

School upgrades continue

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

As the summer winds down and Springfield students attempt to prepare for another school year, schools around town are nearing the end of many renovations that have taken place this summer.

At Jonathan Dayton High School, where electrical upgrades have been completed and one boiler has been removed, another boiler awaits its own departure, as plans for that process are being finalized.

Auditorium seating and carpeting have been completed, although the air conditioning system is still to be installed. Asbestos floor tiles have long been removed from the science labs, and construction has recently commenced in the classrooms.

As library carpeting and asbestos removal from the nurse's office are also in the midst of being completed, the roof replacement project is coming to an end. Perhaps the biggest part of the renovations around the township, the roof has been a two-month-old project and hasn't seen any major delays.

According to school Business Administrator Matthew Clarke, nothing that will be on the end-of-summer punch list will interrupt classes during the school year. This list includes odds and ends necessary to complete renovations.

At Florence M. Guadineer Middle School, windows and doors that were ordered weeks ago were originally expected to be installed by the middle of August, but with delivery of the

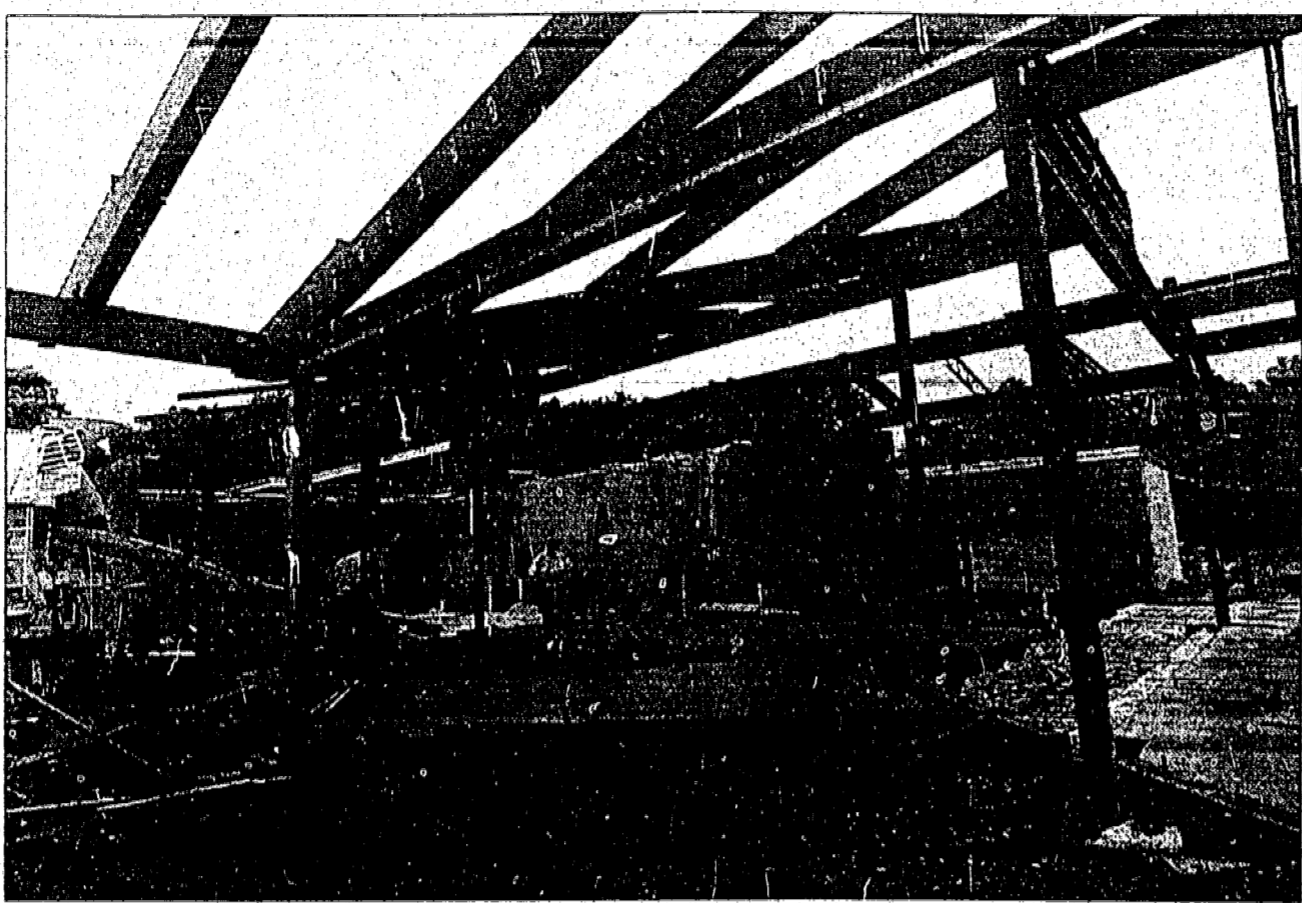


Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

As the start of school gets closer, construction work continues at Thelma L. Sandmeier School where a steel fence enclosure surrounds the media center. Work is expected to be completed at the end of September.

necessary materials taking up to three months, the school will most likely have to wait until the fall of this year for its renovations to be completed.

At James-Caldwell Elementary School, Clarke said he expects everything to be up and running by the start of school.

Landscaping was completed earlier in the spring, and renovations to classrooms, the media center, and offices are done.

Clarke added that while electrical work is finished, renovations concerning the plumbing and boiler replacement are yet to come, though

they will not interfere with the school year.

With an expected completion of Thelma L. Sandmeier School's media center to come at the end of September, the renovation will mark the end of a project that includes a steel fence enclosure surrounding the state-of-the-art room.

At Edward V. Walton Elementary School, state Department of Environmental Protection permits that were received earlier in the spring have led to the bidding process, which is about to begin.

The DEP called for a readjustment

of specifications to the plans, and with the bid being awarded before the end of August, it is hoped that the contractor will be able to complete the project by late spring or early summer of next year.

Outside of the window delivery at Florence M. Guadineer Middle School being delayed, everything seems to be on track and going accordingly.

As the summer vacation slowly comes to an end, students and parents alike will soon have a chance to see the effects of the bond referendum that was passed two years ago.

Officials react to sudden resignation

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

After the sudden announcement of Gov. James McGreevey's resignation last week, the state of New Jersey is left to wonder what is going to become of their government.

While headlines immediately following his announcement focused on McGreevey's homosexuality, there have since been numerous allegations concerning the governor's actions and possible abuse of power while in office.

Local officials in both Springfield and Mountainside offered their opinions, agreeing that the cause and effect of the abrupt resignation may have less to do with his sexual preference than some may think.

"I don't believe he had to resign," said Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti, explaining that the governor's announcement that centered around his homosexuality is a possible smoke screen that could minimize problems that will arise down the road.

"If this was a situation of him just being gay, it wouldn't make a difference," Springfield Mayor Clara Hareluk said.

She explained that the main problem is rooted in the combination of a personal and work relationship between the governor and Golan Cipel, who McGreevey is believed to have had an affair with during his term. Cipel was also hired as a homeland security advisor and made a six-figure salary, while being admittedly underqualified for the position.

McGreevey's "reasons for the Nov. 15 resignation are obvious and I'm sure it's going to be challenged," said

Hareluk. "His sexual orientation means nothing," Springfield Committeeman Harold Poltrock agreed. "What concerns me are the allegations of appointments to public positions when they may not be suited for them," added Poltrock, who pointed out the most notable example of Cipel.

Poltrock, a Republican, said he believes this announcement to be just the tip of the iceberg, saying that all of the governor's lawsuits and activities will further damage his character and eventually overshadow his initial announcement concerning his sexual orientation.

As for the decision to remain in office until Nov. 15, Poltrock said it is an obvious attempt to allow state Senate president Richard Codey, D-Essex, to take over the Democratic party. Poltrock said that right now, McGreevey is probably still weighing his options, maybe deciding to step down earlier.

Vigilanti, a Republican, said that politics aside, New Jersey citizens should have the right to vote somebody in.

"New Jersey has to seriously consider a lieutenant governor for the people," he said.

"I think it'll affect the entire state," he added, explaining that McGreevey will only be mocked while he remains in office, and that with the state's already damaged reputation, this should be a wakeup call for the Garden State.

Hareluk said that while it's hard to say what effect the resignation and possible allegations will have on local, state, and national politics, she hopes that people don't judge anyone solely based on party affiliation.

Borough Council debates retail violations at Route 22 gas stations

By Brian Pedersen
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At the Mountainside Borough Council work session on Aug. 10, discussion centered on the use of excessive sales at Route 22 gas stations within the borough.

Mayor Robert Vigilanti said that historically, gas stations have always sold items such as soda, air for filling tires, cigarettes, maps, etc., and these items have always been deemed acceptable for retail sale.

"My concern is all the other gadgets being sold," said Vigilanti. "It's clear that one station is striving to create a mini mart."

Three gas stations on Route 22 were recently issued notices from the borough's code official which stated that the businesses were in violation of the borough ordinance for excessive retail use at a gas station. Although a Getty station was issued a violation for having banners on the door, Vigilanti said the Getty station did not violate the code for excessive

retail sales. The Exxon and BP gas stations were the other two stations to receive violation notices.

The location of electric soda machines near the gas pumps at the Exxon station was something that concerned both the mayor and council as a safety hazard. The machines have since been moved a distance away from the pumps, but the mayor still had issues with the Exxon flags and banners that are displayed at the station, emphasizing that this is against the borough's code.

As the council debated how to make the new ordinance more specific, several council members grappled with how to define the ordinance to make it more workable.

"The range of permitted retail sales at gas stations is evolving," said Borough Attorney John Post, pointing out a recent case where it was determined that the notion of a convenience store has ancillary sales.

Post said the council should be relatively

specific as to the items that would be permitted for sale at a gas station. He added that some items, such as auto products, could be sold at cash registers. He said the borough should make a line of demarcation for items sold over the counter and those sold in vending machines.

The mayor pointed out that sliding door counters, which are often used to sell beverages, are also owned by gas station owners. He said sliding door counters should be counted as vending machines.

