in Boston, Mrs. Karp lived in Brighton, Mass., and Mountainside

before moving to Westfield four months ago. She was the co-owner, with her husband, Samuel, of Charles Karp & Sons, a retail clothing store, in

sah in Boston and a past president of the Parent-Teacher Association at Temple B'nai Moshe in Brighton. Surviving are are two sons, Fred and-Stanley; six grandchildren, and a Anne Gladstone great-grandchild.

Emanuel J. Freda

Emanuel J. Freda, 81, of Springfield died April 8 at home. Born in Newark, Mr. Freda lived in Maplewood for 43 years before moving to Springfield three years ago. He was a banker at Howard Savings

Bank, Newark, for 36 years before retiring many years ago. Mr. Freda was an Army veteran and served during World War II, He was a member of the Maplewood Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10120, the grandchild. Manlewood UNICO and the South

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lived in Summit from 1925 to 1965, when she moved to Springfield. She Fire Department. worked for Contemporary Ceramics. Chatham, before retiring many years ago. Earlier, Mrs. Behan worked for Best Pencil Co., Springfield, and Sage, Summit, and assisted in the

home of the Phraner family of Sum-Surviving are a son, James; two daughters, Margaret Covino and Meals-on-Wheels and was active with Danise Matlaga, sive grandchildren

and four great-grandchildren.

Albert Myerson

Albert L. Myerson of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Mountainside, died

March 31 in Lakeside Terrace, Fla. Born in New York City, Mr. Myerson lived in Atlantic City and Mountainside before moving to Sarasota. He was a scientist and specialized in physical chemistry.

Mr. Myerson worked on various lived in Hillside and Springfield government projects during his career, before moving to Manchester seven including the Manhattan Project in years ago. He had owned the Coronet New York City and Picatinny Arsenal Sweet Shop in Hillside, the Mill Road in Morris County during World War II. Sweet Shop in Irvington and the He also did research for inter-continental ballistic missile systems while Mr. Bleznick later worked as senior at General Electric in Philadelphia and toll collector for the Garden State the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory,

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Rev. Evans, pastor emeritus of

Springfield Presbyterian Church,

served that historic church for 35

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Surviving are his wife of 51 years. During the 1970s, Mr. Myerson Miriam; two sons, Steven and Alan; a was involved in air pollution research sister, Miriam Telesnick; two brothers, at Exxon Corp., Linden, and in the Irving and Harry, and four grandchil-1980s, he investigated the causes of red tide at Mote Marine Laboratories in Sarasota, Mr. Myerson held patents Eugene Hicks in his field, one of which, on air pollu-Eugene Gordon Hicks, 92, of Beth-

lehem, Pa., formerly of Mountainside, died April 2 Country Meadows, Beth-He was a chemistry graduate of Pennsylvania State University. Mr. Born in Nashville, Tenn., Mr. Hicks lived in Mountainside before Evan Pugh Medal given by the univermoving to Bethlehem. He was supersity, as well as a Carnegie Scholar and intendent engineer for American Tradan Avoda Scholar. He received a Ph.D. ing and Production Co., New York in chemistry and physics from the

City, for 20 years and retired in 1970. University of Wisconsin, Mr. Myerson Mr. Hicks served in the Merchant was the author of numerous journal Marines during World War II and articles in the areas of combustion, attained the rank of commander in the kinetics of atomic chemistry and the United States Maritime Service in collision of atomic species on sur-1949. He was a member of the Society faces. He was a classical violinist who of Marine Port Engineers for 50 years had performed with community and a Coast Guard licensed chief engiorchestras in New York, New Jersey

Surviving are a son, Dr. Gene Hicks; a daughter, Kimberly H. Jamison; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren

Rev. Bruce Evans Anne Gladstone, 87, of Springfield A memorial service to celebrate the

died April 12 at home. life the Rev. Bruce Whitfield Evans of Born in New York City, Mrs. Glad-Matthews, N.C., former pastor of stone moved to Springfield 52 years ago. She was a concert violinist and a be Saturday at 10 a.m. in First Preshygraduate of the Institute of Musical terian Church of Springfield, 210 Arts and the Juilliard School, both in Morris Ave. at Church Mall, Spring-New York field. He died Oct. 29, 2003 i

Mrs. Gladstone performed with members of the Juilliard School at Carnegie Hall in New York City and

Mark: two grandchildren and

Margaret C. Behan, 96, of Springdaughter, Nancy Jane Gunning; two field, formerly of Summit, died April brothers, William and Harry, a sister, 13 in the King James Care Center,

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ty Chapel at Culver Lake. After retiring, he and his wife, the late Elizabeth Evans, resided at Rossmoor Community Center. He continued his ministry at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, Rossmoor Community Church and the Cranbury and Metuchen Presbyterian

churches. He lived in Matthews, N.C.

for the past several years. Rev. Evans was a member of Beta Theta Pi at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa., where he graduated with honors. He also graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary and did graduate work at Oxford University in England and St. Andrews University.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth; a son, Bruce W. Jr.; a daughter, Janet Evans Trampel; a sister, Gwendolyn Askew; two grandchildren and five greatgrandchildren.

Nancy Didier

Nancy Didier, 64, of Garwood, formerly of Mountainside, died April 16 in Union Hospital.

- Born in Elizabeth, Miss Didier Myerson was the 1941 recipient of the lived in Mountainside and Cranford before moving to Garwood 24 years ago. She was a French teacher at Westfield High School for 32 years before retiring in 2003. While in Westfield High, Miss Didier moderated the French Club and the Student Foreign Exchange programs. She previously taught at Summit and Linden high Miss Didier received a bachelor's

degree in French and education from Caldwell College in 1961 and two master's degrees in French and education from Rutgers University and New Surviving are his wife of 51 years. Arline; two daughters, Aimee Kolze York University. She was currently working toward a Ph.D. at New York and Lorraine McCarroll; a son, Paul, and three grandchildren.

Surviving are a son, Philip A.; a sister, Maureen Carey Pollock, and a brother, Thomas Edward Carey.

ter, West Orange.

Springfield Presbyterian Church, will . Ida Lehr, 92, of West Orange, formerly of Springfield, died April 16 in the daughters of Israel Geriatric Cen-

Born in Newark, Mrs. Lehr lived in Springfield and West Palm Beach. Fla., before moving to West Orange four years ago.

graduated from Wilson College. Chambersburg, Pair in 1934 Surviving are a son, Erwin, three grandchildren and five great-grand-Mrs. Thatcher was active in many community organizations and events

Eugene Hicks Eugene Gordon Hicks, 92, of Bethlehem, Pa., formerly of Mountainside,

died April'2 Country Meadows, Beth-

Born in Nashville, Tenn., Mr. Hicks lived in Mountainside before moving to Bethlehem. He was super intendent engineer for American Trading and Production Co., New York City, for 20 years and retired in 1970 Mr Hicks served in the Merchant Marines during World War II and attained the rank of commander in the United States Maritime Service in 1949. He was a member of the Society of Marine Port Engineers for 50 years. and a Coast Guard licensed chief of

Surviving are a son, Dr. Gene Hicks; a daughter, Kimberly H. Jamison; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Joyce Formicella

Joyce H. Formichella, 73, of Summit died April 5 at home. Born in Berkeley, Calif., Mrs Formicella lived in Chatham for four years before moving to Summit 48

A., and a sister, Patricia Mundy.

Margaret Behan

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Surviving are her husband, Mario

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dy, County Galway, Ireland, Mrs.

the Fire Chief's Association, both of years ago. She was a secretary for City the state of New Jersey and was a past Federal Bank in Summit for 38 years president of the Firemen's Benevolent and retired in 1990. Mrs. Formicella Association 54 in Summit was a member of the Business & Pro-Surviving are his wife, Christine, a fessional Women's Club of Summit.

son, Thomas Jonathan, two daughters, Lisa Christine Dolce and Kimberley Anne Dolce, a sister, Judith Ann Harvis, and five grandchildren

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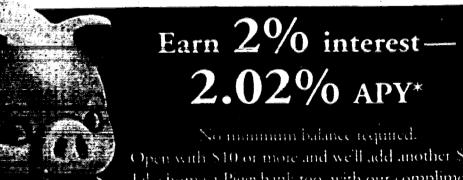
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379-4351. Mondays - 7-00 pm - FNGLISH AS - volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 3.30 a.m./Sunday morning Worship is at 10:30. 8.00 PM, with monthly Family Services at 7:30 a.m.; the emphasis of which is to always have a PM Saturday morning Torah study class begins "good week" because of Paul's reminder to us in JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE at 9 15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM his letter to the Romans "that ALL things work THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF President their Ahm to an equinarian, example the pust ber bar marian and enter her bar marian the must and theck's 9 Juan 11 Juan Weekda's Monday I sales 14M Sun . 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an welcome to hear the Good News of God's love Reconciliation, Saturday at 17th Perpetual Thurs 7.44 PM Shabbat (Friday) 5.00 PM & active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Renaissance and salvation through Jesus Christ, Our church ... Adoration. Chapel for personal prayer and

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Short Hills





Retreat Day at St. James the Apostle School in Springfield was a day of prayer, retrospect and learning about the meaning of Easter and Holy Week. The day was full of religious games, stories, crafts and an afternoon movie, complete with fresh popcorn. Father Bob Stagg explains to the students the importance of this holy season.

RELIGION

Lectures examine aspects of Jewish life

Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, is Our Times." The distinguished lectur-Jersey Council for the Humanities, a University in Union.

All sessions begin at 7:30 p.m. and

are free and open to the public. The

program on May 17 will be jointly

tain Baptist Church, 116 Glenside

For more information, call Foun-

held with the Tri-City NAACP.

Bartholomew, Tyler Farrand, Mary

Tickets for the Calvary house tour

are \$30 in advance. On the day of the

three-part lecture series titled "Land-The Hazak Chapter of Temple Beth - mark Ideas that Shaped Jewish Life in - Contemporary Contexts."

> The first fecture on April 26 will Jewish Princess." The final program on June 1 will deal with "A Perfect World? Messian-

> > tices" with Gilbert Klein. All programs begin at 8 p.m. at Springfield. Each lecture will be followed by a question-and-answer period and refreshments.

All lectures are open to the public and there is no admission fee. For information, call the temple office at 973-376-0539, ext. 11.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom schedules activities

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S Springfield Ave., Springfield, invites the community and prospective members to attend several scheduled activities this spring. Programming offers something for every age group and

host a "Nosh & Shabbat" for potential members on April 30 at 6:30 p.m. Individuals and families interested in affiliating with a congregation and interested in learning more about Temple Sha'arey Shalom are invited to

attend. Services will follow at 8 p.m. Temple officers, committee chairpeople. Religious School teachers, members of the Membership Committee, Cantor Amy Daniels, and Rabbi Joshua Goldstein will be present to speak about Sha'arey Shalom and its programs and to answer questions

about the Congregation. A light dinner

ism in Religious Beliefs and Prac-Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, coming up in May --- and offer a

> learning with the Rabbi, and adult and Confirmation classes, as well as a

> tilm series class meet regularly. · Service opportunities are plentiful and volunteers are welcome. The Social Action Committee sponsors a nonthly soup kitchen in Elizabeth, During hospitality week in August, needy families are-hosted as a part of a program sponsored in conjunction

The Brotherhood sponsors a program called 'Painting the Town' where a house in need of repair is adapted and fixed-up.

Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform Jew ish congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism, formerly Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Membership is from many communities within Union, Essex and Morris counties.

ment for the Humanities, to support a

feature Dennis Klein speaking on will be provided. RSVP for the "Looking for the Devil: Reassessing "Nosh" by Friday the Protocols of the Elders of Zion in · Children can enjoy monthly

Mishpachah minyans — interactive The next program on May 19 will. Sabbath morning services: Tot Shabthe recipient of a grant from the New ers are members of the faculty of Kean be delivered by Emily Filardo on the bat services at 6:30 p.m.; and often subject "JAP Baiting: The 'American participate in the evening family Sab-Renaissance Group participants

those age 49 and older - enjoy many activities including the Jewish Seniors lecture series, outings to various locations -- Duke Gardens is Mind, Body & Lunch series that incorporates exercises for the mind and

Shabbat study minyans, evening book discussion groups, afternoon education series on the holidays are also offered, Adult Bar Bat Mitzvah

with Interfaith Hospitality Network of

For information about Temple Sha'arey Shalom, or to register for any of the programs, call the temple office

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stitution Plaza, will offer spring read-

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10:30 to 11 a.m. This spring session

begins on May 5 and runs through

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for 3- and 4-year-olds on Thursdays,

from 2 to 2:30 p.m., beginning on May

6 and continuing through May 27.

Three- and 4-year-old participants lis-

ten to stories and create simple crafts.

olds to participate in storytelling activ-

ities involving costumes and role play-

ing. Storytime Theatre' is scheduled

for Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.,

beginning on June 1 and continuing

Registration is required for all pro-

each child in the Toddler and

Preschool Storytimes upon first time

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'Reflections' summarizes

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date and costume jewelry and chil-

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Ave., is open Monday, Wednesday and

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Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10

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Writer and teacher Zella R. P. Gelt-

man continues to bring her counseling

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF DECISION

On April 7, 2004, the Planning Board of he Township of Springfield adopted a esolution of Approval granting Springs as the Presumnary and Final Sile

Public notice is hereby given that an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance relating to satures of officers and employees of the Bord of Hashing in the Bord of Hashing of Union, State of New Jersey," was adopted by the Springfield Board of Health at a regular meeting held on April 14, 2004.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication according to law Marylou Fashano Solits.

Board Secretary

Board Secreta U71270 ECL April 22, 2004 (\$5.63)

OOCKET NO F127699 LAINTIFF CHASE MANHATTAN MORT DAGE CORPORATION

DEFENDANT MICHAEL P. GELLER AND ANIE R. GLEER, JAYSON SOFT WATER

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Storytime Theatre invites 5-year-

Atlantic City bus trip planned

B'nai B'rith of Springfield has planned a trip to Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City on June 13. show tickets to see Tony Pace at 2 p.m. Reservations should The cost is \$30 per person. The bonus package includes be made early by calling Jerry Kamen at 908 687 9120 c

breakfast at Bagel Chateau, 222 Mountain Ave., Spring- 908-277-1953 evenings. Respond by May 30. field, next to the post office, from 8 to 10 a.m. The bus, will leave from Echo Plaza mall at 10:30 a.m. is limited bus capacity and a first come basis.

between Mountain Avenue and Route 22, Springfield.

and training services to Springfield fiction. The group meets the third Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., in Thursday of each month at Springfield the ongoing course, "Write Your Life Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave Stories -- Memoir Writing Made at 10 a.m.

