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TWO SECTION

Library funding increase pending

By Brian Pedersen Managing Editor

Providing a glimpse into the future of library funding throughout the state. Mountainside Mayor Robert Viglianti revealed news that another state-mandated library funding increase is planned for next year.

At the Borough Council work session on Tuesday, Viglianti explained the details of the mandate. This year, the borough will have to increase its budget for the public library from \$49,000 to \$60,000; a 35 to 40 percent budget increase within the next two years. This will mark the third year in a row that the borough has been faced with a major increase.

Whenever the public library needed work done, whether it be moving heavy objects, maintenance, or roof work, the borough would send its Department of Public Works staff to perform the tasks free of charge. Now, the borough plans to charge the library. for these costs. The amount will be "fair and reasonable," according to said Viglianti. Viglianti.

"We have no choice," said Councilman Glenn Mortimer, who serves on the library's Board of Trustees. "It has to do with our rapidly rising property taxes. Nobody's income is going up that fast."

Viglianti agreed, pointing out the more than \$30 million worth of new homes recently being constructed in the borough.

Although the library has not requested any funding. Mortimer said the library is aware that they will now be charged for this work. He said the library has come to realize that they will also have to create a fund for large expenditures.

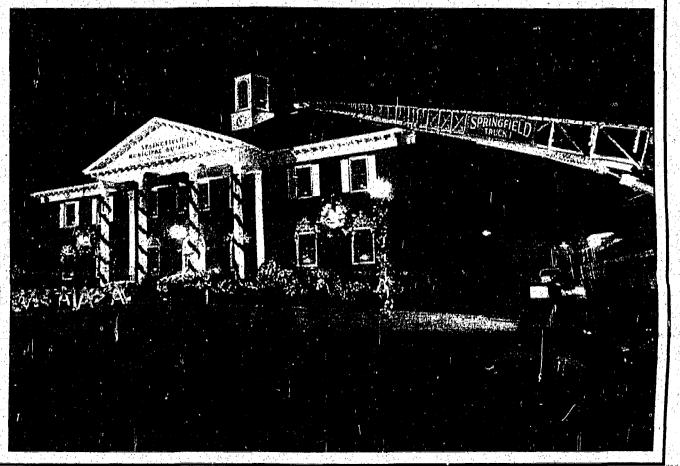
Viglianti directed the borough administrator to draw up a list of the costs that will be incurred, with the library being billed on a monthly basis.

The state funding mandate for libraries will most likely be a fixture for years to come.

"Next year, you will see it again."



ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS - Seven-year-old Patrick Karan of Springfield, a student at James Caldwell School, asks Santa Claus for his two front teeth for Christmas. Sprindfield's Winter Wonderland Celebration on Sunday gave the community a chance to come together to light the tree on the lawn of Town Hall and sing holiday songs. Below, the building awaits Santa's arrival from a fire truck ladder.



Cell ti bid g.... rejected

By Rick Klittich Staff Writer

Due to what Township Attorney Bruce Bergen termed "language problems," Springfield's Township Committee rejected the lone bid Tuesday to lease the proposed cell tower that will be put up on the same property as the firehouse.

Bergen said that upon its advertisement the second time around, the wording of the bid will be changed. After that, there aren't any problems expected once it goes back out, he said

The bids will go out immediately after the language is adjusted, Bergen said.

Being that the sole rejected bid was made by AT&T/Cingular, the product of a recent merge, Bergen indicated that it is safe to assume that once certain terms and conditions are adjusted, the company will be part of the bidding process once again.

If AT&T/Cingular remains the sole bidder, the company should be awarded the bid.

The tower was proposed earlier in the year and is hoped to reach the construction process in the near future.

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,

Harelik said that on average, cell towers produce a revenue of about \$24,000 each year.

Another advantage included in the tower is that the Fire Department, Police Department and Office of Emergency Management will benefit in that they will also receive highquality reception through their radio system, Harelik said.

Whoever leases the cell

Parent committee forms to study odor

By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer

Although the odor at Beechwood School in Mountainside is, for the moment, completely gone, Gary Whyte, a concerned parent, was "shocked," he said, to receive a letter in the mail last week from Interim Chief School Administrator Walter Rusak, inviting concerned parents to form a committee about the situa-

"We have already had two meetings," he reported just before the Board of Education meeting officially began on Tuesday night.

Board member John Perrin gave his updated report. "Since our last meeting, LEW, the environmental consultant, is exploring the classrooms where we previously had the odor. They conducted their last investigation just last weekend," said Perrin, "and we are expecting their full report by Dec. 17."

Perrin also reported that the Board of Education was to have a large meeting the following day with Paul Otto Construction, the architect for the school. Per-

rin said they met on Nov. 30 with the Department of Health and Social Services, and said they were enthusiastic about all the efforts that were employed.

"Three teachers, two board members and seven parents have formed this citizen's committee, and there have been two meetings to date," said board member Gene Nagel. "The purpose was to get the committee's input into the situation. We are moving forward and trying to solve the problem, and we will continue to meet periodically."

Whyte and Richard Wurst, also a concerned parent, each thanked the board for forming the committee and continuing to try to find a cause to resolve the problem, once and for all.

space will be in charge of not only building the structure, but maintaining it, as well.

"This is strictly revenue." said Harelik, as there are no costs for the project on the township's end.

Often, cellular companies can rent space on a specific tower to compete for business.

Interim principal joins Walton School; Gaudineer VP now sought

By Rick Klittich Staff Writer

After being named interim principal of Springfield's Edward V. Walton School in mid-November, the Board of Education announced last week that Susie Hung will remain in the position until at least the end of this year.

"It's a good place," said Hung, who took over for Lisa Ferrare while she is away on maternity leave. "I'm happy here. I come to work looking forward to see the kids everyday."

While the appointment of Hung to the Walton position fills one void, it leaves her old position, vice principal of Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School, without a replacement. "This is a similar situation," said Superin-

tendent Michael Davino, comparing the open Gaudineer position to that which Hung filled at Walton. "It's not a vacancy."

Davino said he will be talking to people with appropriate certification for the job and hopes to see somebody in place in early January, possibly right after winter break.

Considering the position is temporary, Davino said he wouldn't expect someone from out of the district to want to come in as vice principal and leave when Hung is ready to come back.

Asked if he would prefer someone within -the district to take Hung's place. Davino said, "I'd like to."

Current principal of Gaudineer Tim Kielty said everything's working fine without a vice

principal at the middle school. "We're holding our own," he said. "Obvi-

ously, as soon as we can get someone here, it'll be good. But, we'll be okay."

Kielty said he got the impression from Davino that someone within the district will, in fact, be hired shortly after winter break.

"The staff and everyone here has been great," said Kielty of the extra help he's been getting when necessary. "Everybody's pitching in.'

Meanwhile, Hung is enjoying her time at Walton. "Everyone's been very supportive," she

said. "Even the parents and the entire staff have been great."

Hung added that she would be willing to

stay at Walton as long as it takes, including into next school year, if Ferrare does not return by September.

Davino, who did consider other candidates for the position, said that based on her administration experience and background in early childhood education, she would be the best choice for the job.

Both Hung and Davino were unaware of the amount of the exact pay raise the principal job at Walton would bring, though they confirmed there is one. i i je

Hung previously spent nine years in Paramus and Westfield teaching on the elementary level and has her doctorate in education administration.

Along with the shifting and hiring of new

administration in the two schools, Davino said the situation will be analyzed again at the end of the year, as there will be many teachers and staff members retiring.

"I like to leave my options open," Davino said, "while at the same time, staying focused on the students."

The retirements of 10 teachers and staff members were accepted at the last Board of Education meeting. Davino said that with all the pending openings, appropriate measures will be taken.

"Once we have a pretty good idea on the areas that will be impacted," he said, we'll advertise for certified teachers accordingly."

Davino added that the advertisements will go out earlier than they normally would.

Washington project continues

By Rick Klittich Staff Writer

When Mountainside resident Bill Sanders decided to undertake a project that would honor the 200th anniversary of American war hero George Washington's death, he had no idea he was about to enter a battle of his own. In 1998, Sanders decided that in an effort to recognize the Dec. 14, 1999 anniversary, he would push for the hanging of at least one George Washington portrait in every New Jersev school. Willing to supply them himself, it seemed to be a task that would take only his hard work and an open arms welcoming by school districts around the state. The latter, he found, was hard to come by.

"Back in 1932," Sanders explained, "a congressional mandate said that every classroom in the country would have his picture. Since that time, there's been an erosion of American history."

Sanders said that while Washington's likeness was stripped from schools slowly but surely, the complexion of the National Education Association's leadership also changed. In fact, the New Jersey Department of Education initiated legislation to omit the words "Washington," "Jefferson," "Franklin," "war" and "pilgrim" from

said. If the story hadn't come out from behind closed doors in Washington, Sanders felt, New Jersey could be the laughing stock of the country." "They wanted to take out the

founders of our nation," said Sanders. "How can you do that?"

Sanders, who frames the reproduced portraits himself for a cost of \$250 apiece, has succeeded in posting about 250 of them in close to 10 states, with the highest percentage in New Jersey. While momentum is building, he still searches for local support and donations to help fund and propel his plight. Needless to say, it's taken a more concerted effort than he ever thought would be necessary.

"We're already down to maybe 10 percent of what was in our history books about Washington since (1932)," Sanders said. "I just wanted this project to start in New Jersey, being that it's the crossroads of the Revolution, and set the example for the rest of the nation. This battle is just beginning."

Sanders has traveled to cities around the nation to present his idea and talk with schools, as well as do radio shows, such as the ones in Arkansas that led to each of the state's high school's displaying Washington's

the state's core curriculum, Sanders portrait. Opponents of the idea. according to Sanders, are diminishing the nation's greatest leader.

> "I think it's due to a total lack of understanding who he was and is." Sanders said, "The portrait of Washington reminds us of what it means to be an American, and of the ideals, devotion and love of country that he so strongly exemplified."

One example of the misconceptions Sanders speaks about is that Washington promoted slavery, or did nothing to end it. At the time, Sanders explained, it was illegal to free slaves. Washington, who, singlehandedly, could only do so much about the problem of racism, freed his slaves upon his death. In his will, Washington revealed a bank account that had been set up for them and encouraged them to become educated and learn a trade. "It was a beautiful time," Sanders said of Washington's era. "He probably set every example we needed as a newly formed country."

While a bill was introduced in 2000 and reintroduced in 2001 to put a portrait in each of the state's 2.400 schools, the measure only made it beyond the Assembly. Knocked down by a Senate committee. Sanders says all he can do now, while still traveling to promote the idea, is wait for a more



At his home in Mountainside, Bill Sanders displays one of his many portraits of George Washington. Sanders, who frames the portraits himself, has traveled to cities throughout the nation to talk about his goal of getting a portrait of the first president of the United States hung inside each school in the country.

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

· Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its fall International Film Festival with "The Man Without a Past" at noon and 7 p.m. Admission is free. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing, Refreshments will be served. For information, call 973-376-4930

· Shakespeare's "Hamlet" will be discussed at 10 a.m. in the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave, as the selection for the Great Books Group. Friday

· Bables' Laptime at Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. is designed for their youngest patrons birth to 18 months --- and will be from 11 to 11:20 a.m. Babies and their caregivers are invited to the library to socialize with others of their own age, and to sing, rhyme, listen and move. Registration is required; For information or to register, stop by the Youth Services Desk or call 973-376-4930, ext. 232.

· Msgr. Francis X. Coyle Council Columbiettes of Springfield will be sponsoring a trip to the South Street Seaport, New York. The bus will leave from the council which is located at Old Shunpike Road in Summit at 10:30 a.m. and leave the port at 6 p.m. The cost is \$22 including a tip to the driver. Call Fran Corcione for reservations at 973-376-6386.

• The Parish Community of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave:, in Mountainside invites all to attend their annual holiday concert at 5 p.m. Admission to the concert is free.

Featuring choirs from the church, including the Children's Choir, the Contemporary Choir, the Adult Choir, and soloists, the concert will last approximately 11/2 hours. A congregational carol sing-along will also be featured. For information, call Mary Ann Harmer at 908-232-3954. Monday

• The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the instructional media center of Jonathan Dayton High School, 139 Mountain Ave., at 7:30

• The Board of Trustees of Mountainside Public Library, Constitution-Plaza, will meet in the meeting room of the library at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

. The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 p.m. • The Mountainside Borough Council will meet for a regular meeting in Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, at 8 p.m. Upcoming

Dec. 27

• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a workshop session in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave., at 7:30 p.m. • The Joseph Pepe III Meinorial Holiday Tournament will take place at 5 p.m. in the Main Gym at Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain-Avenue in Springfield.

The event features a game between girls varsity basketball teams. Admission for adults is \$3, children \$2.

Food and refreshments will also be sold. Dec. 28

• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a regular meeting in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 p.m., preceded at 7:30 p.m. by a workshop session.

• The Joseph Pepe III Memorial Holiday Tournament will take place at 3 p.m. in the Main Gym at Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue in Springfield.

The event features a game between girls varsity basketball teams. Admission for adults is \$3, children \$2. Food and refreshments will also be sold.

Dec. 29

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Jan. 4

• The Mountainside Borough Council will have its annual reorganization meeting in Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 Fast, at 8 p.m.

• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., concludes its Lunchtime Video Series, "Box Office Hits," at noon, The paths of two warriors converge when the young Emperor of Japan,

wooed by American interests which covet the growing Japanese market. hires Algren to train Japan's first modern, conscript army. Clashes with the Samurai cause Algren to remember the man he once was. Bring a brown bag lunch to the program. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For information, call 973-376-4930.

Jan. 6 • The Good Books Discussion Group of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave: will meet at 7 p.m. to discuss "The Human

Stain" by Philip Roth. Call the reference department at 973-376-4930, ext. 228 to reserve ; copy of the book.

Man arrested for DWI on Rt. 22

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On Saturday at 3:24 a.m., Jose Gerena, 41. of North Plainfield, was arrested on Route 22 west for driving while intoxicated. Gerena was stopped for obstructing the flow of traffic and failure to maintain a lane.

• Kola Allen, 38, of Scotch Plains, was arrested for being unlicensed, driving while intoxicated and for obstruction on Route 22 west Sunday, at 1:38 a.m.

• On Sunday at 12:51 p.m., Ruben liminez, 20, of Jersey City, was arrested after being stopped on Route 22 for having fictitious license plates. He was later found to be unli-

censed. • At 10:28 a.m. Saturday, Eurique Milian, 48, of North Bergen, was arrested on Route 22 west for driving while suspended.

At 3:10 p.m. Dec. 1, Mountainside

firefighters responded to a report of

Fire officers at the scene found a

toppled tree and downed sparking

wires, along with a small plastic

garbage can on fire. The can fire was

auickly extinguished and an electric

utility company emergency crew

arrived to cut the power to the downed-

electric wires, then using chain saws

to cup up the downed tree that was

• At 8 a.m. Dec. 12, firefighters

blocking traffic and driveway access.

responded to an activated Central Sta-

tion fire alarm at a commercial build-

ing located on Route 22 cast. Fire offi-

cers at the scene could not reset the

fire alarm panel and advised the build-

ing manager to contact the fire alarm

• At 9:29 a.m. Dec. 9, firefighters

responded to a report of a smoke-like

odor at a commercial building located

on Mountain Avenue. An on-scene

investigation by fire officers deter-

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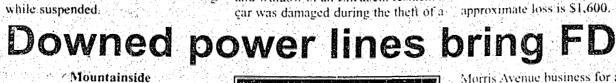
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and tripped the circuit breaker at the

company to check the system and

make necessary repairs.

section of Sherwood Parkway.



FIRE BLOTTER

downed electrical power lines along a - manager was advised to contact an electrician. • On Dec. 5 at 3:22 p.m., firefighters responded to a mutual aid call to

> the Roselle Park fire headquarters. • At 2:19 p.m. Dec. 3, firefighters responded to an activated waterflow alarm at a commercial building located on Route 22 west

An on-scene investigation by fire officers determined that a local water pressure surge activated the water flow alarm.

• At 9:18 a.m. Dec. 1, firefighters responded to a report of a motor vehi- of Baltusrol Way and the Route 78 cle accident at the eastbound turn- overpass for a spill in the road Dec. 8 around on Route 22. Firefighters used at 10:12 a.m. the hydraulic jaws of life to extricate the driver from the back seat of the vehicle. The injured driver was taken by an emergency medical services ambulance to Overlook Hospital, Firefighters remained on the scene until

the demolished vehicle was towed. · At 9:59 a.m. Dec. 6. firefighters Springfield responded to a Mountain Avenue busi-At 5:49 p.m. Saturday, Springfield ness for a medical service call. firefighters responded to Route 78 · Firefighters responded to a North

West for a car fire. • On Saturday at 8:29 p.m., fire- clieck of the owner on Dec. 6 at 8:40 main electrical panel. The building fighters responded to the rear of a a.m.

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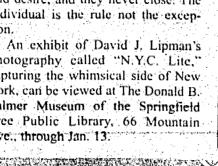
"Only in New York!" is an expression most people hear all the time. Often, there is a store for every want and desire, and they never close. The individual is the rule not the excep-

photography called "N.Y.C. Lite," capturing the whimsical side of New York, can be viewed at The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., through Jan. 13.

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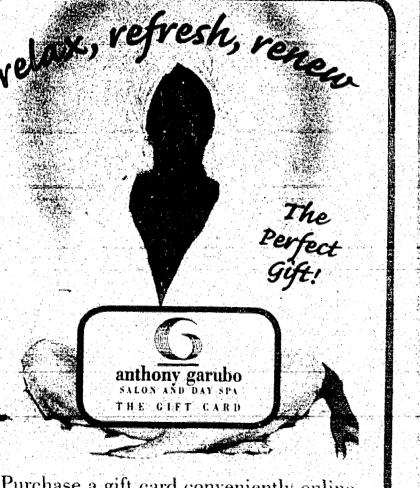
from anyone around the community to the remaining gifts and distributes. Gifts range anywhere from yo-yos and donate to children during Christmas- them to other welfare associations, dolls to bicycles and televisions. specialized hospitals, and varying This year, the organization is fund The toys, which must be new and organizations that focus on helping ing two banners that promote the month-and-a-half long event, costing







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The Springfield Fire Department ship who are in one way or another every year by agencies in advance, will continue spreading the holiday financially unstable. The Fire Depart- asking for help in general during the Toys for Tots drive through Friday. and the Welfare Department. The The event is co-sponsored by the The department is asking for toys United States Marine Corps then takes township's Chamber of Commerce.

The Marine Corps is contacted more than \$500,



POLICE BLOITLER • Thomas Herndon Jr., 27, of

Hoboken, was arrested at 3:17 a.m. Saturday for driving while intoxicated on Route 22 east.

• Richard Harney, 30, of Bayonne, was arrested on Route 22 east after being stopped for motor vehicle viola-____mate loss is \$250.

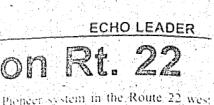
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• At 12:14 p.m. Dec. 11, it was

reported that the passenger side door

lot of a Route 22 business.



satking lot of 6th Avenue Electronics. · Royanne Williams, 43, of Union was atrested for having an outstanding warrant of \$1,000 Dec. 10 at 9:07 p.m. • At 9 p.m. Dec. 7. it was reported that a tool box containing mostly socket wrenches, was stellen from the rear shed of a residence. The approxi-

· Ar 8 44 a.m. Dec. 7, it was renorted that a laptop computer was stolen from the car of a Tennessee resident who was parked outside of the Holiday Inn parking lot on Route 22 west The approximate value of the computdent's car was stolen from the parking er is \$1,700

• On Dec. 7, it was reported that a backpack leaf blower and push leaf blower were stolen from the rear shed and window of an Elizabeth resident's of a Remer Avenue residence. The

Morris Avenue business for a reported fuel-oil spil · At 3:40 p.m. Friday, firefighters

responded to Riverside Avenue and Joanne Way for a motor vehicle accident with a spill. •At 12:35 p.m. Friday, firefighters

responded to a Morris Avenue business for a medical service call. Firefighters responded to a Route

22 east business for an activated fire alarm at 9:29 a.m. Dec. 9. • On Dec. 8 at 12:19 p.m., fire-

fighters responded to Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School for a medical service call. · Firefighters responded to the area

· Firefighters responded to a Ronald Terrace residence for a stove fire at 8:07 a.m. Dec. 8,

• At 5:07 p.m. Dec. 6, firefighters responded to Jonathan Dayton High School for a medical service call.

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Legacy stays bright By Rick Klittich Staff Writer

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When her father first placed two andles outside on the front lawn as a holiday decoration more than five decades ago, lifelong Mountainside resident Kathleen Ruggeri had no idea of the tradition that was being created

"He died in 1956," she said of her father, Richard Parry, who first put the candles in the ground in 1951. when his daughter was only o. "The candles were actually in the ground when he died," Ruggeri said, "on Jan.

Ruggeri said that she, her two siblings and her mother spent the holidays in Florida the following year, so the candles weren't put up. After that, however, it became both a family and neighborhood tradition.

"I get a warm feeling of that generation," said Ruggeri of each holiday season now, when the candles go up and symbolize a time that is slowy mixing with a younger generation of Mountainside residents. Ruggeri noted that much of that era circled around war and that, back then, her road, like many Mountainside streets, was mostly dirt.

The candles, which are about 4 red, black and white, now have to be refurbished from time to time. Last year, Ruggeri's husband, Rich, painted them. It has become his responsibility to maintain the holiday decor.

"On Halloween, kids come to the the lights," said Rich Ruggeri, not-

Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan Rich and Kathleen Ruggeri of Mountainside stand outside the lawn of their home on Orchard Street with two decorative 4-foot candles, created by Kathleen's father. The candles have been in the family since 1953 and on display on the front lawn of the family's home for more than 50 years.

ing how recognizable the house is kerosene. The candles burn until the through the garage door, he said, 'Oh because of its decorations. It's that smudge pot, atop the stick, runs out they're still there. sort of comment that inspires him to of the substance. drag the bulky decorations out each year, he said.

Parry, who had a manufacturing company in Elizabeth, worked with goes down. sheet metal, according to Ruggeri. feet tall and mainly display the colors Although she was only 6 when the who knew her family growing up. He children, Ruggeri said it seems candles were made and admits that eventually went away to be a pilot almost fitting that, since they haven't she can't remember exactly how they and, when he came back to the bor- been stolen or vandalized all these were acquired, she said it's likely that ough on his mom's passing, he pulled years, they shouldn't leave the prem-Parry made them himself.

The only major difference in the the Parry family was still around. candles now is that they are fueled by door and say, 'You're the house with "clean heat," an alternative to "but when he saw the candles live here," joked Ruggeri.

While the candles remain in the them, too," she added, referring to yard throughout the entire holiday her two sons. "Each one is going to season, they only get lit when the sun get a candle when we die. It's jus

Ruggeri told the story of a man into the Ruggeri's driveway to see if ises.

"My kids are very attached t very sentimental

While the candles will go to he

"Maybe we should just leave them "Nobody was home," she said, in the closet for the next people who

Concert honors memory of Hela Young

By Bea Smith Staff Writer

The first of many memorial concerts by the NJWA Concert Band for lic when she won the Miss New Jersey the late Hela Young was Dec. 5 at the title in 1971 and participated in the 2002, YM-YWHA on Green Lane in Union. Miss America pageant and took part in Donations were placed in a scholar- a USO tour of South Vietnam. She ship fund "to help families who are appeared on many soap operas, comcoping with the devastation of cancer mercials and industrial films and made and allow them to participate in Y frequent appearances at local nursing eration of the Y, and third by the actu- Hochman explained, "is for a good activities free of cost through the homes. scholarship.'