Vigilanti said retail sales have grown considerably over the past few years.

"What's happened over the years is that they've crept from being bottles of soda, to cases of soda, pallets of water...If we can put down the rules and say 'These are the rules,' let's stick to them."

"It provides a local convenience for commuters who pass by," said Rahul Gupta, in a previous interview. Gupta has owned the Getty

gas station for the past year-and-a-half. "It doesn't have to be a Wal-Mart," he added.

Gupta said that gas stations have evolved into better places for buying things. He also said that their electrical bills will go up unless they can offset the cost by selling other items.

"Gas is your primary source of income, not selling soda or coffee," said Councilman Keith Turner. "If not, then your business has a problem."

As the borough ordinance for gas station retail currently exists, Councilman Bill Lane said that technically, anyone who is not just selling gas is in violation of the ordinance. Lane explained to the gas station owners who were present at the meeting that the council is trying to change the ordinance so that all gas station owners have notice of what they can and cannot sell, in order to benefit them so they are no longer in violation of the ordinance.

"Evidently, the town felt we were going

beyond the selling of sodas, cigarettes, and other common products," George Pharmakides, owner of an Exxon station, said in a previous interview.

Pharmakides said that while there are pallets of water, soda, and roses located outside near the pumps, he doesn't see any danger associated with their placement. He said the products are simply light industrial purchases and that the ordinance should be changed due to the development of 21st century gas stations.

Vigilanti said the council will develop a clear list of acceptable retail sale items and safety issues at gas stations once they meet with Code Official George McGrath. The rules and regulations for the ordinance are expected to be established within a month or two.

"The council will make fair and amicable recommendations," added Vigilanti.

Staff Writer Rick Klittich contributed to this report.

Borough plans to tie FD to police frequency

By Rick Klittich
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After being on a separate frequency from the borough's Police Department, the Mountainside Fire Department will soon be able to enjoy the advantages of being tied into the same system.

According to Mayor Robert Vigilanti, a Homeland Security grant of more than \$40,000 was awarded to Mountainside and will go toward updating the frequency ties between the Police Department and Fire Department, allowing the two services to relay information between them at any time of the day, depending on the necessity, proximity, and time of an incident.

The grant, Vigilanti explained, had certain specifications as to what it could be used for, and Mountainside is not required to match the sum.

"This gives us a chance to really take advantage of the tower behind Borough Hall," Vigilanti explained. "We have tremendous coverage."

Vigilanti said that while the costs of each radio used in the paging system, as well as the total amount of money necessary to be used per single pager is unknown, Homeland Security promotes the necessity of having emergency services in direct communication with each other and neighboring towns.

The benefits of the connected system, Vigilanti said, can be countless.

A "channel guard" switch that can be turned on and off will connect users to other towns, or only to their own municipality, if they choose, explained Vigilanti.

If police are in pursuit of a vehicle, for example, putting the channel guard switch in the off position would allow communication with surrounding municipalities.

Therefore, police will be able to interact with one another more easily in adapting to situations that range over town borders, especially on major highways such as the highly trafficked Route 22.

Prior to the grant, Mountainside's Fire Department communicated with the Police Department via Borough Hall headquarters, making it a two-step process.

As Vigilanti explained, the new system will eliminate the middle man.

"This will add larger coverage for the system," said Police Chief James Debbie, adding that this is an example of interoperability, a term coined after the Sept. 11 attacks.

The mayor added that while response times were not in question and are not a main reason for updating the systems used by both departments, communication will certainly be improved.

"We'll have that advantage," said Vigilanti of quicker communication.

"The main concern is communication during an active scene."

How's the air up there?

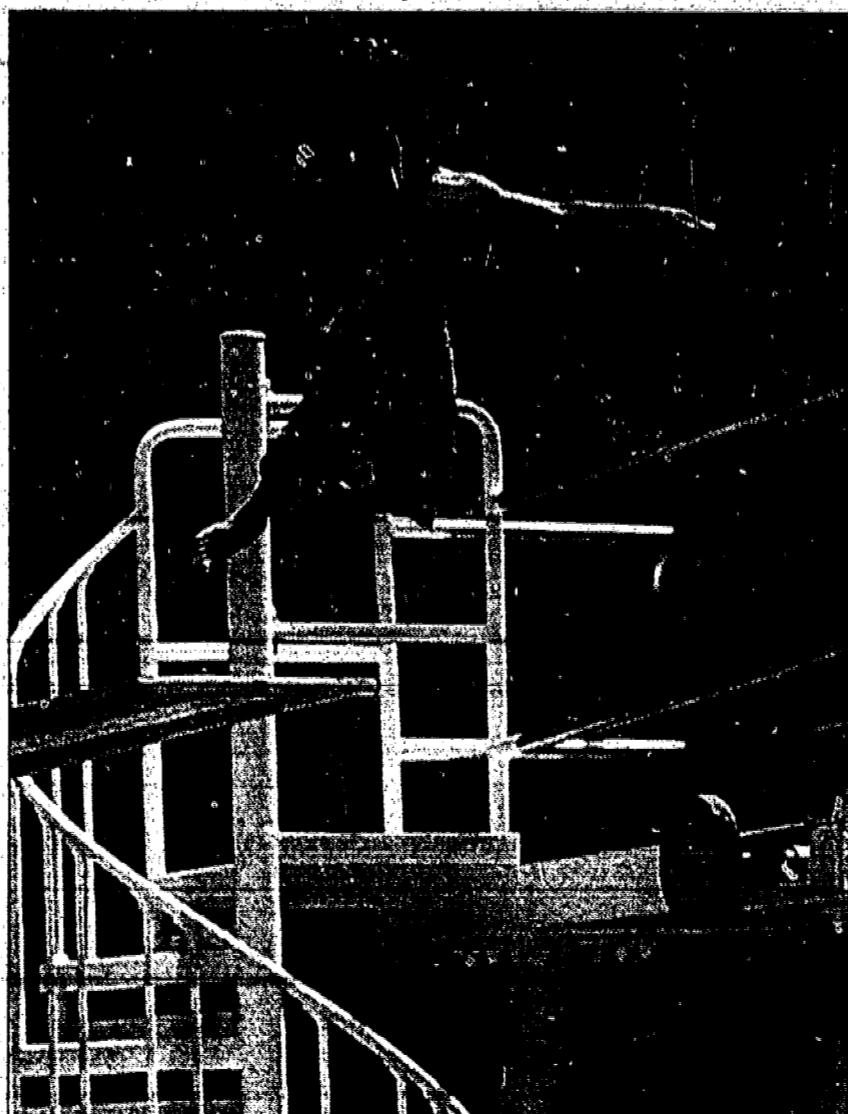


Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

Late summer is the perfect time for a dip in the pool or a dive, as Anthony Salerno, 8, finds out when he jumps off the board at Mountainside Community Pool.

Township plans for historic re-enactment

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

After the fireworks display that was featured at Thelma L. Sandmeier School in early July, Springfield's plans for next year's celebration began before the month even turned.

The reason for the early planning lies not only in the fireworks event, which residents of surrounding towns travel to each year, but in the memorializing of the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Springfield, the last invasion of the British into New Jersey during the Revolutionary War.

The Take Pride in Springfield Committee, along with the Chamber of Commerce and other Springfield organizations decided long ago that they would want to commemorate the event by doing something big.

A celebration that marked the bicentennial of the battle inspired this event, which will be conducted over a two-day span on June 25 and 26. It will mark the first time Springfield will also celebrate Independence Day before July arrives.

The committee formed to plan and prepare for the event is looking to meet every fourth Wednesday of the month. According to Mayor Clara Hareluk, plans already have been mentioned that could include a re-enactment of the battle, historic preservations, fireworks and a parade.

Hareluk said that the best-case scenario would mean the completion of Meisel Avenue Park by next spring, so that it can be used for festivities.

If that is not possible, Hareluk said, Jonathan Dayton High School will be used for the battle and Thelma L. Sandmeier School would be the traditional site to host the fireworks. Although there is no certain cost for developing the two-day celebration, Hareluk said the township will seek money through advertisements, raffles and fund-raisers as has been done in the past. "We always try to raise as much money as possible," Hareluk said.

The celebration will also feature an advertisement journal, consisting of historic information and photos that businesses around Springfield can advertise in. This is expected to raise the largest portion of funding for the anniversary.

While the usual fireworks celebration is being added onto significantly, Hareluk said that it will still be a "weekend for all ages," including the kiddie rides enjoyed during past summers.

Hareluk said that the township has already hired Third New Jersey Registry to re-enact the battle. The company specializes in re-enactments of East Coast battles.

"We welcome anybody that wishes to volunteer," said Hareluk, noting that an event of this magnitude will need help from residents in order to be a success.

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Firefighters extinguish school fire

Springfield
On Aug. 4 at 12:18 p.m., Springfield firefighters responded to Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue for a large Dumpster fire directly next to the building.

The dumpster was used for the discarding of roofing material, as construction was going on at the high school at the time of the fire, and it eventually became fully engulfed in flames near the southwest section of the school.

The specific cause of the fire is unknown and the incident is being considered an accident, with no investigation pending.

Workers at the scene first tried to put out the flames with water located on the sight, but the fire spread too quickly within the Dumpster.

While the flames did reach the building and some smoke entered the interior of the high school, no major damage was done.

Firefighters spent approximately three hours on the scene putting the fire out and cleaning up afterward.

There were no injuries.
At 2:49 a.m. Aug. 1, firefighters responded to an Independence Way apartment complex for an activated fire alarm.

At 7:37 p.m. Aug. 1, firefighters responded to an Essex Road residence for an activated carbon monoxide detector.

Firefighters responded to a Kipling Avenue residence for a medical service call at 8:18 a.m. Aug. 2.

Firefighters responded to a Kew Drive residence for an odor in the house at 1:48 p.m. Aug. 2.

At 7:11 p.m. Aug. 2, firefighters responded to a Route 22 East business for an activated fire alarm.

At 10:49 a.m. Aug. 3, firefighters responded to a Route 22 West business for a medical service call.

Firefighters responded to a Morris Avenue business for an elevator rescue.