AT THE LIBRARY

suggested reading, and how working politics. with a group provides feedback for each other and enhances people's sto- being the "absolute relationship to the

gy of memoirs with tip for writing same experience. The group will meet on the first

from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Springfield Public Library. No writing experience required -- just come and enjoy the group. Newcomers welcome. For information, call 973-376grams and proof of age is required for

> Painting exhibit explores Holocaust memories

"In Memorium," an exhibit for any questions concerning registrapaintings, will be displayed at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., from Friday through will be performed on Sunday at 2 p.m. On Wednesday, participants can

An artist's reception will take place on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m.

with The Brothers Grinn at Mountain-The exhibit includes nine large side Free Public Library, Constitution paintings, approximately 20 individual images used in the "Chine colle" The program includes newly told etched pages of the book she created. folk tales an interactive songs. The reproductions of the pages of the letter family program is for ages 5 and older her father received in German, and the to celebrate the Rally-To-Read fundtranslation in English mounted next to Bird Johnson, Pat Nixon and Betty

A few years ago, by chance, Claire utes Simon found a photo album of her father's that she had never seen when he was alive. It contained snapshots of "The Presidents" and impersonated sent to him after he immigrated to this "Reflections," an exhibit of paintcountry from Germany in 1927.

She also found a letter, dated 1947, papers. She remembered her father sit-"Reflections" is a summary of the ting at the kitchen table when she was work of artist Judith Stein, spanning a child, with that letter in his hands, been made possible in part by the New Although an art educator for 35 crying.

Claire remembers asking her mothdents as a process of intellect, passion minister. It told the story of her uncle's all and Heritage Affairs. Nazis. It was the confirmation of her out her career. Her paintings reflect an father's worst fears.

ongoing exploration of a variety of By painting portraits of her relamedia, techniques, styles and subjects. tives from the photos in her father's For information, call 973-376album, she began to know them, and was able to keep them alive in her. Subsequently, she decided to create a novels, magazines sought book, which contains etchings derived The Friends of the Springfield Pubfrom the photos.

In the etched pages, she has also included a poem that she wrote on the death of her own son. Peter, who died as a result of an accident at age 26, and he Stabat Mater, a prayer of Catholic Church, Together, they express the feelings Claire has as a witness to the suffering and death of those she has loved, and even of those a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours are from she has never known.

> Great Books Group examines classic texts

Once a month, the Great Books Discussion Group meets to examine the "great" books of civilization. The winter selections range from essays to

PUBLIC NOTICE WEDNESDAY THE 28TH DAY OF

By virtue of the above-stated writ of exe-cution to me directed I shall expose for Resolution of Approval granting Spring Esse. L. C. Presimace, and Final Sile Plan and Variance Approvals in connection with the property Totaled at 823 South Springfield Acony of the Township of Springfield A copy of the Resolution has been filed in the office of the Administrative Officer of the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield located in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Street, Springfield, New Jersey and may be inspected by the public Monday through Friday, during normal business hours.

Attorney for the Applicant U71114 ECL April 22, 2004 (\$7.88).

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Kierkegaard's "The Knight " Geltman's methods strive to show Faith" will be the topic of today's dishow memoir writing can be simple cussion. Knights of Faith - limited to and rewarding, focusing on how to get a select few, who have transcended started, having a purpose, how to tell religion by making an authentic leapstories, making a list of ideas from of faith -- have recognized that their your life experiences, tips on editing, duty was to God, not to local ethics or

Mail checks to 2824 Morris Ave., Union, 07083. There

absolute." One that cannot be justified Geltman's published work includes by words or reason, and can only be "Tales of Our Lifetimes," an antholo- understood by those who have had the The next two discussions will be

Herodotus's "The Persian Wars" of and third Wednesdays of each month. May 20 and Locke's "Of Civil Gov-

The Great Books compilation may is necessary, and no registration is be purchased for \$20 at the Circulation Desk. The discussion groups welcomes new members. Participants are invited to come to any or all of the dis-For information, call 973-376-

Play explores lives of three First Ladies

in the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. This play, starring Broadway

actress Elaine Bromka of Montelair. an intimate portrait of three celebrities in what Pat Nixon called "the hardest unpaid job in the world!"

The show is an exploration of Lady Ford and runs approximately 80 min-The play originated when Bromka starred opposite Rich Little in the play

his family and friends, Many had been the last eight First Ladies. Intrigued by their stories and their sheer courage, she wanted to fell their story more directly, to focus on them and what that she had saved among her own they faced in their jobs as birst ladies The play is directed by Lenhy Bart

Funding for the performance has

Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of, State, a partner agency on the development of her personal er what was going on. She told Claire of the National Endowment for the artistic agenda. To share her philoso- that the letter was written by a neigh- Arts, through a grant administered by phy of the art experience with her stu- bor of her father's family, a Protestant the Union County Division of Culturand technique was constant through- and aunt's families' arrest by the For information, call 923-376-4930. Pick up your free ticket at the

> Children's programming continues in May

Circulation Desk of the library

In May, children from kindergarten to sixth grade are invited to participate in "Tales for Tails," a read to dogs program on May 3, 10, 17 and/or 27 at 7 p.m.: in the Donald B. Palmer Museum of Springfield Free Public Library, 66

Mountain Ave. the library once every week in May with their handlers to hear children read to them for a 15-minute session from a book of their own choosing. For information or to register, call

Editorial deadlines -Following are deadlines for news: ·Church, club and social — Friday, neon. Entertainment - Friday, noon

973-376-4930, ext. 232, after Monday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sports - Monday, noon. Letter to the

Editor - Monday, 9 a.m. General -

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 2004 U88604 ECL (\$100 50)

TAKE NOTICE that on the 5th day of May, 2004 at 8.00 o'clock p.m. a hearing will be held before the Springfield Plan-May, 2004 at 8 00 o'clock p.m. a hearing will be held before the Springfield Planning Board at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue. Springfield. New Jersey on application 85-2004-5 regarding the application of MELVIN KEVOE and ShiRR-RI KEVOE for preliminary and final site plan approval and variances for lot and building coverage. Iront and side set back, parking, facade and signage and any other variances that may be necessary as evidenced by the plans now on fite or as may be modified in the request of the Board Of Adjustment so as to permit construction of an addition onto an existing commercial structure. This application is made for premises located at 200 Morris Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, known as Block of the Calendar is called, you may appear either in person or by agent or attorney, and present, any objections which you may have to the granting of this application. All papers pertaining to the application may be seen in the office of the Planning to located in the Annex Building, 20 North Frivett Street, Springfield N. J.

Melvin Revoe.

Melvin Kevoe Applicant UF72FF ECt April PF 2004 (\$14.35) LEGAL NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION LEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE OFF TIAL MEETING OF THE RENT LEVELIN

Rierkegaard called this state of The Springfield Environmental Commission presents the winners of the 2004 Clean Community Day Poster contest. The posters were displayed all over town to advertise the event, with more than 150 posters submitted. Mayor Clara Harelik congratulates the

grader Jessica Videna and eighth-grader Martin Jiminez.

Meet the poster contest winners

Cantors get ready to perform Sunday

winners, from left, pre-kindergartner Surya Makkar, second-grader Anmol Baxi, third-

Jewish music in celebration of Israel the ensemble for many years. Independence Day at Temple Sha'arey Springfield, on Sunday at 7 p.m. Sha'arey Shalom adults and junior

choirs will also perform in the concert. Ticket prices for the concert are \$10 Betty," a play by Eric H. Weinberger, listing in the program. provide scholarships for students at

> the cantorial school of the Reform and out of a love for their Jewish musical Conservative movements. A dessert heritage. reception will follow the concert. Singing in the Ensemble are cantors from 14 New Jersey communities.

Ensemble will present a concert of. Amy Daniels has been a member of gations

Green, Sheldon Levin, Barbra Lieber- Oranges stein, Mark Biddelman, Ilan Mamber, per adult and \$5 per child. Patron of Erica Lipitz, Matthew Axelrod, Evette cational, and religious focal center for the arts tickets are \$36 and include a Katlin, Janet Roth Krupnick, and Mur-All of the cantors volunteer their time — Action Program

The New Jersey Cantors' Concert - Temple Sha'arey Shafom's Cantor - Union of American Hebrew Congre-

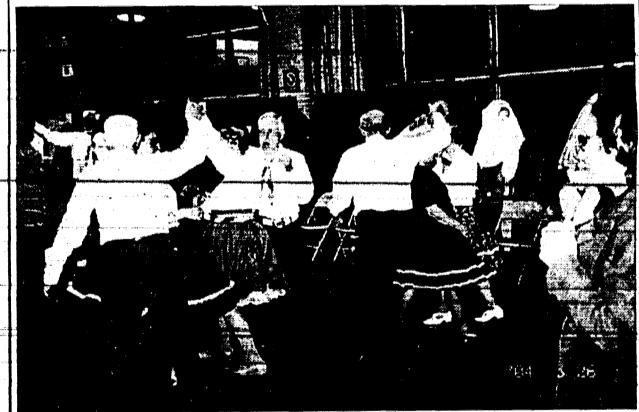
Membership is from many commu-Also singing with the ensemble is nities within Union, Essex and Morris Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Cantor Art Katlin, Frank Lanzkrom- counties, including Cranford, Eliza-Tamarazo, Michelle Freedman, Fran- beth, Maplewood, Miliburn, Springeyne Davis, Daniel Green, Ruth Katz field, Union, Westfield and the

the communities, with an outreach ray Simon. The Ensemble is dedicated - program, active Sisterhood, Erother-Funds raised by the concert go to to providing concerts of Jewish music hood, Renaissance and a strong Social The public is invited to attend. To

The temple serves as a social, edu-

order tickets, call Temple Sha'arey Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform Jew- Shalom 973-379-5387 Additional ish congregation affiliated with the information can also be found on the Union for Reform Judaism, formerly temple Web site www.shaarey.org.

Kick up your heels



Toes were tapping and skirts were swirling as the dancers moved to the music at a recent Harmony Dancers Club Square Dance in Springfield. Club dancers in north Jersey have their choice of more than two dozen local clubs at which to dance mation on the Springfield program, call 973-379-3901.

American Red Cross courses help strengthen skills

The Westfield Mountainside Chap- 321 Elm St., Westfield. ter of the American Red Cross has released its health and safety course

chedule for the spring For information or to register for any courses, call 908-232-7090. Inless otherwise noted, all courses will take place at the Chapter House, and children.

BOARD SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 29. 2004 HAS BEEN CANCELLED TURRAY FROMER 71624 ECL April 22 2004 (\$4.88)

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD PLANNING BOARD

This application is made for premises located at 676 Morrs Avenue Springfield. New Jersey, known as Block 502 Lot(s) 15 on the Township of Springfield Tay Mab When the calendar is called, you

Map When the calendar is called, you may appear either in person or by agent or allutiney, and present any objections which you may have to the granting of this application. All papers personning to the application may be seen in melofice of the Administrative Officer of the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield inclaims in the Annex Building, 20 North Inwest Street, Societies, M.J. ARGULTO Applicant

Applicant U71628 ECL April 22, 2004 (\$14.63) **ADVERTISE**

Infant Child CPR will be offered

May 20 from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. The

fee is \$45. This course teaches participants how to recognize and care for breath- is \$45. ing and cardiac emergencies in infants

 Infant CPR will be offered April 6.15 p.m. 29 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. and June 1 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. This course teaches how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac

emergencies in infants from birth to 12 months of age . Child CPR will be offered May 4 from 6 to 10 p.m.

This course teaches how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in children from age I to

8. The fee is \$35. * Adult CPR will be offered tonight from 6 to 10 p.m. and May 27 from from 6 to 10:30 p.m. and May 18 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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DESCRIPTION

Kits are for sale.

6 to 10 30 p.m.

This course teaches how to recog-

nize and care for breathing emergen-

cies in people ages 8 and older. The

course includes AED training. The fee

will be offered May 8 from 9 a m to

how to recognize and care for breath-

ing and cardiac emergencies in

infants, children and adults, it also

provides instruction in first aid. Upon

completion, students will receive cer

The fee is \$60. First Aid Disaster

- First Aid Basics will be offered

Tuesday from 6 to 10 p.m., May 13

tification in Infant CPR, Child CPR

and Adult CPR and First Aid.

. Community First Aid and Safety

This course teaches participants

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U70375 ECL April 15, 22, 2004

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EVENTS

B'nai B'rith offers theater performance

B'nai B'rith Lodge of Springfield iffers an upcoming performance of 'Come Hy With Me" on May 16 at 3. p.m. at The Forum Theatre Company,

314 Main St., Metuchen the show teatures the songs and tories of Sammy Cahn starting Bruce Adler & Company with Sarah Ferro, Avery Sommers and Barry Tarallo Songs include "It's Magic," "FII Walk Alone " "My kind of Town,"

for reservations, call Jerry Kamen it 908-687-9120 during the day and 208-277-1953 in the evening. The cost is \$30 per person fist

come basis-first serve All seats are reserved and RSVP by Wednesday, mail checks to B'nar-B'rith co Jerry Kamen payable to Heights. B'nai B'rith Lodge 2093, 2824 Morris Ave. Union, 07083.

Rotary Club flea market Sunday at high school Every year the annual Springfield

Rotary Club's flea market ushers in Once again the grounds of Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue in Springfield will be crowded with vendors selling their wares on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5

Items available for purchase are highly varied, from toys to antiques. The flea market is nearly sold out this year, with more than 130 yendors

Springfield Rotary members will be manning the refreshments stands, selling hot dogs, burgers, soda, icecream and other food Also, they will have a white elephant table

Free blood pressure screenings and fire prevention will be available. Admission is free On the day of the event, the people of Springfield and surrounding com-

munities can help support Rotary's

annual flea market, with proceeds

going to fund scholarships given to

year's market. At approximately 3.30 of their high school experience," p m a drawing will be held for their

If all tickets are sold the first prize winner could receive more than \$4,000 and the second prize winner. more than \$800. Tickets will be available at the flea market, with the maximum number of tickets limited to 500. För ticket information, call Dr. Lee Kaswiner at 973-379-3803.

GL Band performs in Music Marathon

lander Band will perform at the Music - colors and styles Marathon on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Governor Livingston High School, Guild Web site at PottersGuildNJ.org, 175 Watchung Blyd, Berkeley or call Judy Musicant at 908-233-

The Music Marathon is a way for the Highlander Band to thank the pub- Basketball game he for their support through the year Admission for this event is free. The band will perform the 2003 field show. The concert band, the drum and pipe band and small ensembles will also be on hand to round out the evening

Before the Music Marathon, the Band Parents' Organizations will host a fish and chips chicken and chips dinner on Friday from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m. in the GLHS cateteria.

The dinner will be catered by Argyle's of Kearny. The price for a complete dinner is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children younger than age 12 lickets for the dinner can be purchased at the door or in advance from Janice Vecchione 908-771-0186. Take out will also be available.