It seems Young, who lived in best known for Mountainside with her husband, Peter being the first Hochman, and their 13-year-old New Jersey Lotdaughter, Erica, and who made numer- tery announcers, ous people happy, will continue to do calling off numso in future concerts sponsored by the bers that made, Y. She had helped to promote the people millionworkshop in the past. Young died in aires for 24 years. February 2002 of breast cancer at the Young also pe age of 52.

Howard Toplansky, conductor of al Anthem for the New Jersey Workshop Concert thousands of people at the Meadowincluding Young's parents, Henry and education in New Jersey. Young also vivors from Poland; her sister, Ita can Diabetes Association.

Black, her husband, her daughter, and numerous friends.

Young was well-known to the pub-

But she was

formed the Nation- Hela Young

Band, and its members, ranging in age land Arena and Race Track and at the Hochman, "a lovely beautiful soul. It from 10 to 90 and who hail from Waterfront Park home of the Trenton Springfield, Union, Mountainside, Minor League Baseball team. Her Cranford, Westfield, Scotch Plains and kindnesses for the human race were Basking Ridge, all paid tribute to this enhanced when she became a member special woman. The audience was of the NJ Commission on Holocaust filled with members of her family, Education and promoted Holocaust Eva Youngst of Union, formerly of was a spokeswoman for the Myasthe-Newark and Hillside, Holocaust sur- nia Gravis Foundation and the Ameri-

Young, who graduated from Kean We have a wonderful, beautiful University, was recognized by the col- daughter who sings. And, like her lege for her accomplishments with an mother, her passion is singing. Erica honorary doctorate, posthumously, in attends Deerfield School here in

"The event was all made possible," explained Jani Kovacs-Jonas of the her memory. We'd like to continue it with cancer. as an annual concert."

Kovacs-Jonas explained that "her daughter, Erica, is following in her mother's footsteps. She has a delightful voice and has inherited her mother's musical talent. It is a wonderful tribute to her mother to continue this exuberance and the happiness that her mother brought to so many people."

The Hochmans were married for 19 years. "She was like a dream," said seems that everyone who met her instantly became her friend. Hela made you feel very special. And," he sighed, "she was a wonderful mother and wife and committed to whatever she put her mind to do."

Her husband said that "Hela did a lot of charity work because she loved people. We all miss her and will continue to miss her the rest of our lives.

Mountainside and she has had the lead in one of her plays. She got that solely from her mother. We planted the seed YM-YWHA, "first by the Yungst and in her mind. Erica smiled and appreci-Hochman families, second, the coop- ated the offer." The scholarship fund,

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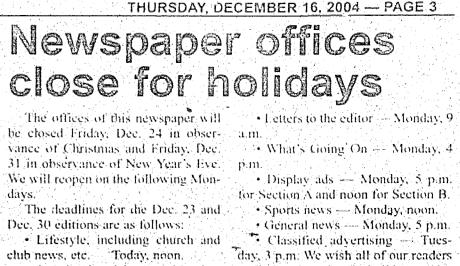
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Dayton students earn AP scholar designation

Thirteen students at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield have earned the designation of AP scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level advanced placement program exams. The College Board's advanced placement program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school and to receive college credit, advanced placement or both for successful performance on the AP exams. About 17 percent of the more than one million high school stu-

dents in almost 15,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP scholar. Students took AP exams in May after completing challenging college-level courses at their high schools. The College Board recognizes several levels of

achievement, based on student's performance on AP exams. At Jonathan Dayton High School, one student qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a 5-point scale on all AP exams taken and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. This student is Boris Pivtorak.

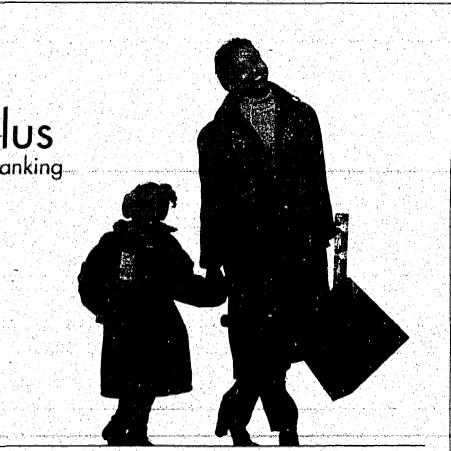
Five students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are Theodore Chelis. Keith Dworkin, Michael Gleicher, Margaret Myslwiec and Boris Pivtorak. Three students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an

iverage grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are Alexander Peyser, Jonathan Rego and Ana Rodriguez.

Four students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP examinations, with grades of 3 or higher. The AP scholars are Marc Cicchino, Adam Ross, Adam Shai and Allison Sharpe.

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both based on successful performance on the AP exams. More than 1,400 institutions award a full year's credit - sophomore standing - to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades. Thirty-four AP exams are offered in a wide variety of subject areas, each consisting of multiple-choice and free-response essay or problem-solving questions -- except for the studio art exam which evaluates students' original artwork. The College Board's mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. They are a notfor-profit membership organization committed to excellence and equity in education. Founded in 1900, the association is composed of more than 4,500 schools, colleges, universities, and other educational organizations.

Each year, the College Board serves more than three million students and their parents, 23,000 high schools, and 3,500 colleges through major programs al band and Howard Toplansky, and cause. It will help to benefit families and service in college admissions, guidance, assessment, financial aid, enrollbecause we all wanted to perpetuate who have members who are struggling ment, and teaching and learning. Among its best-known assessment, financial aid, enrollment, and teaching and learning.



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A true enhancement

With Children's Specialized Hospital's donation of a defibrillator to Mountainside's volunteer Fire Department, the borough stands to benefit from an increased ability of the department to handle medical emergencies.

Now that the Fire Department handles all sorts of incidents, ranging from hazardous material spills to motor vehicle accidents, it makes sense for them to have the equipment that will help them handle any emergency they encounter. This donation, which marks the first of possibly three defibrillators, will allow firefighters to work more closely with the borough's First Aid Squad during emergency medical situations

At a time when the borough's tight budget leaves little room for providing equipment to the Fire Department, the borough has been lucky to receive recent Homeland Security grants to fund improvements to their radio systems and purification equipment for the fire trucks. The defibrillator, which costs \$2,000 and helps people survive sudden cardiac arrest, is a welcome addition, but there are still other ways. to help the department improve.

While an increase in donations of equipment and volunteers has helped the Fire Department thrive, now would be a good time for the borough to study the possibility of adding some full-time paid firefighters to create a department that's a mix of paid and volunteer firefighters.

As we have seen many times in the past, the Fire Department is unable to be the first responder at the scene of a fire within the borough because firefighters are not physically able to get to the area fast enough, since they are volunteers. The first responders are often fire departments outside of Mountainside. No one doubts the dedication and commitment that the borough's firefighters have shown to the community, simply by their decision to volunteer their time to serve others during life-threatening situations that put their own lives at stake.

While equipment is important, it's time for the borough to realize that the department needs paid members to truly help them enhance their response abilities.

A lasting impact

This holiday season, Springfield has a unique shopping experience that has far-reaching, positive benefits for people and animals suffering a variety of hardships.

It's unusual to think of holiday shopping as having any lasting positive impact beyond the purchase of the item and the receiving and unwrapping of the gift. In our materialistic-obsessed culture, which is often put into overdrive during the holiday season, it's easy to lose sight of what is really important: the simple act of reaching out to help others to provide some lasting, positive benefit to their lives.

That is exactly what the alternative holiday shopping fair offers at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church. The fair ends Tuesday, so there's still time to purchase an alternative or living gift for someone on your holiday shopping list.

This year, nine diverse charities have been selected for this year's fair, with donations beginning at \$1. A holiday card and explanation for each recipient is given with every. donation made to a charity at the fair.

A donation to the seal adoption offered through the Marine Mammal Stranding Center in Brigatine rescues and rehabilitates stranded whales, dolphins, seals and sea turtles. An adoption program certificate and photo are provided as part of the \$25 adoption. The fair also offers opportunities to help low income farmers in the United States and abroad.

Children and families in New Jersey affected by HIV/AIDS, children of parents who are in New Jersey prisons and people affected by the financial hardships of the 2004 hurricane season are also helped with monetary donations to the fair.

So when shopping, consider making a stop that will go far in making a positive contribution.

"Public debate must not only be unfettered; it must also be informed."

> - Lewis Powell U.S. Supreme Court Justice 1978



Christmas card season gets later every year

In the 1970 film, "Diary of a Mad Housewife," Richard Benjamin plays a husband who is as pretentious as he is insecure.

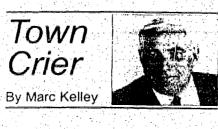
At one point he asks Carrie Snodgress, who plays his wife, how many Christmas cards have they received so far? She tells him 150. He seems miffed and says they sent 300 and he surely expects to receive as

That was 1970 when stamps cost 6 cents. Volume has steadily declined as postal rates have increased. He also said that the heavy volume during the holiday season has become compressed.

Years ago the Christmas mailing season started on the Friday after Thanksgiving and ran until the 18th or 19th of December, Now, it begins later and ends later with Monday, Dec. 20, expected to be the busiest day.

My earliest Christmas card memory isn't a card but a Christmas seal. My parents always put the Boys Town seal on the cards they sent.

The image on the seal was of a boy standing in the snow with another boy draped over his shoulders. The caption on the seal was, "He ain't heavy, he's my brother."



Film buffs may remember Spencer Tracy's portrayal of Father Flanagan in the 1938 classic, "Boys Town," Mickey Rooney plays a runaway, the movie ends happily and Boys Town is founded. Boys Town, renamed Boys and Girls Town, continues to serve troubled youth providing help, healing and hope to more than 40,000 children last year.

It's been years since I've seen a Boys Town Christmas seal. In fact, I don't see very many Christmas seals at

The seals were used to make the card more festive, to differentiate them from the rest of the mail.

Most people bought cards, stamps and Christmas seals and while there was a cost involved, it didn't put too much of a dent in the family budget.

As the price of stamps and the cost of Christmas cards continued to rise, people began to rethink the time,

whole process The United States Postal Service certainly noticed that card senders were using seals and began to issue and holiday stamps this year. The way and market Christmas stamps. The this breaks down: Madonna and Child, first stamp, a wreath and candles, was 776 million; Santa Claus and reindeer. issued in 1961 and sold for 4 cents. In 201 million; and Hanukkah and 1966 the postal service issued its first Kwanzaa, 60 million each. If all the religious Christmas stamp, Madonna with Child, and it cost a nickel.

The Madonna and Child stamp has been a mainstay and is issued every year. The artwork is always from the Renaissance Period and the painting chosen bounces back and forth between several different artists as the cost of first-class postage changes.

Christmas is celebrated in our churches for its religious significance. Christmas is also a national holiday and the postal service appreciates that many who celebrate the season aren't necessarily religious. There's always a stamp featuring snowmen, sleighs, ornaments or as is the case this year, promise to do a better job of staying in Santa Clauses and reindeer.

Several years ago the postal service began to issue holiday stamps for Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. This could Marc Kelley can be reached at be indicative of the postal service's mkelley@eclipse.net: desire to be more inclusive, or perhaps

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor

mignon steak every day.

Plan gives railroads an advantage To the Edito

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has proposed new rules making life easier for railroads. It seeks to delete the requirement "that all solid waste containers used to transport solid waste solely by rail to be registered. with the department" and grants "an exemption for rail carriers from related feesfor solid waste vehicles and containers."

Other carriers of solid waste, acknowledged to be the greater percentage, continue to be subject to those requirements. The proposal is awash in references to numbered regulations making it blind-

ingly obscure to the layman However, enough evidence can be found to question the intent of the proposal Under "Economic Impact." the department "expects a slight positive eco-

nomic benefit" for the rail carriers. It will give them a "slight economic advantage" over other solid waste carriers, which is "not expected to be significant enough" to negatively affect competition. Rail carriers are only a "small percentage" of the total number of solid waste transporters in the state. The state will experience a "small" decrease in revenues.

Under "Jobs Impact"... "while rail carriers will experience a slight economic benefit and burden reduction ... it is not expected to be significant enough ... to create many new jobs ... or cause jobs to be lost in other transportation industries that compete ...

The repeated emphasis on the miniscule effect of this proposal makes one wonder exactly what is expected. If the total effect is so negligible, what makes it worth the effort?: The rules have been on the books for years. Why change at this particular time?

A clue is found in the contrary speculation that "these reduced burdens" might "encourage rail carriers to begin or expand solid waste transportation by rail..." Note the word expand, implying that rails in New Jersey have already been carrying solid waste under present rules without offending any laws. Why change at this particular time?

As justification for the proposal, it is noted that state rules may not exceed federal standards. Yet, it is revealed that "there are no federal standards that specifically apply ..." Does common sense say that there is no conflict requiring this proposal? Or that an overly legalistic reading is being made to justify it?

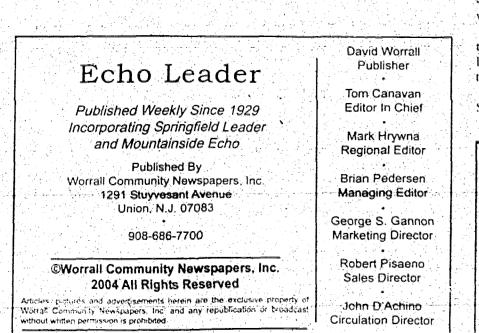
To find a reason for this proposal at this particular time it is necessary to look to New York City which is constructing a facility at the Fresh Kills site on Staten Island for "long term export of managed waste," a cuphemism for garbage, Shipments to and from the facility will be in 70 car diesel powered freight trains, 4,700 feet long, twice per week in each direction, into and through New Jersey, which would make them subject to present rules and fees.

Operations are scheduled to begin in the fall of 2005. Is it merely coincidence that Morristown and Eric Railway has scheduled completion of the Rahway Valley Railroad to Summit, for connection to the commuter line, at about the same time

The conclusion cannot be avoided that this proposal is designed to give the Staten Island and other railroads an operational and economic advantage over

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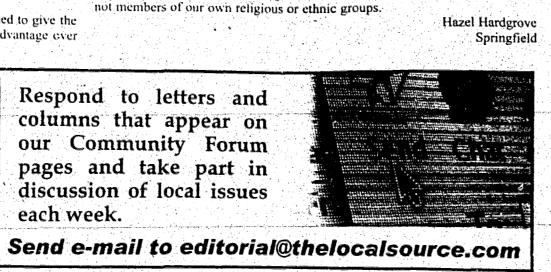
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another year begins.

TIME FOR TUNES -On Dec. 5, The Celebration Singers from Cranford belted out Christmas carols to entertain visitors during the Holiday Tree Lighting and Nature Craft Show at the Watchung Stables in Mountainside.

increase sales. The United States Postal Service

will print nearly 1.1 billion Christmas stamps printed are successfully marketed, the postal service will realize roughly \$406 million.

The youngest of my daughters, Tierney Ann, told me she looks at a postage stamp as a miniature work of art. I agree. I think postage stamps are the best selling artwork in this country. I'll mail 30 to 40 Christmas cards this year.

Most will go to people I don't see nearly as often as I'd like. As I grow older there is too little time and too much distance between too many of my friends and me.

I'll write a note in every card and touch than I have during the past year.

other modes of waste transportation, while depriving the state of income. Is this truly legal? Is it ethical? Does it benefit the community? Herbert Slote

Springfield

Christmas can be celebrated by all

Ho, ho, ho, 'tis the season to be jolly! This is true for most people living inthe United States, but what about the dissenters who want all of us to ignore this happy time fostering peace and love in America and throughout the world? The original colonists, who landed at Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts and the Jamestown Colony in Virginia, were Christians who sought religious freedom from their home countries of England and The Netherlands. During the centuries, the overall ambiance has changed due to commercialization and differences in litestyles such as abundant gift giving, record-setting merchandise sales, and the influx of persons following all kinds of religion ... even the unusual one of a man in prison who said that his religion called for him to eat a filet

In today's communities, some traditions have become American customs, not intrinsically being religious. Those include the practices of a caring Santa Claus who remembers good - and probably some bad -- children with gifts, and the decorations for the snowmen, trains, wooden soldiers, mistletoe, reindeer, nutcrackers, candy canes, snowflakes, etc. These are not the glorification of anybody's specific religion. They are American traditions which tend to portray a "joyful holiday season" emphasizing good charitable deeds, remembering poor amilies, and an invitation to everyone to join in a spirit of happiness not just for Christians but for all to participate in this season as one calendar year ends, and

I will admit that Christmas is basically a religious day to observe the birth of Jesus Christ. However, over the years, it has become a season during which all peoples can celebrate in America, and also to remember our families and friends, and those less fortunate than we are. It is not a time to convert or denounce others of different faiths. If you do not wish to participate in any of these holiday festivities including a Memorial Day or Veteran Day's observance, a Valentine's Day party, a St. Patrick's Day parade, or a Thanksgiving Day parade or dinner. or donations of toys and cash for poor children at community collections places, that is your privilege. It is also your privilege to take an active or passive part in our All-American customs. However, if you wish to keep silent, and not join in this fabulous jubilation, that is all right too, but please do not try to enforce your prohibitions on me and others when we are expressing our happy and generous

Freedom of religion in America means that you can practice your own faith or lack of it as you please, but not that you can stop others from exercising their beliefs. So, let us now all join together, and offer more respect to those who are

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EVENTS Christmas concert offered at Our Lady

The Parish Community of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., in Mountainside invites all to attend their annual holiday concert on Sunday at 5 p.m. Admission to the concert is free:

Featuring choirs from the church, including the Children's Choir, the Contemporary Choir, the Adult Choir and soloists, the concert will last approximately 11/2 hours. A congregational carol sing-along will also be featured.

All are invited to get into the Christmas spirit and join with the musical talents of Our Lady of Lources Parish for this annual concert of Advent and Christmas music." For information, call Mary Ann Harmer at 908-232-3954.

Columbiettes embark on Seaport trip

Msgr. Francis X. Coyle Council Columbiettes of Springfield will be sponsoring a trip to the South Street Seaport, New York, on Sunday. The bus will leave from the council which is located at Old Shunpike

Road in Summit at 10:30 a.m. and leave the port at 6 p.m. This is a day on your own. There are many sights in the area

along with shops and restaurants that are very worthwhile,

The cost is \$22 including a tip to the driver. Call Fran Corcione reservations at 973-376-6386.

Pat Cooper concert

offered by Knights Springfield Knights of Columbu will present "Pat Cooper in Concert," Feb. 26, at a cost of \$72.50 per person. Includes meal, show, bus transportation and all taxes and gratuities, Seats are limited on a first come, first served basis.

For reservations, call Graziano at 973-376-5612.

Alternative holiday fair invites shoppers

Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, is inviting all shoppers to purchase an alternative or living gift for someone on their holiday shopping list this year. The church's Alternative Holiday Fair runs through Tuesday.

Nine diverse charities have been selected for this year's fair with donations beginning at \$1. A holiday card and explanation for each recipient is given with every donation made to a charity at the fair.

"The seal adoption caught our attention as something new, related to our state and fun for folks of all ages," said Sharon Santiago and Dan Crisci, co-chairpersons of the church Outreach Ministry Team.

The Marine Mammal Stranding Center in Brigatine rescues and rehabilitates stranded whales, dolphins seals and sea turtles.

Each seal can cost the center close to \$1,500 to rehabilitate. An adoption certificate and photo are provided as part of the \$25 adoption gift.

Animal lovers do not have to stop. with the marine mammals. The fair also provides an opportu-

nity to give honey bees, chicks, ducks and a share of a pig in someone's honor through the Heifer Project International. Heifer assists low income farmers in the United States as well as abroad.

Eight charities help needy children, adults and families living in the Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky, as well as Paterson, Union County and Liberia.

Children and families in New Jersey affected by HIV/AIDS, children of parents who are in New Jersey prisons and persons affected by the 2004 hurricane season also are helped by monetary gifts to the fair.

For information, or a 2004 order list, call the church office at 973-376-1695, or visit the fair table following Sunday worship at 10:15 a.m.

Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church is located at 40 Church Mall, at the far back end of the street, near the intersection of Morris and Mountain avenues in Springfield-

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SENIOR NEWS

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mity resource for eld/reare, otters a monthly support group tox care avers the SAGES Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center, 550 Springfield Ave. Berkeley Heights.

PREP People Responsible for Elderly Persons of provides caregivers with emotional support, community resourcess effective problemsolving and coping strategies, and the chance to share common concerns with others who are caring for their aging loved ones.

For information, call Ellen MeNal-Av. SAGE InfoCare Director at 908-273-4598

Golden Age group gathers at rec center

The Golden Age group in Summi meets every Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Summit Recreation Center, 100 Morris Ave.

Under the direction of the new senfor coordinator. Christine Melendez. the group has some new plans.

To become a member, there is a \$5. membership fee, which allows participants to attend all programs sponsored by the club, participate in trips and holiday gatherings lunches

A holiday luncheon will be offered on Friday for members only. Members, can bring a non-member guest at an additional cost.

Future programs include a wine tasting, Rekki massages and crafts, a Victorian tea party, a day at the casino," a flea market. Jine dancing, pet therapy, and a K-9 unit

For information on any programs, call 908-277-2932.

The crowning touch.

AARP meets

Dur Summit Area AARP will gift host a December meeting that will resume again in January The next regular monthly meeting the third Wednesday of each month at will be at 10, arm, on Jan, 24, at St. John 5/1 utberan Church, 587 Springfield Ave. Coffee and social begin an

9:45-a.m. A speaker from AAA will discuss ways to drive sately in the (winter)

On Feb 262, tripwill be offered to the flunterdon Hills Play House for a Par Cooper show and lunch. I or reser-

vations, call 0084273-1962. For information on upcoming meetings, call 908 273-2239.

Team helps seniors make minor repairs

SAGE a major community resource for eldercare, is currently recruiting a team of handy persons interested in using their skills to help semiors remain independent and in their homes. These volunteers can be highly skilled professionals retired fix-it people, or handy people willing to learn and help others. Don Nelson, recruiting and training volunteers beginning this month.

tors with miner repairs to ensure their grader at Franklin School in Summit. safety and reduce the risk of fires and falling in their homes. Using a safety? checklist, our volunteers can help you evaluate your home and identify problem areas. They are unable to service emergencies of large jobs requiring a licensed technician, but will be happy to refer you to someone who can. Whether it's minor plumbing, electrical, installation or replacement job a SAGE handyperson can help.

violinist performs

concert violinist from Summit, will return from Switzerland to play her third Brown Bag Concert Friday. The concert, in the sanctuary of Central Presbyterian Church, 70 Maple St., will begin at 12:15 pine and end iround 12:45.

public. Concertgoers are invited to bring a lunch to eat during the performance, or to buy a fresh sandwich and drink at the church kitchen. Davies graduated from Summit

Zurich to study with the worldrenowned violin pedagogue Zakhar

Ingolfsson and Nashta Hart, She was a member of the New York Youth Symphony for three years: the New Jersey Youth Symphony for six.

the Summit Symphony Orchestra and Chore Service manager, will be has performed in chamber music ensembles and solo recitate at-Carnegie Hall's Weill Hall, Davies. The Chore Service will assist sen- began her violin training as a fourth-

planist Ronald Sat. Sat is the pressure of measured classical music audiences. SAGE Eldercare offers bill paying service for seniors

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Della Natasha Davies, a vound concert violinist from Summit, will return from Switzerland to play her third Brown Bag Concert Friday in the surface and of Central Presbyterian Church.

Her concert on briday will feature anothe scissing Music Festival, a New pieces by Bartok. Debessy and Sant based brogram committed to Old Guard. Saturate's She will be accompanies by the mining and standaring new genera-

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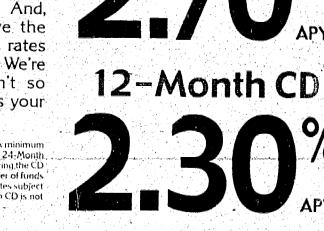
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Old Guard enjoys golf luncheon The Summit Old Guard ...

ended their season at the annale luncheon on Nov. 30 at O'Com Beet N' Ale House. The highlight the season was four wins over-M burn and Westfield Old Guard gold. at the Summit course and their upnent's courses.