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Abd Muhammad, 53, of Hillside was arrested for having an active warrant out of Woodbridge, after being approached on Route 22 east at Mill Lane as a suspicious person Monday at 6:40 p.m.

Springfield
Mikhail Nabkine, 45, of Springfield was arrested Friday at 9:59 p.m. for aggravated assault on a police officer, interfering with a police officer, driving under the influence of alcohol, possession of an open alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle, refusal to submit to a breath test, obstructing traffic, and failure to have his vehicle inspected.

The man is also considered to be a fugitive, as he is unlawfully present due to order of removal or exclusion from the United States.

A Springfield resident who spent the night with a female woke up on the morning of Aug. 10 and found his car keys and car missing.

The woman, whom he met in Belleville, may or may not have stolen the vehicle. The estimated value of lost items is \$37,700 for the car, cell phone and GPS unit.

On Aug. 11 at 12:41 a.m., it was reported that unknown persons opened the lock of a 1996 Jeep Cherokee and took apart the steering column and ignition in an attempt to steal the vehicle.

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Friday
Three- or 4-year-olds, accompanied by an adult, can discover facts about the life cycle, habits, and habitat of the goldfinch, New Jersey's state bird, in the "2 of Us" program at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fee for this interactive class is \$8 per child and adult for Union County residents, and \$10 per child and adult for non-county residents.

For information, call 908-789-3650.

Monday
The Springfield Farmers' Market will continue at the Jonathan Dayton High School parking lot from noon to 6 p.m. every Monday. Stands will feature fresh produce, fresh cut flowers and baked goods, among other treats.

Organizers of "Lighthouse Kids" invite all children, who will be age 4 through grade six, to Vacation Bible Camp from Aug. 23-26. The camp is co-sponsored by the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist and Springfield Presbyterian churches.

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Camp will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Springfield Emanuel Church with music led by jazz musician "Dan the Man."

Call 973-376-1695 or 973-379-4320 for more information.

The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the media center of Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will conclude its Luncheon Video Series, "Box Office Hits," at noon. The film is a British comedy drama based on a true story.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

Wednesday
Jo Bonanno & The Godsons of Soul will perform as part of the 2004 Union County Free Summer Arts Festival at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside at 7:30 p.m.

Bring your blanket or lawn chair and picnic basket for an evening of music beneath the stars. The refreshment stand and restrooms are both open. The concerts are held near the Mill Lane section of the park.

For rain site information on days of inclement weather, call the Parks & Recreation hotline at 908-352-8410 after 3 p.m.

Upcoming Sept. 1
The Springfield Planning Board will meet in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 p.m.

Sept. 11
The Newark Bait & Fly Casting Club will conduct its 27th annual "People With Disabilities Fishing Derby" at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. The event headquarters will be at the gazebo near the dam at the lower lake. The rain date is Sept. 12.

All handicapped individuals, regardless of age, can participate. They must pre-register by Sept. 5, by calling Ellen Chase of the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4096. Fishing will begin at 10 a.m. and run through 2 p.m.

For information, call Rich MacDonald, president at 973-667-7642 or Art Dolgan at 201-242-0238.

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Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the lifestyle editor. Announcements should be typed, double spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification or time a questions arise.

Beechwood, Deerfield stay busy setting up

By Rick Klittich Staff Writer
While Mountainside students attending Beechwood and Deerfield schools are busy making the most of their last few weeks of summer vacation, the end of August, for administration and staff, means that it's time to prepare for yet another school year.

"I'm planning professional development, mostly for the entire staff," said Angela Cosimano, who is set to begin her third year as curriculum coordinator for the district.

Cosimano said she is focused specifically on helping new teachers with curriculum plans, and also on an initiative to improve students' writing and editing skills.

Custodian Tom McGowan is entering his eighth year in Mountainside, and judging by the crowded hallways, the end of the summer means he and the rest of his staff have a lot to do.

McGowan explained that between polishing floors, ordering supplies, taking care of the lawn and cleaning the sewer systems, he'll be busy right up to the start of the year.

With classrooms currently being cleaned and emptied so that floors can be stripped and waxed, the interior items of each room have been pushed to the hallways.

Apparently, though, cluttered halls lead to clean classrooms, as McGowan said that the classes are the cleanest they'll be all year at the very beginning.

"I'm looking forward to things going back to normal," said McGowan, optimistic of a more routine school year, as opposed to the summer days.

Interim Chief Administrator Walter Rusak is ready to begin his first year at the position, anticipating working with the children.

"Summertime is a lot of paper pushing activity," he said. Rusak said he spent a lot of the summer at Beechwood School scheduling, getting children placed in classes and organizing not only the days, but the full year.

Rusak also updated guidance folders and said that when doors open at the very end of August, although the first day of classes won't be until Sept. 9, he'll be concentrating on meetings, assemblies, and acquiring test books and other supplies.

"Those are the things that keep me hopping," said Rusak. Rusak said the one thing he looks forward to most about being administrator is that he is accountable and can't push the blame for anything that goes wrong onto anyone else.

"The buck stops here," he said. "I'll always know what's going on and this is just a great place to work."

School Business Administrator Paul Vizzuso, who is currently working on the annual audit for the fiscal year, said that among the things he is busy helping to prepare for is the coordination of transportation routes.

"I look forward to having a successful year and just meeting the goals set at the beginning," Vizzuso said, adding that one of the main goals is preparing the budget and having a successful budget campaign.

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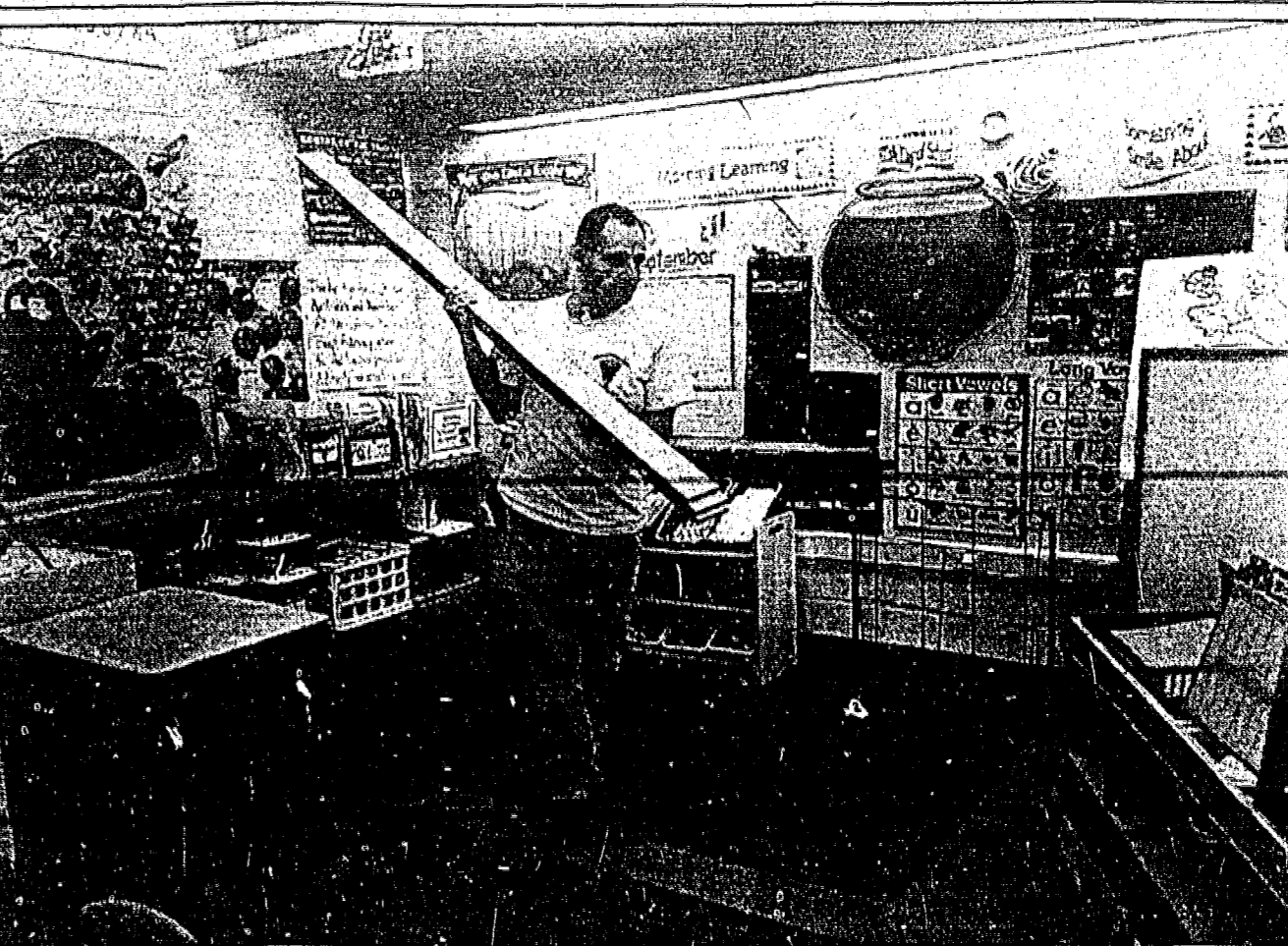
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Custodian Tom McGowan carries some wood to build a bookshelf at Beechwood School in Mountainside. As the start of the school year draws near, school staff and faculty at both Beechwood and Deerfield School are getting prepared for opening day.

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Cell tower slated for firehouse

By Rick Klittich Staff Writer

The Springfield Township Committee is in the process of deciding which bid to accept for the purpose of installing and maintaining a cell tower that will be located next to the Fire Department Headquarters on Mountain Avenue.

Springfield follows the path of several surrounding municipalities in putting this out to bid, as they look to add another tower near the existing one, which is smaller than the proposed new one.

According to Mayor Clara Harelik, space at the top of the tower will be reserved for Springfield, giving residents the best quality of service and reception.

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Floral art exhibit opens

Summit pathologist Neela Pushparaj will be exhibiting her semi-abstract floral watercolors at the Bouras Galleries, 25 DeForest Ave., in Summit. The exhibit will be at Bouras Galleries from September through October.