In July, the award-winning Highlander Marching Band will be travel- zens of Northern New Jersey. ing and performing in Scotland Proceeds from the door-to-door solicitation and fish and chips dinner will for Hunger. They are asking for the help to defray the travel expenses for - public to support these young ladies in the students, their instruments, cos-

According to Dan Kopcha, musicaldirector of the Highlander Band and 973-376-0260, Corcione at 973-376music teacher at GLHS, "The students 2897 or July's Pantry at 9734379needy Springfield seniors graduating look forward to the trip to Scotland

from Dayton High School. There is a - worn their first practice session with special revent taking place for this in the bond. For many, it is the highlight:

Guild hosts annual spring pottery sale

The Potters' Guild of New Jersey will host its 10th annual spring sale of functional pottery and sculptural ceramics at the Community Presbyterian Church, 1459 Deer Path, on the corner of Meeting House Lane, from mean to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Visitors will find functional and decorative pottery such as vases, wallpieces, pitchers, teapots, platters The Governor Livingston High- casseroles and raku vessels in varying

for directions to the show, see the

benefits Joe Pepe fund A basketball benefit game in memory of Joseph Pepe III will be in the main gymnasium of Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield on May 7 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5.

sportsmanship fund has been set up and any donations can be made to oseph-Pepe III Sportsmanship Fund P.O. Box 537 New Providence, 07974 For information, call Fran Corcione at 973-376-6386.

'Walk for Hunger' set

On Saturday, the Springfield Girl Scout Troops will walk from 12:30 p.m., to, 3 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park, South Springfield and Mountain avenues, to help Lily's Pantry feed the working poor and needy senior citi-

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STUDENT UPDATE

Seton Hall Prep honors Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange has announced its second trimester honor roll

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Marks makes dean's list Harry Marks of Springfield was among the New Jersey City University students named to the dean's list for grade

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SPORTS

Trying to get back to the base Gov. Livingston Boys' Lacrosse April 23 Voorhees, 4 p.m. April 24 at DePaul, 2:30 p.m. April 27 at Newark Academy, 4 April 29 Bergen Tech at Columbia School, 4 May 1 at Northern Highlands, 4 May 3 West Orange, 4 May 4 a. Glen Ridge, 4 May 7 Oratory Prep. 4 May 12 Watchung Hills, 4 May 13 at New Providence, 4 May 19 at Montclair-Kimberley, 4 Gov. Livingston Girls' Lacrosse April 23 Blair Academy, 4 p.m. April 26 at Kent Place, 4 April 28 at New Providence, 4 April 30 Oak Knoll, 4 May 1 Northern Highlands, 2 p.m. May 3 Ridge, 4 May 5 St. Elizabeth, 4 May 6 Lacordia, 4 May 10 Cranford, 4 May 12 at Madison, 4 Gov. Livingston Baseball April 22 Johnson, 4 p.m.

April 24 at Linden, 7 p.ra. April 28 Caldwell, 4 April 30 Plainfield, 4 May 3 St. Benedict's Prep, 4 May 4 at Ridge, 4 May 6 Roselle Park, 4 May 10 Franklin, 4 May 11 at Brearley, 4 May 13 at North Plainfield, 4 May 16 at New Providence, TBA May 17 at Union Catholic, 4 May 19 Summit, 4 May 21 Roselle Catholic, 4 May 24 at Metuchen, 4

Gov. Livingston Softball

April 22 at Johnson, 4 p.m. April 23 at Scotch Plains, 4 April 27 Immaculata, 4 April 29 at Roselle Park, 4 April 30 Union, 4 May 3 Blair Academy, 4:30 p.m May 4 Ridge, 4 May 6 at Bound Brook, 4 May 11 Mount St. Mary's, 4

May 13 North Plainfield, 4 May 18 at Oak Knoll, 4 May 20 at Roselle Catholic, 4 May 24 Metuchen, 4 May 25 Union Catholic, 4

Gov. Livingston Boys' Tennis April 22 New Providence, 4 p.m.

April 27 Rahway, 4 April 29 at Dayton, 4 April 30 Bound Brook, 4

May 1 at Madison Boro, 10 a.m. May 3 at Montgomery, 4 May 4 at Union Catholic.

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May 11 Ridge, 4

May 12 Immaculata, 4 May 13 at Johnson, 4 May 14 at Roselle Catholic, 4

Gov. Livingston Boys' and Girls' Track

April 24 G-at Millburn, TBA B-at Randolph, 9 a.m. April 27-28 MVC at Ridge, 3 p.m. May 1 UC Relays at Plainfield, TBA May 5-6 MVC at Ridge, 4 p.m.

GL diamond teams win fifth games

The Governor Livingston High School diamond teams won their fifth games, the baseball team improving to 5-2 and the softball team to 5-3. The baseball team defeated New Providence 2-1 last Saturday in the

Phil Krug Tournament at Millburn. The day before, GL downed Dayton 11-3 in Berkeley Heights as Jason Hollowell blasted a three-run homer in the first and Bryan Beal went 3-for-4, one of his hits a two-run homer in the 10:48.1

The softball team bested Rahway by an 11-1 score Monday. GL defeated Ridge 5-4 in Basking Ridge last Thursday before being edged by Caldwell 1-0 last Thursday

Katie Moore was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI vs. Ridge, while Katie Freda had GL's only hit against Caldwell, coming in the top of the sixth. Caldwell scored the game's only run in the bottom of the seventh.

Dayton schedules are still needed Dayton High School spring sports

schedules are still needed. All schedules - fall, winter and ing - should be faxed to JR Parachini at 973-763-2557.

Schedules should include all varsity sports for the present season. Names of varsity coaches would also help a great deal.

Gov. Livingston is among winners at Blue Devil event

Girls' do well to capture shuttle hurdles race

Sports Editor What a great day it was last Saturday to get out and run

That is to run and compete at the 16th annual Blue Devil Classic held at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield.

A number of area track and field athletes excelled at the 1.45.6, while Union was third in 1.49.2 and Roselle fourth first really big meet of the year for most of Union County. If you scored well here, you could use it as a springboard to doing even better at the upcoming conference,

county and state meets. If you didn't score as well as you liked, then there are many challenges ahead to perform much better. Local winners on the boys' side included Elizabeth,

Cranford, Union and Linden and on the girls' side were Summit Governor Livingston, Johnson and Elizabeth Records were broken as well Here's a look at results from the boys field Elizabeth captured the 400-meter relay in 43.6 behind

the impressive efforts of David Newsom, Keith Taylor, Luis Cartagena and Armando Cruz. Roselle was fifth in 44.8 and Union sixth in 44.9. Elizabeth also won the 800-meter relay in 1:30.4 behind Taylor, Joseph Gonzalez, Cartagena and Newsom. Union

In the 1,600-meter relay, Elizabeth was fourth in 3:35.7, Roselle fifth in 3:37.1 and Rahway sixth in 3:37.2. Shabazz

Cranford captured the 3,200-meter relay in 8:07.0 behind the outstanding performances of Ryan McMahon, Brian Brown, Nate Thompson and Kevin Brown. Winning the sprint medley relay was Plainfield in

3:42.6. Union was second in 3:42.8 and Rahway fourth in Old Bridge was first in the distance medley relay in

Union captured the shuttle hurdles in 1.02.3-behind the was established by Metuchen in 1995. stellar efforts of Chris Haley, Brett Axelrod, William Cox and Dan Gibson. Roselle was second in 1:04.6 and Rahway

Elizabeth and Plainfield tied for second in the team high jump at 11-8, while an 11-8 mark was good for first place for Plainfield. Roselle was fourth at 11-6, Union fifth also at 11-6 and Cranford sixth at 11-4.

came in the team long jump where Taylor and Gonzalez combined for a mark of 40-2.25. Union was second at 38-2 and Rahway sixth at 35-7. Linden's victory came in the team shot put as Larry Brzeczkowski and Jimmy Moreno were first with a plenti-

The team discus went to Old Bridge, owners of two victories, with a total of 271-11. Johnson was second in the team javelin won by Kandolph at 291-5. The Crusaders scored a 285-0. Rahway was fourth at 279-8 and Summit sixth at 271-7.

Hunterdon Central set a team pole vault record when Mike Tucholski and John Contursi combined for a 28-0. The previous record of 25-6 was set in 1996 by Scotch Plains, Cranford was fifth at 18-6.

In the girls' competition, Hunterdon Central also won

However, it was Piscataway that won the 400-meter

relay in 50.9 Union and Roselle were tied for second at Hunterdon Central captured the 800-meter relay in

Hunterdon Central also finished first in the 1,600-mete relay in 4.02.7, while Johnson was fifth in 4.21.5.

Summit was fourth in the 3,200-meter relay won by Westfield in 4:32.7-The Hilltoppers finished in 10:08.9 The sprint medley relay went to Villa Walsh in 4:23.5. Union was second in 4:25.6.

Summit's win came in the distance medley relay as Clare Needham, La Tova Simoson, Alisa Stern and Caroline Mannaerts finished in 12:53.6. Cranford was third in

GL captured the shuttle hurdles in 1:09.5 behind solid efforts from Marla Modan, Laura Ronner, Kathy Dewling and Christine McCurdy. Cranford was fourth in 1:14.7 and Linden sixth in 1:18.9.

Johnson's victory came in the team high jump where Stephanie Barbosa and Heather Albrecht combined for a was fourth in 1:32.4, Rahway fifth in 1:33 and Roselle sixth winning mark of 9-8. GL was third at 9-2, Union fourth at 9-0 and Roselle fifth at 8-10.

> Hunterdon Central had one of its victories in the team long jump at 30-11.25. Elizabeth captured the team shot put, the team discus and the team javelin. In the team shot put it was Michelle Cintron and

Lizzelle Cintron first in 75-6. The twin sisters, seniors, were first in the team discus with a meet record combined throw of 226-8. The previous mark of 218-2 was set by Plainfield in 1992.

The Cintrons did it again in the team javelin, coming up with another record of 248-8. The previous mark of 217-9 The Cintrons were not only winners, but they were dominating record-shattering performers on this day.

Catrina Wiley and Katherine Salamone at an even 8-0. NOTES: The Elizabeth boys' are at it again. .. The Minutemen excelled last year at this meet and at the upcoming Penn Relays, which are to be held at Franklin

Elizabeth's other victory, of its meet-best total of three. Field in Philadelphia this weekend. Elizabeth will run in the 4x100 tomorrow, seeking to make the Large School final for a second straight season. Led by Taylor, who is headed to Rutgers on a football scholarship as the Scarlet Knights have visions of him catching passes or interceptions and then running into the end zone. Elizabeth is having a fine relay season so far this

> Luis Cartagena and Armando Cruz have joined returners Taylor and Newsom to prove to be just about unbeatable. ratez at 23.2. Cartagena at 22.6 and Newsom at 22.8.

The Summit girls' continue to impress In winning the distance medley, Needham had a personal-best time of 3:55.0 for 1,200, Simpson 1:01.8 for 400, Stern a personal-best mark of 2:30.2 for 800 and Mannaerts

- 5:23.2 for 1,600.

Dayton boys' tennis has a great attitude

Bulldogs have ability to learn

A young squad with a great attitude That's what Dorton High School hors' tenns coach Bill Prisco feels be has

"I really enjoy teaching and I have to teach a lot to this group this season." Prisco said. "They have to learn a lot and they have so far Despite a 1-3 start to the season as of last Saturday's setback by a 3-2 score

at Johnson, those learning lessons have gone a long way Especially, when talking about the second doubles team "Everything I've asked both of them to do, they have done," Prisco said They have been defeated by good teams, but they've played well. If you get

beat by a better team that's fine as long as you do what you can mechanically and stragetically because that's learning Prisco feels by the middle of the season, the duo will be winning a lot more

The veteran coach also expects big things from his first doubles team of sophomore Joe Polito and junior Steve Mandel

"Joe is a scrapper who never gives up and works very hard," Priveo said 'He's very athletic and quick and is able to get to the ball. He doesn't sting the ball like the first, second and third singles players in the lineup, but he brings it back and he's smart."

Mandel, who played doubles last year, has a rocket forehand and really hits the ball hard at the net.

Brandon Baran is the team's first singles player. "He was our No 1 last year and had only four losses during the season," Prisco said. "He's going to be tough again this year."

In a very competitive Mountain Valley Conference, Prisco feels that the first

singles players from Johnson, Ridge and New Providence should be the top "I don't know which first singles player is the best out of those three teams,"

Prisco said, "Baran should be the fourth best, but you never know. That's why Prisco points out to Baran's success against Watchung Hills in a scrimmage

"Watchung Hills is a big school and Brandon beat its No. 1 player," Prisco said. "That shows me that he can compete."

Dayton's second singles player is senior Matt Truam "Matt is going to have a tough time because he's moving from second doubies to second singles and that's a big jump," Prisco said

"He's going to have the toughest weight on him this year because he's going to play good players all the time." The third singles slot is occupied by sophomore Jacob Schwartzmann.

"Jacob should have a pretty good year," Prisco said. "However, he's had a wrist injury and hasn't played in three weeks." Filling in that spot has been sophomore Adam Hurst.

"Adam's been learning fast," Prisco said. "He's getting better and if Jacob doesn't get better, he'll be playing third singles the rest of the year." However, Prisco feels if Schwartzmann comes back healthy his team can do

14-6 or 13-7. If not, the coach can picture an 11-9 mark. Sophomore Jared Modell has also seen some action in the Dayton lineup. "Even without him (Schwartzmann) in the lineup. I feel we can still be bet-

er than a 500 team," Prisco said. "Considering the schedule we have that's not Dayton opened its season on April 6 with a 3-2 setback at Immaculata. The Bulldogs then dropped a 5-0 decision to Ridge in Basking Ridge the next

Dayton won its first match last Thursday afternoon against visiting Rahway.

"We play New Providence, Johnson and Ridge twice this season," Prisco

"We lost to Immacualta, but we didn't have two starters in the lineup All in all, Prisco feels his team will have success this season.

"I have a lot of really good, young players that are willing to learn," Prisco "If they stay committed in the off season, they'll only get better."