Four golfers had the low mil scores of 28 for the season. They were Don Heerens, Bob Zenker, Branakian and Richard Matthew More than 58 Summit Old Gueses members and their guests played dur ing the season. Satt Oishi had the bas low gross of 32 for the season.

Retired men are invited to attend meetings of the Summit Old Guin Tuesday mornings at the New Provi dence Borough Hall at 360 Elkwood

A coffee hour starts 9:15 followed by a 10 a.m. business meeting, Old Guard members participate in sports bridge, hikes and trips, plays, concerns and other events. December begins the 75th year since the founding of the For information, call Earl Gilkey at

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Shau-wai Lam, a long-time Summit resident and president and CEO of the DCH Auto Group, accepts an award of recognition from Bergen Community College student Qi Feng Chen for his keynote speech during the 'Asian History & Heritage Celebration' at the college.

Speaker shares his journey to success

The speech wasn't long, but it University. He alluded to the fact that students, faculty and interested mem- ence between success or failure. bers of the community at Bergen History & Heritage Celebration,"

import/export company into one of the realize that there is potential." nation's largest sellers of automobiles.

The beginning wasn't so promising 1976, of course we tried to seek the most desirable franchise at that time. And guess which one that was?" Lam asked the crowd. "It was Oldsmobile and we did not get the franchise because they thought that we didn't

products. They were also the exclusive selves." representatives for Nissan and Honda. dealership, one year later an even bet-

ter dealership opportunity appeared and that was Honda," said Lam. "On our first day of business we sold xactly 35 cars. Neither Lam nor The DCH Auto

Group has ever looked back since. "How times have changed," he added. "Honda is booming while Oldsmobile has been discontinued by General Motors.'

Lam used that story and many other philosophies he has learned since he first came to the United States from Hong Kong to attend Purdue

came from the heart. Shau-wai Lam, a no matter who you are, you will face long-time Summit resident and presi- many trials and tribulations. Not all of dent and CEO of the DCH Auto them will be positive. How you deal Group, addressed an auditorium full of with the setbacks will be the differ-"We knew the history of Honda,

Community College's annual "Asian they were the largest manufacturer of motorcycles in the world and we knew The audience of more than 100 sat their cars would be good," he said. transfixed, as Lam, an Asian- Ameri- "Besides, you should never worry can spoke about transforming a small, about starting small, as long as you

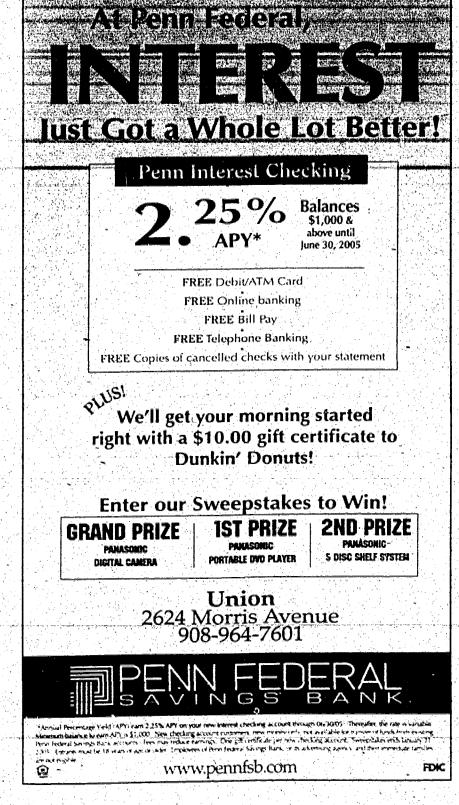
"The most important thing is that "We need young people like you to you believe you can and don't be disshow this-society that we may be couraged. You must work hard, keep a minorities, but our achievement and positive attitude and with persistence contributions will be major," said and good business sense, you will be successful

For a company like the DCH Auto for DCH when they applied for an Group to be able to expand to 32 deal-Oldsmobile dealership. "When we erships it takes more than just good first applied for a car dealership in products. "I totally believe that continued success does not come by luck. It only comes by hard work, continuous improvement, by doing things right and doing things ethically."

Lam then talked about how Asian-Americans must also overcome the have dealership experience in the basic personal characteristics they have been taught. "Asian-Americans What was surprising was that the have a tendency to be more conservathen parent company of DCH in Hong tive and more reserved in public," said Kong was the exclusive sales agent for Lam. "They tend to be quieter at meet-Oldsmobile as well as all other GM ings and keep their opinions to them-

"We need to participate more Lam continued his story. "Though actively by speaking our minds and we did not ever get that Oldsmobile exchanging ideas because people can do more as a team."





'Pipes of Christmas' play Friday

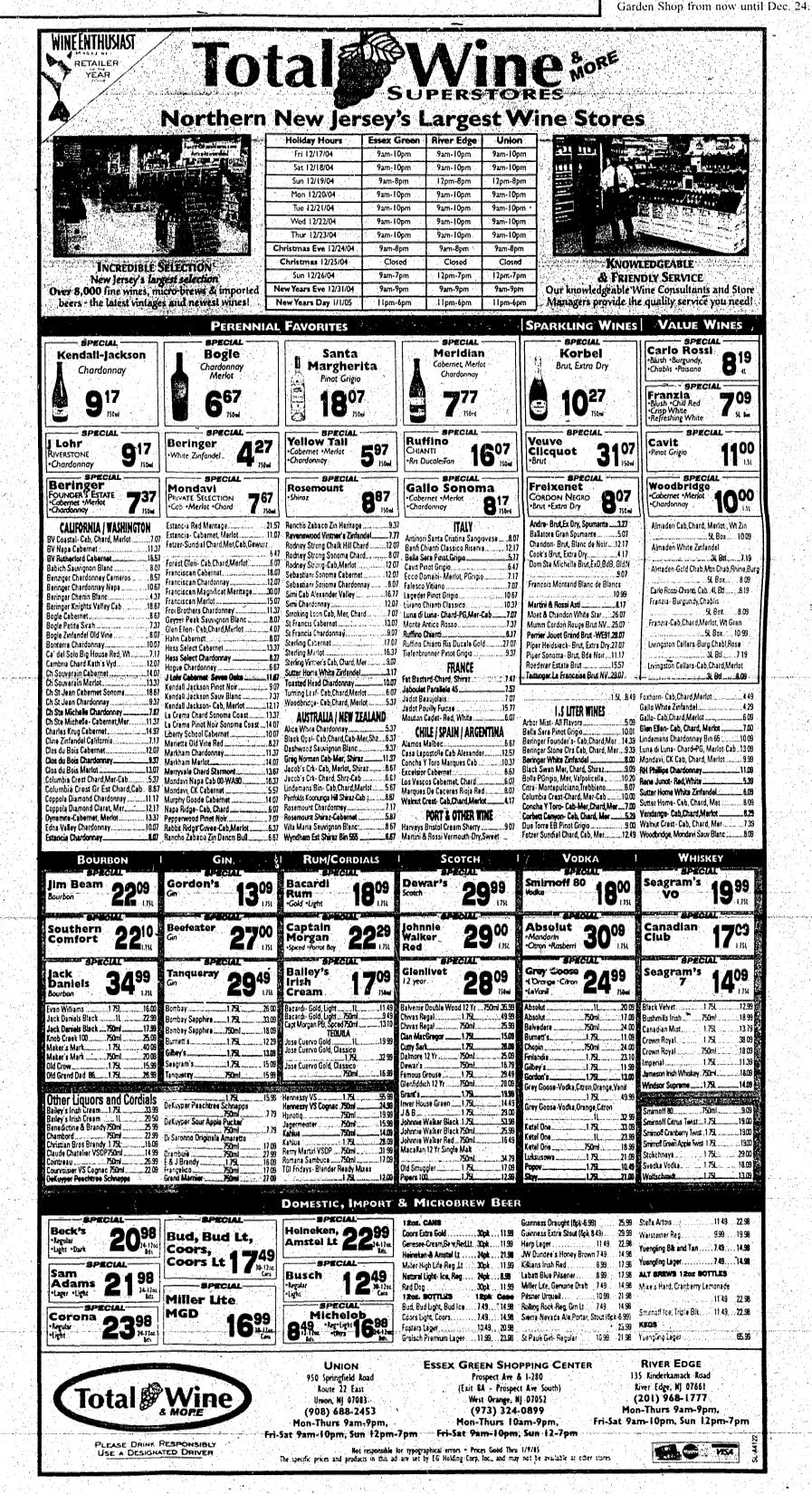
of the country's premiere ory vizations dedicated to "Baloo, Lanimy, preserving and promoting Scottish history and culture. The society carries out its mission through a wide vari- from Scottish and Irish literature and poetry, including ety of heritage concerts and events, documentary films and through the hosting of its informative Web site www.clancurrie.com, on the World Wide Web. The society is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization.

Their annual heritage programs reach audiences hroughout the United States, Seotland and Canada and further still by their Web presence. They invite the public to join them for any or all of their upcoming events and are open to charitable contributions. Upcoming events include:

The Pipes of Christmas. Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. From the bold sounds of the pipes and drums and the harmonious blending of brass, strings and percussion, to the poetic and lyrical words that complement them, all filling Central Presbyterian Church, the Pipes of Christmas strives to be a festival for the soul.

The concert features the music of the season performed on traditional Scottish instruments such as Clan Currie Society conducts a Burns Supper, honorhighland and lowland bagpipes, fiddle and clasarch - ing the memory of the man known as Scotland's Scottish harp — as well as organ, brass and percussion, immortal bard. Celebrated around the world on or Musical selections also include rare performances of about the Scottish bard's birthday on Jan. 25, Burns. lesser-known music from the Highlands and Islands of Suppers traditionally include several elements.

of the concert.



Arboretum seeks new The Clan Currie Society, based in Summit, is one Scotland such as "The Christ Child Eullaby" a Interspersed between the music are readings taken members works by Robert Burns, Sir Walter Scott, Dylar Thomas and Robert Louis Stevenson. As part of their Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 educational and cultural outreach program, the society-Hobart Ave., Summit, is conducting a has traditionally broadcast concert highlights via commembership campaign. More than munity access eable television, which reaches an audi-3.000 residents of Summit will be ence of more than 40,000 households. receiving letters from William Quinn, Tickets are \$30 each. Tickets are available at John president of the Board of Trustees at Hyatt Clothiers, 334 Springfield Ave. in Summit. Seat-Reeves-Reed, asking them to make a ing is limited and tickets will only be sold in advance pledge to the "community treasure." According to Quinn,"Reeves-Reed No tickets will be sold at the door. is the last remaining open space and **Burns Night** woodlands in the area, where children Celebrating the New Year does not end on the seccan learn about nature and the enviond day of January. The Clan Curri. Society will conronment." While the property is duct its third annual Burns Supper on Jan. 22, honoring owned by the City of Summit, it is Robert Burns, the ploughman poet. solely supported by memberships, The MacMhuirich, now known as Curries, were the grants and contributions. Open seven original bards of Scotland, so it is appropriate that the days a week from dawn until dusk, the arboretunr offers a host of educational

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programs for children and adults as well as events and seasonal activities. The letter also allows the bearer 1.0 percent off on any purchase at The

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Red Cross offers safety tips

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mas trees catching fire. We can all take - Suits - ---some easy steps to keep this from hap- . Deevine only with flame-retar- to the start of the heating season, Burn pening," said Dat I Kelly, American' dank os as are ablestable materials only wood a never hurn paper.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of: GREGORY J. MICELI, Deceased

Pursuant to the order of James S LaCorte, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 10TH day of DECEM BER, A D 2004, upon the application of the undersigned, as SUB ADMIN, of the the undersigned, as SUB, ADMIN, of the estate of said decessed, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said decessed to exhibit to the subscriber under osth or infirmation, their, claims, and demanos inguist the ostate of said decessed with in six months from the date of said order. m the date of said order DENNIS E. GAGLIONE SUB. ADMIN. ATTORNEYS GACCIONE, POMACO & MALANGA 524 UNION AVENUE PO BOX 96 BELLEVILLE, NJ 07109 URGENO ECU DOC 16 2004 (58 00)

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION N.J.S. 44A:4-53 FOR MASTER PLAN REEXAMI-NATION REPORT

Bo it ordained by the Township Commit-es of Town of Scringfield Union County state of New Jersey, that pursuant to 1J.S.A. 40A 4-53 (Ch.48) PL 1956 as amended by Ch. 144. P.L. 1965 and Ch. 38: P.L. 1969; the sum of \$16,500 00 is hereby appropriated for the Master Ptan Beexamination, Report, and shall be deemed a special emergency appropriation as defined and provided for in NUS 40A, 455The authorization to linance the appropriation shall be provided for in succeed ing annual budgets by the inclusion of at least 1/5 of the amount authorized pur-subint to this act (N-J S = 40A:4-55). The purpose of the emergency is,

The engagement of special consultants for the preparation of a master plan or plans required to conform to the planning laws of the state

1. Kathleen D. Wisniewski, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, heid on Tuesday evening. December 14, 2004 and that said Ordinance shall be submit-ted for consideration and final passage at a regular meeting of said Township Com-mittee to be heid on December 28, 2004 at which time and place any person or persons interested therein will be given an apportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance. Copy is posted on the bulletin board in the office of the Town-ship Clerk. 1. Kathloen D. Wisniewski, do hereby KATHLEEN D WISNIEWSKI

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Education program. For more information, please HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 973-379-4525, 1 ax 973-379-8887. Remo Madsen, Pastor, Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. For information about our midweek CONOREGATION ISRAEL OF children teen and adult programs, contact the SPRINGFIELD 339 Mountain Avenue, Uthirch Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-Springfield. 973-467-9666. Chaim Marcus, 4 00 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

PLANNING BOARD TAKE NOTICE that on the 5th day of Jan TAKE NOTICE that on the 5th day of Jan-uary, 2005 at 8.00 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be held before the Springfield Pilan-ning Board at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on Application #1-2005 S regarding the application of RGK Development. Inc. and its affiliate Space Store Springfield. LLC.C. for Subdivision and Site Plan approval and variances will be requested from the following socioacts of the Termin

approval and variances will be requested from the following soction(s) of the Town-ship of Springfield Zoning Ordinance 1. Although the building will be con-structed within the maximum forty (40). foot freight permitted in the Zone, Appli-cant proposes to construct: a. the structure with the three (3) stories instead of two (2) stories as required under the Schedule of Zoning Limitations under the Springfield Ordinance; and b. a. proposed (parapet) for architectural

under the Springfield Ordinance; and b a proposed parapet for architectural design purposes over the office and dis-play areas which will not exceed 3.6 (set in height over the forty (40'), foot height of the actual building. The height of this proposed parapet is within the require-ments of Section 35-42. Height and Yard Exceptions of the Springfield Ordinance Should the Planning Board determine that this will require variance rollef. Applicant further requests a bulk variance to permit construction of the parapet design.

further requests a bulk variance to perfinit construction of the parapet design. 2. Applicant: proposes thirty-two (32) parking spaces instead of the required one hundred and four (104) under Section 35-23 2 of the Springfield Ordinance. The parking area will be paved as set forth-on the Site Plans. Sixteen (16) additional spaces will be provided for additional overflow parking; which spaces will not be defineated and sixteen (16) additional spaces, will be provided for additional overflow parking; which spaces will not be defineated in the hours of opera-tion, Applicant will be propared to submit professional planning and engineering testimony to support this variance. 3 Applicant proposes to erect a six (6') foot funce/wall in the front yard of Lot A along the Springfield Avenue side of the property. Section 35-22 to the Spring-lield Ordinance dees not allow fences in the front yard. Applicant is prepared to present professional planning and engi-neering testimony that the fence will pro-vide added security as well as be pesthet-ically ploasing. 4 Applicant requests inlief from any vide added security as well as be pesthet-ically pleasing. 4 Applicant requests ratief from any other voriances that may be necessary as evidenced by the plans now on file or as-may be modified at the request of the Planning Board so as to permit the Appli-cant to semolish the existing building. subdivide the Property into two (2) lots and redevelop and (1) of the lots for the purpose of a self-storage/mini-warehouse facility.

Tacflity. This application is made for premises located at 102-120 Victory Road. Spring-field. New Jersoy, known as Block 303 Lot(s) 1 and 2 on the Township of Spring-field Tax Map. When the calendar Is called you may appear either in person or by agent or alterney, and present any by agent or attorney, and present in jections which you may have to the anting of this application. All papers effairing to the application may be seen 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, N.J. RKG Development, Inc. and Chara Springfield, LLC

IKG Development, Inc. and its Affiliate Space Store Springfield, LLC By: Connell Foloy, LLP Attorneys and Attorney in Fact for Applicant By: John D Cromie A Member of the Firm U97318 ECL Dec. 16, 2004 (\$35.63)

CE TO AMEND THE CODE OF WNSHIP OF SPRINCFIELD I II. ADMINISTRATION TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Kaffeeklatsch-1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.: Men's Fellowship-2nd Saturday o each month at 8:30 a.m.; Choir-every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. We also host various Outside group meetings: Springfield Garden Club, Children's Community Choir, Learning Disabled Group, and Alation. For information about any of our programs or services, call Gesele at the Church Office: 973-379-4320, Mon. through Fri., 9:00

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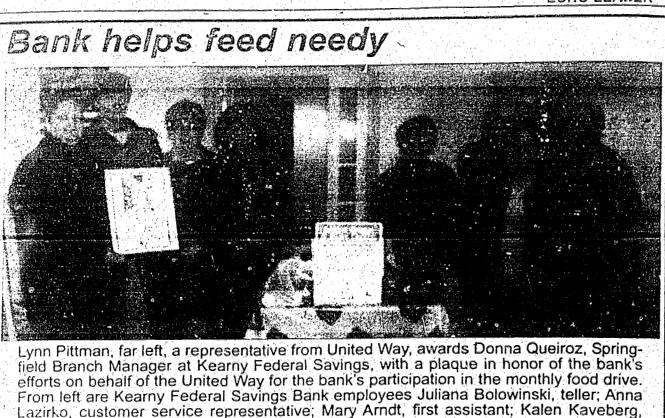
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PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION. STATE OF NEW JERSEY BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE of the Township of Spring-heid, County of Union, State of New Jer-

SECTION 1 - AMENDMENT Section 2-40 POLICE DEPARTMENT. cov amended as follows (A i Paragraph 2:40 1 Established. is hereby amended to read i full, as follows 2-40.1: Established; organization. There is hereby established the Police Department of the Township of Spring-heid. The Department shall consist of the following officers: a Chief of Police, who shall be the head of the department; Capshall be the head of the department; Cap-tains (two (2)), Lieutenant (one(1)), Sergeauts (suven (7)), Corporal three (3)), if any Patrolmen shall qualify for same). Patrolmen (thirty-two (32), includ-ing all Patrolmen designated as a Corpo-ral, each of whom shall be appointed pur-suant to this Code and compensated as set forth in the salary ordinance of the Township. The Township may also employ-such special officers as shall be allowable by law and necessary, who shall hold by law and necessary, who shall hold office for the period of appointment, but not exceeding one (1) year. This provi-sion shall constitute the official Table of zation of the Police Department of

Organization of the Police Department of the Township. (B) Paragraph 2-40 10 TABLE OF ORGANIZATION, is hereby amended to read in full, as follows: 2-40.10 Divisions. The Police Depart-ment shall consist of two (2) divisions: -a pattol division and an investigative divi-sion Assignment to those divisions shall be made at the directions of the Chief of Police.

be made at the directions of the Chief of Police SECTION II - CONTINUATION AND CON-FIRMATION The enactment of this ordinance is specifically intended to ratify and confirm the previously established Police Dopart-ment of the Township of Springfield, as same has been heretofore constituted. It is the intent hereof to continue the exist-ing Police Dopartment and the status (ghts, powers, privileges, duties, and tenure of behavior and efficiency, thereof. SECTION III - RATIFICATION Except as expressly modified herein, all other provisions and terms of the Code of the Township of Springfield shall remain in full force and officet SECTION IV - SEVERABILITY In case any section, subsection, para-

SECTION IV - SEVERABILITY In case any section, subsection, para-graph, subdivision, clause of provision of this ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent shall not effect or inval-idate the remainder of any section, para-graph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance, and to this end, the provi-sions of each section, paragraph, subdivi-sion, clause or provision of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. are neroby declared to be severable. SECTION V- REPEAL Any ordinance or portion of any ordi-nance which is inconsistent with the mod-dications of this ordinance is repealed to seems marked by a newfound sense of as an individual, and not as a repre-

SECTION VI - EFFECTIVE DATE This ordinance shall take offect immedi-ately upon passage and publication according to law

1. Kathleen D. Wisniewski, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, held on Tuosday, evening, December 14, 2004, and that said Ordinance shall be submit-ted for consideration and final passage at a regular meeting of said Township Com-mittee to be held on December 28, 2004, at which time and place any person or persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance. Copy is posted on the bulletin board in the office of the Town-ship Clerk. Ship Clerk KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC Township Clerk U97131 ECL Dec: 16, 2004 (\$41.63)

maki, this 2002 Finnish film is 97 minutes and is rated PG-13. Admission is free for all films, Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. Refreshments will be served. For information, call 973-376-

'Hamlet' discussed

the great books of civilization. The spring selections range from essays to fiction. The group meets the third Thursday of each month at Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., at 10 a.m.

Shakespeare's "Hamlet" will be discussed today. The Great Books compilation may be purchased for \$20at the Circulation Desk. The discussion group welcomes new members. Participants are invited to come to any or all of the discussions. For information, call 973-376-

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Free Public Library, 66 Mountain patrons - birth to 18 months - and vided.



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Group discusses 'The Human Stain

The Good Books Discussion Group of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. will meet Springfield Free Public Library, 66 on Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. to discuss "The Mountain Ave., continues its fall Inter- Human Stain" by Philip Roth.

"The Human Stain" is the third of Man Without a Past" at noon and 7 Philip Roth's trilogy of novels that explore the relationship between pub-Sometimes life is just a series of lic and private life in America during random events that simply...happen. A the second half of the 20th century. As man steps off a train in a strange city, in "American Pastoral" (1997) and "I sits on a park bench, and is mugged Married a Communist" (1998). nearly to death. Emerging from a Nathan Zuckerman, Roth's favorite coma, he walks out onto the street alter ego, serves as the narrator.

After a prostate operation rendered calloused and his face reflects a life- him impotent, Zuckerman has retired from the world to become writer in residence at idyllic Athena College.

There he meets Coleman Silk, a until he insinuates himself into a com- former dean and classics professor munity of people who live in aban- who was forced to resign because of a doned shipping containers on the out- supposed racial slur. Readers eventuskirts of town. There he finds friend- ally learn that Silk is a light skinned ship and even love with a Salvation African-American who gradually Army worker who drowns her sorrows' drifted across the American racial by listening to loud rock music. Like divide and for 50 years has successful-Harrison Ford's titular character in ly passed as a white Jew.

sentative of his race, but in choosing This offbeat comedy won the to deny his roots, perhaps Coleman Grand Jury Prize at the 2002 Cannes Silk's guilt is deeper and more com-Film Festival. Directed by Aki Kauris- plex than his pursuers at Athena College realize

Call the reference department at 973-376-4930, ext. 228 to reserve a copy of the book,

Clash of warriors concludes video series

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., concludes Once a month, the Great Books its Lunchtime Video Series, "Box Discussion Group meets to examine Office Hits," on Tuesday, Jan: 4 at noon

> The paths of two warriors converge when the young Emperor of Japan, wooed by American interests which covet the growing Japanese market, hires Algren to train Japan's first modern, conscript army. Clashes with the Samurai cause Algren to remember the man he once was.