The galleries are open to the public by appointment only. To make an appointment, call Linda Cole 908-277-6054. After 20 years as a pathologist, Pushparaj discovered the joy of painting. For the next 14 years, she pursued this newly discovered passion vigorously, painting and attending many art classes and workshops while meeting her commitments as a physician.

"Painting is an integral part of my life. It is an expression of my joy in everything I see," Pushparaj has said. Her unique and colorful paintings have been widely exhibited and are not being reproduced on scarves and cards. Along with the idea of a venue for New Jersey artists goes the added bonus that Bouras goes to benefit Overlook Hospital.

Summit artist exhibits at Wisner

Though she hovers in her home in Summit, Agnieszka Solawa was born and raised in Poland to an artist mother and an architect father. Her first artistic commission was at the age of 10. She painted five icons for Missionary Church in Krakow. The paintings were in oil on glass, in the style of the Polish peasants of Zakopane in the Tatra Mountains.

Solawa's paintings use colors to describe themes occasionally religious, but more often fanciful.

Solawa will hang her newest paintings on glass in Wisner House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit through Sept. 8. Wisner House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. For information, call 908-273-8787.

Pretty as a princess



Nicole Dash, 8, of Springfield, dresses up just like a princess in the dress-up booth at the Kids Kingdom Festival in the Watchung Reservation on Aug. 8. Dash is a third-grader at the James Caldwell School.

Arboretum offers outdoor education

On Wednesday mornings, a series of watercolor classes will take place in September at Reeves-Reed Arboretum.

Adult Education Director Nancy Wright predicted that demand would be high for three September programs: a weekend-long illustration class focusing on butterflies; a bus trip to estates gardens in Southampton, N.Y., and a garden tour at Duke Farms in Hillsborough. She advised those interested to register early. Those who enjoy the Water Garden class may also register for a Fall Inter-continental garden class taught by Michael Ruggiero, retired senior horticultural curator of the New York Botanical Garden, on Sept. 18.

For information, call 908-273-8787.

Center prepares students for SAT

The Summit Y.M.C.A., 67 Maple St., is known largely for its fitness facility, aquatics programs and popular day camps. You can now add SAT Prep center to that list. For the second consecutive summer, the Y offered "Let's Get Ready!" — a free SAT and college prep class designed primarily for immigrants and low-income families.

This summer, the program attracted about 30 students, primarily juniors and seniors from Summit High School.

The SAT, still an extremely important element in the college admission process, causes fear and loathing in most high school students. For many, the SAT prep class can alleviate some of that fear. Unfortunately, classes run by Princeton Review and Kaplan — two of the biggest names in test preparation — run upward of \$1,000. Thanks to "Let's Get Ready!" — which was made possible in part by a \$5,000 grant from the Summit Area Public Foundation — a group of students who might have otherwise missed out on intensive training got the opportunity to fine-tune their math and verbal skills and learn valuable test-taking strategies — all at no cost.

In addition, students were taught how to present a strong college application, navigate the financial aid process, and were treated to tours of Barnard College in New York City and Drexel University in Philadelphia. Best of all, the program accomplished all of this in a fun, supportive environment that kept the students motivated, focused and well-fed, thanks to study-break donations from Panera Bread and La Strada Pizzeria, both in Millburn. Cristina Thompson, 20, was the driving force of the "Let's Get Ready!" program at the Y.M.C.A. Thompson, a Millburn High School graduate, now a junior at Brown University, had served as a coach or tutor at Brown and wanted to bring the program home with her during the summer. In 2003, she contacted "Let's Get Ready!" and the Y.M.C.A. and both organizations were highly receptive; a partnership was formed.

"In high school, I was acutely aware that kids who can't afford to prepare for the SATs are at a real disadvantage, which didn't seem fair," she said. "I love having the chance to do something with kids that has the potential to change their lives. It can help them go to a college they'd like to be at, that means so much to me."

As founder and director, Thompson's tasks were to recruit volunteer coaches for the Y.M.C.A. program. This year, all were friends from Millburn High, now college students themselves. A coach from the first summer, Danilo Cortes served as this summer's co-director. Both Cortes and Thompson speak Spanish, an important asset, since many of the students' families are Spanish-speaking immigrants.

In addition to the directors, the coaches are the heart and soul of the program. Stacey Castro, 16, a program participant, was surprised at how much she enjoyed the course, in part because of the warmth and support of the coaches. "The coaches were awesome. They were so willing to work with each person and they treated us like equals," she said.

The program ran for seven weeks, meeting twice a week for three hours each session. Coaches even had "office hours" once a week and students took full advantage of the extra help. During each session, students were divided into small groups and worked closely with a verbal and math coach.

Local residents win Toastmasters contest

Summit Toastmasters, a regional public-speaking club, has announced the winners of its Humorous Speech and Tall Tales contest, conducted on Aug. 11.

Kelly Hufnagel of Berkeley Heights won in the Humorous Speech category and Ismael Lenis of Summit won in the Tall Tales category. A Humorous Speech is a prepared five- to seven-minute speech. A Tall Tale is an extemporaneous speech in response to a question posed to the speaker.

Hufnagel and Lenis will now go on to compete in their respective categories against the winners from other area Toastmasters clubs. The area contest this year will be hosted by Summit Toastmasters at 8 p.m. Sept. 8 at St. John's Church, 587 Springfield Ave., Summit. The winners of the area contest will compete with speakers from throughout the division. The ultimate goal is to compete against speakers from all over New York and New Jersey.

Summit Toastmasters is a chapter of Toastmasters International, a non-profit educational organization whose purpose is to enhance the communications and leadership skills of its members.

The group welcomes area residents to join or attend as guests. For information, visit Summit Toastmasters at www.summittoastmasters.com or call 877-854-5014.

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Concord Singers search for new voices during rehearsals

The Concord Singers, a unique non-auditioning women's chorus, is seeking new members as it starts rehearsals for the fall season.

Rehearsals are Mondays from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit. The first rehearsal is Sept. 13. The holiday concert will be presented at 4 p.m. Dec. 11 at Calvary Church.

The Concord Singers' repertoire is varied, including sacred and secular music. Composers range from the classical Beethoven, Mozart, Modest Mussorgsky and Porpora to the more modern works of Randall Thompson, George Gershwin, Kirke Mechem and Benjamin Britten. They always welcome new members. Requirements are an ability to carry a tune, a willingness to practice diligently, attend rehearsals regularly and enjoy camaraderie while joyfully creating melodious music.

In addition to the Concord Singers performance, the December concert will highlight a male ensemble featuring singers from Summit High School. More detailed information about the concert will be available in September.

Founded in 1977, the Concord Singers is a women's chorus that strives to achieve high-quality musical performance through dedication and hard work. Members represent various age groups, professions, nationalities and ethnicities, many of whom also sing with other groups.

They are under the direction of Michael Sanfilippo. The accompanist is Caroline Parody.

Two main concerts are presented yearly: a December holiday concert and a May spring concert, often with other local groups and/or instruments. Every other year, a Choral Arts Award is presented to a promising high school junior or senior, whose life has been — and will continue to be — strongly influenced by music.

Their next Women's Choral Workshop, offered every other year and open to all, will take place on Jan. 22, 2005.

For information, visit the new Web site at www.concordingers.org or call Debra Boyman at 908-771-0978.

Military collection effort continues

Christine Truhe, Julie Stymacks and other Summit residents are continuing the "Summit Supports Our Troops" initiative.

They've asked people to "pass the word on" via fliers, e-mails and word-of-mouth.

The immediate goal is to gather 400 boxes for the troops at the front filled with items by Sept. 30. The first collection was at the Summit Street Fair on Saturday, where they had a truck in the Bank Street parking lot. Additional collection occasions will be announced.

Truhe has established a relationship with the commander of the U.S. Army, Brigade Special Troops Battalion out of Fort Benning, Ga. to support the unit. This unit is returning to Iraq in November, after having been there for the first part of the war. They expect to be there up to 18 months this time. Truhe, in coordination with the Army 3rd Infantry Division, and Stymacks, whose son Bryan is also returning to Iraq, have developed a list of the items needed at the front.

"As a result of coordinating direct-ly with the military, we expect to be able to avoid shipping charges," Truhe said. The commanding officers are in the process of arranging for the personnel at Fort Dix to accept the packages, which will then be placed in shipping containers to be sent directly to Iraq with Army supplies.

"Anyone from the public can help by filling a shoe box or similar-size box with various items and supplies. These include entertainment items such as books, magazines, sports equipment and cards; clothing such as socks, underwear and T-shirts; non-perishable food and drinks, toiletries, sunglasses, communication items such as pens, paper and envelopes, and miscellaneous items such as batteries, portable showers and laundry soap.

Anyone may make a financial contribution by contacting Truhe at 908-273-1142. For various cultural, health, convenience and/or safety reasons, participants should adhere to the following rules:

- No pork, chocolate, fruit — unless sealed — or alcohol, including hand sanitizer.
- Limit the amount of sugar.
- Wrap everything possible in zip-lock bags to protect packages in case of spillage.
- All items should be in travel-size or individual servings.
- Avoid items that need to be reconstituted with water.
- Bring items to a collection site in one of the following ways:
 1. Place any combination of these items in shoe box-size boxes and seal lightly.
 2. Provide quantities of one item in zip-lock bags, closed boxes or original containers. For information on how to be involved in the effort, e-mail dtruhe@truhe.com or call 908-273-1142.

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Fiji, a 4½-month-old one-eyed cat, was found abandoned and starving on Hobart Avenue in Summit, rescued by one of the volunteers from the Summit Animal League. Fiji, with SAL employee Kathy Stokes, is otherwise in good health and in need of a warm, caring owner, as are many other animals waiting to be adopted. For information on adopting an animal, call 908-665-1186.

BRIDGES seeks clothing, school supplies

Once again this year, BRIDGES will deliver new backpacks and school supplies to school age children living in shelters in Newark and Irvington. Donations may be brought to BRIDGES, located in Christ Church at 561 Springfield Ave. in Summit, on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For other drop off arrangements, call 908-273-0176. BRIDGES would like to distribute the backpacks and school supplies before Labor Day, but will accept them through Sept. 25.