Springfield soccer squads successful

the following are youth soccer results involving teams from Springfield. Kinnelon Cougars 3, Emeralds 2: The 9-and-under Emerald girls' traveling team received two goals from forward Amanda Greenberg last Saturday in Morris County Youth Soccer Association (MCYSA) play. Midfielders Cailin Curry

and Ricci Rajoppi earned assists. Also playing well on offense were Cara Bibbo, Deirdre McElroy and Jeachan Finnegan, Jessica Condon, Jactyn Nardone and Amanda Stein in the midfield and fullbacks Casey Sheehey, Rachel Laulette, Katie Condon and Sab-

rina Bibbo on defense. Sheehey and Cara Bibbo played also well in goal Emeralds 9, Madison Patriots 0: Cara Bibbo netted three goals and assisted on another to lead the Emeralds to their first win of the season last Sunday Jessica Condon had two goals and one assist and Dierdre McElroy and Katie Condon one goal and one assist. Amanda Greenberg and Ricci Rajoppi had one goal and Cailin Curry two assists. Amanda Stein and Rachel Laulette had an

Roadrunners 3, Vernon Tigers 0: The 8-and-under Roadrunners opened their spring campaign with a road win in MCYSA competition. Joey Iuliano, Tommy Walsh and Boomer sack scored. On defense, the Roadrunners allowed only two shots on goal and were sparked by the play of Phil Moore, Vinnie Nagy, Reese Petersen, DeYoung Don, Ben Roth, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Drew Farbtein, William Francis and Tyler Citrin. Stingers 5, Lenape Valley 2: Nico Izzi scored four goals and Kejvi Bido one

day. Also playing well for the Stingers were Brian DiFiore, Ross Konesky, Ryan Cutino, Sergio Annunziata and Tyler Schafer. Pomlakes 4, Stingers 1: Nico Izzi scored the lone Springfield goal Sunday Zach Corey, Jake Rudolph and Bailey Rudolph also excelled for the Stingers

on a header to lead the undermanned Stingers in their season-opener last Satur-

who have two more games this weekend. Springfield is scheduled to play at Wanaque Saturday and Kinnelon Sunday Hurricanes 3, West Morris 0: The 9-and-under Hurricanes received goals from Manny Barrera and Oylan Oliva in the first half and from Joey Balboni on

Hunterdon Central also won the team pole vault behind a penalty kick in the second in MCYSA play. Goalkeeper Zacharay Samansky stopped a bullet of a shot in the first half, catching the ball in mid air to keep West Morris off the board. Also playing well for the Hurricanes were: Josh Goldberg, Matthew Samansky, Matt Jessen, Matt Disko, Robert Fronilli, Chas Bohannon and Josh Trinker.

The Hurricanes are scheduled to play at home Saturday and Sunday at Gaudi Gov. Livingston lacrosse teams triumph

The Governor Livingston High School Jacrosse teams were victorious in season opening play. The boys' team, 2-1 as of Tuesday's scheduled game at St. Peter's, opened with a 6-5 win at West Orange back on April 1. Andrew Egan's third goal with nine seconds left off an assist from Brian Arrigoni was the game-winner. Arrigoni also netted three goals. GL was then defeated at home by Bayley-Ellard 13-9 In the 4x200, Taylor led off in 21.5, followed by Gon- on April 8 before bouncing back with a 10-9 overtime home triumph over St.

Benedict's Prep last Friday. A goal by Eric Davis 1:10 into overtime gave the Highlanders the victory. -GL's girls' team, 1-3 as of Tuesday, opened with a 12-2 win over Paramus Catholic April 7. GL was then bested by host Morristown-Beard 12-9 April 8. The Highlanders received three goals from Rose Alvarez in a 17-7 home setback to Old Bridge last Saturday. On Monday, GL was defeated at Rutgers Prep 8-5.



The 10th anniversary Speakers will feature renowned architect and a trained as an artist and architect, and artist Maya, Lin. The presentation, her sculptures, parks, monuments, and place. May 20 at 7.30 p.m. Lin will - ideal of making a place for individuals. present a lecture followed by a brief - within the landscape. She is fascinated -

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> Madison Branch and the Madison and it may take many by surprise. The discussion will be facilitated by Sandy Smith and student assistance coordinator for the Chadiam school.

In the November session, Walter stance Abuse and from the American - psychological and social effects.

- Artwork By Girls is a special Girl Project event that is an outgrowth f the The AAUW promotes equity for program where each semester, the women, life long education and self- walls of the Women's Resource Center * Cirls Talk When Your Mother development and positive societal come to life with the artwork of local

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The program offers age appropriate

groups for children in grades K-eighth

The Women's Resource Center will - up the business of the past" required offer the following short-term support in more time. They voiced the desire to groups. Groups run for five, seven or - continue on this path of change and eight weeks, are limited to a maximum growth in the company of other is timely now as the country debates of 10 participants, are facilitated by women in the same situation. Center located at 5° New England has attended "Relationships in Transis", the same daily joys and difficulties Ave next to Christ Church in Summit tion" and is looking for additional that heterosexual couples experience The fee for the seven and eight week guidance in dealing with an ex-spouse. programs is \$105 for members and _forming new relationships, handling

The fee for the five week program more. The group will be led by Helen tionships. is \$85 for members and \$115 for non- I indexist for seven consecutive Tuesmembers. Partial scholarships are days beginning this Tuesday from day problems that all couples have, the available by request and, as always, +6.30 to 8 p.m. Babysitting will be unique stresses that lesbians face and there is no charge for the Rambows available for younger children.

the center at 908-273-7253 or for found effect on all family members. www.womensource.org

"Relationships in Transition' Working though the crisis of sepataces in their behavior, academics, ration and divorce takes time and saps. same process, participants can work—adjusted well to their parent's separas—will help women differentiate between toward finishing up the business of the cotion divorce often struggle inside with corelationship struggles that are natural constraints.

enced group leader with a private p.m.

practice in Chatham. Babysitting willbe available for younger children "Relationships in Transition Part II - Starting Over After

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According to the WRC, this subject the validity of gay and lesbian mar-This group is for any woman who mage. Lesbian couples share many of However, they also have different experiences and must cope with com-

family events as a single woman, and - pletely different issues in couple rela-This group will explore the everyhelp them to learn how to maximize "Rainbows for Kids Of Divorce"—their special advantages and celebrate

Separation and divorce have a pro- who they are: The group should be valuable for information about these or similar pro- especially children. Grief is an express those who are single or coupled. The sign of love and a normal reaction to a dates and times are to be decided, call. Women's Resource Center, is partner- weaves stories about her own life by a question and answer session led 908-213-7253. Babysitting is available

express their grief verbally, but it sur- able for younger children. Maintaining committed, intimate

Explore the options in a safe envithis Fuesday from 6.30 to 8 p.m., the Scharge and open to both boys and comment. Led by Flaine Diff. it is group will be led by Fllon Sande-Ker- girls, will meet for seven Tacsdays intended for women in marital and back, a family therapist and experi- beginning this Tuesday from 6/30 to 8 non-marital relationships. The program will meet for eight Wednesdays beginning May 5 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. "New Twenty-Something

Group"

This group will address the unique Ramewere underwriten by a general developmental issues faced by youlig Many participants of "Relation", our grant from the Summit Municipal women from their early twenties

and registration is required Babysitting is available for younger children.

Spring is here and preparations are under way for Spring - credit toward a school, college or university of the winner's Fling 2004 "Safari Into Africa." The annual Kent Place Pare choice.

- Highlighting the evening's festivities will be a raffle

win. Only 625 raffle tickets will be available.

Ring, raffle co-chairpersons, via the Kent Place Parents

ic, artistic and athletic activities of Kent Place students. A Nevis vacation home, quilts from the children, a Thanks to its many supporters, last year's Spring Fling --Kent Place School is a community of more than 700 stu-

cation for girls from nursery through twelfth grade.

The students represent 550 families from 69 communities throughout northern New Jersey's largest independent.

presents new challenges for the survivor. With "Legal , of questions relevant to your future. Cancer survivor and

Pathways offers workplace rights program

Rights & The Workplace," participants can familiarize disability lawyer Agnes Wladyka will present the workshop drawing to win one of three prizes themselves with the laws that afford protection, such as the on Monday from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. All are welcome to American with Disabilities Act and the Family & Medical attend

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Girl Project programs promote activities for creative expression The Girl Project, a program of the required for this program that will be tion is required and registration for

leenager?"

has a variety of offerings this spring. Thas a private practice in Madison. that will be held at 57 New England

Ave., next to Christ Church.

A limited number of partial scholarships are available upon request. :: . Girls In Real Life is a literary magazine created and edited by girls third issue, the second is scheduled for self-expression.

Girls from ages 9 to 18 can send different forms such as journaling. news articles, reviews, artwork, car- cial skill is necessary and only a as a courageous and talented artist and toons and more by e-mailing to favorite writing tool and a notebook GirlJournal a verizon net or mailing to are required. GIRL at the Girl Project, 57 New England Ave., Summit, 07901. Particihome address, phone and e-mail. Association of University Women

The Writer's Club Alliance Against Substance Abuse are week program for girls age 9 to 12 with a strong desire to write. The pro- tor adults only gram begins from 4 to 5/45 p.m. April

These sessions aim to give girls a chance to develop their own distinctive creative writing voice in an enjoyable, supportive environment as they become part of an ongoing writing community. The program will culminate in an optional open-microphone the Madison Alliance Against Subreading where the girls can choose to share their talents with family and

Has Cancer, is co-sponsored with change.

. The goal is to provide an opportunity for girls to share thoughts and tion, call the center at 908-273-7253 To register or for information, call feelings related to their mothers' can-908-273-7253 or visit the Web site at 1 cer while encograging them to talk source organd click on The Girl Prowww.womensource.org and click on about the issues in their own lives. Ject Healthy snacks will be provided.

• Girls Who Write will be from 4 to keys to raising healthy, happy children -5:45 p.m. May 14 and the fee is \$20. Chris Holle and Barbara Kennard However, as kids become pre-teens

will lead the workshop for girls age 9 and teens, they face many pressures. that is accepting submissions for its to 12 who like to write for fun and including sexual ones. Parents need to Participants can experiment with issues -In the session offered in April, dis-

"Sex and the City...And Your

Rosenfeld, the director of the Adoles-Madison, and the second session is cent Young Adult Center for Health scheduled for Nov-8 at the same time and vice chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at the Goryeb Children's Partial funding for this program is Hospital of the Atlantic Health System being provided with grant money from in Morristown, will examine teen sexuality with a focus on the physical

women artists

Specially selected artwork by Summit Middle School and high school students will be on display at the cen-The fee for one session is \$5 and \$8. Iter for the months, of April, May and

Woman shares her experiences as a cancer survivor Wednesday

from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Chase Room of

the Madison Library, 39 Keep St.

Association of University Women

For information about the Madison

Pathways, a program of The hour long monologue into which she. The performance will be followed

my with the local branch of the Amer—experiences with cancer and divorce—by a Pathways group facilitator ican Cancer Society to bring Sarah. The result has been described as a ... As with all Pathways programs Whitten's one woman show to be held ... healing .presentation that provides there is no charge. For registration in Barrwell Hall in Christ Church at inspiration and humor. This performs information, call the center at 908the corner of Springfield and New ance received rave reviews from the 273-7253 or for information about this With others going through the Liven children who seem to have relationships is never easy. This group England Avenues in Summit on Gilda's Club audience as survivors, or similar programs visit their Web Wednesday from 7/30 to 9 p.m. saw pieces of their own journey in site at www.womensource.org and

Fund-raiser features safari theme

ents' Association fund-raiser, slated for May 1 in the Kent Second prize is a six-day, five-night trip to Disney

Kent Place parents, faculty, staff members and alumniwill be treated to African cuisine and musical entertainment the region. The evening will provide an opportunity for attendees to participate in both a live and silent auction with Association Volunteer Office at 908-273-0900, ext. 234. items ranging from luxury vacations to hand-grafted keep-

sakes made by the students. camp-out on the Kent Place campus, and the opportunity to "Salsa Into Spring" raised more than \$200,000. be a field assistant to a biologist in Costa Rica are just a few

The grand prize is a 2004 Jeep Sahara, provided by

World's Animal Kingdom. Third prize is four tickets to Broadway's "The Lion King." Raffle tickets are available. to the general public and the winners need not be present to

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special education, regardless ost, which in some cases include

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Dunion County

Jason West, the mayor of New Paltz, N.Y., speaks

during a forum for gay marriage rights at Temple

Emanu-El in Westfield last week.

in the lawsont were also present.

health care, financial and social issues

due to their unmarried status.

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Same old story

Roughly half your property ta bill goes to fund your local school system. And part of your income tax surely trickles its way to Eliza beth or Plainfield, among the New Jersey's 30 "neediest" districts which receive millions in state aid.

Yet, every year, less than 10 percent of registered voters turn out it the annual school board election. It a good year, it climbs to 15 percent. Five times as many voters will go to the polls in November to vote for president, which won't have near -the direct impact on most people.

County Seat

By Mark Hrywna Regional Editor

In some cases, voters reject the leanest of school budgets because it's the only place they can say no to increasing property taxes in Nev Jersey. If constituents had the sam opportunity on their municipal o county budgets, you can bet they' probably take advantage of it.-

In 2000, it was a banner year f school districts in Union County all 21 school budgets were approved by voters. That has since changed, with barely half of las year's budgets gaining approval By comparison, 88 percent of dis tricts statewide approved budgets in 2000 while the figured dipped to 62 percent last year.

On average, it costs \$11,248 t ducate a public school child in New Jersey - more than any other date - compared to the national verage of \$7,376.

With such low turnouts chool electrons, even a small con tingent can have a large effect of he results. Last year, only 425 vot er, in Kenilworth turned out, rejec ing a budget with a proposed average school tax hike of \$40. Abou 250 voters east their ballots agains the budget, in an election that also only saw two candidates file for th tree seats on the school board.

This year, Kenilworth propose budget and second question that would increase taxes \$300 on the average home. In other towns, the proposed increases weren't quite as uch: \$174 in Mountainside and \$155 in Linden. Other towns weren't quite as low, like Roselle \$650, and Hillside, \$300.

If a school budget is rejected, i goes to the council for cuts. If school board still is unhappy with the cuts, it can appeal to the state Department of Education, though that rarely occurs.

rom town to town, the reasons for the tax increases were more simi ar, many candidates for the scho board this year spoke of skyrocket ing employee healthcare costs an the cost of special education. Districts are required to fu

transportation if the student is sent out of district. In some cases, on special education student can cost a istrict as much as \$100,000. The federal government in 197 enacted a law that would commi funding 40 percent of special edu

cation costs for school districts. Ye the funding level from the feds cur ently is more like 18 percent. New Jersey passed a law to fund extraordinary costs, those that xceed \$40,000 per student, of speial education, Last year, \$52 mil lion for extraordinary costs was i the state budget, the budget money

came too late for districts, so it had

to go directly for property ta

So if the feds aren't funding t the level they're supposed to, and the state offers only some help. who covers the costs? The local school district, regardless.

In terms of healthcare, more di tricts in New Jersey are including it n negotiations with their local teachers unions. Since 1999, almost three-quarters of the state's school districts have negotiated provisions o contain the cost of employee health coverage, according to the

Mark Hrywna can be reached a mbrywna@thelocalsource.com.