Funding for the video series has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and the Friends Babies' Laptime at Springfield of the Springfield Free Public Library. Bring a brown bag lunch to the pro-

Ave., is designed for their youngest gram. Coffee and cookies will be pro-

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GL students achieve honor-roll

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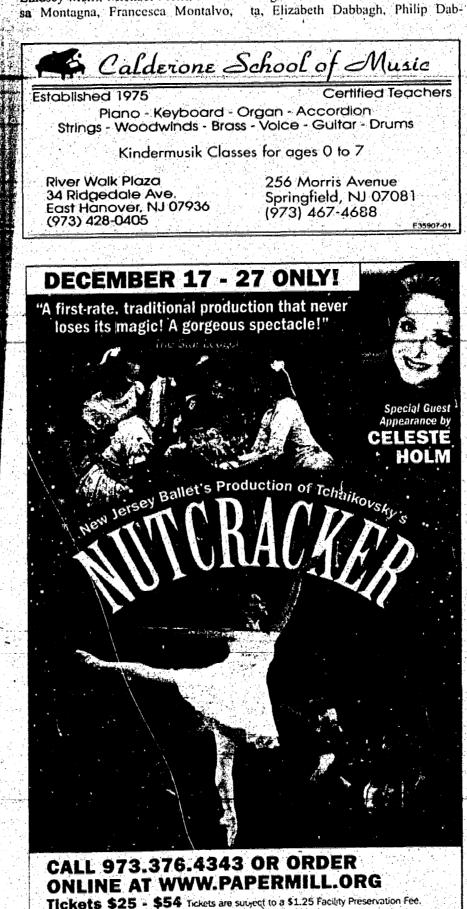
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PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE

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Attention churches and social clubs

This newspaper-encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities. Releases should include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day.





Walton School establishes upcoming registration dates who are not currently enrolled in the -if necessary, to schedule an alternate

1:45 to 2:45 p.m.

2:45 p.m.

2:45 p.m.

• Jan. 14, last names beginning

with: F-K from 10-a.m. to 11 a.m. or

• Jan. 18, last names beginning

with: L-Q; 10 to 11 a.m. or 1:45 to

Registration for children eligible for the 2005-06 prekindergarten pro- Walton School Early Childhood Cen- registration session. gram in the Springfield public ter prekindergarten program will be schools, as well as for those children conducted on the following days: eligible for kindergarten in September.

Good Neighbor nominations sought

Nominations are being accepted for the annual Mountainside Good Neighbor Award. The award was established in 1982 and is given to a deserving individual.

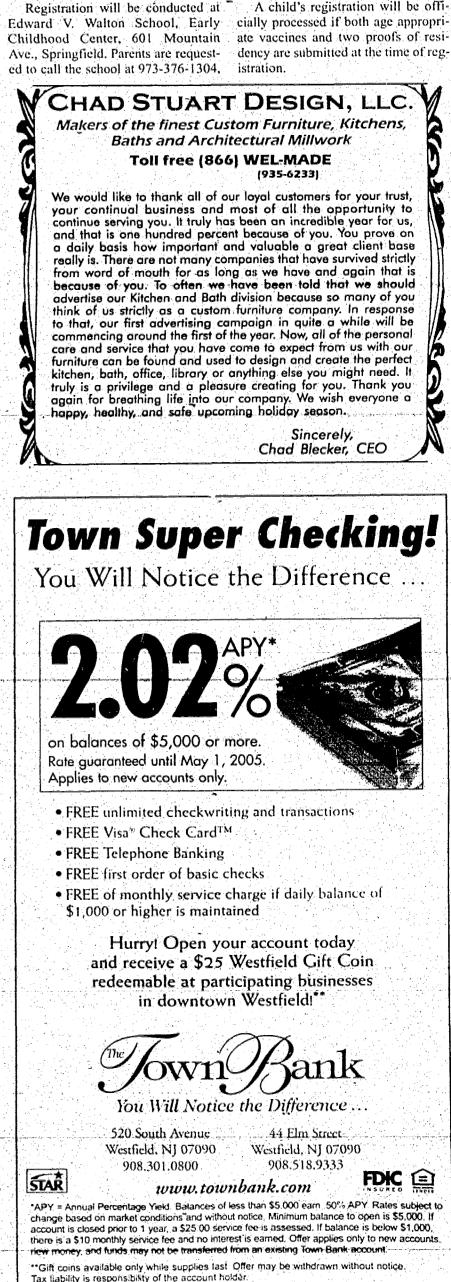
The borough is looking to award individuals who choose to spend their time making a positive impact on their block, their neighborhood, or even on the entire community. To nominate a person, send a short

descriptive letter to the Mountainside Good Neighbor Committee, Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ, 07092 before Dec. 31.



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p.m.:



To be eligible for prekindergarterr. a child must be a resident of Spring-Jan. 13, last name beginning with field, and be 4 years old on or before A-E from 10 to 11 a.m. or 1:45 to 2:45 Dec. 1, 2005.

Children entering kindergarten must reach their fifth birthday on or before Dec. 1, 2005. Parents are requested to bring the following materials to the registration:

• Child's birth certificate Current immunization records

 Two proofs of residency Jan. 19, last names beginning • New Jersey driver's license with R-Z; 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. or 1:45 to • Utility bill, lease or contract A child's registration will be offi-

Adult spelling bee benefits Women's Resource Center programs This third innual Adult Spelling of ceremonies. All spelling is done as stration deadline, to the Women - non-profit organization whose mission / designed to help them teach their aca-

Foundation's ill be flin, 30 at 4 pinilat. " He keen: Summit Their School, 125 Kent Place come to join

of 56 teams this year," said Rachel more difficult with each round. Weinberger, executive director of the Women's Resource Center.

local celebrity sightings:

al ors Schneider is the event's hon- / advance. mary chairwoman, and Ted Stanik,

Comer and the Summit Educational fright actionship the competition can Ave., Summit, 07901.

Seven teams at a time will be given tumes, if desired, and prizes will be Blod Spellers of all abilities are wel- a word to spell; depending on the dif- awarded for best costume, best team ficulty of the word, teams will have name, greatest fund-raising sponsorand generated so much good will for a correctly on a board. The winning for the champion spellers, stype great organizations, that we're team of each group will advance with hoping to field the maximum number the words becoming progressively

Single spellers who enter will be

is back by popular demand as master \$400 from Jan, 1 until Jan, 20, the reg- of the Bee. All donations are welcome.

Teams are invited to wear, cos-

"Last year's bee was so much fun. between 15 and 30 seconds to write it ship amount, as well as a grand prize Clever names and creative cos-

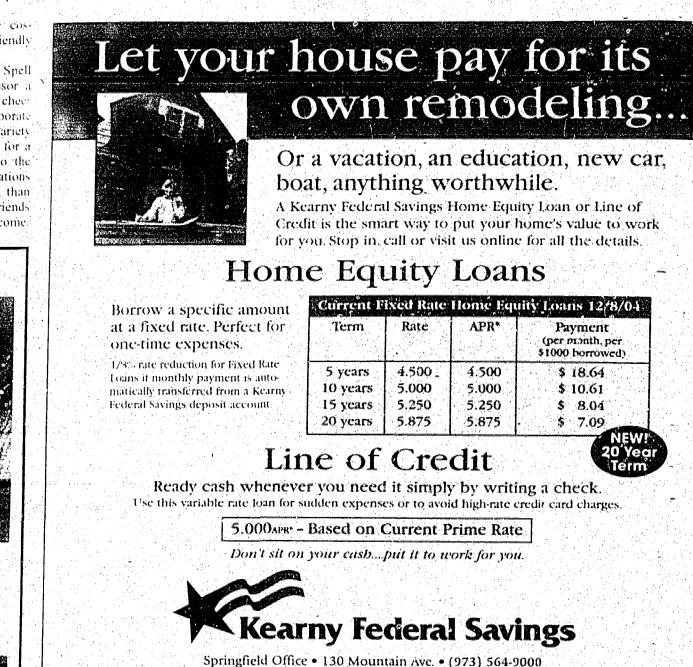
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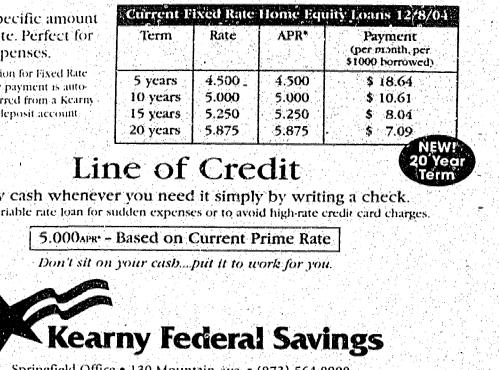
placed on a team with two others. All Check your best friend? Sponsor a There will be tun for spellers and spellers must be at least 16 years old. team, and be there on Jan. 30 to cheer spectators alike, with music and enter- Each registered team member will your team on. In addition, corporate (unment, ruttles and food, and fots of receive a copy of the Scripps Howard sponsorships are available at a variety Book of Words for studying in of levels, from the Queen Bee for a donation of \$5,000 or more, to the To enter, teams complete the entry Honey Bee for \$1,000. Organizations Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle and pledge form, and send it with a and individuals donating less than

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For more information on the co-chairwoman, at 908-273-1726. The Women's Resource Center is a .

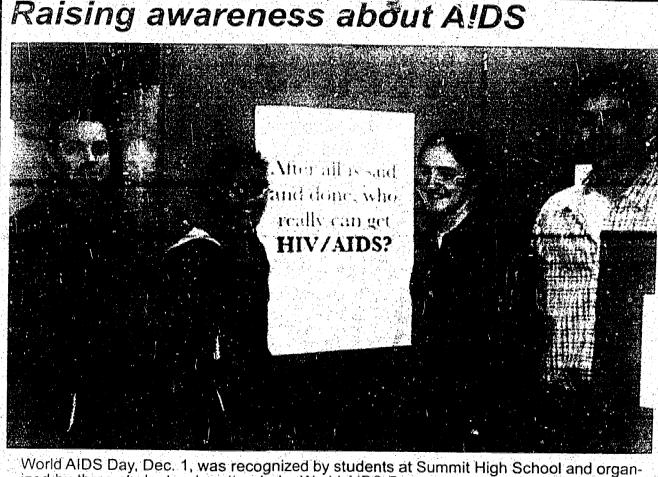
Mer le benetit the Women's Resource a team, so there's no issue of stage Resource Center, 561 Springheld and personal potential, and SEE's goals," said Betsy Macpherson. Women and girls through professional- Rainbows: which, provides support groups for boys and girls grieving the Iv led programs and services. The Spelling Bee's proceeds will loss of a parent through death or Spelling Bee, call Beth Fulloch, event go toward two of its programs: The divorce. The Spelling Bee proceeds Girl Project, which offers programs will also benefit the Summit Educafor girls in grades three through 12 tional Foundation.





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ized by three students who attended a World AIDS Day seminar last year. Joining SHS an AIDS quiz, a wall display of stories written by teens for teens and more.



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Summit **Boys' Basketball** Dec. 17 Morris Hills, 7 p.m. Dec. 20 at Weequahic, 7 Dec. 22 at West Essex, 7 Jan. 4 Dover, 7 Jan. 7 at Parsippany Hills, Jan. 11 Chatham, 7 Jan. 14 at Mendham. 7 Jan: 18 Hanover Park, 7

- Jan. 21 at Parsippany, 7. Jan. 25 at Morris Hills, 7 Jan. 27 Weequahic, 7
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Ice Hockey Dec. 21 Johnson, 8:30 p.m. Dec. 23 at Bayonne, 3:30 p.m. Jan. 4 Verona, 8:30 p.m. Jan. 7 at Bernards, 8 p.m. Jan. 9 at Verona, 8:30 p.m. Jan. 11 Westfield, 8:30 p.m. Jan. 14 at Clifton, 7 p.m. Jan. 15 at Chatham, 5:30 p.m. Jan. 18 West Orange, 8:30 p.m. Jan. 21 at Nutley, 9 p.m. Jan. 24 at Verona, 6 p.m. Jan. 26 at Westfield, 7:45 p.m. Jan. 29 at West Orange, 7:45 p.m. Feb. 1 Nutley, 7:45 p.m. Feb. 4 at Bayonne, 7 p.m. Feb. 5 at Madison, 4:15 p.m. Feb. 8 Bernards, 8:30 p.m. Feb. 9 at Johnson, 6 p.m.

Feb. 15 Cranford, 8:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at Randolph, 5:45 p.m.

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Swimming Dec. 16 at Morris Knolls, 4:30 p.m. Dec. 20 at Hanover Park, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 4 Morris Hills, 3:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at Livingston, 3:30 Jan. 18 Chatham, 3:30 Jan. 25 Parsippany, 3:30 Feb. 1 at Columbia, 4 p.m. Feb. 8 New Povidence, 3:30 Feb. 10 at West Essex, 3:30

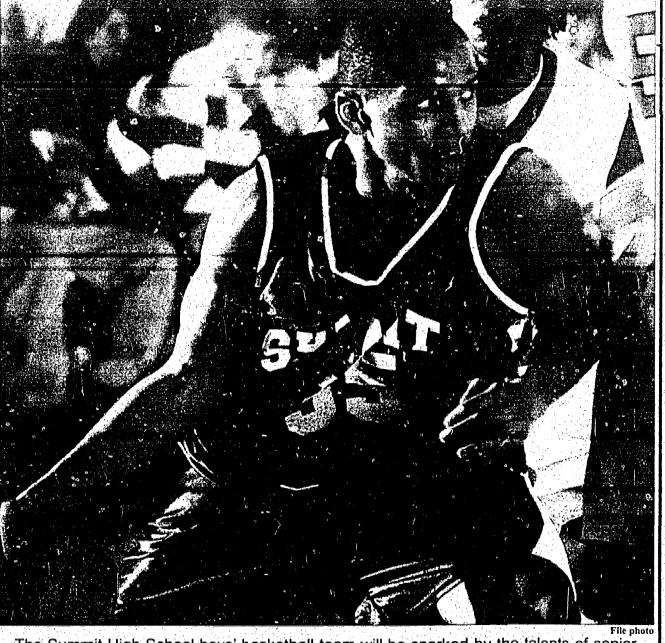
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Summit Winter Track

Dec. 17 at TBA, 3:45 p.m. Dec. 18 Lifter Invite at Drew, 9 a.m. Dec. 19 at Bish. Laughlin Inv., 8 p.m. Dec. 23 at Holiday Relays, 4:30 p.m. Dec. 27 DeSchriver Inv.-Drew, 9 a.m. Dec. 29 Pasarelli Inv. at Drew, 9 a.m. Dec. 31 Valentine Inv. at Drew, 9 a.m. Jan. 3 Polar Bear-Drew, 4:30 p.m. -Jan. 3 UCT Relays at Elizabeth, 6 p.m. Jan. 7 Iron Hills Champs-Drew, 4:30 Jan. 8 Hispanic Games-Armory, 9 Jan. 9 Group 2 Relays-Princeton, 9 Jan. 12 at Millburn, Caldwell, 3:45 Jan. 16 Group 2-Princeton, 9 a.m. Jan. 22 New Bal. Games-Armory, 9

A presence in the middle



SPORTS

The Summit High School boys' basketball team will be sparked by the talents of senior center Wellington Smith (No. 35). Smith's play helped Summit finish 24-5 overall last year as the Hilltoppers won North 2, Group 2 and reached the Group 2 final. Summit also won the Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division with a 17-1 record. Smith paced the team in rebounds with 259 and was second in scoring with 444 points for a 15.3 average. Summit is scheduled to open its season tomorrow night at 7 at home against Morris Hills.

Dayton boys' basketball is starting new with coach Nash Bulldogs working hard to improve their game

By Jeff Wolfrum

Staff Writer Not sure what to expect.

That's the dilemma facing Dayton High School boys' basketball first-year head coach Dave Nash this season. Taking over a squad that went 7-14 last season. Nash

heads up a program with a new coaching staff. Nash, who served as the freshman and junior varsity coach two years ago at Dayton, played high school ball at St. Mary's in South Amboy (now Cardinal McCarrick) and one year at Middlesex Community College. He-then started out coaching the Spotswood freshman team in the early 1990s before moving on to coach at Montgomery High . School in Somerset County. He then ended up at Dayton. "It's been hard to gauge my team so far because we've

played very inconsistent in our first few scrimmages," Nash said. "However, the guys are really working hard and starting to buy into what we want to accomplish." What Nash wants to do is run his offense through his

defense. "I love defense," Nash said. "The game starts and ends with defense, so that's how we're going to win the majority of our games. We'll be looking for our defense to create things for our offense."

That defense comes in the form of man-to-man, with an occasional matchup zone. On offense, the Bulldogs will look to push the ball and

score off transition. "We had five really talented players slated to start," Nash said. "Two of which rer ly like to run." However, one of those players - senior point guard

Michael Tiss - blew out his knee and will be lost for the sea- Peter's at 7 p.m. Looked to pick up the slack at the position will be sen-

ior point guard Eson Jenkins, a transfer from New Milford, and senior guard Jesse Weatherston.

"We were looking forward to having Michael and Eson playing together in the backcourt," Nash said. "Now, we'll and winning a couple games early in the season," Nash have to piece it together and take it on a game-to-game situation That could translate into the Bulldogs having one of

their "big players" handling the ball. "Senior forward Mike Mason, who stands at 6-4, could

handle the ball if needed to," Nash said. "The reasoning behind that move would be to keep our other big guys out of foul trouble. The other two "big guys" in the Dayton starting lineup

include the sibling duo of 6-2 senior forward Raul Furnaguera and 6-3 junior forward Joe Furnaguera. "Our three big guys really like to rebound and push the

ball upcourt," Nash said. "In our second scrimmage against Verona, they didn't have a good performance because they didn't' rebound and looked really flat on offense and defense."

However, in its two scrimmages against South Amboy, which were sandwiched around the Verona game, Dayton looked very competitive.

"We rebounded and did well scoring," Nash said. "We had real good energy. I hope that carries over." Dayton looked to have a nice carry over as it scrimmaged Carteret Tuesday.

"I have a quality bench, with some players having some varsity experience," Nash said. "However, we're going to need to stay healthy because we lack depth." Some of Dayton's goals include qualifying for the state

playoffs and winning its conference title. "The players were telling me that they got off to a slow last season," Nash said. "One of our biggest aims is to get out of the gate strong

this season." Last year, the Bulldogs opened their season 0-9 before going on to win seven of their next 10 to bring their record

to 7-12. However, Dayton then dropped its final two games to finish 7-14. Dayton is scheduled to open its season Saturday at New

Providence at 2 p.m. The Bulldogs are then scheduled to play at Johnson Tuesday night at 7. The Bulldogs will then participate in the St. Peter's of

New Brunswick Holiday Tournament Dec. 28 and 29. The games on Dec. 28, according to Nash, include Dayton vs. Keyport at 2 p.m. and then Perth Amboy vs. St.

The Dec. 29 lineup, according to Nash, is the consolation game at 1 p.m. and the title game at 5:30 p.m. Dayton's first home game is scheduled against Manville

on Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. "We want to turn up the interest in our team by going out

said "I keep telling the guys if we go out and win a couple of

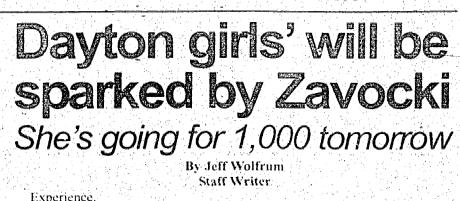
games, people will come out and support us." Dayton roster 2004-2005

Players: Jesse Fischbein, senior. Raul Furnaguera, senior. Eson Jenkins, senior. Michael Kronert, senior. Michael Mason, senior. Michael Tiss, senior. Robbie Shabat, senior. Jesse Weatherston, senior, Jeff Feder, junior, Joe Furnaguera, junior. Danny Shabat, sophomore. David Steinman, freshmar

Coaches: Dave Nash, head coach. Assistants: Brian Costello, Michael Abbatte, Jonathan Telesta.



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That's what Dayton High School girls' basketball coach Dave Rennic hopes will be the key factor in his team's success this season. Coming off its best season eve. Dayton posted a 21-6 record and reached the Central Jersey, Group 1 title game. In the final, the second-seeded Bulldogs dropped a 60-41 decision to topseeded Middlesex.

Dayton also captured its first conference championship since 1977, winning the Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division title. "We lost four of our five starters from last year's team," Rennie said, "It's

going to be tough replacing them, but I feel with the players we have coming back with experience that we should be just fine. The one returning starter for the Bulldogs is 5-7 senior point guard Cristin Zavocki. The Lafayette College-bound Zavocki garnered First Team All-Conference.

Second Team All-County and Second Team All Group 1 honors last season, while also capturing co-MVC MVP honors with Oak Knoll's Courtney Hubschmann Zavocki was also named to the Union County Top 15 list for the second con-

secutive season "Cristin is definitely the focal point around our offense, but I feel we also

have other girls that can step up," Rennie said. "We know that we must get other girls involved in the scoring because peo ple will be keying on Cristin."

That scoring could come from the contributions of the other four starters. They include 5-8 senior center Amanda DiCocco, 5-6 senior guard Dara Poltrock, 5-8 junior forward Kaitelyn Viverito and 5-7 sophomore forward Valerie Upton.

."Amanda should play a big part for us because she has some nice post moves and can also handle the ball to get some open shots from the perimeter," Rennie

"Dara is our biggest three-point threat, while Kaitelyn and Valeric are good slashers toward the basket. The rest of the Dayton roster includes 5-6 senior guard DeAne DeCosta, 5-8

junior forward Nicole Corigliano, 5+7 junior forward Rita Huber, 5-2 junior guard Jennifer Santucci, 5-9 sophomore forward Alyssa Carioni, 5-9 sophomore forward Sami Kennedy, 5-5 sophomore guard Courtney Brahm and 5-4 sophomore guard Jeanine Kahoonei. "I have a couple of girls that can shoot from the outside," Rennic said, "That

will help in running our flex offense because will be using a lot of guick hitting However, defense is what Rennie feels will create a host of scoring opportu-

nities. "We're on the small size, so we must focus on rebounding by being quick," Rennie said.

"We need to be aggressive and play with smarts. That will help lead to some transition baskets for us." Dayton will implore a more zone defense style this season compared to the

man-to-man scheme it used last year. "We'll be going to more zone defense this year," Rennie said. "It will be a big change for us, but I have always had good defensive teams

in the past." Dayton is scheduled to open its season tomorrow night at 7 at home against Union Catholic, Zavocki, a four-year varsity performer, will begin the night with

992 career points The Bulldogs are then scheduled to host St. Mary's of Elizabeth Monday at 4 p.m. and Roselle Catholic Wednesday night at 7,

Dayton will then host its first-ever holiday tournament Dec. 27-30

The Joseph Pepe Memorial Tournament will feature teams that include Dayton, St. Patrick's of Elizabeth, Westfield, Manchester Regional, Bayley-Ellard and Matawan.

"Joseph Pepe was a player that starred at Dayton in the 1970s," Rennie said "He passed away last spring. We wanted to honor him because he was still a big part of the community." Goals for the Bulldogs include returning to the state playoffs, winning their

holiday tournament and to just get better as the season goes on. "If your team can get back into the state tournament, anything can happen after that," Rennie said. "We want to be a fourth quarter team and be able to win the close games."