BRIDGES, a Summit-based non-profit organization, reaches out to the homeless populations in lower Manhattan, Newark and Irvington every week.

The group is also in short supply of summer clothing. Donations may be brought to BRIDGES from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays or from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays.

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SAT dates are set for 2004-05 school year

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association just announced the Scholastic Aptitude Test schedule for the 2004-2005 school season.

Test dates for 2004 include Oct. 9, Nov. 6 and Dec. 5 and for 2005 include Jan. 22, March 12, May 7 and June 4.

The above dates may present conflicts for student-athletes. They can make arrangements to take these tests on a date not in conflict with their sport.

Girls' tennis singles and doubles competition is, for example, scheduled for Oct. 9.

The football playoff finals are scheduled for Dec. 4.

Possible winter track group meet competition is scheduled for Jan. 22.

Boys' tennis singles and doubles competition and outdoor track state group meets, public and parochial, are scheduled for June 4.

Tournament dates cannot be changed. However, all tournament dates will be finalized in August so that alternate testing dates can be arranged whenever possible.

The following are the registration close dates for the seven test dates that were mentioned above:

Oct. 9: Registration closing date is Sept. 7 for SAT I and 2.

Nov. 6: Registration closing date is Oct. 1 for SAT 1 and 2.

Dec. 4: Registration closing date is Oct. 29 for SAT 1 and 2.

Jan. 22: Registration closing date is Dec. 20 for SAT 1 and 2.

March 12: Registration closing date is Feb. 7 for SAT 1 only.

May 7: Registration closing date is March 25 for SAT 1 and 2.

June 4: Registration closing date is April 29 for SAT 1 and 2.

SAT I is the basic exam and SAT 2 is the achievement test.

Applications to ref soccer are available

So, you want to be a soccer referee?

Applications are now being accepted for candidates wishing to become high school soccer referees in the School and College Officials Association (SCOA) for the 2004 season.

Candidates must be physically fit and a minimum of 18 years of age to referee.

Successful candidates will be eligible to take the NJSLA exam, which will then qualify them to referee high school varsity soccer matches.

Applications are due by Sept. 13.

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The Springfield Pony Cubs and Angels are co-champs of the Springfield/Summit Pony/Suburban League, the teams pictured here. Kneeling, from left, Jake Krupp, Ross Bergen, Chris Neville, Adam Frank, Brandon Bujnowski, Matt Butler, Michael Stigliano, Joe Buonomo, Justin Model and Ryan Godfrey. Standing, from left, Umberto Annunziata, Shaun Nisani, Matt Loffa, Charlie Green, Ben Zweiman, Aaron Weinbaum, Michael Miranda, Matt DiProffo, David Steinman, Alex Neubauer, Zack Floyd, Brandon Gincel, Andrew Kocur, Robert Krebner, Michael Diamant, Joel Loeshelle and Justin Wolf. Team members not pictured include Elliot Grossman, CJ Scott and Ben Rosenbach.

Cubs, Angels baseball teams are crowned co-champions

Both finalists finish with winning records

The Springfield Pony Cubs and Angels completed the season as co-champions of the Springfield/Summit Pony/Suburban Baseball League.

The teams played to a 4-4 tie in eight innings in the championship game.

The Cubs, coached by Mark Bujnowski, finished the regular season with an impressive record of 14-1 and defeated the Summit Eagles and Colts in the playoffs.

The Angels, coached by Warren Frank and Jeff Neubauer, finished the regular season with a fine record of 8-4-1 and bested the Summit Lions and Bears to reach the finals.

The Cubs were led by six strongly-pitched innings by David Steinman and two solid innings of relief by Michael Diamant. Steinman also had an RBI-single and Diamant a sacrifice fly.

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You can improve your game here At Willie Wilson Baseball Camp

By Jeff Wolfman Staff Writer

SUMMIT - Baseball is a game that one can always improve upon. That's what the major focus of the Willie Wilson Baseball Camp was this week at Jefferson School Park.

The camp, which commenced Monday and concludes tomorrow, runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring instruction from former Major League Baseball players, including Wilson, an 18-year veteran, who played with the Kansas City Royals and Chicago Cubs.

"We have a lot of kids here, so, hopefully, they'll learn something," Wilson said. "We plan on doing this by running a lot of drills."

Attended by youngsters ages 8-16, the camp focuses on individual instruction in pitching, catching, infield, outfield and hitting play. Team segments are also part of each day and covered are throwing mechanics, cuts and relays, pop fly communication and rundowns.

"We found out that a lot of kids don't know how to throw," Wilson said. "They also don't know how to grip the baseball, so we work on that and controlling the ball instead of just throwing it anywhere. You have to play catch to play this game."

Wilson stresses that a player doesn't have to throw hard, but be accurate. "We also talk a lot about hitting as well," Wilson said. "We work a lot on that in the afternoons."

The pitching aspect of the game was shown by former Oakland A's All-Star Dave Stewart, while the catching was taught by ex-major leaguer Glenn Borgmann.

Outfield play was covered by Wilson and former Philadelphia Phillies and Chicago Cubs outfielder Bob Demier.

Infield was taught by Wilson's former KC teammate Pete LaCock.

"We wanted to work on all of the aspects and all of the little things of the game that the kids might not know," Wilson said. "That might include how to use their legs or their lead arm and how to throw."

Wilson states that the camp doesn't really focus on the mental aspect of the game because the youngsters are really not old enough for that yet, but it does help them with the physical things that they might not know and want to know.

"A lot of the kids do a lot of things wrong, but a lot of kids do a lot of things that are right," Wilson said. "The one's that do things right try to show how to keep doing it right."

Wilson's main goal for the youngsters, though, is to have fun.

"We want to show that baseball players and ex-baseball players are human too and where small once," Wilson said. "We just want to teach them the right way to play."

Wilson, one of New Jersey's legendary athletes, was a three-sport standout at Summit High School, where he excelled in football, basketball and baseball.

The 1974 Summit grad turned down a full football scholarship to the University of Maryland to accept a minor league contract from the Royals.

"My biggest memory of playing at Summit was facing New Providence in football when we were both undefeated at the time," Wilson said.

Assigned to KC's Gulf Coast team in 1974, Wilson led the league in stolen bases.

The next summer, the Royals promoted Wilson to Waterloo, where he won MVP of the Prospect of the Year awards as he led the league in hits and stolen bases. Wilson also led the league in outfield assists with 17, while also being hit by pitch 13 times.

Wilson spent 1976 at Jacksonville in the Southern League, with a short KC call up for his major league debut. In 1977, Wilson was mostly at Omaha in the American Association, with another KC appearance. In 1978, Wilson reached the big leagues for good.

Over the next dozen years, Wilson was the leadoff batter for the Royals, who captured the World Series in 1985. His best season was in 1980 when he led the American League in runs scored with 133 and hits with 230, while posting a .326 batting average.

He played four seasons near that level, winning the American League batting title in 1982 with an average of .322.

Wilson also led the American League in triples in 1980, 1982, 1985, 1987 and 1988 and stolen bases in 1979 with 83.

Wilson played with the Cubs in 1993 and 1994 before retiring.

Wilson holds the major league record for the most at-bats in a season with 705 in 1980, along with ranking third all-time in stolen base percentage (83.3) and 12th in stolen bases (668).

Wilson batted .300 in four successive seasons, was an All-Star in 1982 and 1983 and won a Gold Glove in 1980.

"The first highlight of my career was being drafted," Wilson said. "However, the biggest was winning the World Series."

After retiring, Wilson coached in the Toronto Blue Jays' system, then went into private business after the 1997 season.

"Running these camps have been a blessing in disguise because I wasn't doing anything," Wilson said. "It's great to be able to come back here and be around kids who are the way they treat you well and believe in what you have to say."

LaCock, who played with Wilson at KC and taught with him at the Old Ball Game, was on-hand to help youngsters and the older kids as well.

"My speciality is hitting," LaCock said. "I like to work with the young kids and teach them how to hit."

One youngster that picked up a few tips from LaCock, who's father Peter Marshall was the first host of Hollywood Squares, was 11-year-old Millburn resident Ben Lippman.

"I learned a lot of new tips on how to hit better," Lippman said. "I learned how to use my feet more."

However, 11-year-old Summit resident Amy Guida felt playing catch was her favorite part of the camp.

Guida attended the camp with her cousin, 12-year-old Allie Guida.

"I've learned a lot so far," Guida said. "I was taught different moves when throwing the ball."

In addition to the 80-plus campers, five campers from the East Orange Camp held the week prior won scholarships to attend this week's camp free of charge.

"Mechanics is the biggest area we try to focus on," Craig Collins, co-partner of Willie Wilson Camps, said. "It takes 21 days to establish a habit, be it either bad or good. The kids need to work on that three weeks after this camp. We try to get kids into good habits and reinforcing them so that it works."

Including a free lunch, guest speakers and player appearances, the camp had prize giveaways and an autograph and photo session with the players.

registration can be made at the front desk of the Summit Area YMCA.

The Summit Seals swimming team practices under the direction of a knowledgeable and experienced coaching staff.

The low coach-to-swimmer ratio allows coaches to tailor training techniques to best suit each individual swimmer.

Buntin's coaching career spans more than 40 years. He is designated a Master Coach by the National YMCA and he is the recipient of the 2002 YMCA National Coach of the Year award.

COUNTY NEWS

Free firearm safety kits are available

The Union County Sheriff's Office will provide free firearm safety kits to county residents through a partnership with Project ChildSafe, a nationwide firearms safety education program.

said Sheriff Ralph Froehlich. "Gun owners must realize how important it is to securely store their firearms in order to prevent a child or any unauthorized person from accessing a gun in their home."

Project ChildSafe is a program developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, which distributes millions of firearm safety kits throughout the country over the next year. The program is funded by a U.S. Department of Justice grant with additional funding provided by the firearms industry.