A call for gay marriage By Brian Pedersen Staff Writer

Showing their support for making gay and lesbian marriage legislation a reality in New Jersey, nearly 600 peonle attended a recent town meeting at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield.

Dubbed "Equal People, Equal Marriage: Continuing All Roads to Justice," the April 15 meeting marked the 14th in a series of related meetings across the state sponsored by Lambda Legal, the New Jersey Lesbian and Gay Coalition and 106 other New Jer-* sey organizations.

Although Congressman Barney Frank was among the guest speakers slated to appear, he had to cancel to due the sudden death of his niece. Instead, Jason West, mayor of New Paltz, N.Y., addressed the audience and shared some of his thoughts on a controversial topic that has drawn national attention.

West was sued shortly after performing 25 gay and lesbian weddings in New Paltz, but said the weddings. have continued. "The one thing I have been trying

to tell people, at the heart of this, it's about something deeper," said West. "Basic fairness and human decency." He described the fight for same-sex marriage legislation as a generational civil rights struggle and compared it to the struggle of feminists to get the right to vote and abolitionists to abol-

"What we are seeing today is the largest flowering of a civil rights movement that this country has seen in a generation," said West.

he performed. West said he obeyed his own moral compass and felt it was wrong to deny people their right to marriage. He said he would be happy to continue to fight for the rights of gay and lesbian-couples.

Gary Buseck, legal director of Lambda Legal, provided an update on Lodewycks of Pompton Lakes said

New Jersey's marriage equality law- they were celebrating 33 years as a . All seven of the couples involved couple and emphasized how much has changed with gay marriages becoming a civil rights issue. Buseck said the government of Massachusetts was making a last-ditch. "Certainly, we all here can be part

of a tremendous change in civil law." effort to stop same-sex marriages. "I don't think this will work," said said Hutchison. "We each have the Buseck, "On May 17, our couples will opportunity to make that difference." Maureen Kilian and Cindy be getting their marriage licenses in Meneghin were also present with their Buseck called the recent court rul- -children, Joshua and Sarah. The couing of granting same-sex couples civil ple will celebrate 30 years together

unions under the domestic partnership next August Kihan described an incident where. bill as one that creates a "second-class" due to her relationship, she was pre-"It's a wonderful thing but it's not vented from going into the emergency marriage," said Buseck, "We cannot toom of a hospital after her partner stop until marriage equality is avail-

After the meeting, Meneghin said He encouraged people to support she and her partner were living the life the various organizations fighting for of a married couple but not receiving last year's \$335.4 million spending same-sex marriages, emphasizing that—any of the support of that legal docu-plan. In 2002, the tax levy was \$174 they not only need to win in court, but ment Some local religious leaders who in the court of public opinion. He said

the poll numbers on supporting same- were not present at the meeting shared sex marriages in New Jersey are the differing opinions on the subject. Father Robert Stagg of the St. -- Pach--- of the seven--couples-- James-Roman-Catholic-Church-in--- any-eye-could be made-----addressed the crowd to share some of . Springfield called marriage an intitheir thoughts on the process they've mate partnership of life and love, one this year than we were last year," said. It's a better economic future than it been going through, with many of that was a faithful, exclusive, lifelong. Mirabella. "We have raised on some was last year and I think we'll be in a them describing difficulties with union between a man and a woman.

to it because they are inherently non- on taxes."

Budget reduced Finance Committee slashes \$1 million municipality within the county, with the exception of Berkeley Heights and Staff Writer Winfield, will see an increase in the Freeholders are expected to introcounty port on of their tax bills. duce the 2004 county budget tonight. Mountainside and Westfield are which should include a cut of \$1 milexpected to see the largest average tax from from the \$359 million budget pre-

health care carriers.

vote on May 20.

increases this year at \$131 and \$121 sented by the county manager three respectively. Summit residents are stillmonths ago. expected to pay the most taxes per "We anticipate cutting \$1 million. out of the budget that was sent to us." household in the county: \$2.811 Westfield and Mountainside rank just said Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, chairman of the Finance Committee, behind, paying \$2,007 and \$1,749, respectively, in county taxes explaining that the savings was main-"Just once I'd like to see them have v derived from negotiating with

a zero-increase budget," said Bruce : Paterson, a Garwood resident who is-The budget will be up for a final running for freeholder on the Republican ticket. "They crowed about a zero-Desnite the extra savings, county budget increase back in the late '90s taxes are expected to increase by approximately \$13.5 million this year. but now it spirals out of control." County taxes account for 25 per-The proposed 6.6 percent increase over last year's tax levy will cost the cent of a resident's tax bill, with an average property owner in Union additional 25 percent going toward

County an additional \$69 per housetowards municipal school taxes. This year, the county has instituted a vacation time purchase program to there's less of a burden to the tax payers," said Mirabella. Whether the non-essential employees. The program will enable employees to purchase reduction to the county budget will have an effect on the tax levy was increased vacation time. For example,

"I really wish they would explain Devanney introduced his executive 2004 budget on Jan. 15. The \$359-milhow giving away a vacation, which is from spending plan includes a \$204.8-100 percent non-productive time, can million tax levy, an increase of \$13.5 million over last year's tax levy of payer," said Paterson.

\$191 million. The total spending plan represents a 7 percent increase over increased by 35 percent; a trend the county said it hopes to continue.

"I think we're in a better position. Ia "I think we're in a good position. level the services to the county and position to be in better shape over the

employees would be able to purchase five days of vacation time in return for Union County Manager George

municipal taxes and 50 percent going

be considered a savings to the tax Last year, the county's surplu-

"From a security standpoint, I think the allocations of dollars to the prose-Since receiving the administration's budget, the Finance Committee cutor's area, the sheriff's area, the has held several public meetings to county police, and yet still frying to discuss the budget and determine if maintain all the other services, the

"As a Catholic priest, I am opposed we're trying our best to hold the line next couple of years."

Throughout the last five years the

Three emerge to grab GOP's reins

By Joshua Zaitz-Staff Writer Three local Republican chairmen have emerged to seek the county chairmanship later this year.

Cranford Chairman Philip Morin has declared his intention to become the party's next chairman as have Elizabeth Chairman Daniel Nozza and Kenilworth Chairwoman Kathi Fiamingo. The three candidates would face off during the party's reorganization meeting on June 15 to replace Ronald Frigerio of Westfield, who is completing his second, two-year term.

"I hope I'll be fortunate enough to achieve a number of things as chairman

duding party building," said Morin, who served on Cranford's Township Committee for six years, including mayor in 2000. He has a private law firm within the township. "The Elizabeth Republican Committee has asked me to run for the countychairmanship with the objective of making the county Republican Party suc-

cessful once again through the enactment of a real urban strategy," said Nozza.

Nozza has served as Elizabeth Republican chairman since 2002. Last year, he

ran unsuccessfully on the Republican ticket for Senate in District 20. ""I think I could do the job and what the job entails is getting this party in better position than we've had of late," said Fiamingo. Fiamingo, an attorney with a practice in Morristown, has been Kenilworth's

to that, she was the vice chairwoman. "The county Republican Party has had trouble in the last many years achieving countywide success because the large urban organizations have received very little support," said Nozza.

Enacting an urban strategist initiative - rebuilding the party in urban areas

such as Elizabeth, Roselle and Plainfield — will effectively help countywide

GOP chairwoman for the past two years and lost a race for mayor last fall. Prior

GOP tickets, said Nozza. "There's been an outery from Republicans in the urban towns for someone from an urban town to step up and lead the county organization," said Nozza. Historically, municipalities in the county's western region. - New Providence, Summit, Mountainside, Berkeley Heights, Scotch Plains have been

Republican. Nozza argues that the county's Republican leadership cannot just be content with having those municipalities remain Republican. Instead, the party must reach out to urban communities and rebuild the party there.

"Rebuilding the Republican party in this county is a mission that I have been dedicated to," said Nozza. This is a strategy that Morin and Framingo agree with "Party building in urban districts is important in the county and I'm willing

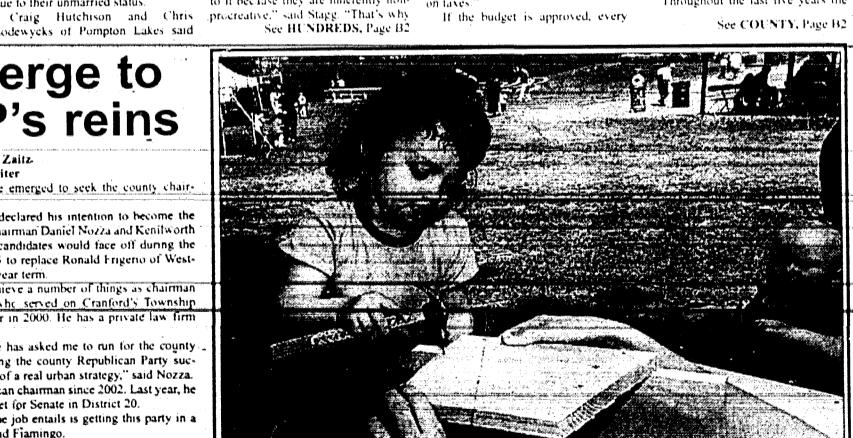
to put in the time and effort to do it," said Morin.

that have slipped away. "I hope to see that we can reach out to the minority community, to those who are moving to municipalities outside of Elizabeth as well, and try to reach into the fold and let them see what we can offer them." she said. Republican leaders have also mentioned that former Springfield committee-

man Harry Pappas also might be a candidate although he has not yet announced

Framingo said the Republican party needs to get back some of munici

man Robert Dougherty, who backed off a challenge of Frigerio two years ago. "Phil has held elected office as mayor of Cranford, was on the township committee for a long time, he's the current chairman of Cranford's Republican Party,



WILDLIFE SUNDAY - Samantha Granizo. 2, makes a birdhouse while younger brother, Matthew, 1, looks on. The 14th annual Wildlife Sunday at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside offered demonstrations, presentations, entertainment and assorted displays and activities for children of all ages. Below, Jennifer Pena demonstrates how a falcon swoops from the tree tops to attack.



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murdered man, to Peter Curley, who

plays the reporter, J.D. Dotson, the

versatile actors include Cynthia Ross

Judy English, Roberta Steve, Clint

Scott, Allan Gershenson, Tom Bagins-

ki, Patricia Remlinger, Rick Brown,

ohn Ingram, Robert Pape, and Jesse

The two-act play takes place in the

summer time at the Praline Playhouse

in Shelly, Va. The small theater is

about to close, and everyone connect-

ed with this community theater is

adamant about the situation. Some are

devoutly devoted to this little theater;

others want it to close in order to get

the money from its sale. All are con-

cerned because of their relationship to

the dead man. What was it 🧸 murder,

It seems that each character despis-

is at least one member of the cast, and

their irreconcilable differences are

permanent, yet, with a little under-

standing, a number of numbers sung-

sureide, accident?

Been Cone," "Love the One You're

With " "Ain't No Stopping Us Now."

"Beulah Land," and "Impossible

Dream," and some recitations of

family Dickinson's "I I elt a Funeral in

My Brain," Ibsen's "Master Builder"

and Walt Whitman's "Leaves of

Grass," the playwright has magically

and harmomously brought everyone

together by the end of the second act

And she also solved the murder for the

audience, whose suspicions were veri-

"Grave Concerns" is no ordinary

play, It is, in fact, just about as extraor-

mary a piece of theater that any audi-

ence has experienced. This is

Semones' fifth premiere production

staged at the Elizabeth Playhouse

since its inception - that is, since her-

guson converted a beautiful old

church into a homey, well-run theater

offering of the season. Ferguson has

produced so many wonderful and

unusual plays through the years, that

me wonders with awe what he

has in store for his audiences next sea-

son. Whatever is on the agenda, one

can be sure it will be something excit-

ing, surprising and appealing. Fergu-

"Grave .Concerns" runs through

May 17 at the Elizabeth Playhouse.

For information, see the "Theater'

listing in the Stepping Out calendar

son couldn't do less

The play is the Playhouse's final

Gangs to be focus of 10th forum

A special presentation on gang awareness and why our . "This message will include some strong suggestions of young pelipte are utilizated to the gangster culture and the forthowise might best keep our children safe from gang active to Day to be celebrated fence is fromted for the 10th annual "Standing Together" ity and how to deal with bullying, discrimination, violence Against Hate Letum" this year on April 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. prevention and family values," said Warmbrand at Lirst United Methodist Church on Last Broad Street.

Sponsored by the Umon County Prosecutor's Office, the workplaces and neighborhoods Lederal Bureau of Investigation and the Union County superintendent of schools, the powerful program presented. by Lt. Edwin Torres from the New Jersey Department of Corrections includes an inside and up close look at how gangs operate in New Jersey, how they actively recruit children and how they can destroy families and future dreams. "We are provid to spousor this exciting program for eithzens, law entors ement representatives, educators and students who want to learn more about gany activity and the - police officers, parents and students. criminal violence that sometimes leaves behind a wake of innocent victims," said Prosecutor Theodore Romankow -

- Union County School Superintendent Glenn Tillou will open the free program and also present an annual award for fighting bias to Aaron Lord, Supervisory Special Agent for the FBI, in the memory of the late Union County Prosecutor Andrew K. Ruotolo

Fach year, the annual forum Ruotolo helped create with Committee Chairwoman Terri Warmbrand brings together: business leaders, government professionals, law enforcement personnel and members of educational, religious, media, civic and community organizations

"It should also allow us to examine our own sensitivities

Girl Scout Leader's

Today, on Girl Scout Leader's Day,

Girl Scouts nationwide will show

appreciation to the Girl Scout leaders

and other volunteers who inspire them

time and talent. Girl Scouts of the

and give them the precious gifts of

Without these caring, hard-work-

ing individuals, it's hard to imagine

where Girl Scouting would be

monies and events during National

Volunteer Week April 22-28, volun-

teers will be recognized at the annual

awards and Recognition event on

Tuesday at the Gran Centurions ban-

quet facility on Madison Hill Road in

urday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a

book signing opportunity with Pilar

Tan, the author of "Learning and

Being: Thoughts on Overcoming

Problems and Living Fully." Usually

only open on the first Saturday of

every month, the shop will be open for

For questions about the council

The Girl Scouts of Washington

Rock Council serve almost 8,000 girls

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Hillside, Union, Kenilworth, Roselle

Park, Roselle, Linden, Springfield,

Cranford, Garwood, Mountainside,

Westfield, Berkeley Heights, Scotch

Plainfield, Dunellen, Green Brook,

At its monthly presentation of

Tuesday, the National Alliance for the

NAMI meeting Tuesday

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business during this event.

The council store will be open Sat-

First Assistant Prosecutor Albert Cernadas Jr., a member mitment, dedication and continuing

He congratulated the Committee Against Hate for com-Approximately 99 percent of all adults ing up with yet another timely and topical forum of interest in Girl Scouting are volunteers. In to the county's 520,000 residents and said the program addition to special recognition cereoffers Professional Development Credit for all educators

Other co-sponsors of the program offered each year

There is free parking for the program.