Schedule: Dec. 17 Union Catholic, 7 p.m.; Dec. 20 St. Mary's, 4 p.m.; Dec. 21 Roselle Catholic, 7; Dec. 27, 29, 30 Holiday Tournament at home; Jan, 4 at South Amboy, 7; Jan. 5 at Roselle Park, 4; Jan. 7 at Roselle, 5:30 p.m.; Jan. 11 Rahway, 7; Jan. 13 Technology, 7; Jan. 14 Hillside, 7; Jan. 18 at Mount St. Mary, 4; Jan. 20 North Plainfield, 7; Jan. 22 at Gov. Livingston, TBA; Jan. 25 at St. Patrick's, 4; Jan. 27 at Newark Central, 7; Jan. 31 South Amboy, 7; Feb. 2 Newark Central, 7; Feb. 4 at Oak Knoll, 7; Feb. 7 at Brearley, 7; Feb. 11 John-

Central Conference ice hockey alignment for 2004-2005

The following is the Central Conference alignment for the 2004-200 scholastic ice hockey season. Area teams include Cranford, Johnson, Summit, Dayton and Governor Livingston

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Red Division (7): Bridgewater-Raritan, St. Joseph's, Metuchen, Cranford Ridge, West Essex, Montclair, Montclair-Kimberley Academy. Defending playoff champ: Ridge. They compete for the McInnis Cup in the conference playoffs

White Division (7); Johnson, West Orange, Nutley, Westfield, Bernards Summit, Verona

Defending playoff champ: Montclair-Kimberley Academy. They compete for Van Cott Cup in the conference playoffs.

Blue Division (7): Watchung Hills, Dayton, Millburn, Livingston, Newark East Side, Governor Livingston, Passaic Valley. Defending playoff champ: West Orange.

They compete for the Kelly Cup in the conference playoffs.

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PAGE 12 - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2004 Artist's work captures nature

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the 38 sites and numerous interiors throughout Union County.

of the people who lived throughout the Union County at earlier times. history '

which has given me the opportunity to vide more formal images.

be exhibe the her. Union County his- "Phave discovered that right here " producer for New Jersey Media Cenorical photographs, at Bouras, Gal., in my own back yard there are won- ter in Berkeley Heights leries 15 Del orest Ave . Summit: from derful sites texphotograph and images. She also enjoys teaching photograto share?

by appointment only. To make an order to best volunteer my skills to Furope. since been inspited by not only the Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Sum-On created a large body of photo- "interesting subject matter and history" "mit. Peters Valley Craft Education" stable that were used in a historical for New Jersey, but also by the many Endebook our together by the county volunteers I have met while doing my she spent months doing research on [] research and photographing the sites."

balance of images between the archi- shops, conducted each spring in Cape Her artistic selection of subject tecture, furniture, costumes and artis May matter is determined by the best sum- facts of by-gone eras to reflect those mary of images to depict the lifestyle who lived, worked and played in Jersey Photography Forum, a group of county during different time periods in Some images are romantic in style photographers, who meet to critique and provide a contrast to the playful each other's work and exhibit together

Ori refers to these images as "por- sections 🚛 antique dolls and toys." locally traits" of the architecture and artifacts. some are bold forms of tools and t "Since 1970; I have traveled bobjects presented almost as sculptures throughout the world working on var- and some are planned or contain artis- bonus that part of the proceeds from tous photographic and video projects tically composed room set ups to pro-

an industrial photographer and video-

phy classes and workshops each year

Center, the Somerset Art Association and Watchung Adult School." In 1990, she established the New The body of work will provide a Jersey Heritage Photography Work-

> In 1995, she co-founded the New professional and very serious amateur.

Along with the idea of a venue for New Jersey artists goes the addeil any sales at the Bouras Galleries goes to benefit Overlook Hospital.



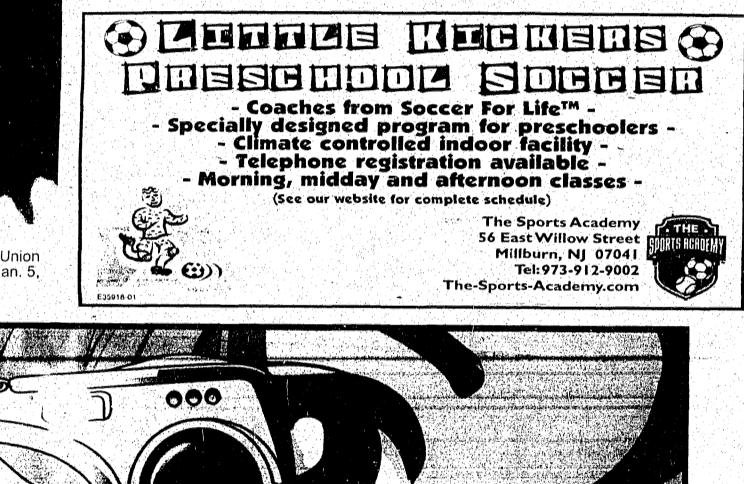
Dorothy Szot, principal of Holy Trinity Interparochial School, was honored by the stu-dents of the Mountainside campus on Principal's Day, which is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark. Szot was presented with flowers and a handcrafted book of students' artwork in appreciation of her 36 years of academic excellence. From left are Brendan McCabe, Kelsey Eelman, Dorothy Szot, Kelly Farmar and Thomas Miner.

Scouts sought for arboretum project

Is your troop, pack or den in need program are asked to create a display, species, endangered species, organic of a service project? Reeves-Reed booth or activity on how to care for the gardening, pre-cycling, living lightly Arboretum is looking for creative earth. The event is scheduled for 1 to 4 on the earth, gardening for wildlife. young leaders to help "Celebrate the p.m. on the grounds of the arboretum. and the importance of trees are just a Earth" on April 17. Participants in the Themes such as recycling, invasive few of the earth-friendly topics



Five-time Heart Grant recipient, Nancy Ori of Berkeley Heights, will be exhibiting her Union County historical photographs at Bouras Galleries 25 DeForest Ave., Summit, from Jan. 5, through February.



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Registration opens for spring workshops

The educational department at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave, in Summit recently opened registration for the popular family fun winter/spring programs.

Family fun workshops are designed to educate young children about nature in a fun and exciting way. Workshops are for children, ages 3 to 7 years-old. Monday through Friday afternoons, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Children in the pre-kindergarten class enjoy a craft or planting and a short hike. Caregivers are required to attend and assist their child. Children in the

kindergarten through 7-year-old class participate in hands-on activities as well but spend more time exploring the grounds. Caregivers are welcome but not required to stay. The hour-long classes allow caregivers of older children just enough time for

a stroll through the grounds and/or a trip to The Garden Shop.

Winter Spring classes are Magic Rocks, January; Papermaking, February; Edible Nests; March and Terrific Trees; April, Pre-K offers two classes per session. The fee per workshop is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Class sizes are limited and spots fill quickly.

For information, call 908-273-8787 and ask for ext. 14 or 25. Reeves-Reed Arboretum, a non-profit organization, is the only arboretum in Union County and is funded entirely by memberships, fund-raisers and dona-



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Directors up for pay hikes County freeholder board set to vote on raises tonight

By Mark Hrywna

Regional Editor County department heads are slated to receive average salary increases of almost 4 percent under an ordinance to be voted on by the Board of Chosen Freeholders tonight.

Freeholders introduced the ordinance at their meeting on Dec. 2 by a average down." 7-0 vote with Freeholders Lewis Mingo and Chester Holmes absent, The Board of Chosen Freeholders is scheduled to conduct a public hearing at its meeting tonight before approv- ance during the past year. Especially Sharp is now a contract administrator cent. increasing their part-time after the November election. "The ing the salary ordinance.

Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, chairman of the board's Fiscal Affairs Committee, said all department heads' salary increases are a recommendation from the county manager. All are merit increases based on performance during the past year while the county manager's pay hike is based on a diswhole, Mirabella said

doing an outstanding job of running scheduled to receive an increase this the day-to-day operations. He's had an year is Director of Operations and outstanding year administering our Facilities Richmond Lapolla. Devaninitiatives."

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better years than others," Mirabella to speak specifically about Lapolla said, adding, "we tried to keep the since it is a personnel matter.

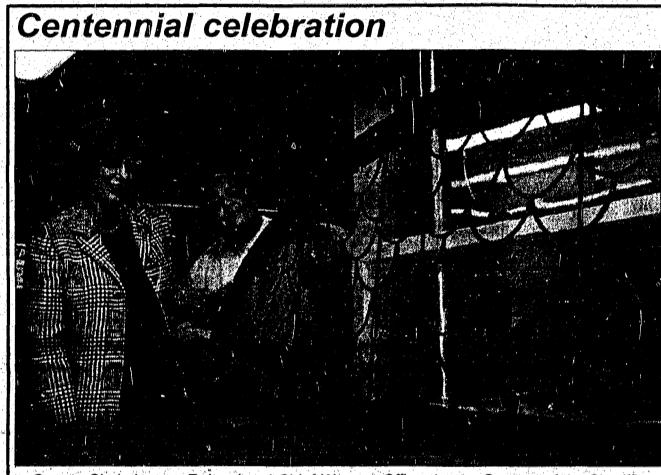
Union County Manager George this year's annual salary ordinance Devanney said the pay hikes have because technically he's no longer a always been retroactive to Jan. 1, county employee. Runnells Specialreflective of the director's perform- ized Hospital Administrator Joseph in a leadership position, he said, raises since accepting the county's early salaries from \$27,000 to \$28,013. should not be given automatically at retirement incentive. Sharp is now the start of the year.

him to keep raises within what labor he carned as a county employee, withreceived. The overall total dollar benefits, Devanney said. amount in pay raises among directors averages out to what has been award- salary increases this year. Last year, year, he said.

"Collectively, the board felt he's The only department head not ney said there is good and bad in "Obviously, some directors had everyone's performance and declined

Another director is not included in

The freeholders will not be getting



County Clerk Joanne Raioppi and Chief Warrant Officer Lester Sargent of the Sheriff's Office examine an original ornate 1905 window from the county courthouse that was donated to the Courthouse Centennial Celebration Committee. The window and other artifacts will be part of a year-long celebration featuring exhibits and events to showcase the courthouse as the center of law, justice and county business. The courthouse marks the 100th anniversary of its dedication in May. If you have items to lend, or questions about the project, contact the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908-558-2550 or e-mail at culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

Several bills in state Legislature would increase minimum wage

By A.E. Gualtieri and Mark Hrywna

New York may have done it first, but if legislators have their way, New Jersey might not be far behind. A halfdozen bills are working their way. through the state Senate and Assembly that seek to raise the minimum wage by as much as \$3.85.

If you have a family of four and earn less than \$18,556, you're considered poor by national standards. A full-time worker making minimum wage in New Jersey --- where the cost of living is estimated to be at least 20 percent higher than the national aver-

Adjusted for inflation, the federal minimum wage in 1973 would be \$8.10 per hour in 2002 dollars. Only 11 states have higher minimum wages than the federal standard, mainly on the West Coast and upper Northeast. Nearby, Delaware at \$6.15, and Connecticut at \$7.10, have higher minimum wages.

minimum wage were intruduced as since.

Richard Codey, the acting governor and state Senate president, D-Essex, sponsored a bill, S-1000, that would increase the minimum wage 25 cents this year and 50 cents next year. Kelley Heck, a spokeswoman for Codey, said, "The governor supports not only a minimum wage, but a living wage," and stressed that the governor would continue to work toward that end.

Another bill, A-1252, sponsored by Assemblyman Craig Stanley, D-Essex, would instruct the state labor commissioner to set the minimum wage at 30 percent of the average Bill Sponsor

• A-1252 Stanley, D-Essex Raises minimum wage to 30 percent of the average hourly wage, which at this time would be \$6.29 per hour, based on an average of \$20.96 per hour in New Jersey

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Cohen, D-Union Raises minimum wage to \$7 by January 2006

S-2065 Sweeney, D-Salem Raises minimum wage to \$7 by January 2005 and 30 percent of average hourly wage by July of each year.

hourly wage for all workers in the

Put simply, that would be \$6,29 per hour, 30 percent of the \$20.96-perhour average as of July 2002. The cur- - position on any proposed legislation, rent \$5.15 per hour is just less than 25 percent of the average.

Assemblyman Neil Cohen, D-Union, has sponsored legislation that would increase the wage to \$7 an hour. "After 12 years, \$5.15 an hour for 40 hours a week is not a living wage." said Cohen, citing large cost of living increases over the last decade.

Cohen, who sits on the Labor Committee, also said that the New York raise hasn't put any pressure on New don't think this. from \$5.15 to \$7. is Jersey's Legislature, but that New Jer- going to impact much on the business sev can't wait for the federal government to move on the issue. He hopes that when the Assembly returns in Jan- sure you're not hurting the economy uary, there will be some movement on and employment," Assemblyman Jon this issue

While increasing the minimum Republican perspective, 1'm not in a wage might put more money into the rush to increase the minimum wage.

pocket of employees, it also would raises costs for employers.

The Union County Chamber o Commerce does not have an official President James Coyle said, adding that there are negative aspects to increasing the minimum wage.

Increases in the minimum wage tend to be detrimental to youth and the working poor, Coyle said. They also have an negative effect on business' ability to offer benefits like health insurance because "they raise the overall cost of doing business." Cohen, however, disagreed. "

side." he said.

"I'm neutral, you have to make Bramnick, R-Union, said. "From the

• A-3508

age --- would earn \$10.300 a year.

In the Legislature, bills to raise the

early as January and ās late as November, but all have been in the Senate or Assembly's Labor Committee's ever

trays himself as such a straight arrow to justify the ripping down of a sign. He probably can't.

WORRALL COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

Naughty

and nice

• Happy holidays to Joanne Schwab of Hillside. The deputy

surrogate for the county gets raves

for her competency and compas

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confusion after the death of a

loved one. She's straight out of

who patiently helps people at

vulnerable time in their lives.

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man Rich Gerbounka. The grea

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down an unapproved parking sign.

The problem is for a guy who por-

Out

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By Frank Capece · Happy holidays to Karishm Desai. This Roselle Park Hig School senior juggles two jobs and a rigorous academic schedule. She wants to go to professional school. She also happens to be a really nice kid.

• Humbug to Cranford Admin-istrator Marlena Schmidt. At a recent town meeting she engaged in an animated discussion with the township attorney ignoring public speaker and Town Elder Leo McMahon. At one point she even motioned the mayor to move things along. She could learn a few things by listening to McMahon. Maybe Bell's Pharmacy can prescribe something for her discom-

· Happy holidays to Robert Frump from Summit. His book on the wreck of a merchant marine ship off Virginia in 1983 was so riveting it was turned into a documentary by the History Channel.

· Happy holidays to Jon Bramnick. The assemblyman recently introduced a common sense bill to help communities facing those annoying signs left on utility poles. He first checked with officials and moved the bill carefully · Humbug to Attorney General Peter Harvey. After being hit in the press for not enough convictions. he seems hell bent on showing what a touch guy he has become Both versions are offensive.

· Humbug to Seth Michaels from Summit and anybody else trying to delay the efforts of Superintendent Carolyn Deacon to end overcrowding in the schoo

• Happy holidays to Union Township Sunday Chapter of Gamblers Anonymous. They celebrated their 31st anniversary last Sunday.

- Humbug to Walter Garthwaite who manages the county Jury Division. The reports are that his style is akin to Gil Favor on "Rawhide":-"Move in and move

• Happy holidays to Pat Nasta The clerk of the Union Township Municipal Court doesn't hide behind counters and doors. She deals with the problems of a busy court efficiently and usually finds time for a smile.

· Humbug to every newspaper and public official who isn't alarmed that the state debt rose i one year from \$18.6 billion (\$21.4 billion. Some believe the number is even higher.

· Happy holidays to the Rev. Valencia Norman of First Presbyterian Church of Cranford. Her eulogy "Gratitude for a life well lived" at the death of a mutual friend was wonderful. There prob ably is a papal edict that prohibits a Catholic from hugging a minis ter, but her words were stirring.

 Happy holidays to Adele Gilman who runs the senior housing in Cranford. She is loved and respected by her tenants.

· Happy holidays to Bill Fidurski of Clark. Even though he takes barbs at this corner, there is a need at the table for a guy who fights the good fight against freight line extensions, challenges to the environment and a misplaced senior building.

· Happy holidays to Assembly nan Neil Cohen from Roselle who See SEASON'S, Page B2



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Position	2003	2004	Increase
County manager	\$136,740	\$144,258	\$7,518/5.50%
Deputy county manager	\$119,743	\$126,029	\$6,286/5.20%
County counsel	\$125,000	\$131,250	\$6,250/5.00%
Director, parks and recreation	\$103,481	\$108,396	\$4.915/4.70%
Director, human services	\$110,320	\$115,008	\$4,688/4.20%
Director, finance	\$112,977	\$117,496	\$4,519/4.00%
Director, public safety	\$102,000	\$105,825	\$3,825/3.75%
Director, engineering and DPW	\$108,006	\$111,786	\$3,780/3.50%
Director, economic development	\$99,395	\$102,376	\$2,981/3.00%
Director, operations & facilities	\$111,264	\$111,264	\$0/0.00%

responsible," Mirabella said. "I don't ty residents. unions for county employees have out costing the county for employee think an increase is called for each year," although he thinks one would be justified.

county doesn't raise revenue by sell-"Everyone feels we're compensat- ing products, it raises revenue by raisunder contract for an annual salary of ed fairly, everyone's working hard and ing property taxes. The raises are com-Devanney said it's important to \$80,000, less than the six-figure salary we're doing our part to be fiscally ing out of the pockets of Union Coun-

"It's somewhat unseemly to keep giving people retroactive 11-month - salary hikes," Morin said, adding that Union County Chairman Philip the county should give its justification

cussion and decision by the board as a ed countywide for the second straight board members awarded themselves. Morin said the salary ordinance comes to the public upfront for the annual pay hikes of approximately 3.75 per- up every year, before Christmas but raises.



Staff Writer

Commuters on the Raritan Valley Line who are tired of the morning parking spot shuffle may be relieved b hear of the shuttle project under onsideration for some Union County communities along the rail line.

The county Bureau of Transportation will hold a public meeting on Friday to introduce the the project and hear public feedback on the plan. The cles off the roads and help reduce hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the some of the congestion we see during county Annex Building, 300 North men Ave. East, Westfield.

Shuttle service currently operates Plainfield, Scotch Plains and West-

muters, parking and congestion, espe- three-year period, with the expectation Route 28/Westfield that of Avenue, are a major concern.

"Certainly there's always a demand for parking," said Cranford Town Cranford, Fanwood and Scotch Plains. Commissioner George Jorn, pointing to the over two-year waiting list for commuter spaces at the lot behind the Cranford train station.

While Cranford has discussed the possibility of shuttle service in the past, according to Jorn, concerns arose over logistics. However, he said, the ossibility of shuttle service is "certainly something we could revisit."

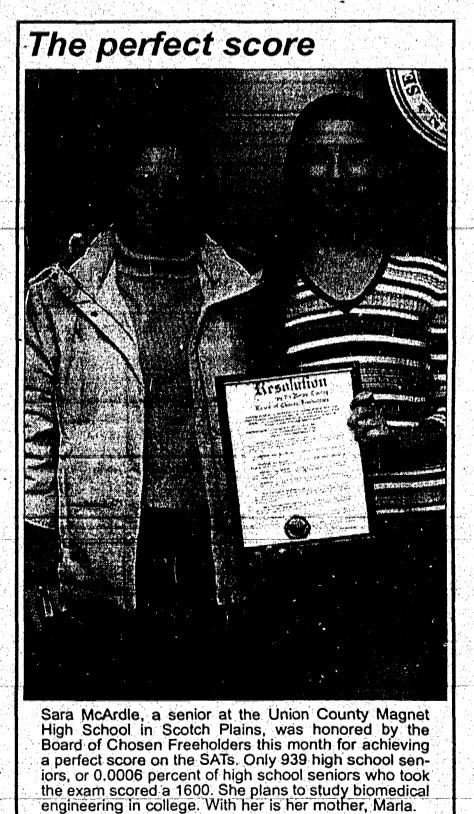
Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada said the shuttle plan could alleviate some of the traffic issues facing these communities

"This could take individual vehifirst floor public meeting room of the rush hour," he said in a preapred state-

The county had received a federal grant through the North Jersey Transin Roselle Park. The program seeks to portation Planning Authority to do a expand to serve six other municipali- technical study of the viability of ties along the Raritan Valley railroad weekday commuter runs, midday line: Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, townwide circulators and weekend services

Shuttles would be obtained through For municipalities with many com- NJ Transit on a declining scale over a self-support the program.

The initial shuttles would be run in Westfield and Garwood could receive service originating in those towns, with the option to start their own shuttle services in the future.



Free passport, photo IDs for kids under 16

The Union County Clerk's Office intering free passport and identification photos for children aged 16 and younger through the end of the year. s ounty Clerk Joanne Rajoppi announced. "This is a 'Happy Holiday's' gift to

Union. County residents from our experienced and professional staff," Rajoppi said.

The photos: can be taken at the The photos: can be taken in hours, on Dec. 25, it will be cruck and main Office of the County Clerk in Dec. 24 for the Christmas holiday and

Season's greetings

would mandate large box retailers like since September. He should be in all Wal-Mart complète à regional assess- our prayers. ment before being able to build in our -

Happy holidays to Sgt. Peter Picarelli for efforts to impress Hal-" loween safety on the kids in Roselle Park

· Happy holidays to Rahway High School junior Jamie Godfrey for her. volleyball prowess. How about All-State next year?

· Humbug to Clark Mayor Sal Bonaccorso for feeling the need to peer into the camera at a town meeting after his big election win, to make it clear he was not related to Township

· Happy holidays to Michele and Jonathan David from Roselle. They Police Chief Eric Mason. When asked of prisoners in Iraq. The charges seem pretty flimsy. By the way, war is a nasty business and the kids in harm's way deserve our full support.

· Happy holidays to Robert

for the photos is \$7. the Westfield annes, 300 North reopen on Jan 3,

Ave Fast: processes County Identities cation bards, passport applications. Clerk is located at the Union County Tto Operation Rieadbasker, galling swearings-it: of notary publics, and Courthouse, 2 Broad St., Room 1134; Univer County Sherilt's Office at \$08 clerk certificares The Union County Clerk's West-Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to

he closed on Friday from 1T a.m. to reached at 908-527-4966. 1:30 p.m. for technical servicing. The annex will be open from 8 a.m. 'Operation Breadbasket' to 7:30 p.m., its normal Thursday

McGuire of the Union County Police is pushing legislation in Trenton that Department who has been in Iraq

of Roselle. Her portrait and doll artistry is getting statewide acclaim. She also has a great first name.

demonstrating that soft spoken and Froehlich said.

reflective conduct will be rewarded by the voters.

for pedestrian safety.