By partnering with Project ChildSafe, the Union County Sheriff's Office is participating in a growing national effort to promote firearms safety to all gun owners. Project ChildSafe is distributing gunlock safety kits in all 50 states and five U.S. territories.

4-H Clubs accepting membership this fall

Boys and girls in first grade through high school who like pets, gardening, or scrapbooking should consider joining a 4-H Club this fall. Club activities depend on what

club you join. If you join a pet club you'll learn about proper pet care and make crafts. If you join the horticulture club you'll make cuttings and grow flower seedlings. No matter what club you join, the activities are a lot of fun.

The following 4-H clubs are taking registrations for membership: First Graders Pet Club, Third Graders Pet Club, Fifth Graders Pet Club, Scrapbooking Club for middle school and high school students, and Horticulture Club for middle school and high school students. Most of the clubs

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Play details drama of Richard, the arrogant king of England

Play details drama of firefighters after 9/11

Alliance Repertory Theatre Company, Bloomfield's newest cultural center, presents Anne Nelson's "The Guys" for a limited monthlong run beginning Sept. 10 and closing Oct. 2 at its home in downtown Bloomfield, the Liberty Theatre, 252 Liberty St. at the corner of Liberty and Broad streets.

Richard, the arrogant king of England

By Ruth Ross Correspondent English King Richard II, protagonist of Shakespeare's history play of the same name, is not very well-known or beloved and it's easy to see why at the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's production, now on the boards at the F.M. Kirby Theatre on the Drew University campus.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESCHOOL SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CLASSES NURSERY SCHOOL KIDS PARTIES CHILD CARE. Includes ads for East Orange Community Charter School, Ridgeview YWCA, Kindermusik, and various preschools.



From left, the Duke of Aumerle, Sir William Bagot, Sir Henry Green and King Richard II discuss strategy for their Irish war in The Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey's production of 'Richard II,' on the Main Stage in Madison, through Aug. 29. For tickets, call 973-408-5600.

Theater association announces new name

RECT, or Recognition for Excellence in Community Theater, has announced its new name, corporate structure and board members. Now operating under the name of New Jersey Association of Community Theater, or NJ ACT, its board will consist of nine community theater professionals.

THE WAIT IS OVER! PREVIEWS BEGIN SEPT. 28! "ONE OF THE BIGGEST THEATRICAL HITS IN LOS ANGELES!" Jewtopia. The story of a gentile who wants to marry a Jewish girl so he'll never have to make another decision.

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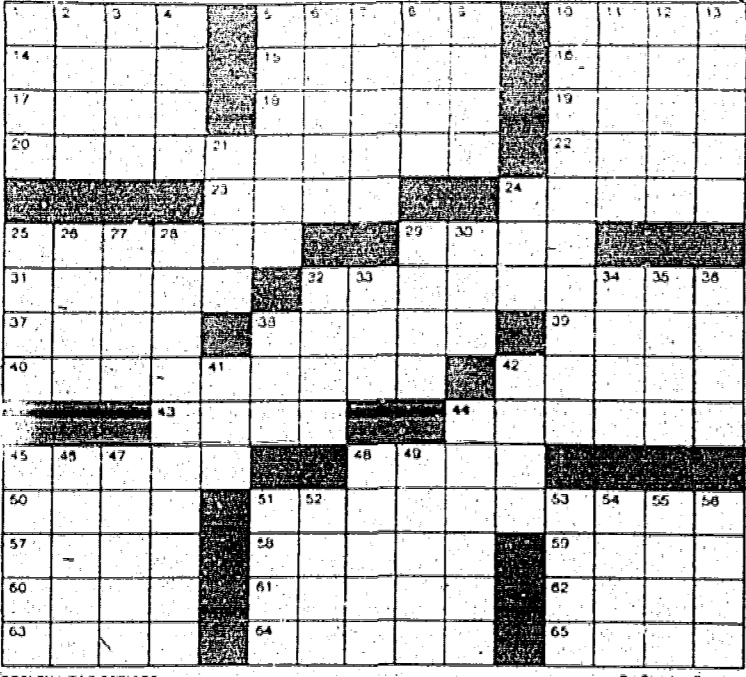
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REUNIONS

The following schools will conduct reunions in the coming months:

- Union High School Class of 1974, 30-year reunion, Aug. 28.
- Batin High School, Elizabeth, Class of 1949, 55-year reunion, Oct. 2 noon to 4 p.m. at Galloping Hill Caterers, Five Points, Union. Cost is \$35 for luncheon buffet. Deadline was Aug. 15. Call Joan Gleeman at 732-229-2922.
- Railway High School, all classes, Oct. 1-3, Sheraton at Woodbridge Place, 515 Route 1 South, Iselin.
- Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Springfield, Class of 1969, 35-year reunion, Oct. 8.
- Plainfield High School Class of 1954, 50-year reunion, Oct. 9.
- Westfield High School Class of 1974, 30-year reunion, Oct. 23.
- Union High School, Class of 1964, 30-year reunion, Oct. 30.
- Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, Clark, Class of 1974, 30-year reunion, Nov. 20.
- Hillside High School Class of 1954, 50-year reunion, Nov. 20.
- Governor Livingston Regional High School, Berkeley Heights, Class of 1979, 25-year reunion, Nov. 26.
- Union High School Class of 1969, 35-year reunion, Nov. 26.
- Union High School Class of 1994, 10-year reunion, Nov. 26.
- Union High School Class of 1984, 20-year reunion, Oct. 27.
- Westfield High School Class of 1984, 20-year reunion, Nov. 27.
- Scotch Plains High School Class of 1979, 25-year reunion, Dec. 31.
- Westfield High School Class of 1994, 10-year reunion, Dec. 31.
- Westfield High School Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, May 21, 2005.
- Scotch Plains High School Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, June 11, 2005.
- Scotch Plains High School Class of 1975, 30-year reunion, 2005.
- Union High School, Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, 2005.
- Union High School, Class of 1995, 10-year reunion, 2005.
- Union Hill High School, Class of 1975, 30-year reunion, 2005.
- Union High School, Class of 1976, 30-year reunion, 2006.

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SATURDAY August 21st, 2004
EVENT: FLEA MARKET & COLLECTIBLE SHOW
PLACE: Mgr. Owen's Park, Park Avenue, Nutley, NJ (off Washington Ave or Exit 8 R 21 No. or So.)
TIME: 9AM-5PM OUTDOORS
DETAILS: New merchandise, craft, collectibles and a garage/yard sale section
FOR INFO: 201-997-9535
ORGANIZATION: Sponsor by: Nutley Roller Hockey League

SATURDAY August 28th, 2004
EVENT: 3 Events in 1 Preview Sale to Cash 26th Annual Rummage Sale!
PLACE: Prospect Presbyterian Church, Corner of Prospect Street and Tuscan Road, Maplewood, NJ
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ORGANIZATION: Prospect Presbyterian Women's Association

SUNDAY September 12th, 2004
EVENT: FAMILY FAIR, CRAFT & CAR SHOW
PLACE: Center Street, Garwood
TIME: 12p m - 5p m
DETAILS: VENDORS WANTED. For more information call 908-769-1600
ORGANIZATION: Garwood Chamber of Commerce

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The Cure goes back to the future

By Joel Levin
 Correspondent

If you thought the prevailing preference among the 14,000 audience members for colorful tattoos and Goth fashion signaled a moshfest, you would be wrong.

The crowd was respectful and appreciative of the four headliner bands playing the recent Curiosa Festival at Randall's Island in New York City recently. And when the primary act, The Cure, took its place on the big outdoor stage, a large percentage of fans was positively worshipful.

The Cure recruited Interpol, The Rapture and Mogwai, along with some tertiary bands, to perform throughout the day. The concept of the festival was to showcase new bands that have been inspired by The Cure's 25-year body of work, and that it did. As the headline act, The Cure was in well-rehearsed fine form with its patented blend of underblown art rock.

Three young women next to me clamored for Robert Smith, the band's lead singer, whenever a roadie's actions seemed to herald The Cure's entrance. When Smith actually appeared, many fans went into a half-swoon.

So what is this attraction that spans almost two generations? According to the woman who attended the festival, it's Smith's face, his voice, and then the lyrics. Whatever it is, it inspires a worshiplike devotion, a force strong enough to have drawn thousands to this outpost in the East River.

The voice, like Smith's body, is heavier and rounder than in former years, but the songs and voice have worn well through the band's 25-year history.

Although the affectations of many of the 20-something fans seemed to have symbolized a regression into adolescence, Smith and his bandmates showed a comfortable evolution into middle age.

Their sound is a distinctive one, with a dated synthesizer backing that, at its worst, echoes Kansas or, at its best, is a dramatic swelling chorus that highlights Smith's vocals.

If The Cure had recorded only two songs, its mid-career "Pictures of You" and "Boys Don't Cry" would have secured the band a spot in pop/rock's gallery of greatest heroes. At Randall's Island, the band performed both of these monumental ballads, proving that the songs, as well as

Band invokes spirit of shore music scene

By Jeff Cummins
 Associate Editor

For Joe Bonanno, the moment was still as clear as if it happened yesterday. He knew the precise moment, the exact time, that his band lost the "e" from its name.

"We were in Long Beach Island, playing Joe Pop's in Ship Bottom on a Fourth of July weekend," said the Newark native. "People inside the club noticed the 'e' from our name was off the marquee and they asked me 'What happened?' I told them, 'I took the 'e' off when Elvis died.'"

Clearly, Bonanno is a man with a healthy sense of humor and a healthy love for life, particularly for one of his passions, the music that he and his band have made for over two decades.

Bonanno's life serves as an inspirational tale for those who fear that they'll inevitably be forced to give up their dreams to pay for life's necessities. Bonanno, like many people, had been on the verge of making the big time. After all, he just happened to play in a band called the Atlantic City Expressway — the same band as some other Jersey guy named Jon Bon Jovi.

"That's where we all met, in Atlantic City," said Bonanno. Then came a minor jolt: Bon Jovi opted to go in a different direction.

"After he left, I fronted the band for a couple of months," said Bonanno. "We were kids and it was poorly managed. That's when I created Midnight Thunder."