County expects to trim budget

county's surplus has declined. At the end of 2002, the coun-

"We hope to regenerate that amount and more through

The county is hopeful that it can replenish the surplus to This year, the county is using a little over \$15 million — nearly \$20 million by the end of next year.

Three to seek county chairmanship

make him an excellent county chairman," said Dougherty.

I rigerio has not lent his support to any candidates yet

McClintock said he might possibly seek the party's

Judaism to study these types of reli- what their religious views on same-

bers, the group makes a recommenda- himself that there was an inconsisten-

know what the real rush is," he said. Republicans have not held a countywide elected post

chairmanship himself, although he's leaning against it.

"This thing is something that we pick in June so I don't

'The Union County Republican party needs a complete shake-up and until we invigorate the urban committees,

Hundreds rally to support gay marriage

we don't recommend marriage."

mns all forms of injustice and discognous assuss Composed of 25 mems assumarriage are and acknowledged crimination against homosexuals

Both Ahm in Springfield said there is issue: The rabbi then decides what both a religious and civil rights issue a works best for the congregation

Mallach said Temple Beth Ahm at a gay and lesbian ceremony," said relies on the Ritual and Law Commit. Mallach, referring to a religious cere County's senior services visit PROCEED office in Elizabeth

The Union County Division on views on request. The outreach servic- electric support, pharmaceutical assis-Aging in the Department of Human es program Friday from 10 a.m. to Services will bring its indireach service in noon at PROCEED office, 4126 Dick-in plemental Security Income, and couninson St., Elizabeth, 908-351-7925

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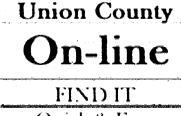
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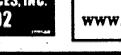
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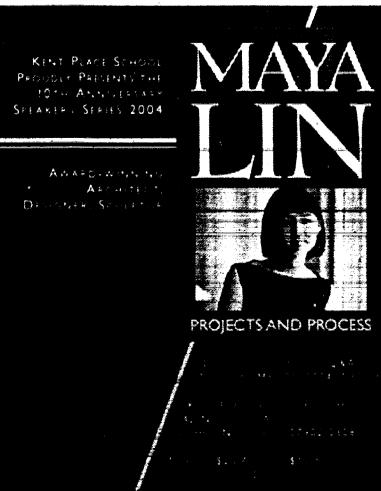
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regarding these issues that impact on our local schools,

of the county's Human Relations Commission, will be part. USA set aside this day to honor the of the annual forum and discuss how violence and gang 986,00 adult volunteers whose comactivity actually can victimize an entire community. "The whole notion of organized gang activity is one that has been support have made the movement posgiven tremendous attention by law enforcement throughout New Jersel," he said, adding staff members have presented training and gang awareness programs for school officials,

and Rean University students who attend-

include the New Jersey Bias Crime Officers Association, the state senators and assembly representatives from across the county, Kean University, the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey, the Union County Board of Chosen Free- Clark, holders and the Humans Relations Commission.

ty had approximately \$14 million in its surplus. By the end—the course of next year and next year's budget," said of 2003 the surplus had increased to approximately \$19. Mirabella

he has such tremendous leadership skills that are going to Last month. I freeno said that he had every intention of

"I think it's time to spend a little more time with my tamily," said Erigerio, who would have been seeking his third two-year term as chairman. He was first elected chair-

endorse and who not to endorse," he said

"It's much too early to draw any cor Jusion of who to we're going to continue to lag behind," said Nozza.

will distribute its 2004 edition of "Resource Guide - Help in Navigating the Mental Health System." The program begins at 7:30 p.m. at Osceola Presbyterian Church, 1689 tee of the Rabbineal Assembly and mony of marriage. He said he is still Raritan Road, Clark. The public is United Synagogue of Conservative awaiting word from the committee on invited to attend. Free copies of the

tion to the rabbi after studying an ex in his own views. From a civil rights perspective Mallach said gay and lesbian couples "As of right now, I won't officiate - should be entitled to all the rights that

speakers: Larisa Del'alma, president of Michael's Journals Foundation, which provided the funding for this unique book, will speak on "Sibling & Family Relationships," addressing the impact on family members who are ness of a loved one. Pamela A. Eagan, tance, home energy assistance, Supeditor of the resource guide, will review some of the highlights, tell seling on senior health insurance. about its compilation and answer For more information, call 1-888-

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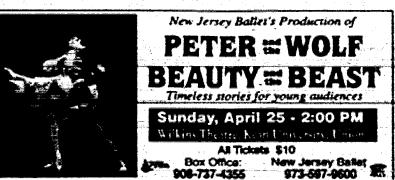
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tion of this ambitious project and hopes to make the guide available to those who may need assistance in coping with the debilitating effects of mental illness. If you would like a copy but are unable to attend the presentation, call 908-233-1628 or e-mail NAMI at nami union njig nami org.

The information compiled in this

andbook is comprehensive, timely and appropriate for those seeking help in locating psychiatric services, treatnents, self-help groups, day programs, counseling, medication man-, agement, etc. Other topics include criintervention, emergency services, ivacy and consent, housing, work nd supported employment, legal elp, transportation, long term planing, partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient care. Also, how to btain free or low cost care, i.e., eligiility for public assistance programs, locial Security, Medicare, Medicard, etc are addressed in detail.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 908-

Autism fund-raiser May 2 The Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, the New Jersey Center for Outreach and Service the Autism Community and JMDNJ's Autism Center will present annual champagne brunch silent auction fund-raiser at James Ward Mansion, 169 Broad St., Westfield, at 11 a.m. May 2.

Parking is available. There is a \$100 per person donation. The purpose of the event is to proide financial assistance for the research, treatment, education and services to the autism community for the developmental disability known as

Plains, Fanwood, Plainfield, South Tree planting Saturday

North Plainfield, Watchung and War-Area residents, businesses, scout troops, school and community groups are invited to plant native trees. I to 2. feet tall, in Lenape Park on Saturday, The saplings have been donated by the New Jersey Tree Foundation.

Mentally III, Union County chapter, The tree planting will begin at the Broad Street and Springfield Avenue entrance to Lenape Park in Westfield. The event will be held rain or shine from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.: Participants should dress to eet dirty and wet and bring gloves and

shovels if they have them. Trash bags, guide to mental health resources of Child County will be available to all some tools and gloves will be provided. Children, ages 14 and younger, must be accompanied by an adult. Two NAMI members will be guest The day of planting trees is sponored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Union Coun-Department of Parks and Recre-

ation, the state Department of Environmental Protection, the Americorps Valenhed Program, the New Jeney Tree Foundation, the Friends of Lenape Park, and the Watchung Nature Club.

Volunteers should call 908-527-4032 to register.

· Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., First

· Sunday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Summit

Baptist Church of Union, Colonial

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:

Jawish Community Center, 67 Kent Place Blvd , Summit. . Tuesday, 1 to 4 p.m., Lord & Taylor, parking lot, 609 North Ave., West-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 identifica-For more information, call the

Blood Center at 1-800-652-5663, ext. 140, or the Red Cross at 908-353-

UCLSA meets Tuesday

UCLSA, the association for legal professionals, will have its annual meeting on Tuesday at Cafe Z. 2333. Morris Ave., Union Following a social gathering at 6

m, dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Cost of dinner is \$23. All legal professionals, secretaries

and other support staff employed anywhere in the legal field --- private practice, corporate practice, federal, county, state or municipal government, police departments, etc. -- are welcome to attend. Prospective members and guests are also welcome; you do not have to be a member.

The association offers educational opportunities to legal professionals and members are eligible to receive nationwide discounts on products and services from NALS, the national

reservations, call Reservations Chairwoman Judy Reed at 908-355-4892. Recycle on Saturday

The County of Union will sponsor recycling event for electronics and automobile tires on Saturday so that county residents can get rid of unwanted tires, computers and other electronic equipment in an environmentally proper manner. The collection will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 mat the Cranford campus of tinion ounty College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, opposite Nomahegan

All residents of Union County are eligible to participate at no cost. A complete list of the materials that will be accepted on April 24 is available at the Union County Environ-

The electronics collection and tire recycling will be held rain or shine, for Union County residents only and not residency is required.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT 'Grave Concerns' is 'extraordinary'

Pottery show to take shape this weekend

will host its 10th annual Spring Sale of functional and sculptural ceramics and ceramic jewelry at the Community Presbyterian Church, at 1459 Deer Path in Mountainside, on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

This increasingly popular event draws hundreds of customers from throughout northern and central New Jersey. The show is the perfect place to find a unique Mother's Day gift or a special present for any occasion. There will be several potters from

the area exhibiting their work this season. Judy Musicant of Mountainside exhibits her multi-hued functional pottery in fine arts galleries throughout Marie Signorile will be exhibiting

her large carved vases, each one a

unique work of art. Deborah Goletz. whose magnificent tile work has been on exhibit throughout the country, was recently featured in Ceramics Monthly, the preeminent national ceramics Available for sale will be a fabulous selection of vases, wall pieces. pitchers, teapots, platters, casseroles,

For direction to the show, visit www.PottersGuildNJ.org. or

The Potters Guild is open to potters

son's super-violent "The Passion of

medicate with the antidote of writing

about seven less popular - and less

hyped - movies from around the

world which are currently on our

neighborhood screens, but probably

"Eternal Sonshine of the Spotle

Mind" -- surely the worst film title

within memory is writer Charlie

Kaufman's latest venture into our

minds and lives as we live them. Jim

Carrey and Kate Winslet battle to

retain their memory of, and not inci-

dentally their love for, each other in an

overwritten and, sad to say, over-

wrought Hallywood film. To be lain to

"Eternal Sunshine," however, it is nec-

essary to add that it is not without

humor, flair or a convoluted interest,

"Good Bye, Lenin" is in concep-

tion a brilliant German romance about...

a son's struggle to keep alive his dying

East German mother's vision of the

demise. The trouble is that there are

see the sound boom, for example

and the narrative line unravels or is

presence as the mother, particularly as

the Christ," that I thought I might self-

raku and pit-fired vessels in varying

colors and styles, and-one-of-a-kind

sculptures and decorative objects of

A myriad of handcrafted pottery — such as this stoneware vase created by Judy Musicant of Mountainside - will be available at the 10 annual Spring Sale sponsored by the Potters Guild of New Jersey this weekend.

market members' work, and educate. Guild Web site.

It was formed to share ideas, solve made ceramics. For more information problems, sponsor workshops, help about the Guild, or to join, see the

> perhaps the best one by Thomas Keneally, but this is the first film about him and his violent insurgency around Melbourne that has reached our shores. While it is largely accurate

should be the climax of the paired personal and epic stories "The Station Agent" is a beautifu and sensitive, little independently made American film. To recount the plot may diminish it, so suffice it to say that it takes place in New Jersey and concerns railroads and the common humanity of a motley group,

"Good Bye, Lenin" reaches what

video or DVD if necessary. "The Lady Killers" is a remake by the Coen brothers of the classic Engand Ms. Winslet is, as usual, superb in lish comedy. This time it stars Tom Hanks, in what surely is his most mannered and inconsequential role. The movie just seems so labored as itmilks the southern roots and music the Coen brothers mined so successfully Communist state in the face of its in "Oh, Brother, Where Art Thou."

There is one really funny bit, though,

including most spectacularly a heroic

technical errors - you occasionally when J.K. Simmons explains his IBS irritable bowel syndrome - to his hip-hop black fellow gang member. not pursued; there is a serious error in story telling when the mother learns the truth. Too bad, because the idea of tumultuous period is splendid Katrin Bruhl has a truly lovely cinematic

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The Australian action movie "Ned Kelly" is about the frontier Irish folk hero of the 1870s who epitomizes for ... distinctions in the early years of

Jon Plaut is a resident of Summit.

in the big picture, director Gregor Jordan's movie compresses the narrative and fails to let us comprehend Ned little theater company as they gather to bury their director. Kelly master of rationalizing of truth teller, as he records his thoughts and motivation through the bloody years in an uneducated but highly articulate, still available diary.

The movie "Ned Kelly" is violent. too violent, but not in derogation of the humans who are the subject of the narrative, and certainly not as a numbdwarf. It is still playing around at this ing totality, which is the way I would describe Mel Gibson's "The Passion.

But I don't want to end with the Gibson movie. So, I'll conclude with the last two films I have seen. One not so good -- "unwatchable" the New "Dogville." Nicole Kidman and a splendid sup-

porting cast work hard to elevate this pedantic film about small town American life, but the movie simply eventually tires out the audience. On the other hand, the French romantic film, "Bon Voyage," is attractive, funny, furiously paced and eventually courageous in its depiction of Vichy, France: A great cast providing every shade of French men and women as ed by Gerard Depardieu.

every aspect of theater into one production with vast success, one can tip one's hat in bowed congratulations. It seems that Karon Sue Semones did exactly that in the premiere of her play with music, "Grave Concerns," which opened April 16 at the Elizabeth Playhouse in Elizabeth. It will run through May 17. Semones, a talented, creative artis and wife of the theater's producerdirector, Marlow Ferguson, has provided a conglomeration of actors, bellowing their frustrations, odd situations, character studies, a murder mystery, some comedic moments, a few dance routines and a solo and harmony in her play to the varied amusement of her audience. At least, this past Sunday afternoon, the amazed audience sat back in comfortable chairs and wondered what would happen Ferguson, who also serves as set designer, dressed up this ambitious theatrical niece with more scenery than his audiences have seen in a long time: In the first row, a roped off section showed the police's chalk design of a man's body, actually that of Mr. Higgs, a theater director, which had plunged down a narrow, lengthy flight of stairs. In addition to the dangerous steps that led all the way up, at least a

of all skill levels living in New Jersey. communities on the value of hand-

Theater party will benefit EAC On Saturday, the Elizabeth Arts. Council will hold a. Call Paula Borenstein at 908-289-3584 or Jim Pagdon at theater party at the Elizabeth Playhouse. Tickets are \$10 and all proceeds will go to support the Film critiques reveal unsung gems The Elizabeth Playhouse is located at 1100 E. Jersey

St. in the heart of midtown Elizabeth. Founded by Marlow Ferguson and his wife, Karon Sue Semones, in 1993, the 1851 historic church building has been restored by the Fergusons and now offers audiences the best in drama and comedy, old and new, according to an EAC representative. On Saturday, the Elizabeth Playhouse will present a new comedy by Semones, "Grave Concerns" introduces audiences to the Pralme Playhouse and the members of its

flight up from the stage, upon which

actors climb to the trepidation of the

audience, also housed a real coffin-

perform one last time before the bulldozers arrive. As they do, they realize the desires, sacrifices and regrets they must face to live a life in art

908-355-0322, coordinators of the event. Reserve scats anow for a night of theater and to show support for the arts Refreshments will be served. Show time is 7,30 p.m. Those unable to attend who would like to support the EAC can consider contributing to the "Theater for Every-

one" program. The EAC will make tickets available, in contributors' names, to members of the community who ordinarily would not be able to afford an evening out at the The Elizabeth Arts. Council supports and promotes the work of Elizabeth's artistic community and cultural insti-

tutions. Membership is open to those directly involved in the arts - artists, writers, performers, musicians, students The funeral becomes a production as each one attempts to and tenchers and all those who emos the arts and want to see them flourish in and around Elizabeth For more information about membership in the FAC

and news of upcoming exhibits and events, call EAC Pres-Tickets can be purchased from members of the EAC. Ident Dan Pagdon at 908-355-0322.