· Happy holidays to Cranford first elected sheriff in 1977.

are going through the terrible ordeal of this summer why the chief was out than half of what they usually are at -together. watching their son charged with abuse cutting his grass he said, "because my this point in the season. wife told me to," Good answer,

Westfield. The normal processing-fee will reopen on Dec. 27. The annex will subjudge food, the astronomy of Service

The main Office of the County

field Annex, 300 North Ave. Fast, will 4:30 p.m. The main office can be Gun surrender program

needs your support "Operation Breadbasker" is in

urgent need of donations of money and food in order to continue its mission of providing needy families with food deliveries this holiday season. Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich

Economic troubles have led to lower-than-expected financial dona-• Happy holidays to Diana Eufrasio tions, even as the number of families and senior citizens in need has increased. Also, due to management changes and other issues, major corpo- Happy holidays to Councilman rate contributors of food and logistical Henry Ogden of Summit and Union support in the past may not be able to County Freeholder Betty Kowalski for make the same commitment this year,

With its annual "Operation Breadbasket," the Union County Sheriff's Skate with Santa · Happy holidays to Summit Coun- Office gives hundreds of boxes of cilwoman Diane Klaif for her crusade food to residents in need during the skating rink at Warinanco. Park in

food are assembled and delivered in younger \$4: seniors, older than 62, An attorney, Frank Capece is a res- the week before Christmas. The "bas- \$4.25 tee skate rental is available for kets" typically include about \$100 an additional \$3.

also be closed on Dec. 31 and will chickelist brange have an 6 month egglige, butter and more

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that will allow Union County residence to turn in handcuns and ritles in exchange for certificates good for any "to \$50" for food or sports complying has been launched in an effort to remove dangerous weapons from homes and neighborhoods. The surrender site will be open in Plainfield of the Save A Life Today on Sahirday If citizens cannot bring the weapon, wrapped in a paper bag and. tied with string, the local police department is willing to offer pickup of the gun and delivery service of a gift certificate if residents call the Plainfield Police Division at 908-753-

3112 to make arrangements. For more information, call Executive Assistant Presecutor Robert O'Leary at 908-527-4505

Santa Claus will visit the indoor lee holiday season. Froehlich started Roselle from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday. • Happy holiday to Sara McCardle "Operation Breadbasket" with a hand- and Sunday. Presented by the Union of Scotch Plains and the Union Coun- ful of colleagues when he was an Eliz- County Board of Choser, Freeholders Administrator, John Laczza as was ty Magnet School for her perfect score abeth police officer in the 1960s and and the Union County Department of expanded it countywide after he was Parks and Recreation. Ice Skate with Santa Claus offers families an inex-Financial contributions are less pensive way to enjoy an afternoon out

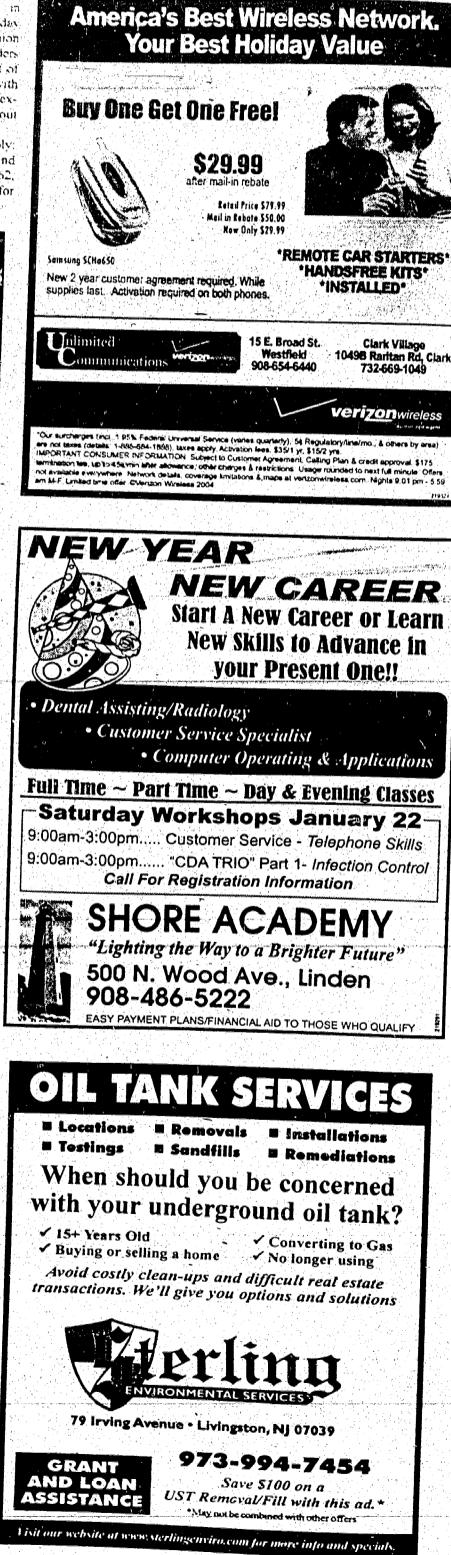
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This witch casts her own spell for writing Books about witches are not uncommon, but books about witches. On the Shelf

who attempt to live as normal a life as possible without naving to resort to "magick," are fascinating. They are and conveys a message of a family cridoubly fascinating when their author writes sequels.

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Kenilworth, who wrote one interesting her with open arms. Connor, now a novel, "Lady Samantha," published by married man, still yearns for Saman-Xlibris in 2003, and its equally atten- tha. Her, unspeakably rude mother, tion-getting sequel, "Samantha's Morgan, has given Samantha a gift, Awakening," in 2004. The books were her great-grandmother's strange jourso popular, that she is working on the nal, to peruse. It seems that Samantha third in a series, of which a chapter is already in the works.

"Lady Samantha" and "Samantha's Awakening" may be a little far fetched and may have to be taken with a grain tioned about the journal in both books. of salt, but Harris is a great storyteller. Her characters are fascinating and realistic, and certainly unpredictable, and what she puts them through in many people, but it seems that there is both of her books is worth looking a haunted, always drafty third-floor into. They can make a reader love apartment, in which a phantom presthem, hate them, fear them and cheer them on; although they actually have a is this phantom, and why does anyone mind of their own and do what they want to do, despite a reader's anxieties. It seems that sometimes, they use a little magic and even get away "Lady Samantha," one is anxious to from the author

In the first book, Samantha Donnelly, who left her home, fiance and has found a way to whet a reader's family of witches in a Victorian house appetite. She has added a few pages of in Willow Lake 10 years ago under the beginning of the sequel, "Samanmysterious circumstances, has had no tha's Awakening," to the end of "Lady contact with any of them. The family Samantha." has practiced Craft, a magic religion, for centuries, and it seems that Samantha wants little or nothing to do with by rote, and the second book gives a any of it. She resides in Snug Harbor, reader a better understanding of Hara small seaside town, is employed in a ris' characters. Samantha's relationrealtor's office and finds emotional ship with her mother softens - just a comfort when she is befriended by her bit - and despite her love for Paul, ter of her employee, flighty Lisa. Lisa, nor. who has become Samantha's best friend, has introduced her to a young, Awakening," Samantha shows signs attentive man, Paul Gaylord, to whom of becoming a writer, and while she she eventually becomes engaged.

with the heartbreaking memories and book. There is less magic, hardly the wicked deeds of her strange mother, practice of Craft, but a continuing Morgan: her mystical grandmother, Grandma Kate; her former fiance, of Harris' characters, especially that of Connor, who ran from her when he Kaitlyn, who has been found and who lost sister, Kaitlyn, who also left the home. hearth and was not heard from since. As with her other two books, Har-There also is Catherine, the Don- ris has once more whetted the reader's nellys' faithful housekeeper, who has appetite with the beginnings of the like most of us, he works at a full-time been with the family forever, and who first chapter of her third book, job during the day, leaving him pre- to look very far at all to find someone takes part in Grandma Kate's terrify- "Samantha's Destiny," which will be cious little time to formulate story to offer an opinion on the story conng seances beginning with. "It is this night, spirits take flight ..."

tha," the story revolves around of this reviewer's crowded bookcase. Samantha's reluctant return to her home due to a family crisis. It seems Bea Smith is a staff writer for Worthat her fiance. Connor, has found her rall Newspapers.

vour whole brood - not easily

out of your entertainment.

they work on several levels.

pens to be played by a man.

with his wife, Bev Sheehan, to Eng-

By Bea Smith sis that necessitates her return home. Her family has mixed feelings One such author is Lita Harris of about her return, but still welcomes

> was named after her great-grandmother, who had written some rather weird, puzzling material about her life and family history. However, little is menwhich is a "puzzlement" in itself.

The Victorian house, a family heirloom, is large enough to accommodate ence seems to wander restlessly. Who who spends a night there come away scathed and terrified - and frozen? By reading the final pages of

discover what has happened to all of these intricate characters. And Harris

So, naturally, a reader will reach out to continue Samantha's journey,

In the second book, "Samantha's freelances for the local newspaper, she Her dreams, however, are filled has deeper feelings about writing a emotional need to know the destinies

available to the public in the summer of 2005, and which will cerily, but In the first book, "Lady Saman- happily, join its two sisters on the shelf



Friends overcome comfort when she is befriended by her landlady, Mrs. Easton, and the daugh-she still has strong feelings for Con-differences in book

By Jeff Cummins Associate Editor

When you're on the road some day, take long before he had a pretty good going through the traditionally har- idea of where he wanted to take the rowing North Jersey commute, take a- story. look at the faces on the drivers around you. If you notice someone who looks actually used a few of the funny ideas as if he's thinking of something that that came up during the session about has nothing to do with his commute, someone who's using his imagination pen on the football field. More imporlearned she was a witch, and her long- now lives in the large Victorian family to its fullest, chances are it's Robert tantly, i believe the children saw the Skead. He seldom misses the opportu- power and energy that can occur when nity to brainstorm for story ideas.

Skead writes children's books, but ideas, hence his need to think of good cept. story ideas on his way to and from

"I try to use all my time effectively," said Skead. "So in my down time, ner and he'd say_'What if the elf brainstorm with myself. I turn the slipped on a banana peel or what if radio off when I drive, and I just start there was a monkey at the game?' imagining stories. When I'm working And I used his suggestions, too." on story, I'm using that time."

Clearly, Skead's efforts have been pretty effective, given the fact that At Home," was released in September. he's had four books published during the last half-dozen years. He was in has changed somewhat for Skead, yet Westfield on Saturday, signing copies his passion for writing remains as of his latest book, "Elves Can't Tack- strong as ever. le," which was published by Cross Training Publishing of Grand Island,

"Elves Can't Tackle" is the second in the "Elves" series, and Skead seems to be have a real knack for developing a character that children enjoy.

In this book, Sebastian the elf is pitted against his best friend, Ralphy the polar bear, placing the two friends in an awkward situation.

"When you're writing for children friendship is always important, so I talked about loyalty and friendship," said Skead. "Certainly, sports provide the best kind of drama for one guy versus another guy. And when they're friends, and something goes wrong, it adds good conflict, which is what every story needs."

Skead illustrated the need for Can't Tackle." that showed why it can going to happen." be beneficial to consult with other people about a story idea.

driving in my car for potential 'Elves' is committed to children's reading Can't Tackle' stories. I then shared those ideas with my friend. Marshal Younger, who is also a writer, and we Skead's ideas, having played varsity agreed that one of those ideas was the strongest, but the idea still needed to be developed and flushed out.

"I had plenty of ideas in my head on how to improve the story, but 1 knew I'd be doing an author visit at an elementary school and thought maybe I could teach and inspire the kids with -a special brainstorming session. So I asked a teacher there, Eva Mulraney, to see if she could find 20 children who had read 'Elves' Can't Dunk,' who might want to be part of a brainstorming session with me for my new

approximately 20 children and discussed ideas for the concept. It didn't

"The kids were very creative and I what kinds of funny things could hapminds are focussed on solving a problem or creating something."

In one instance. Skead didn't have "I also got ideas from my son, Rob-

bie," he said. "He and I would talk about the story over breakfast and din-

"Elves Can't Tackie" is Skead's fourth book over all. His first, "Safe 1999. During that time, the experience He readily acknowledged that his

writing has improved with time and experience.

"It's like shooting baskets in your driveway; you get better with practice," he said. One difference is that the publisher. Cross Training Publishing, is now aware of Skead. Prior to the publishing of his first book, there were days when it seemed as though

he might never get published. And even though Skead possesses tremendous faith, there were still moments he worried that he might not accomplish his dream.

"Tenacity is the key to the whole process; writing is the easy part," he said. "I used to cry out of frustration, because you want something so bad, and it's not happening, or at least it's not happening as quickly as you want brainstorming with an anecdote about it to happen, but you've got to keep developing the concept for "Elves the faith, and keep the hope that it's

Once it did happen, Skead discovered he had opened the door to a long-"I generated two good ideas while standing relationship. Cross Training entertainment, and publisher Gordon Thiessen is certainly receptive to football during his undergraduate days at the University of Nebraska.

It didn't hurt that Skead has a solid background in the subject matter, either. Having always excelled in baseball, he married into a family that increased his background in sports. His father-in-law played for the Washington Redskins in 1943, and his brother-in-law played for the Edmonton Oilers and Quebec Nordiques of the National Hockey League.

"I have a very good relationship with my father-in-law, and I knew all along when I was going to do a foot-So Skead sat in a classroom with ball story that I had to have a charac-

quite like this again **By Jeff Cummins** Associate Editor So it's the holiday season, and expect responses in return," he said

You'll never see Jack

Simple. What better to choose than include local humor, notes about local

You're not the only one reading this " "For example, 'Jack and the play, and features a lot of double ence," said Sheehan, "and it contains a meanings. This way, the children groups could do the same thing, they'd and the adults, well, they take a little We read other versions of 'Jack and something different from the dialogue. the Beanstalk,' but Brian said, 'I can Brian Corrigan, writer/director of write a better one,' and our version is "Jack and the Beans Talk," which will called 'Jack and the Beans Talk' for a be performed at the Burgdorff Center reason, but I won't say what that reain Maplewood, pointed out that one of son is."

"It was just the first one that That's just the beginning of the popped into our minds," said Sheehan. humor with a panto. For one thing, the "Part of it is that this is the first time young hero - a boy, is always played we've done something like this, so we

course, there's the big, brassy woman. The play runs through Dec. 28 a added that audience interaction plays Ave.

an important part in a panto. "The actors speak to the audience, and they you're in search of a last-second selec- "When you see the villain, you're suption of entertainment that will dazzle posed to hiss and boo." Sheehan noted that one of the most accomplished, when you consider that enjoyable things about pantos is that each of you wants something different they're tailor-made to be particularly relevant to their audience. They might

a panto play. No, don't be upset. politics, celebrities, etc. who doesn't know what a panto is. A Beanstalk' has a lot of pantos, but this panto is usually based on a children's one is made for an Essex/Union audientendres, i.e., phrases with two lot of Short Hills references. Other enjoy the play from their perspective, just have to adjust the local references.

the unique things about pantos is that Still another thing that's different about a panto is that the writer is free "They combine a lot of elements of to change the story a tad, as Corrigan slapstick, and corny jokes," said Cor- and Sheehan discovered on one of rigan, who has traveled several times their trips to England.

"One year we went to see 'Cinland, where they discovered the joys derella,' which was a panto, and we of panto shows. "There's the fun chil- just thought it was hilarious," said dren's story, and the adult story that Sheehan. So, the question is, why did you'll only get if you're old enough to they choose this one to produce?

by a girl, as in Peter Pan, And, of wanted a really familiar story."

known as "the dame," who just hap- the Burgdorff Cultural Center, 10 Durand Rd., Maplewood. Tickets are "But it's less Dame Edna than Mil- \$25 for adults, \$10 for children, and ton Berle," said Corrigan. "It's not reservations are recommended. For really a drag role; everyone kind of information, call 973-763-4029, or knows it's a guy wearing a dress. For purchase tickets at the Robin Hutchins some reason, the Brits think it's funny Gallery, 179 Maplewood Ave., or at when a guy wears a dress." Corrigan Richard Roberts, 181 Maplewood



Sleep deprivation won't stop author

By Bea Smith Staff Writer

Novelist Lita Harris of Keniljuices in a born writer continue to

tor manager for Wachovia, writing poetry, and managing household chores, including making meals for Milochik. And she kept in close Harris wrote stories on the Web sit policeman in Washington, D.C., and in Gaudineer School, Springfield. And she and her husband "traveled a lot" during vacation time.

third in the trilogy, "Samantha's Destiny," by the summer of 2005. She resigned from her job two months ago so that she could concentrate on her writing.

"The trouble with being at home all day long," Harris admitted dur- ed in the subject when she was in ing breakfast the other morning in a Alaska. She visited a bookstore and diner in Kenilworth, "is that everyone thinks you're always available. The distractions are many. The telephone rings, the dogs bark, people call for favors or just to chat. It's difficult to concentrate."

Harris said she spends a lot of time in the library. "A lot of research goes into writing a book. And it can become very lonely. It's just you and your lap top computer. When that important, and it works for me."

was 12 years old when her grandfa- end of my book, to keep people ther died. "We were very close. I was listening to the radio, and a song came on, 'Lady Samantha' by Three Dog Night, and it gave me a visual picture of the character, which I utilized in later life. I used to write all of my feelings in poetry, and all my feelings for my beloved grandfather went into poetry that

Harris said she always enjoyed writing. She wrote plays in school, and "people paid attention."

She and her husband met as children when they both lived in Elizabeth. After they were married, they lived in Alaska for several years.

ter named after my father-in-law," said Skead. "I didn't know if he'd be OK made sure he wasn't the bad guy."

As a writer of children's books, Skead always likes to leave his readers with a positive message, which he inscribes on every book he signs.

"Winters here were more difficult f deal with than in the interior of Alaska, where we lived. It was very worth has proved that the creative dry there, not the bone-chilling cold that we have here." It was in Alaska multiply under any and all circum- when she started writing again. She took writing courses at the Universi-During the time that she wrote ty of Fairbanks. But when Harris two in a trilogy of three novels, and her husband moved back to "Lady Samantha" and "Samantha's New Jersey, she had to "put writing Awakening," she was working 60 on the back burner again so I could hours a week as a brokerage opera- raise two children." She and her husband have resided in Kenilworth for eight years.

She began taking courses at her hard-working husband, George Writers University, an online school. touch with their son. Michael, 26, a and began to get a lot of feedback "One afternoon. I began building daughter. Sarah. 24. a civics teacher my story with these lessons, and I turned it into a book." she said. " have a very supportive husband who encouraged me. And whenever my Now, Harris is planning to write husband would go fishing in Rush. full time and hopes to complete the Pa., I would sit on the porch and write. I think a little of my interest in witchcraft, which my characters practice in my books, comes from my mother, who used to read (for tune telling) cards."

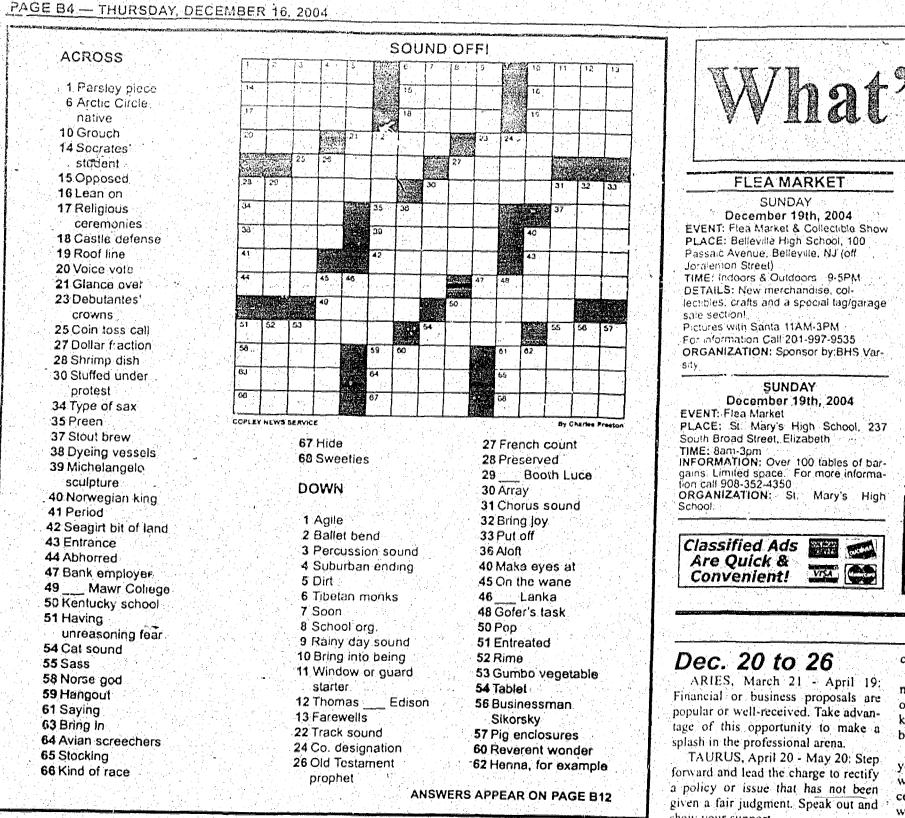
Actually, Harris became interest purchased all the books she could on witches and witchcraft. "I loved to read anyway. I would read anything I could get my hands on. Because we traveled quite a bit, we stopped in Salem, Mass., and I got my ideas from Laurie Cabot, the official witch of Salem."

It took Harris a year to write her first book and nearly as long to write the second one. "People read for happens, I put on CDs to put me in entertainment," she said. "And I like the mood when I'm writing. I use to keep the people involved and them for atmosphere. It's very hold their interest. It was my daughter who suggested that I write the Harris began writing when she first pages of my next novel at the interested, to know there's more coming. Each book has a different feel to it, even if the characters are familiar. I also trust the opinion of people, and the many who have read my books, seem to like my books. I find that very encouraging."

Although Harris' books are selfpublished, she plans to find a professional publisher for them in the near future. In the meantime, avid readers can purchase her books by going online to Xlibris Publishing. www.amazon.com or www.bn.com. One may even contact Harris through her own Web site www.litaharris.com.

"One thing I write to a kid when I personalize a book is 'Never give up with it, so I sent him a draft, so I could on your dreams, "" said Skead, "I'm get his blessing first. Of course, I not a rich author, or a famous author. but it's nice to accomplish a goal. Then all the waiting, all the frustration. washes away,"

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of 1985, 20-year reunion, June 11, • Scotch Plains High School Class June 25. of 1975, 30-year reunion.

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GEMINI, May 21 - June 21: Stop and look within for the answers to a gnawing mystery or question. Use your psychic view to recognize the truth of the situation.

CANCER, June 22 - July 22: A close personal relationship is destined to to lift you to a higher plane. Relax and enjoy a wild and wonderful ride in the arms of a loved one.

LEO, July 23 - Aug. 22: Time is like money, and should be well-spent. Practice discipline in your work or daily routine and avoid making what

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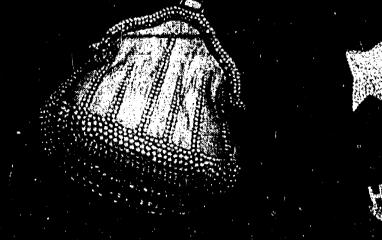
cerns and make necessary changes cash in reserve for yourself. within your domestic environment.

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SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 22 - Dec. 21: A shared financial goal is presented for your review and consent. Clari- with friends or loved ones. fy the details of the agreement prior to signing the dotted line.

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AQUARIUS, Jan. 20 - Feb. 18: A misunderstanding between you and a make promises to children or loved co-worker can be quickly and easily ones that might be very difficult to explained. Put your ego aside and-PISCES. Feb. 19 - March 20:

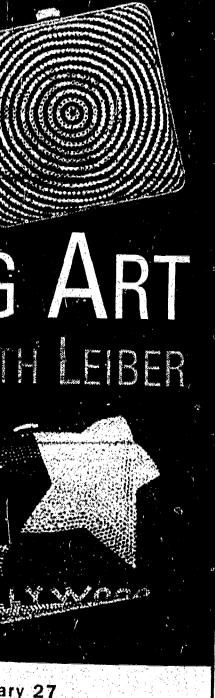
LIBRA, Sept. 23 - Oct. 23: Focus Social activities involving friends can your energy on home and family this be financially, mentally and physically week. Discuss your feelings and con- draining. Keep some time, energy or If your birthday is this week, all forms of communication are high-

lighted during the coming year. Look into ways in which you can Get the facts straight before lowering improve or streamline the way information is gathered and processed on

the business and professional level. Avoid conflict; strife or discord

Find a common ground for working together in order to achieve a shared goal.

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Actress with Shakespeare Theatre is honored with fellowship

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to assist the career development of Williams is one of the most exciting dominated by men." young theater, dance and film artists, young designers with whom we've _____ Among William's recent Shake-____ In addition to her artistic contribu-____ children annually, it is the state's only _____ foundations and individuals: which more than 400 young artists directors, envisions the total scope of renowned lose Limon Dance Compa- which will tour schools and other relevance of the classics for contem- official water provider.

of New Jersey resident artist Marion of New Jersey's company of design- ness." Williams of Brooklyn, N.Y., will ers, Williams was selected to receive receive a 2604-05 Princess Grace a Princess Grace Award in the The- bold step for this young woman to set. View form the Bridge," "You're a Stage production.