Midnight Thunder was the forerunner of Bonanno's current band, JoBonanno and The Godsons of Soul. Naturally, as Bonanno got older, he began a family and acquired the usual trappings that go with a family, which led to the need for a more traditional route to make money, the computer business he currently owns.

But even though he hadn't achieved the fame and fortune of rockers like Bon Jovi and Bruce Springsteen, Bonanno wasn't about to let go of his dream of playing music and he's quick to credit his family for their support.

"I'll always be in music," he said. "I've been fortunate that I've been in a family where they understand. When you get married and have kids, it's a juggling act."

As Midnight Thunder evolved over the years, the group changed its name to reflect its rhythm and blues roots, giving birth to the name JoBonanno and The Godsons of Soul. Did Bonanno intend the name to be a tip of the cap to James Brown?

"Yeah, I guess we have a lot of rhythm and blues influences," he said. "The thing about soul music is that it's not a black or white issue. With us, there's plenty of feeling in the music and we tend to lean toward more of a soulful edge."

An edge that was recognized by none other than Brown, "The Godfather of Soul," himself.

"We've opened for Bruce Springsteen and for James Brown," said Bonanno. "We talked with James after our concert and even his band members said, 'He never talks to anybody.'"

So Bonanno and his band have certainly earned acknowledgment from other Jersey bands like Springsteen, Bon Jovi and Southside Johnny and

Singer Tom Grant will appear at Cafe Z

Cafe Z has announced that songwriter and performer Tom Grant will be the featured performer on Saturday. Grant is a well-known figure in the Philadelphia area.

He combines great guitar work with a zany sense of humor and a command of many musical styles to entertain and delight audiences.

This is a show you won't want to miss. It's on the third Saturday of each month in the Social Hall (basement) of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at the corner of Elm and Esterbrook avenues in Rahway.

The evening begins at 7 p.m. with an open microphone. All are encouraged to share their talents. The featured performer takes the stage at approximately 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments are included in the \$5 admission.

Check out the Cafe Z link on Zion Lutheran Church's Web site at <http://www.zionlutheran.org/cafez.htm> for additional info, contact Tom Picard at 732-388-3865.

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 Owned by Lech Pietranek for approximately a year and a half, Polusa is part nightclub, part restaurant, part sports bar, and thoroughly exciting.
 Polusa was a disc jockey in his Poland for seven years and reports having dreamed of owning his own nightclub. "This is my weekend hobby," said Pietranek, a general and electrical contractor by trade.
 Featuring a cavernous central space with a spacious dance floor, the two-level facility boasts three bars, a private banquet room, a sports bar section with pool and football tables, and a private VIP lounge.
 The menu features international fare with a decided Polish flavor. Thinking, "When in Rome..." or, in this case, Krakow - I opted for the Polusa Plate, a sampler of the chef's specialties.
 The first course was a delicious combination of four salads. My favorite of the four was the red cabbage with its tantalizing bite, but the other three salads were equally tasty and complemented one another beautifully. The carrot salad was rich, while the beets were mild and the sauerkraut was, well, sour.
 The Polusa Plate itself was a fantasia of Eastern European recipes: kielbasa; a Hunter-Stew of meat, sauerkraut and spices; stuffed cabbage, pierogies; and potato pancakes. My hands-down favorite on the plate was the stew, with its fascinating mix of rich meat, tangy sauerkraut and subtle, but distinct seasonings. The pierogies were sheathed in a hearty dough, and the pancakes were light on the palate and featured crunchy chunks of potato - clearly not prepared from a mix. The sausage was rich and flavorful, as was the stuffed cabbage.
 The entertainment shares equal billing with the menu at Polusa. The banquet room boasts live music and attracts a slightly older crowd, while the 20- and 30-somethings fill the other areas with energy to match the pulsing beat of the music. Live floor shows are a regular feature on the main dance floor, which is lit by a state-of-the-art lighting system, including a spectacular laser show.
 Holidays are also a special time at Polusa, with Valentine's Day and New Year's Eve among the more popular. There is a nominal cover charge to enter the 21-and-older establishment on Fridays and Saturdays; ladies enter free until 10:30 p.m., and there is no cover on Sundays.
 Polusa Center is open from 9:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and until 2 a.m. Sundays. Conveniently located at 841 St. George Ave. in Roselle, Polusa can be reached at 908-245-3020 or online at the Web site at www.polusacenter.com.
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Aug. 23 to 29

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Work to alleviate a negative habit. Focus your energy on activities that are likely to have positive and productive results.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Encourage loved ones, children or others around you to be the best that they can be. Lead by example and practice what you preach.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Avoid spinning your wheels in a useless attempt to control matters outside of your domain. Relax and find quality time to spend with family.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): It is good to look to the future with an optimistic attitude. If you are open to all the possibilities that life has to offer, then the sky is the limit.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Pay attention to a daring and unusual money-making idea brought to you by a co-worker. Keep in mind, nothing ventured, nothing gained.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You have the ability to attract the people and circumstances you will need to help you achieve your goals. Put your best foot forward and smile.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Turn to your subconscious to create conscious or real-life opportunities for you and your loved ones. Meditate with your inner eye on the prize.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Expand your circle of friends to include people from different cultures or walks of life. Unite and come together in pursuit of a common goal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Be sure to stay on your toes, professionally, this week. An opportunity that comes out of nowhere could be just what the doctor ordered.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Your greatest wish or desire is close to fulfillment or completion. Follow a hunch or streak of luck all the way to the winner's circle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Investment, insurance or tax matters are brought to your attention. Do your best to avoid overspending or overextending your finances.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Relationship issues are highlighted. Reconcile your differences and find a common ground upon which you and your partner can walk together.

If your birthday is this week, communication takes on extra importance during the coming year. Gather your thoughts, ideas and opinions and make a convincing presentation to the powers that be.

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BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

Over the next few weeks, the sound of school bells will signal the end of summer vacation. For parents this means reminding students about the importance of safety.

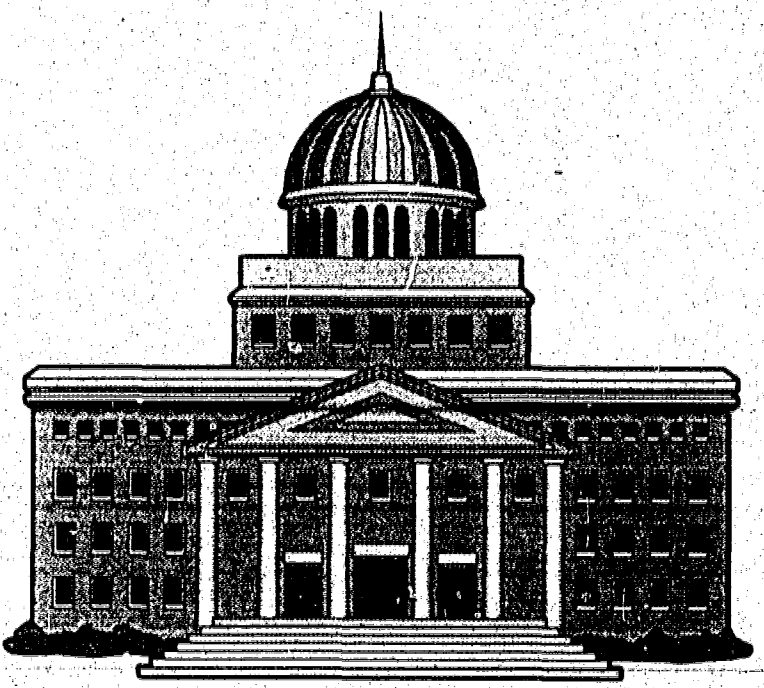
Young Students: Pedestrian injuries are the second leading cause of unintentional death among children ages 5 to 14. Children who walk to school or to a bus stop must be reminded to: Look left, right, then left again before crossing the street.

High School Students: Statistics show that teen drivers are four times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash. In fact 6,000 young people are killed each year in fatal crashes. If your son or daughter drives to school:

- Teach them to always buckle up and require everyone else in the car to buckle as well.
Remind them to always obey the speed limit.
Choose a safe car for teens to drive - remember large cars are safer than small ones.
Enforce no-drinking-and-driving rules.

College Students: The number one crime on college campuses is theft. One out of every 10-college students will be robbed while away at school. Most students belongings are covered under their parent's homeowner policies, but expensive computer equipment and other items may not be.

Remind students always lock dormitory doors, even if they are just down the hall. Tell Students not to keep large amounts of money or jewelry in their rooms. Have students mark personal property, such as book-bags and CD's with identifiable marks. Check auto insurance if your child takes a car to school to be sure no additional coverage is needed.



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ART SHOWS

AWARD-WINNING ARTIST AND CURATOR Mary McCall of Summit will be exhibiting at the Bouras Galleries, 25 DeForest Ave., Summit. The exhibit of acrylics on canvas will be at Bouras Galleries through August.

CONCERTS

"MUSIC OF MIDDOWN" CONCERT SERIES will be sponsored by the Elizabeth Development Co. through Sept. 2. Tonight, Jazz with TK Blue and Bradford Hayes; with DJ Mike.

BOOKS

THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN BOOK GROUP will meet at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 973-376-8544.

CRAMPS

CRAMPS ARE SOUGHT for Sept. 25 to reserve a table at the Roselle Ethnic Fair and Festival. The borough's annual, all-day celebration of cultural diversity attracts several thousand guests each year.

FILM

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THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC. will meet at 295 Jefferson Ave., Union, behind Home Depot on Route 22 East. The club is open to the public from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

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RADIO

TRICOUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-241-5758.

SINGLES

DINNERMATES and Entrepreneurs Group invites business and professional singles to dinner at a local restaurant; wine and mingling is at 8 p.m., dinner is at 9 p.m. Two spots are available. For information on dates and locations, call 732-822-9796 or visit www.dinnermates.com.

THEATER

THE THEATER PROJECT at Union County College will present Betty's Summer Vacation through Sunday in the Roy Smith Theater at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Audiences are invited to meet the actors after each performance.