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To register for these workshops, eall the Arts Guild of Rahway at 732-381-7511 or send inquiries via e-mail to artsguild 1670 ä earthlink net. for more information about these and other programs at the Arts Guild,

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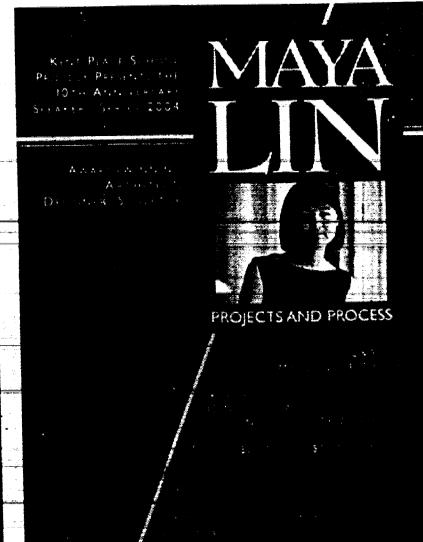
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> **FLEA MARKET** SUNDAY

April 25th, 2004 EVENT: Rotary Flea Market PLACE: Jonathan Dayton High School Mountain Avenue, Springfield TIME: 10 00am-5 00pm PRICE: Free admission. Over 130 ven-_dors. Free Blood pressure screening Free Fire prevention exhibition ORGANIZATION: Springfield Rotary

SATURDAY May 1, 2004 **EVENT: OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET** PLACE: Frank Vincent Marina, Kearny, New Jersey (Grassy Side). Passaic Ave & Bergen Ave (by Burger King)

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ORGANIZATION: Korean S.D.A. Church

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Kean students tell 'Tales' with family to make needed repairs

and basediness that characterizes the LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Review - stand to learn a lot from friends or - production of "The Canterbury Tales" your options before making a mon- peers in an educational environ- Chaucer Made," performed by Kean University theater students.

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Perhaps that's why the story of the Battle of Puebla is so appealing. A rag-

scale in the United States than it is in while others drop in cubes. A simple Mexico. Mexican-Americans mark recipe doesn't call for the expected and No-Bake Margarita Cheesecake Cinco de Mayo — the anniversary of — lime juice, but the lime wedge garnish — can be found below. If you're looking the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862 can be squeezed by the diner into the -- with parades, dancing, music and soup. feasting. Whether or not you are of Mexican heritage, you can join the jicama, a Mexican root vegetable that celebration by planning a Mexican- often shows up in slaws. It looks a bit -

das From Puebla," a dish that report- Nordin, chef and owner of the respect- a spoon right out of the peel while still edly originated in Puebla, the site of ed Cafe Terra Cotta in Arizona, sug- hot, but can also be served ever see

tillas with commeal or com masa mix. or start with ready-made tortillas, then Cafe Terra Cotta Cookbook" (Ten

Many versions of Tortilla Soup tag bunch of ill-equipped Mexican exist, but the must-have ingredient is soldiers stands up to, and defeats, an fried tortilla strips. Some put the strips advancing French army twice as big in the bowl first, then pour in chicken Whatever the reason, Cinco de broth. Others use the strips as a top-Mayo is celebrated on a much larger ping. Some top with shredded cheese,

> For your Cinco de Mayo salad, try like a brown turnip, with white flesh

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over the French at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862.

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add grilled mushrooms. Mare D'Antonio, corporate chef for Acme Fresh Market in Canton, Ohio, has created three Mexican-style desserts. Recipes for his Flan Especial for a recipe to make with your children, try his Baked Bananas.

Youngsters will love trying to get a banana out of the peel, rolling it in sugar, then getting it back into the peel to be baked. It's messy, but fun. The The centerpiece could be "Tlayu-similar in texture to a radish. Donna cooked banana is delicious eaten with

the famed battle. Make your own tor- gests adding jicama to a spinach salad. cream or pancalas with the syrup it In "Contemporary Southwest: The dorms while cooking To end the Mexican meal, consider rious underdogs, about Davids beating top with a mixture of mole poblano, Speed Press, \$29.95), Nordin creates a a cup of hot chocolate or Champurrarefried beans and shredded chicken salad with figs and jicama and a do, a very thick, hot beverage tradijalapeno vinaigrette, then offers a vari-

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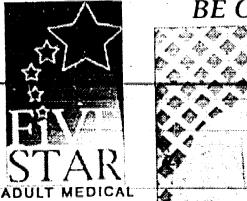
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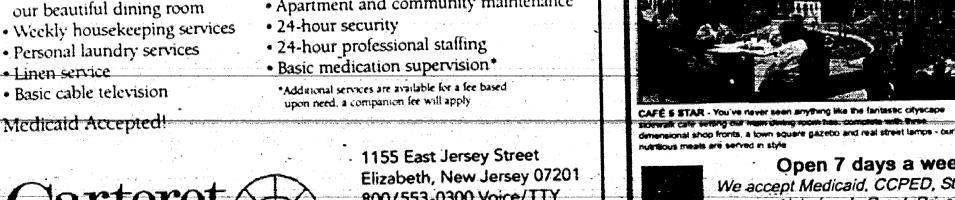
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Sybille Pearson, David Shire and Richard Maltby Jr. through May 9 Shows are Wednesdays to Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 7:30 p.m.; mati-

curtain, April 29 at 2 p.m., May 1 at

versity, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. Tick-ets are \$10 For information, call 908-973-376-4343 or visit the Web site at

at 11 a.m. at Barnes and Noble in Concerns by playwright-in-residence

Everything from soup to salad to no-bake cheesecake makes for festive dinners From "Contemporary Southwest. (Continued from Page B5)

Donna Nordin

ident Thomas Jefferson, traveled across the unchartered American West.

"Union County is proud to be part of this rare 'once-in-a-bicentennial'

Chosen Freeholders, "To date, this special exhibit has traveled through the

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Library in Monticello, the Academy of Natur-

al Sciences in Philadelphia, the Louisville Free Public Library, and the

Boston Athenaeum. The Westfield Library is the only New York-New Jer-

sey metropolitan area appearance of this rare exhibit on its nationwide

Between 1803 and 1806, Meriwether Lewis, William Clark and their

on May 3 and continue on display through July 16.

Spinach Salad With Figs and Jicama Yields 8 servings

I pound spinach, stems removed, well washed and dried M cup Balsamie Jalapeno Vinai-

1 cup dried Calimyrna or fresh black mission figs, quartered... I small jicama, skin removed, cut

into strips (about 4 cups). I red bell pepper, seeded and cut into thin strips. Balsamic Jalapeno Vinaigrette:

12 cup balsamie vinegar 2 finely chopped jalapeno peppers I teaspoon minced garlic I cup olive oil

Salt and pepper, to taste Toss spinach in bowl with half the dressing. Arrange on salad plates. Toss figs and jicama with remaining dressing in same bowl and place on top of spinach. Garnish with red pepper strips and drizzle any remaining

dressing over salads. To make Balsamic Jalapeno Vinaigrette: Mix balsamic vinegar, jalapenos and garlie. Whisk in olive. Note 1) oil and season with salt and pepper.

The Cafe Terra Cotta Cookbook" by package instructions.

The unique traveling exhibit, "The Literature of the Lewis and Clark | Lewis and Clark documented Native-American culture, collected botanical

Expedition," will debut at the Westfield Memorial Library, 550 Broad Stormand zoological specimens, mapped the land and established two military

exhibition," said Angel G. Estrada, chairman of the Union County Board of tory of the United States," said Freeholder Mary Ruotolo, haison to the

Corps of Discovery, armed with a complex mission commissioned by Press - Lewis and Clark Expedition. These expects include original manuscripts.

3 dried pasilla chilies, seeded and Corn Tortillas cut into slices (see Note 2) Vields 8 tortillas be cup sour cream.

6 ounces panela cheese, cut into I cup commeal I tablespoon baking powder 2 avocados, peeled and sliced 3.4 cup water Roast garlie, onion and tomatoes. La teaspoon salt, or to taste

then grind or lightly process in food 2 teaspoon corn oil processor Add about 2 tablespoons In mixing bowl, combine cornmeal, baking powder and salt. Boilchicken broth to mixture and fry in a water. Mix boiling water and oil into bit of oil in 2-quart pan, stirring constantly, until it begins to thicken and cornmeal mix. When cool enough to handle, divide mixture into 8 equalchange color Add remaining broth and epazote. Bring to a boil. Add salt balls. Flatten slightly. Place flattened and pepper and simmer on medium ball on top of 8-inch square of wax heat for 15 minutes. paper. Cover with second square.

until lightly brown. Tortilla Soup

Yields 6 servings 3 garlie cloves 1 - onion, coarsely cut. 3 red tomatoes 6 cups chicken broth, divided

Roll into 6-inch circle. Remove from

paper. Cook on ungreased griddle

2 sprigs epazote, optional (see Salt and pepper, to taste

Home

Note 2: Pasilla chilies are long, stender and dark brown, they are moderately hot and sometimes milk

and fry in oil until golden brown. Try

into bowls. Add fried fortilla strips,

southern Mexico and can be difficult

to find in the United States. You can

substitute cilantro, oregano or pars-

cheese and avocado as garnish.

10 corn tortillas, prepared with labeled chilinegro. It pasillas are not Maseca corn masa max according to available, substitute anchos.

> Yields 10 servings I-18 cups water

Lewis and Clark exhibit travels to Westfield Library for two months

"This wonderful exhibit describes Lewis and Clark's impact on the his-

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cess of their labors unleashed a flood of consequential events altering the

created by the staff and faculty at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Ore-

To mark the expedition's 200th anniversary, Lewis & Clark organized an

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This exhibit, "The Literature of the Lewis and Clark Expedition," was

course of our nation. An eager world sought to share in their adventures."

outposts among numerous other accomplishments and discoveries.

Sait, to taste 112 cups retried beans

pan or griddle on both sides, then fry in oil until colden. Drain Cut tortillas into medium strips

chili slices in oil, drain. Ladle soup chicken and mole Note 1: Epazote is an herb from Garnish with toasted sesame

Flan Especial

Tlayudas From Puebla 2 cups Maseca corn masa mix

-4 (16-ounce) jar mole poblano (2

1 whole chicken breast, cooked and shredded

Sesame seeds, for garnish Mix corn masa mix with water and a pirch of salt. Knead and letrest. Form 10 balls and flatten intotortilla shape. Cook on ungreased

Heat beans and mole separately. Spread each flavoda with a spoonfulof beans, then top with shredded

Vields 6 servings Margarita Cheesecake 3/4 cup sugar Yields I cheesecake 14 ounces sweetened condensed

z cup whole milk.

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1, teaspoon cinnamon

Heat sugar in heavy-bottom pot or

melted, clear and light brown. Stir-

occasionally so sugar will melt even-

ly Spoon over bottom and around

sides of Pasquart glass baking dish-

Work quickly because it will set up

Combine condensed milk, cream.

milk, eggs and cinnamon in blender

prepared baking dish. Place in larger

roasting pan. Add hot water to come.

halfway up sides of dish. Bake 1

hour and 45 minutes, until knife

inserted in flan comes out clean.

Cover loosely withstoil if necessary

to prevent excessive browning

Remove from water, cook on rack

No-Bake

115 cup pretzels, finely crushed

tor I hour Cover and retrigerate

edge and invertionto platter.

4 eggs

1, cup butter, melted

2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened 14 ounces sweetened condensed

skillet over medium-high heat until - milk 2 tablespoons teguila 2 tablespoons triple see

> -Juice and zest of 2 limes 2 drops green tood color TI (8-ounce) tub whipped topping

Set aside to cool. Preheat oven to 325 thawed Lime slices, for garnish

Crush pretzels in food processor and combine with sugar and inelted and blend until smooth. Pour into butter

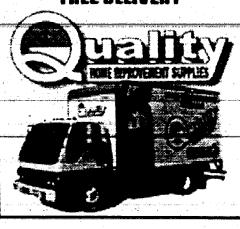
Press into buttered 9-inch pie dish Place in freezer. In bowl, beat softened cream cheese with sweetened condensed milk until smooth Stir in tequila, triple sec, lime juice, zest and food coloring. Fold in halfthe whipped topping and spoon intoprepared pre-shell. Top with-remaining whipped topping and garnish To serve, run knife around top, with hime slices. Retrigerate 6 hours or overnight

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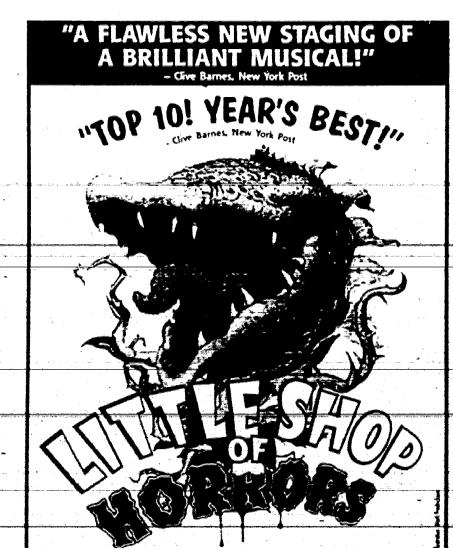


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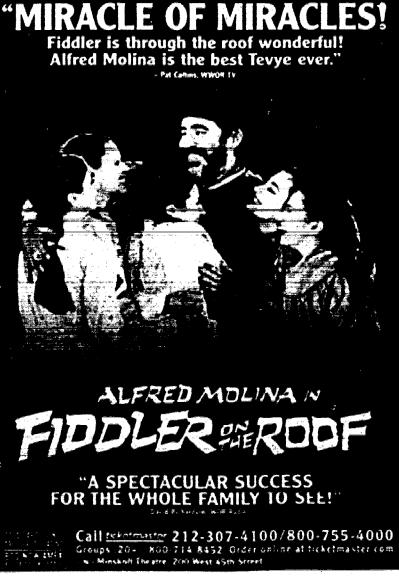
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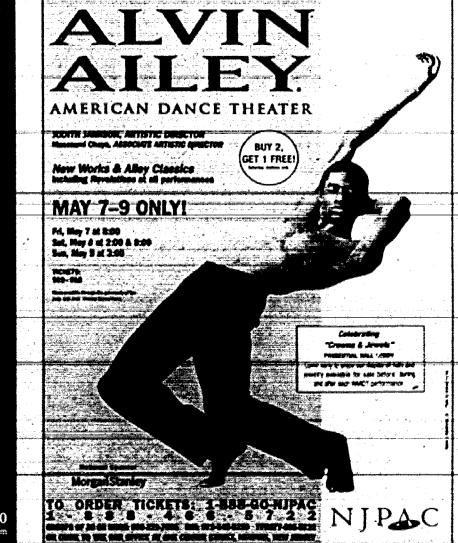
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through Mas 21 Classes will meet Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 a m 2 - 3 30 p m at the Plaintfield campus of Union County College

Certified home health aides are the backbone of the home care services," said Union County Treeholder -chairman Angel to Estrada - Theyprovide the services needed to allow people to five independently." The Union County Home Care

Consortium was established in 1986. to attract, from and retain home health aide. The consortium comprises nonprofit and public agencies that are conmitted to providing home health. services to Union County residents. who are elderly and or disabled. "With the training provided

through these courses, we are able to address the ever-increasing need for home health aides," added I strada-There is a \$75 registration fee that includes the cost of the textbook and workbook. There also will be an

application tee between \$60 and \$70. payable to the NJ State Board of Norsing A \$10 parking fee will also he charged for the use of the Union County College lot

All applicants will be interviewed. by one of the consortium's participating agencies before registration for the course. For additional information. about this program, call Donna Farrell at 908-527-4858.