At its recent annual Awards Gala, from throughout the nation were a piece of stage art -- she sees the ny, the Berkshire Theatre Festival, venues throughout the tristate region parary audiences.

aside, for awhile, her burgeoning cos- Good Man, Charlie Brown" and

the Princess Grace Award recognizes worked in recent years. In her double speare Theatre of New Jersey credits tion to "Of Mice and Men," the professional theater company dediartistic promise and a dedication to - role as both a scenic and costume are the scenic and costume designs Princess Grace Fellowship will supexcellence. The \$10,000 grant was designer, she has chosen an interest- for the company's highly acclaimed port Williams' scenic and costume other world classics. Through its dis- New Jersey. Triumph Brewing Comawarded to Williams, a native of ing and unusual path as an artist. Main Stage production of "Of Mice design work on The Shakespeare tinguished productions and education pany is The Shakespeare Theatre of Cookeville, Tenn., following a highly Marion represents, I think, that spe- and Men." Her credits also include Theatre's spring 2005 Shakespeare programs, the company strives to New Jersey's official beer provider. competitive selection process, in cial brand of designer who, like great costume and/or scenic design for the LIVE! production of "Macbeth," illuminate the universal and lasting. Crystal Rock Water is the company's

Lion King."

Abandoned factories could provide ideal space to facilitate arts efforts

By Jeff Cummins Associate Editor

Sure, there's art in Essex County, but if you're an artist, where do you find space that's appropriate and affordable?

Well, if you're walking along Scotland Road in Orange some day, you'll likely notice some old abandoned factories. Artists take note: Your opportu-nity for an ideal space may well come in the form of one of the loft spaces in one of these factories. Oh, sure, there are some people chuckling about ing these old factories for artists' lofts.

Better still, the area where these factories are located, known as "The many developers have, however. Valley" in Orange, oozes with a lot more history and charm

The former F. Berg Hat Factory, which the Housing and Neighborhood Development Services group plans to revitalize, was once the biggest, most productive of the 34 hat factories in Orange, which was known as the "Hat capital of the world."

"They were cheek to jowl down here," said HANDS Executive Director Pat Morrissy, referring to the vitalartists in lofts. But one thought about ity and industry-related congestion the influx of artists into the area that existed in the area when the hatknown as TriBeCa in lower Manhattan manufacturing industry was at its Below Canal Street - brings immedi- eral buildings in the Valley area, some ate credibility to the concept of utiliz- of which were built as early as 1864. Morrissy is approaching this devel-

big housing producer," he said. "We tavern on nearly every corner, and if , mini-region - and could again. redevelop evesore properties. If you you close your eves, you can imagine A cursory clance around "The Val-) at the seams in this area, practically

them around, you can create hope." Morrissy, who lives in the area and has the train line, with a trip to Perin Staa plan for utilizing the arts to restore tion in New York sitting less than half some luster to 'The Valley."

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St. Petersburg Ballet comes to NJPAC The celebrated St. Petersburg State pupil of Leonid Yakobson at the Royal

Ballet on Ice presents its stunning ver- Academy of Russian Ballet, After sion of "Nutcracker on Ice," choreo- choreographing classical ballets with graphed by Konstantin Rassadin, on companies throughout Russia and the Dec. 28 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 29 at 2 former Soviet Union, Rassadin joined and 7:30 p.m. at the New Jersey Per- the St. Petersburg Ballet on Ice in forming Arts Center's Prudential Hall. Tickets are \$12 to \$50, and may be purchased by telephone at 888-466-5722, at the NJPAC box office at 1 celebration.

visually stunning holiday production the "Nutcracker" called "Crystal which features more than 150 exouisite costumes and newly-created opera by audiences in the Soviet Union, sets. With Tchaikovsky's score, this Poland, Sweden, Finland, Greece, magnificent show is the largest theatrical production of its kind. It made its world premiere in the United States in 1996. Like the traditional ballet version. it tells the story of the young girl, Clara, who receives a nutcracker doll from Herr Drosselmeier that miraculously becomes human. The ballet was Home of the Grammy Award-winning created for skaters by Konstantin Ras- New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, sadin, the company's resident chore- NJPAC has been widely cited as a catographer.

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1980. His dancers are former skaters and trained dancers. The St. Petersburg State Ballet on Ice made its debut performance in Center St. in downtown Newark, or by 1967. The 34-member company. visiting the NJPAC Web site at drawing on its acting and pantomime www.njpac.org. The performance is skills, specializes in full-length propart of the NJPAC PSE&G holiday ductions of "Swan Lake," "Romeoand Juliet," "Sleeping Beauty" and The stage at NJPAC will turn into "The Nutcracker." The first producan enormous ice rink in this magical, tion by the company was a version of

> Palace." Since then, it has been seen Belgium, the United Kingdom and South Korea; in all, over 5,000 per-

New Jersey Performing Arts Center, located in the heart of downtown Newark, is the sixth largest performing arts center in the United States. alyst in the revitalization of New Jer-Rassadin was a leading soloist with sey's largest city, attracting more than

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the Princess Grace Foundation-USA nominated to receive the honor. As a centre canvas of a play, opera or MCC Theatre, Williamstown Theatre and beyond. The Shakespeare Theatre of New announced that Shakespeare Theatre member of The Shakespeare Theatre dance piece in all its visual cohesive. Festival, among others: On Broad enables The Shakespeare Theatre to Jersey's programs are made possible. way, she served as a costume design pretain Williams as a seenic and or in part, by funding from the New Jer-Monte also remarked, "It was a associate on "The Green Bird," "A costume designer on a 2005 Main sey State Council on the Arts/Depart-

The acclaimed Shakespeare These

ment of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, as Said Shakespeare Theatre artistic tume design career to pursue graduate "Kiss. Me Kate," and she was assisted atte of New Jersey is one of the lead- well as funds from the National A national program with a mission director Bonnie J. Monte, "Marion work in set design - a realm mostly lant designer for Broadway's "The ing Shakespeare theaters in the Endowment for the Arts and contrination. Serving 100,000 adults and buttons from numerous corporations,

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opment with a different feeling than "Stetson Lounge" on one side, but creative people of all types breathing patrons to local taverns, and, not least reads "Tommy's Pub" on the other. It new life into a neighborhood that once of all, bringing outsiders into the "We don't think of ourselves as a seems as if there's a neighborhood served as the economic anchor for a neighborhood.

can take pivotal eyesores and turn the old pubs filled with hat factory ley" offers a glimpse of an area that is screaming, for more venues. With workers relieving the stresses of the ideal for the arts. There's a diverse, countless theater troupes, dance com-And if there's anyone who senses work day, and trading barbs with almost free-spirited feel to the area panies, orchestras, symphonies, the artsy tone of the community, it's neighbors and colleagues. Nearby is that goes hand-in-hand with its choirs, bands and poets, the

an hour away. It was an era when there because they offer both promise and state. Nonetheless, arts involvement were plenty of challenges, just differ- opportunity, with a mix of mediums, here exceeds the current facilities in borhood." said Morrissy, who plans to ent challenges than those faced today. including painting, pottery, poetry, the region, putting a stress on the And now, when you listen to Mor- theater, that have a way of breathing existing arts infrastructure, tains the historical spirit of "The Val- rissy and walk through the old neigh- new life into neighborhoods, slowly ley." Indeed, a cursory glance around borhood, it's easy to imagine a day bringing investment and business with sculptors, this isn't just any factory - loosely interpreted as the Triange peak. HANDS plans to revitalize sev- the neighborhood reveals an area that when this neighborhood will thrive them. Art carries with it the potential space. These lofts let in plenty of light, was once buzzing with industry, vital-again, just to a more creative beat. to renew many facets of life in "The offering artists an optimistic setting ity and flavor. Popping up on one cor- Instead of the hat industry, imagine Valley," bringing coffeehouses where that could prove to be both inspiraner is a bar with a sign that indicates artists, filmmakers, Web designers, art is often appreciated, sending new tional and inexpensive.

The fact is that the arts are bursting Essex/Union area is arguably one of The arts are ideal for Orange the most arts-intense regions in the

And whether they're painters o

Handbags shown at Newark Museum

Leiber handbag has represented the together, producing these handultimate in craftsmanship and bags," said Leaber of art are the subject of an exhibi- gray green calf which was not that tion at The Newark Museum well received. Nevertheless, I was through Feb. 27.

designer's career and art, "Fashion- not to compromise. I have never ing Art: Handbags by Judith swerved from that goal, Never." Leiber," celebrates Leiber's After only six years in business. by showcasing her creative genius Great Designer Award for artistic and influence on nearly four use of the company's crystals. decades of fashion.

bags and minaudieres --- gilded Award from the Houston Museum metal evening bags.

The exhibition, organized by the 1991 Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C., and sponsored by the Nef to be honored with a Coty Fashion Fund series, includes a range of Award in 1973, and in 1980 she was ated in 1967, to more recent. Winged Statue for Excellence in designs

Judith Leiber bags are inspired and museum objects.

Coveted by celebrities, socialities and collectors, Leiber's duces designs inspired by Leiber's bags take on many forms, including originals, continues to enchant new fruits: vegetables, flowers and ani- customers and established collec-

Artists such as Henri Matisse, Georges Braque, Gustav Klimt and Victoria and Albert Museum i Charles Rennie Mackintosh and London, The Metropolitan Museum periods of art such as Art Deco and of Art in New York, the Smithson-Pop Art are represented.

blend harmoniously in Leiber's cre- the Dallas Museum of Art and the ations through the use of fine mate- Los Angeles County Museum of rials, including leather, antique fabries, and Swarovski crystals.

in the United States, usually take of honor at a champagne reception two years to design.

t every step of the creative Judith Leiber. process. Minaudieres are constructed out of cardboard, stamped in brass, gold plated, and beaded.

painstaking precision - each crys- dio, lunch in New York City and tal is picked up with a tweezer and airplane tickets. individually glued onto the bag, where the design has already been outlined

One beaded bag can be encrustto five days to complete.

1921, Leiber was the first female from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The extendapprentice and master in the Hun- ed Saturday and Sunday hours are arian handbag guild

Eventually she and her husband, an American soldier, moved to the At Home with the Last Tsar and His-United States and founded their own company in 1963.

Their first factory had four expertise "There was such a sense of

For more than 30 years, a Judith camaraderic, with all of us working

determined to make my bags as A comprehensive survey of the beautiful and as well as I could and

extraordinary artistic achievement. Leiber received the Swarovski In 1994, Stanley Marcus, o The exhibition features more Neiman Marcus, presented Leiber than 170 of Leiber's unique hand- with the Lifetime Achievement

> of Fine Arts Costume Institute in Leiber was the first in the field

work, from the first beaded bag cre- awarded the Neiman Marcus Design

Although she retired from by a variety of sources, including designing handbags in 1999, the Asian culture, nature, Hollywood potency of Leiber's creative vision still attracts new afficionados.

Judith Leiber Inc., which protors alike. Judith Leiber bags are included in the collection of the ian Institution in Washington, D.C., Craftsmanship and high fashion the Houston Museum of Fine Arts,

At The Newark Museum or Leiber's bags, still hand-beaded Nov. 8, Judith Leiber was the guest and a guided tour previewing The hand of the artist is evident "Fashioning Art: Handbags by

Raffle prizes included a Leiber minaudiere with an estimated value of \$2,500, a personal tour with the Every design is assembled with designer to The Judith Leiber Stu-

> For more information on this exhibit, contact Tracy Terry at 973-596-6571

The Newark Museum, located at ed with as many as 13,000 49 Washington St. in downtown Swarovski crystals and can take up Newark, is currently open Wednesdays through Fridays, from noon to Born in Budapest, Hungary, in 5 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays due to the popularity of the featured exhibition, "Nicholas & Alexandra: Family.

The exhibition only is open on Monday from noon to 5 p.m. employees whom Leiber worked Attended parking is available for a alongside, teaching them her fee in the adjacent lot. For general nformation, call 973-596-6550 or visit www.NewarkMuseum.org



of Russia's last imperial family. the first exhibition to display the she has selected were evacuated to view at the Russian Embassy in Wash- Fine Arts in Santa Fe from May

Alexander Palace in Tsarskove Selo. 5 miles outside of St. Petersburg. More than 250 precious objects,

lisplayed.

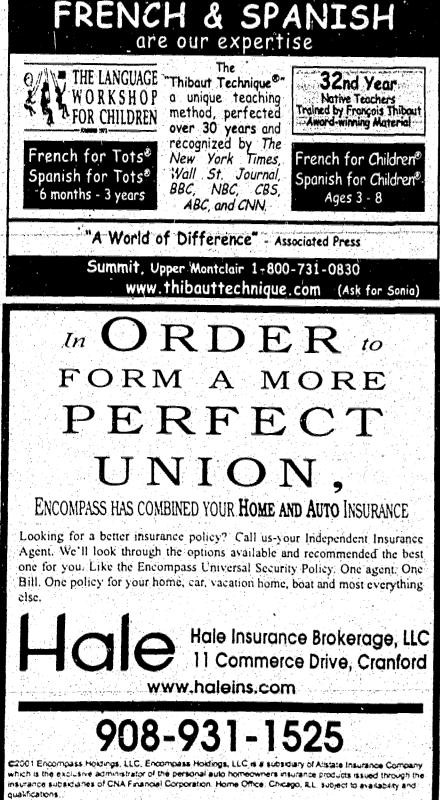
costs, unique and rarely seen by any- political changes in Russia ings from its living quarters in the hy loyal staff before the German inva- 106th anniversary of the birth of Tsar Museum from Jan. 29 until May it

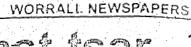
Through Jan 9. The Newark Muse- with numerous museums and collect sion of Russia in 1941; they have not Nicholas II. Organized by the Anum will offer visitors a unique oppor- with it Russia attorded her opportuni- been together since they have come to can-Russian. Cultural Cooperation tunity to experience the private world nee to select objects that were pre-light only recently in the wake of Foundation in Washington. I) is Nicholas and Alexandra: At Home one other than intimate of the Details of this world premiere with the Last Tsar and His Famil with the Last Tsar and His Family" is Romanoys. Many of the artifacts that exhibition were announced at a pre- will also be shown at the Museum

Romanov family's personal belong- safety and preserved from destruction ington, D.C., on May 6, which was the until Sept. 5 and at the Cincingle









"Nicholas and Alexandra: At History

WORRALL NEWSPAPERS

Shakespeare Theatre appoints new chairman, elects new trustees

as the election of two other new offi- Columbia. cers and four new trustees.

Resources Inc., and has been an active of this month. Said Prentice, "I could will now provide advice and outside with retirement plan and IRA assets, the Arts Department of State.

The Shakespeare Theatre of New member of the board of directors of Financial Groups will succeed fectures and conducted seminars inter- "Voices Carry, "among other works." Jersey's board of trustees has Pepeo Holdings Inc., the parent com- Michael D. Schlesinger of Summit as nationally on this subject

her current projects include the play, diffe of New Jersey is one of the leadannounced the appointment of pany of electric power and delivery treasurer and chairman of the financial plan- "Paterson Falls," the first part of The ing Shakespeare theaters in the nation. Richard B. McGiynn of Far Hills as companies in New Jersey. Delaware, Committee: the company's next chairman, as well Maryland, Virginia and the District of Since 2003; Hyland has served as Chatham He was a tax lawyer in prichairman of The Shakespeare The- vale practice for 25 years, and was silk strikes, salons and the founding of sional theater company dedicated to He succeeds Martin Prentice of atre's Government Advocacy Devel- listed in "Best Lawyers in America" the Provincetown Players. She has Shakespeare's canon and other world McGlynn is a retired vice president Morris Township, whose two-year opment Committee. As treasurer and from 1991 through 2001. A national been named a Distinguished Teaching classics and general counsel for United Water term as chairman concludes at the end Finance Committee chairman, Hyland speaker and author on estate planning Artist by New Jersey State Council on

> prised of William E. Miller, president; ... classics for contemporary audiences. with RBC Dain Rauscher, one of the secretary; Margaret, L. Domber; Jersey's programs are made possible.

Through its distinguished productions and education programs, the The Shakespeare Theatre of New company's official water provider.



WORRALL NEWSPAPERS Unrequited loves highlight musical play

Theatre of New Jersey presents they Dersey presents "Illying as a holiday. Housing ward from ASCAP. They it is the Proper of the regional deater premiere of "Illyria." offering for families and geople of all " have also collaborated to create "The an exuberant news musical adapted ages, and provides a lingue alternative have stablared. " The Alchemists" and show Nork Chysteredits trom Shakespeare's "Tweithh Night" to standard holiday fare. "Lonels Ritymes," by Peter Mills and Cari Retchel, with Co-adaptors Peter Mills and Cara Scheatrical collaborators and cold, no. Breadway cast of "By Jgeves" at book, music and lyries by Peter Mills Reichel debuted "filyna" off-Broad- leve sweethearts, Mills and Reichel die ficien Hayes Hiesten Interviewer hearts of both the lord and the lady in grater in New York City Originally proto Universit. Chapel, on the campus of grand Mattin "New Cirlin Town" at the this festive comedy of unrequired, duced by Prospect Theater Company, their alma mater. loves and mistaken identities, directed of which Mills and Reichel are found- Special Tamily matinee perform- Rounding out the cast of 14 are

atrical gen for all ages.

Main Stage in Madison.

www.ShakespeareNJ.org. Night" takes place "a land of fools, at The Shakespeare Theatre.

the real world upside down much grant from the Jonathan Larson Per- "Steel Pier," "The Music Man," "A

Through Dec. 26, the Shakespeare Gone The Shakespeare Theate of New he received a Richard Rogers' New received in the original east

"Nisit" (musicals of the season.")

In Elizabethan times, Twelfth and lyries for "The Flood," which was Night, and "Rags," Night or Jan. 6, was a huge celebration selected for the 2001 American Socimarking the end of the holiday season ety of Composers. Authors and Pub- two-time Tony Award nominee, he has many others. Filled with revelry and licensed lishers musical theater workshop

Girl, disguised as boy, steals the way in 2002 at the Hudson Guild The- Vere wed this summer at the Princeton, in Love: "Luns" at the Village Theatre

by audience favorite Paul Mullins ing members, the "contemporary ances at 3 p.m. on Wednesday and Henjamm Hakeley as Sir Andrew Bursting with beautiful ballads and opereita" was met with critical prinse Dec 23 offer the treat of a post-show " Asaccheck. Heward Emanuel as an rollicking refrains, "Illyria" is a the- The Village Voice called it "genumely," discussion with the actors, as well as theer and courtier, Suzanne Houston witty, "inspiring new life to Shake- some special surprises for the children as a lady-in-waiting. T. Doyle Leverett-Performances are Tuesdays speare's characters, while Back- in the authence

Tickets for "Illyria" are \$36 to \$58. Shakespeare-based musical, let's Ames Adamson He played a scene- Dale. Sanders as Maria and Justine You Like It" at The Julhard Schoolwith discounts available for groups of thank the farries for Illyria, " calling stealing Holofernes earlier this season ... Williams as a lady-in-waiting. The title of the musical, "Illyria," is to develop "Illyria," adding, further Squirrel," down the road at Play- season with the company, where his across the United States.

appeared on Broadway in many prochaos, a Twelfth Night festival turned In 2002, Mills received a major ductions, including "Show Boat," like the world of "Illyria." As is tradi- forming Arts Foundation. This year, Christmas Carol" and the original production of "42nd Street," directed by Gower Champion.

Maria Couch makes her Shakespeare Theatre debut as Olivia, the coy and melancholic noblewoman. She was most recently seen as Johanna in "Sweeney Todd" at Baltimore's Center Stage. She has toured the United States and Canada as Christine in Maury Yeston's "Phantom," Christine in "The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber" and Star to Be in "Annie."

The cross-dressing, shipwrecked viola is played by Elena Shaddow, also making her Shakespeare Theatre debut. Her Broadway credits include "Renata in Nine" with Antonio Banderas, "Sweet Smell of Success" and "Les Miserables." Next month, she can be heard singing the "West Side Story Suites" with the Albany Sym-

The lovesick Duke Orsino is played by Steve Wilson. In his sixth season with the company, he most

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as Sir, Toby, Peter Maris as an officer through Sundays at the company's stage's Leonard Jacobs raved, "If Reprising his tole as Malvolio is and courtier, Darren Matthias as Anto-

In the role of Feste is Joel Blum, A Jonesco's "Rhineroceros," among Becky Timms.

He has directed throughout the lar performances are Tuesdays at 7:30 speareNJ.org.

based on Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night.'

As an actor, Mullins has performed



tian, and Maria Couch as Lady Olivia in The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's production of 'Illyria,' a new musi-cal based on Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night.'

County will exhibit artwork in Elizabeth

in downtown Elizabeth. The display is Roselle open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Union County who recently participat- Heights, Ben Venezio of Kenilworth juried art show is a partnership of the Summit Arts Guild of Rahway, a non-profit, multidisciplinary center for the arts, Gallery includes three award-winning and the Union County Division of creations from the juried show, includ-Cultural and Heritage Affairs, with ing Jeff Gutterman's oil painting titled funding from Merch & Co. Inc.

were Rocio Aranda-Alvarado, curator titled "Welcome," which received a of the Jersey City Museum; Neal special award from the Crimson Ate-Korn, a Union artist and art-educator; lier Inc., a fine-art Giclee printing and Sally Walker, owner of the Walk- house; and David Clayton's mixed er-Kornbluth Art Gallery in Fair media creation titled "Tui Lake '03,"

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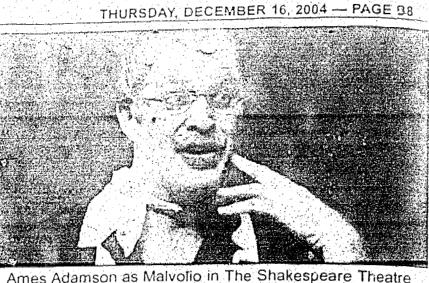
The photographers whose works are on display include Martin Deutsch The exhibit presents selected of Springfield, Coleen Marks of works from artists living or working in Kendall Park. Nancy Ori of Berkeley ed in the sixth annual juried art show Ross Wagner of Summit, Sylvia Weisat the Arts Guild of Rahway. The brot of Linden; and Sue Zwick of

The exhibit at the Freeholders "Sprawl," which tied for a first-place The jurors for mis year's exhibit award. Denise DeVone's acrylic work which was awarded honorable men-

The Freeholders Gallery is coordiphers who live and work in Fnion nated by the Union County Division County," said Freeholder Bette Jane of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. For Kowalski, liaison to the Union County further information about this exhibit Cultural and Heritage Programs advi- and other programs and services relatsory board. "This is another opportu- ed to the arts and Union County histo-Artists whose works are on display 908-558-2550; or send and e-mail to







of New Jersey's production of 'Illyria, a new musical

planet, fiarth had to have another one of New Jersey's busiest actors, me, Chris Peluso as Sebastian, Kristie West' at the Portland Stage and "As at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 p.m. and s p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. There are no public performances on 10 or more For tickets, call 273-408- if "far better than most new Broadway" in The Shakespeare Theatre's "Love's Actor-director, Paul Mullins, a in more than 20 productions at The Dec. 24 or Dec. 25. Regular tickets Labour's Lost," and just finished a tavorite of Shakespeare Theatre audi- Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, range from \$44 to \$58, with substant Mills and Reichel have continued ane-man show. "Circumference of a ences, returns for his 14th consecutive and has appeared at major theaters (tial discounts for groups of 10 or more. The Shakespeare Theatre of drawn from the name of the mythical fluster to this jewel of a musical, which wrights Theatre, a role he also per-directorial credits include this season's Creating the colorful "land of New Jersey's Main Stage, the intikingdom in which story of "Twelfth will be given a brand-new production" formed at New Jersey Repertory Com- triumphant "Richard II." His Shake- Tools" are costume designers Frank mate, 398-seat F.M. Kirby Shakepany this past winter. Among Adam- speare Theatre credits also include Champa and Kim Gill, musical direc- speare Theatre, is conveniently locatwhere clarity's a rarity and madness Torgether. Peter Mills and Cara son's New York City credits are "The highly acclaimed productions of tor F. Wade Russo, lighting designer ed in Madison at 36 Madison Ave, at Reichel also wrote the book, music Taming of the Shrew," "Tweffth Shakespeare's "King John," Tony Shelly Sabel, set designer Michael Lancaster Road, on the scenic campus Kushner's "The Illusion" and Eugene Schweikardt and choreographer of Drew University. Parking is free. For tickets and information, call Continuing through Dec. 26, regu- 973-408-5600 or visit www.Shake-



WORRALL NEWSPAPERS Karen Akers sparkles for fans at New Jersey Performing Arts Center

By Joel Levin Correspondent

dozens of fans who last Saturday night ing people into a sphere of intimacy. meandered through a generous set of in the Clowns" was similarly affecting her. paid for her \$20 CDs and waited in Performing Arts Certer.

facilitate the serving of snacks and breakup, but the trouber did not com- teners were not fulled with mere cov- larized by other singers in other days, former.