VARIETY

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mic Night every Thursday night, a disc jockey every Friday night and solo artists and bands on Saturdays. Happy Hour is 4 to 7 p.m. Mondays to Fridays.

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Night series at the Watchung Arts Center has managed to build a following in its suburban location by drawing from a mix of New York City comedy club stand-ups. Each show features new faces and fresh material.

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The staff of Cameo is qualified in the fitting of dance shoes and outfits and will accommodate any need they can. Special orders are available as well as gift wrapping and gift certificates. Lines of dancewear include Body Wrappers, Leos, Eurotard, Dandkin, Sansha, Dasha and more.

Store hours are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with Thursdays open until 7 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Extended store hours beginning Aug. 16 through Sept. 15 will be posted on the door or by calling the store. Special appointments are also available.

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Jan Melone, president and director of the institute's Fairfield headquarters, said the opening of the campus serves as the culmination of the school's 15th year in business, having opened in 1989.

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Editorial deadlines
Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday noon.
Entertainment - Friday noon
Sports - Monday noon.
Letters to the Editor - Monday 9 a.m.
General - Monday 5 p.m.

Yvette Dance to open for 50th year

Debbie Coury, director of the Yvette Dance & Fitness studio in Cranford, announced the opening of the studio's 50th season.

The studio, founded and directed by Yvette Cohen in 1954 and then passed on to Debbie Coury in 1984, has enjoyed many years of quality training for its students.

Whether the goal is a professional career, the development of grace, coordination, fitness or dancing just for fun, a total range of training is available.

The large facility has three dance studios, dressing rooms, offices and a kitchen available for the students.

Classes offered at the school include tap, jazz, ballet, pointe, hip hop, and modern, for pre-school through adult. In addition, classes in step, body sculpting, relaxation and pre-dance for 3-year-olds are available.

Returning to the dance faculty will be Debbie Coury, Bernadette Baron, Irene Ulesky, Julie Gale, Colleen Belliot, Danielle Wegrzyn, Carol Straffi and Joan Guarino.

In addition, two teachers have been added to the fitness faculty. Brenda Wenciewski is no amateur when it comes to working out, staying fit and keeping the beat. For the past 15 years, she has kept up with the trends of the fitness scene with great aerobics and great music.

She has packed step aerobics and body sculpting classes for previous health clubs such as Bally's Fitness, Living Well Lady, and more.

Wenciewski is certified in CPR and a Club Health Industry member.

Ewa Jackson-Feldt, before working in the fitness field, was assisting a pulmonary specialist in California. With her knowledge in the medical field, her dedication to nutrition and fitness, she has developed a program "Mind over Matter."

This class is a relaxation class including assisting in self esteem, healthy eating, increasing energy and helping insomnia.

Currently working at a fitness facility, she is enjoying working with clients in physical fitness as well as heading their new weight loss program.

All teachers are qualified professionals who are dedicated to the art of dance and fitness, ensuring the students of the best quality in education by attending national conventions, workshops, seminars to keep up with the latest trends.

Master teachers are invited to the studio occasionally for one day workshops.

During the past 50 years, the studio has produced students who have gone on to Broadway, television commercials, Atlantic City and Las Vegas shows, N.Y. Industrial Shows, print ads for newspapers, ballet company dancers, national touring companies, board of directors of national dance organizations, judges for national dance competitions, choreographers for local theater and school productions, Radio City Rockettes, and more.

Recently, the studio was voted the best dance studio in Union County by the readers of local newspapers and was given the Readers Choice Award for 2004 by the Suburban Style magazine.

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to contact Thomas M. Wolfe, Esq., Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is 503 Main Street, Rahway, New Jersey, 07065, telephone number 973-429-0840, Suite 201, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, telephone number 973-389-9300, an appearance on August 26, 2004 at 10:30 in the forenoon, at the Union County Court House, 2 Broad Street, Third Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, 07208.

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The streak of record-breaking months began in March, with Prudential New Jersey Properties achieving sales of \$241,186,363, surpassing by nearly \$10 million its previous best overall month, April 2002. A total of 602 units were sold in March.

In April, the company improved on its March performance, recording total sales of \$247,847,705, with sales of 589 units.

"These record results are, first and foremost, the payoff for our continuing efforts to add outstanding sales associates to our company," says William O. Keleher, Jr., Prudential New Jersey Properties' chairman and CEO. "As a matter of policy, we always strive to assist our agents in developing and enhancing their skills, and we're obviously meeting with success."

"One of the hallmarks of our company is a commitment to true quality service that permeates all our profes-

sional efforts," Keleher adds. "Our agents are completely focused on meeting clients' needs, and this creates a level of customer satisfaction that leads to more repeat business and, ultimately, to the kind of impressive results we generated in March, April and May."

For 2003, Prudential New Jersey Properties was once again named a recipient of the Prudential Real Estate Affiliates' Gibraltar Circle Award, an honor recognizing outstanding production that is presented annually to the top 50 companies in the nationwide Prudential Real Estate Network.

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Shape up exterior and interior before selling

"Selling your home quickly and at the asking price is the goal of both the seller as well as the Realtor," says Douglas Radford, broker/owner of Real Estate Consultants, L.L.C. "A little bit of tidying can work wonders in validating the quality of the home as well as its price."

In seeking a formula for selling a home in a timely manner, Radford combined his own ideas with ideas gathered from experienced sales associates. His conclusions were simple, yet effective.

Safety should be the seller's first concern. Mishaps should be avoided while potential buyers are visiting. It is also best to arrange for pets to stay with a neighbor or friend. If this is not possible, at least confine them during buyer visits.

Both the interior and exterior of the home must appear to be well-maintained, free from clutter and squeaky clean. A new coat of paint goes a long way to freshen up the appearance. Pay particular attention to the entrance-way. Consider power washing the siding and driveway.

Kitchens are often the deciding factor in purchasing a home. Appliances must be spotless, both inside

and out. Uncleaned countertops will give the home a less-than-impressive look and offer the opportunity for adding a home-spun feel, such as the display of a bowl of fresh fruit.

Next to kitchens, bathrooms are most influential. In addition to being spotless in appearance, tub caulking and tile grouting should be in good repair. Faucets must not leak and the room should be dry. Towels and rugs should look as though they have just been removed from the dryer.

Clothing should be out-of-sight in the bedrooms, and the beds should be

prepared a feature sheet about the home and the neighborhood for the buyer to take with them.

Turn on lights and turn off the television. Soft music playing in the background will set a relaxing mood for the buyer.

For more in-depth tips on preparing your home, log on to Real Estate Consultants' Web site, www.recon.com. Click on "Seller Advice." While there, check out how Real Estate Consultants can offer flexibility with commissions as low as 2 percent.

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Chrysler and Dodge have a lot of premium dreams

By Jerry Garrett
Copley News Service

Does anyone still care about cars out there? Hello?

Or are consumers committed to buying nothing but trucks, SUVs and minivans from now on?

Inquiring minds at Chrysler want to know. They're doing just fine selling all the pickups, vans and SUVs they can make. The problem is with the cars.

Next, there's the 300 Touring edition for \$27,395; standard equipment on this model includes a higher horsepower V-6, leather seating and some driving and handling upgrades, including traction control, stability control, ABS and brake assist.

The 300 Limited, another step up, is \$29,890 with all the same mechanicals as the Tourer but with added ergonomics. Magnum has only one mid-range offering, the \$25,995 SXT.

At the top of the line are the Magnum RT at \$29,995 and 300C at \$32,995. These are the "aspirational" vehicles. Each has the Hemi V-8 engine, a five-speed automatic, bigger wheels and tires, sweeter handling suspension, and a great sound system.

But to match the look with actual performance, it'll cost you that premium price that Chrysler wants. The key to this strategy is, of course, the gotta-have-it Hemi. The engine really is as good as its hype.

With 340 horsepower mated to a five-speed transmission, the 300C and Magnum RT will embarrass the performance of their 190-horsepower V-6 base model stablemates. But will you be willing to pay a premium to have it?

So far, Dodge's truck and SUV buyers are. Cars may prove to be another matter.

The powertrain choices aren't the only risks Chrysler is taking with the 300 and Magnum. With these models, Chrysler is reverting to rear-wheel drive, replacing the entire front-wheel-drive LH lineup (300M, Concord, Intrepid and LHS) in the process.



The Chrysler 300 is one of the models that are part of Dodge and Chrysler's attempt to offer premium vehicles.

In 2000, when Chrysler last redesigned its car line, it offered a handsome array of new models. They sold about as well as some recent Mariah Carey albums.

Why?

Because of things like size, price, reliability and residual value: Or a combination of those things, rather than any one thing.

One thing's for certain: Chrysler is going to try a new approach to sell its brand new, all-important Chrysler 300/Dodge Magnum siblings - its last best chance to return to being a volume player in the car market.

For starters, there aren't going to be a whole bunch of new models (such as Cirrus and Stratus). There will be one model in each line, with major powertrain choices.

In this way, Chrysler hopes to compete in three segments - luxury full-size, luxury mid-size and standard full-size - with the same vehicle.

Here's how it's supposed to work: The base 300 starts at a very competitive price of \$23,595. The base Magnum, the station wagon version, lists for \$22,495. For that, you get a fairly straightforward car with a V-6 engine and four-speed automatic transmission.

Selling cold-weather markets, especially Canada, on the benefits of rear-wheel drive over front-wheel drive could be tough work. Magnum will have an all-wheel-drive option, for those who really must have that level of control.

For those who can get by without front-driving wheels, the new suspension features a very competent short and long arm independent front suspension, and a sophisticated five-link independent rear suspension.

Chrysler says that allows for a more direct transfer of power to the pavement.

In the case of the Hemi-powered models, that felt especially true. On the test drive at the press launch in Palm Springs, Calif., the journalists fought each other for who would get the Hemi.

The cars with the big V-8 felt strong, composed and stable in all driving conditions. Through the mountains above Palm Springs, it felt like the Hemi-powered models could be steered with the throttle. A good thing, if you have a clue about how to drive.

Those without a Hemi were "a whole other deal," in the words of one tester.

Whether that's the deal Chrysler can sell you on is the question. SPECS BOX
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