Program focuses obesity Tach year in the United States

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of Union County the knowledge they. There is a one-time enrollment fee of need to change their eating habits and \$20 per person work toward improving their overall realth," said Union County Freeholdand obesity in our society

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year may be attributed to the obesity

 People who are overweight have "bad cholesterol" and reduced "good cholesterol" which increases the risk of heart attack and

* People who are 11 to 18 pounds overweight are at risk of developing For more information on offering

this program for a "Lunch & Learn" group or for a community group in Union County, call Ensle at 908-654.

Exercise program offered

The Union County Board of Cho sen Freeholders has announced the availability of an exercise program tor people who have had strokes and those who have other physical limita-

The exercise classes address general fitness needs and they are instructed by a recreational activities therapist and a recreational activities

gets Cooperative Extension of Union - grans locuses on balance, posture, chappy grin. bunty, has developed a program operail health and exercises that can called "Supersize America Beating" be performed in the participants' homes," said Freeholder Mary Ruoto- have many procedures to help your

ples will help the learner to under- and I harsday, noon to I p.m., through stand the reality of our everyday. Nov 19 The program is held at Runhells Specialized Hospital, 40 "This program will give residents. Watching Way, Berkeley Heights.

Pre-registration and a doctor's release are required. This activity is er Daniel P. Sullivan. "Better eating" accessible to those in wheelchairs and and proper exercise will help reverse contains activities that can be adapted the disturbing trend of overweight to everyone for further information, contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4096.

Diabetics have support

A free support group for diabeties, friends and family is offered by the · People who are overweight have Diabetes Management Center at a higher incidence of high blood pres- Trinitas Hospital on the first Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m.

Sessions are conducted by registered nurses and certified deductes educators, and cover such topics as diet. latest treatments self manutors ing, and more. The group meets in the KidsPeace intends to Diabetes Management Center, located in suite 202 of the Trinitas Hospital Medical Office Building, 240 Williamson St., Elizabeth, Support group members has park for free in

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NBIMC has a 'heart'

The Heart Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center is the only hospital in New Jersey and one of only 30 hospitals nationwide particsmile become a confident, dazzling ipating in a clinical trail to test the new Acorn CorCap Cardiac Support Device The new device represents a promising and exciting potential advance that may extend and possibly improve the overall health of men and women suffering from severe heart disease. teeth discolored from food, nicotine

The experimental device is designed to help New Jersey Heart Class III and IV patients with dilated cardiomyopathy, a severely enlarged and weakened heart, who are not candidates for heart transplantation. The device consists of a polyester mesh jacket that is form-fitted around the diseased heart. The Acom-CorCap Cardiae Support Device supports the diseased heart by passively preventing it from enlarging any further

Generally, a damaged heart will become enlarged over time because it must compensate for its diminished capacity to pump blood by pumping more blood. volume. As the heart enlarges and its ability to pump blood deteriorates, one of the heart valves is stretched and begins to lose its ability to close properly. As a result, blood leaks backward through the improperly functioning valve, causing fluid accumulation in the lungs and making it difficult for the patient to breathe. According to Dr. Daniel Goldstein, surgical director of cardiac transplantation at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and primary investigator of the trial, the device has the potential to become a promising treatment option for patients suffering from dilated cardiomy opathy.

"We hope to at least maintain the patient's current health and cardiac function and in some cases, improve the patient's condition by reducing the heart's size over time" explained Goldstein. "The early clinical results are encourag-

smile. We are here to make sure you. According to study coordinator Jessie Casida, RN, the Heart Hospital has already treated a 42-year-old woman suffering from dilated cardiomyopathy, Dr. Navan Bogg D.D.S. practices diabetes, hypertension and peripheral neuropathy. The patient is doing well after receiving the device in December 2002

Although it is still too early to determine the device's overall effectiveness, Casida notes that the trial's data safety monitoring board met recently and offered "no recommended modifications to the trial. That normally indicates that the study is progressing smoothly.

ference in a child's life by calling Currently, 240 patients are enrolled in the trial throughout the United States The trial is expected to conclude in July 2003. Trial sponsors plan to enroll a total of 300 patients. The Heart Hospital of New Jersey continues to seek candidates for trial. To learn more about the criteria for this trial contact the follow-There is no better time to step forward Unfortunately, there are hun-

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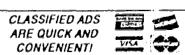


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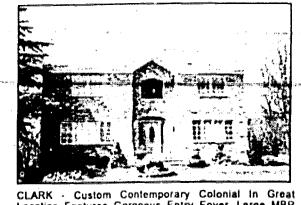
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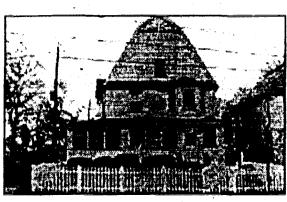


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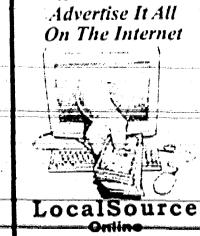
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cargo to Rainier and the handling with its air-ride suspension that has TrailBlazer was engineered to slide

The Raimer's ride is floaty smooth for that signature Buickness, but when I sawed the wheel back and forth just to sample the stability, the sashaying tonnage felt overweight and wallowy. I could only fear the reaction in an overcorrection during an emergency

Boosting the curb weight to 6,000 pounds also gives Rainier a car-tax ncentive for businesses. But Buick should also have bumped up the brake If the idea of Buick trucks leads to size. The four-wheel discs are the head-scratching --- as it did me same size as on TrailBlazer, but bigger blame it on youth. Buick, that mid-

level luxury division at GM, is reachwould definitely be better for Rainier. Keeping an SUV upright isn't such ing for younger buyers - at least an issue for those who respect the difyounger than its current median age ference in handling characteristics Younger buyers have more spend- from a car to a truck and who actually able income, and with the loss of drive with assured clear distance from Oldsmobile sales there must be the vehicle in front, use both hands on opportunity for Buick to scoop up the wheel and keep an eye down the

some of the lost flock. Such drivers, however, are in the I just spent a week in a topline Rainier V-8 with AWD. Its leather- minority. Pound for pound, Rainier pricing is trimmed cabin and contemporary interior styling treatment are convine- fairly competitive for the comforts

ing and quite different from the same- offered. The cabin is tastefully decorated platform offerings from Chevy or and sumptuous. The gauge cluster has an-understated tech-treatment of silver But I'm happy to say that I'm still too young to be counted among the bezels with lighted, turquoise needles and orange warning symbols. The Rainier demographics.

front seats are large and full-figured Rainier is sold in CXL and CXL Plus models in 2WD or AWD with a with eight-way power adjustment and 275 horsepower 4.2 liter inline six- lumbar. The console-mounted emergency cylinder or optional 290 hp, 5.3 liter brake is easy to reach, but a foot

Prices range from \$38,060 to pumper would allow more console \$39,080. The CXL plus test truck with space to drop in a phone, Jay planner AWD, V-8 and options ran to or to plug in a navigation system.

option, but should be part of the stan-Bigger isn't always better, but for about the same money buyers can get dard equipment. A sunroof is optional a 13-inch longer Nissan Pathfinder or part of the Sun and Satellite pack-Armada 4WD that weighs less, has age with a CD, navigation system and sharper acceleration, five-speed auto- XM radio. matic shifter, a tighter ride, a thirdsmooth passenger loading, but the row bench, more safety features and optional running boards create an odd comparable fuel economy.

The addition of Rainier to the half-step that seems too much or too . Buick line makes marketing serise. Little for most people, who often just but it didn't translate for me behind the wheel, and my objections were reach the roof rails, but an unnecessary style treatment.

mosily a weight issue... Beginning with the standard heelbase TrailBlazer, Buick layered dard. Side bags are optional and there on the soundproofing, including lami- is no availability of a head curtain sysnated windshield and side glass, and tem, both of which are often standard

an air suspension to further distance equipment on the import SUVs Second-row theater seating is comfortable for passengers, as are the foot The weight of improvements takes—and leg room. The 60'40 bench has no A topline TrailBlazer V-8 with tain's seats, which would seem to be

4WD, a combo offered only on the of interest to the empty-nesters this extended wheelbase model, weighs. Rainier can so comfortably carry on a AWD weighs 6,001 pounds -- and it's The back seat flips and folds with

Power-adjustable pedals are an

Both sets of doors open wide for

Front dual-stage air bags are stan-

14 inches shorter than the TrailBlazer ease to open up a broad and just about

No gripes with the powertrain. To it has more girth and 18-plus feet of heft three tons requires V-8 power, though the standard 275 hp inline-6 is

> nothing to brag about for either engine; 16 mpg city and 21 highway with the 2WD six cylinder, down to



\$39,080. The CXL plus test truck with AWD, V-8 and options ran to \$43,030

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credible truck, but it's also a challenge wheel drive with locking differential to disguise that truckness. Some of the valve 4.2 liter inline 6, or optional plastic trim pieces inside don't appear Vortee 5.3 liter V-8, OHV and 16 \$1,435, chrome assist steps, \$450, to have the durability and solid mounting expected of a \$40,000 vehicle -8, 290 at 5,200

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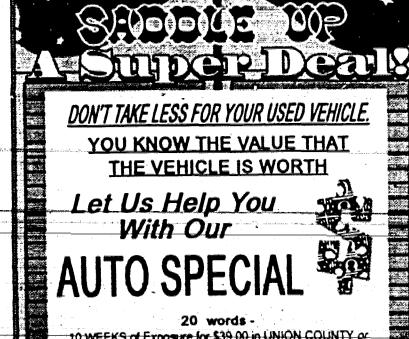
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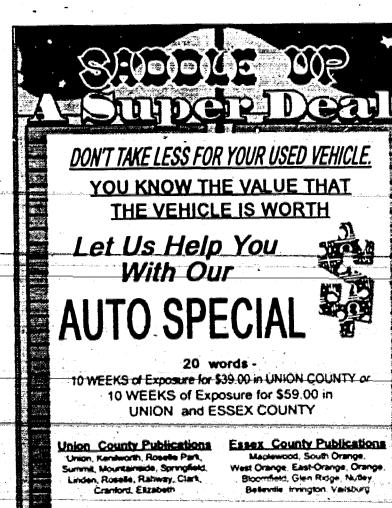
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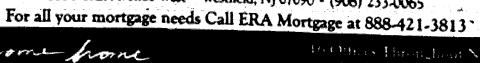




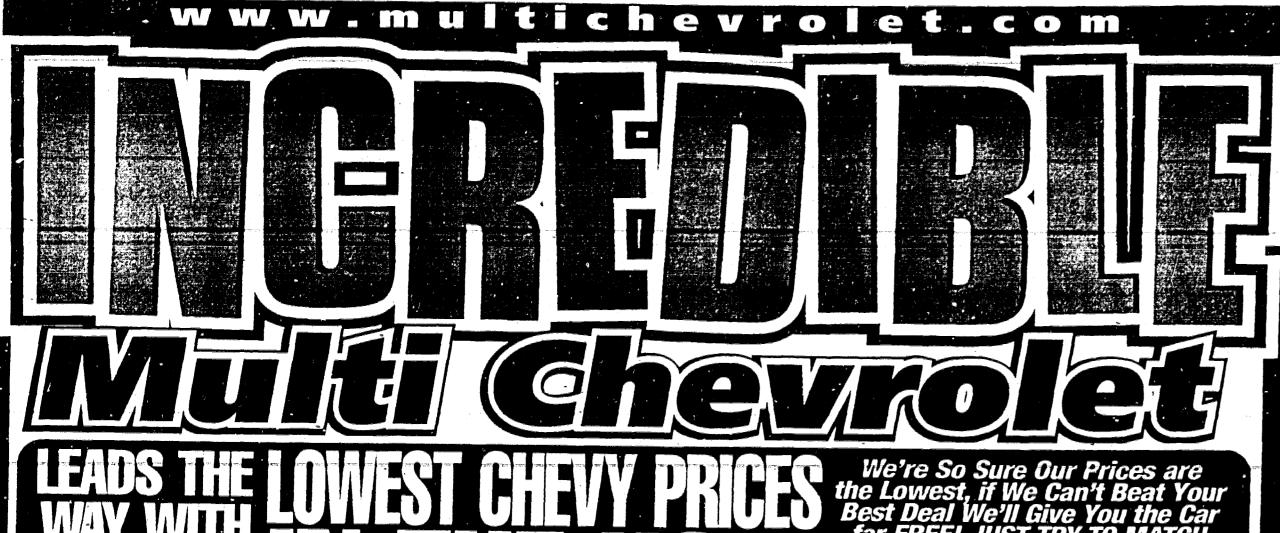




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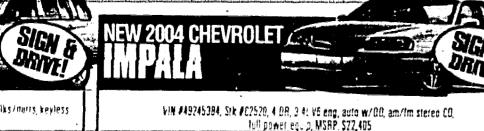


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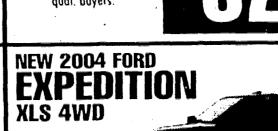
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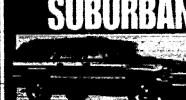
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