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representing the filing fee in accordance with the rules of civil practice and proce-dure. This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated 10/31/1986 made by Henry Ward, unmarried as mortgagor to Resource One Mortgage recorded on 11/13/1998 in Book 6940 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 54 which Mortgage was assigned on 10/31/1998 to the plaintiff, M&T Trust Company, as trustee, in trust for the Hold-ers of Securitization Series 1998-4 by Assignment Of Mortgage recorded on 02/26/1999 in Book 1078 of Assignments Of Mortgages for Union County, Page 86; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 509 Franklin Place, Plaintiff, MS 17060. If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jer-sey Bar Association by calling 609-394-1101. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Services of the County of venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot alford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-354-4340. Henry Ward, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest made party defendants to this foreclosure action because he executed plaintiff's obligation and may be hable for any deficiency and because he is the owner of record of the mortgage dremis-es being foreclosed herein and for any lien, claim or interest he may have in, 10 or against the mortgage dremises. DONALD F, PHELANI CLERK SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. File XCZ 66177 U96639 WCN Dec. 16, 2004 (\$63.75)

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: ALL 4 SEASONS GARDEN CENTER: COLI'S NECK TRAINING CENTER; JOSEPH MUFFERI, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest;

right, title and interest; YOU. ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, ESQS., plain-till's altorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone num-ber 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint and Amendment To Forecto-sure Complaint filed in a civil action, in which EMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION is plaintiff, and MICHAEL SIMMONS, et al., are detendants, pending in the Supe-rior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Divi-sion, Union County, and bearing Docket F-2108-04 within thirty-five (35) days after December 16, 2004 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint and Amendment To Forectosure Com-plaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jer-sey, Hughes Justice Complex-CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, together with your check in the sum of \$135.00 repre-senting the filing fee in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure. This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreciosing a Mortgage dated 03/16/2004 made by Michaet Sim-mons and Denise W. Simmons, his wife as mortgagors, ito Mortgage Electronic Reg-istration Systems, Inc., as nomines for FGC Commercial Mortgage Finance, DBA Fremont Mortgage, its successors and assigns recorded on 04/05/2004. In Book 10606 of Mortgage for Union County; Page 0112 which Mortgage Sinance, DBA Fremont Mortgage for Union County; Page 0112 which Mortgage Kinance, DBA Fremont Mortgage for Union County; Page 0112 which Mortgage Kinance, DBA Fremont Mortgage for Union County; Page 0112 which Mortgage Kinance, DBA Fremont Mortgage Kinance, Plaintield, NJ 07060. If you are unable to obtain an attorney, we way communicale with the New HEREBY SUMMONI

Concerns premises commonly known as 621-625 Sheridan Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060. If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jer-sey Bar Association by calling 609-394-1101. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by, calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-354-4340. All 4 Seasons Garden Center and Joseph Mulferi, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, their or any of their successors in right, tille and interest is made a party defendant to this foreclosure action by reason of a certain judgment entered in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey bearing Judgment number J-001901-1992 on 177/92, in the original sum of \$5,858.34, wherein you. All 4 Seasons Garden Center and Joseph Mulferi are the judgment creditor and Michael Sim-mons is the judgment debtor and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises. Colls Neck Training Center is made a party defendant to this foreclosure action by reason of a certain judgment entered in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey bearing judgment number DJ-063431-1985 on 12/31/85, in the original sum of \$3,724.18, wherein you, Colts Neck Training Center are the judgment creditor and Michael Simmons is the judgment debtor and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in. lo or against the mortgaged premises. DONALOF, PHELAN, CLERK SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. File XCZL 66148 U96638 WCN Dec. 16, 2004 (\$79.50)



Experiencing a Karen Akers' per- venue's scale and setting, Akers, erst- Has This Been going On?"

For the evening, the Chase Room the fact that she had left her favorite she also sang the thought and the emo-

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

(C.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: SANDRA EPPS, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest; MITZNER & PIZZI, P.A.;

MITZNER & PIZZI, P.A.; YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER. GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, ESQS., plain-till's attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone num-ber 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint and Amendment To Foreclo-sure Complaint filed in a civil action, in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGIS-TRATION SYSTEMS, INC, is plaintiff, and MARIA EPPS, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jer-sey. Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-20067-04 within thirly-five. (35) days after December 16, 2004 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be ren-dered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint and Amendment To Fore-closure Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof. of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex-CN 971. Trenton, New Jersey 08625, together with your check in the sum of \$135.00 representing the filing fee in accordance with the rules of civil practice and proce-dure. This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated 06/19/2003 made by Maria Epps

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) forectosing a Mortgage dated 06/19/2003 made by Maria Epps and John Epps as mortgagors, to Ameri-can Business Mortgage Services, Inc. recorded on in Book of Mortgages for Union County, Page which Mortgage was assigned on to the plaintiff, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYS-TEMS, INC. by Assignment Of Mortgage recorded which Is unrecorded at this time; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 621 West 3rd Street, Plaintield, NJ 07066. If you are unable to obtain an attorney. 621 West 3rd Street, Plainfield, NJ 07066. If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jer-sey Bar Association by calling 609-394-1101. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-354-4340. Sandra Epps, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest is made a party defondant to this foreclosure action by reason of a cer-tain judgment entered in the Office of the

drinks. The room accommodated 240 plain; she just pressed on and settled ers of the originals,

slight shakiness was not improved by a line, not only did she sing the music; perfect, clear alto.

PUBLIC NOTICE Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey bearing judgment number J-255695-1991 on 91192, wherein you, Szndra Epps are the judgment creditor and Johnny L Epps is the judgment debtor and for any lien. claim or interest you may have in, to of against the mortgaged premises. Milzner & Pizzi P.A. is made a party defendant to this foreclosure action by reason of a certain judgment entered in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey bearing judgment number DJ-034887-1993 on 4/5/93, in the original sum of \$429.63, wherein you, Mitzner Pizzi P.A. are the judgment credi-tor and John L Epps is the judgment debtor and for any lien. claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mort-gaged premises. DONALD F. PHELAN, CLERK SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT BURPOSE. File XCZL 66119. U96541 WCN Dec. 16, 2004 (\$73.50)

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: EARLE L. WAUGH, SR.; ROSEMARY WAUGH;

CALVIN JONES, and each of their heirs, devisees, and personal representa-tives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest;

successors in right, title and interest; YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER. GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, ESOS., plain-till's attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside, New Jersey O7092-0024, Islephone num-ber 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint and Amendment To Foreclo-sure Complaint filed in a civil, action, in which Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is plaintiff, and SHEILA G. ARMSTRONG, et al., are detendants, Bending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-20742-04 within thirty-five (35) days after Decem-ber 16, 2004 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do sa judgment by default may be, rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint and Amend-ment To Foreclosure Complaint. You shall tile your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex-CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, logether with your check in the

PUBLIC NOTICE

sum of \$135.00 representing the filing fee in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure. This action has been instituted for the This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated 11/22/1989 made by Sheila G. Arm-strong and William Armstrong as mort-gagors, to Travelers Mortgage Services inc. recorded on 11/30/1989 in Book 4028 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 0714 which Acrtgage was assigned on to the plaintif, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., by Assignment Of Mortgage which is unrecorded at this time; and (2) to recov-er possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 129 Lafayette Place, Plaintield, NJ.0760. er possession of and concerns premises commonly known as 129 Lafayette Piace, Plaintield, NJ 0760. If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jer-sey Bar Association by calling 609-394-1101. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot alford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-354-4340. Earle L Waugh, Sr and Rosemary Waugh, and each of their heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest is made a party detendant to this foreclosure action by reason of a certain judgment entered in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey bearing judgment number J.086686-1989 on 10/20/89, in the original sum of \$15,000.00, wherein you, Earle L' Waugh, Sr and Rosumary Waugh are the judgment creditors and William Armstrong is the judgment debtor and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises. Calvin Jones, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest is made a party defendant to this foreclosure action by reason of a certain judgment entered in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey bearing judgment rown of A certain for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises. DONALD F. PHELAN, CLERK SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OB TAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. File XCZV 42722 U96802 WCN Dec. 16, 2004 (\$79.50)

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Garry DiCosmo, Prop.



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(Historic Peterstown Market) Daily 6am - 6pm Sun 'til 12:30pm

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WORRALL NEWSPAPERS

Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events. in the Union County area. The calendar is open to all groups and organizations in the Union County area. To place your free listing, send information to: Worrull Community Newspapers, 463 Valley St., P.O. Box 158, Maplewood, 07040, Faxes may be sent to 973-763-2557.

ART SHOWS

SWAIN GALLERIES, 703 Watchung Ave , Plainfield, hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. Saturdays: 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For For information, call 973-376-8544 information, cell 908-756-1707. EDGE ART GALLERY, which opened its doors in Rahway's arts district is presenting its third series of exhibitions Gallery One will feature Alejandro-Anreus, a Cuban born artist who examines the nexus between Christianity EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITERS! and politics as it relates to the Cuban- CiRCLE, led by Cheryl Racanelli, American identity. Gallery Two will feature Julio Nazario. In a series of photo- of the month at 7.30 p.m. at Barnés . graphic pertraits, Julio Nazario reveals and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. the inner spirit and individuality of ordi- For information, call 732-574-1818. nary Hispanics. EDGEArt Gallery is CLASSICS BOOK CLUB meets the located at 1571 Irving St. in downtown Rainway The current exhibits runs p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route through Dec. 31: The gallery is open from Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The phone number is 732-669-0112 EDGEArt Gallery is dedicated to artists who have worked outside the mainstream and who have not followed the latest trend but stuck to their vision. against all odds.

BRIGHT, BOLD LANDSCAPES will be the focus of Mountainside resident Cynthia Smith Weiss' work, which will be on display at Bouras Galleries on DeForest Avenue in Summit. The galleries are open to the public by MYSTERY READING GROUP meets appointment only. To make an appoint-the second Thursday of the month at THE SKULSKI ART GALLERY of the Raritan Road, Clark. For information, Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broad- call 732-574-1818. way, Clark, will present the works of Ilona and Andre Bugla through Dec." 31. The public is welcome, admission is free and refreshments will be served. llona and Andre Bugla, a husband and month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and wife team, were born in Poland and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. both graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts in Krakow. They live and work in Jever, Germany, Ilona Bugla received her master's degree in paintmet with widespread recognition around the world. Today her paintings 8544. master's from the sculpture department in 1981. Andre's sculptures and 8544. paintings have been sold to art enthusiasts in Poland, Germany and the United States. In addition to sculpture and painting, Andre also specializes in frescoes and restoration of antiques. The Skulski Art Gallery is open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 5 to 9 p.m., on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading For more information, call Aleksandra K. Nowak, gallery director, at 732-382-

next artist exhibiting at the Les Malamut Art Gallery in the Union Public WOMEN'S READING GROUP meets Library. The title of the show is "Differ- the last Wednesday of the month at ent Strokes." It will include oils, 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 acrylics, pencils and mixed media. The Raritan Road, Clark, For Information, show will continue through Jan. 12; call 732-574-1818. 2005. The public is invited. Norman, a native of Irvington, received a scholarship to attend Cooper Union and majored in architecture in 1950. Marriage and the birth of her two children put her career on hold until 1965 when she entered Cook College of Rutgers University, then a men's college. She graduated in 1969 at the top of her class with a B.S. in landscape architecture, the first woman in New Jersey to do so. She also studied for a master's degree in urban affairs/planning at Boston University. She has held sev- time day and evening classes in fine eral governmental positions. In a art, graphic design/computer graphics Boston suburb she was assistant plan- and illustration. For information about ner; in Maryland she served as region- the spring term that begins on Jan. 17, al housing planner for three Appalachia counties; for the city of Hawthome, Calif., she served as housing planner and finally served as planning commissioner and city councilwoman in Lawndale, Calif. In 1989 and 1992 she was named Woman of the Year by the Calfornia state Legislature. After her husand's death she returned to New Jersey and resumed her art career. Norman's exhibits include the Juried Union County Art Show where she received an award for best picture in 2004. In its suburban location by drawing from a 2003, she won first place in drawing in mix of New York City comedy club the Union County Senior Art Show and stand-ups. Each show features new the Union College Art Show. In previous years she also won awards in the Gardena Valley Art show; the Ellensburg; Washington Art show; the Cumberland, Maryland Art Show; the Westfield Art Show; the Middlesex County refreshments after the show. The show Art Show and the Plainfield Art Association. The gallery is open during regular library hours, Mon. to Thurs. from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Fri. and Sat. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library phone number is 908-851-5450.



BOOKS

THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN BOOK information, call 732-574-1818.

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and THE "LORD OF THE RINGS" READ-

ING GROUP meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble. 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818

second Tuesday of the month at 7:30" 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544

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

meets the second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, For information, call 973-376-8544

STAFF RECOMMENDATION BOOK GROUP. a monthly reading group featuring staff members' favorite books, meets the second Thursday of the For information, call 973-376-8544.

third Monday of the month at Barnes www.sanctuaryconcerts.org. Admis- demonstrates a commitment to the ing and tapestry in 1982. Her art has and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Spring- sion includes dessert and coffee at artists and nonprofit organizations of field. For information, call 973-376- intermission,

and tapestries may be found in the PAGE TURNERS DISCUSSION homes of art aficionados in Japan, GROUP will meet the third Tuesday of France, Germany, Poland and the Unit- every month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes ed States. Andre Bugala received his and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-

> BOOKS WE LIKE, a reading group featuring staff recommendations, will meet the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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WRITERS WORKSHOP meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Bames and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544

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THE DUCRET SCHOOL OF ART is located at 1030 Central Ave. and is situated on a seven-acre campus in an historic residential area of Plainfield. The school offers full-time and partcall 908-757-7171, or fax 908-757-2626, or visit the Web site at www.duCret.edu for details.

COMED

THE WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER presents Cornedy Night on the third Saturday of each month. The Comedy Night series at the Watchung Arts Center has managed to build a following in faces and fresh material.

Host Phil Hochman will present master of ceremonies John McMinamen, a headliner and a feature performer. Ticket price includes light begins at 8 p.m. Saturday, and tickets are \$15 The seating at the Watchung Arts

Center is in an intimate art gallery, with limited capacity. Reservations may be made by e-mail at www.watchun-

garts org or by phone, calling 908-753-0190 and leaving a message if neces. sary. Tickets will be held at the door. The Watchung Arts Center is locat-GROUP will meet at Barnes and ed on the circle" in Watchung, reached Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For from Route 22 or Interstate 78. There is free parking adjacent to the building or around the corner at Best Lake. GEORGE CARLIN will bring his irreverent humor to the Union County Arts Center in Rahway on Jan. 22 at 7

and 9 30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and \$40 For tickets or information, call 732-499-8226

CONCERTS

SANCTUARY CONCERTS in Berkeley Heights will present musical acts in "COOKIN," performed by the Fly the coming weeks. Concerts are pre- Dance Company on Jan. 15 at 8 p.m., sented at Union Village Methodist will feature the mythmic sophistication Church, 1130 Mountain Ave., Berkeley. of Debussy, Vivaldi and even B.B. King. Heights. For more information, call with the physicality and bravado of 973-376-4946, or visit the Web site, break dance and hip-hop Regular tickwww.sanctuaryconcerts.org.

series continues at the Suburban Com- 8226. For more information, visit the munity Music Center, 570 Central Ave Murray Hill, 07974. For the 18th year. the Suburban Community Music Center, in cooperation with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, will host the Meet the Orchestra series for children ages 3 to 8. For more information, call 908-790-0700.

ISLE OF KLEZBOS, made up of AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTERESTS the six female members of the awardwinning Klezmer troupe Metropolitan Klezmer, are a six-woman, high-octane klezmer band from New York City, Isle every other Monday at Barnes and of Klezbos will perform on Saturday at 8 p.m. as part of the Sanctuary Concert For information, call 973-376-8544. Series as the Union Village Methodist THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ment, call Linda Cole at 908-277-6054. 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Church, 1130 Mountain Ave., Berkeley Heights: Tickets are \$15 and can be organizations, individual artists and purchased online at www. sanctuaryconcerts org. Admission includes 2004 Union County HEART --- History. desserts and coffee at intermission.

CRAFTS

THE MILLER-CORY MUSEUM, located at 614 Mountain Ave. in Westfield. until the next Christmas Eve. Visitors to Inquiries the museum will meet the Belsnickel, culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

Costumed docents will greet visitors and guide them through the historic field will also present a program on German Christmas customs Sherry and Greta Lange of Cranford and Allison Clancy of Westfield will prepare a "THE BRIDGE ON THE RIVER traditional German Christmas dinner over the open hearth. Visitors to the museum will be able to enjoy taste treats as prepared by the cooks. The museum's quaint gift shop offers many unique gift items, namely colonial

Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students. Children younger than 6 years of age will be admitted free of charge. The museum will be closed on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 and will reopen on Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. with The Legend of La Befana-Italy's

For information about the museum its winter schedule of events or volunteer

DANCE Y-SQUARES, a local square dance

club meets Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. at Frank R. Hennly School, Rantan Road, Clark The fee for each lesson is \$4. For information, call 908-298-1851, 732-561-2535 or 908-241-9492.

REGINNERS ARE WELCOME when the Summit International Folk Dancers meet on Friday from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at This Connection, at the corner of Morns Avenue and Maple Street in Summit The price is \$2, no partners are founded in 1949 in the basement of the necessary: For more information, call 973-467-8278

et price is \$25, students pay \$18. For MEET THE ORCHESTRA concert tickets, call the box office at 732-499-Web site, www.ucac.org

DISCUSSION

JOURNAL WRITING GROUP, led by professional life coach Jami Novak; meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

WRITERS' WORKSHOP will meet Noble 240 Route 22 West Springfield FREEHOLDERS invites local nonprofit scholars to apply for funding from the Education, Arts Reaching Thousands BLUES LEGENDS Paul Geremia - Grant program. Recognizing the and Emie Hawkins will perform as part importance of culture and the arts to of the Sanctuary Concert Series on the economy and quality of life, the Jan. 8, at 8 p.m., at the Union Village freeholders established the HEART Methodist Church, 1130 Mountain Grants in 1998. This innovative pro-Ave., Berkeley Heights. Tickets are gram supports projects related to histo-JEWISH BOOK LOVERS meets the \$15 and can be purchased online at ry, the arts, and humanities; and Union County, "The response to the HEART Grant program in past years has been exciting," said Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada. "The recipients are a wonderful mix of creative people - poets and writers, historians, painters, photographers, musicians and dancers - plus arts, history, and other cultural organizations and civic groups." "The services provided our county," said Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to the Cultural and OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT takes "These cultural assets are a vital part of month at 7 p.m. at Bames and Noble community life, economic development and cultural tourism in Union County." To request HEART Grant information. contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202; call 908-558- TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION

FILM

ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY, 11 S farmhouse: Deborah Bailey of West- Broad St., will sponsor a series of free film classics at the Main Branch, All DINNERMATES and Entrepreneurs films begin at 10 a.m. For information, call 908-354-6060

> KWAI" will be shown Jan. 28 at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway. All tickets are \$5. For ticket information, call 732-499-8226. For general information, visit the Web site, www.ucac.org.

> "1941" by Stephen Spielberg, will be shown on Jan. 29 at 2:30 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway. All tickets are \$5. For ticket information, call 732-499-8226. For general information, visit the Web site. www.ucac.org.

"THE GREAT ESCAPE," starring Steve McQueen, James Gamer and Richard Attenborough, will be shown on Jan. 29 at 8 p.m. at the Union Counopportunities, call the museum office at tv Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway. information, visit the Web site. www.ucac.org

HOBBIES

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC. meets at 295 Jefferson Ave., Union, behind Home Depot on Route 22 East. The club is open to the public Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call 908-964-9724 or 908-964-8808. send inquiries via e-mail to TMRCInc@aol.com or visit the Web site at www.tim.ci.com. The ciub was / late Paul Mallery, who was a pioneer in the hobby of model railroading. The club occupies a building on Union County park land designed, built and maintained entirely by the members. under a unique arrangement with the Union County cark system. The club building is located off Route 22 East. behind The Home Depot in Union. Free parking is available on site and the building is wheelchair-accessible. For more information, call 908-964-9724 Saturdays from noon until 4 p.m., or 908-964-8808 for a recorded message, or visit the club's Web site at

THE HARVEST QUILTERS OF CEN-TRAL NEW JERSEY will meet the first Monday of each month at Cozy Comer Creations quilt shop, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains.

www.tmrci.com

INTERNET

THE INTERNET LOUNGE, 256 South Ave., Fanwood, hosts an Open Mic/ Karaoke Night, Join the group for a cup of gourmet coffee and a wide variety of organic foods and participate in an original poetry reading, a standup comedy rouline or a musical number. There's no cover charge. To ask about a schedule of events, call 908-490-1234 or visit its Web site: www.theinternetlounge.com.

KIDS

TALES FOR TOTS PRESCHOOL STORYTIME will be offered at Barnes and Noble, Route 22 West, Springfield, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m., and the Kids' Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m. For information, call 973-376-8544

POETRY

POETRY OUT LOUD! will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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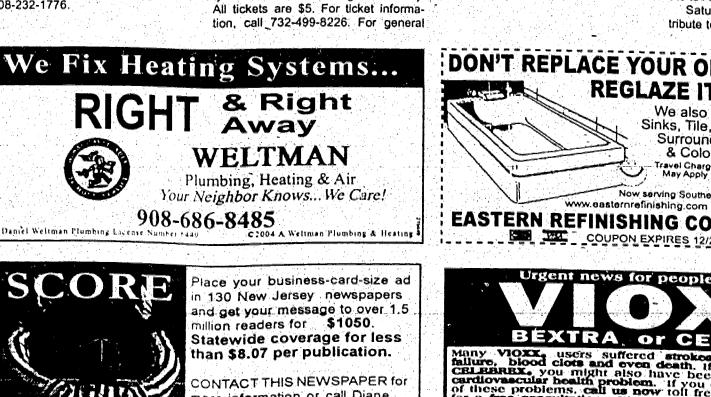
Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-241-5758.

SINGLES

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

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than-45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Donation is \$2. For information, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751

SOCIAL SINGLES DANCING, for 45year-olds and older, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Yankee Buffet Grand Ballroom, 2660 Morris Ave. Union, Admission is \$7. For information, call 908-688-8816.



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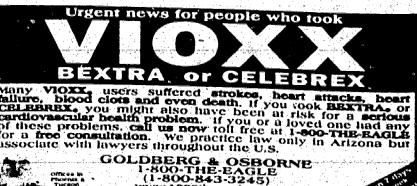
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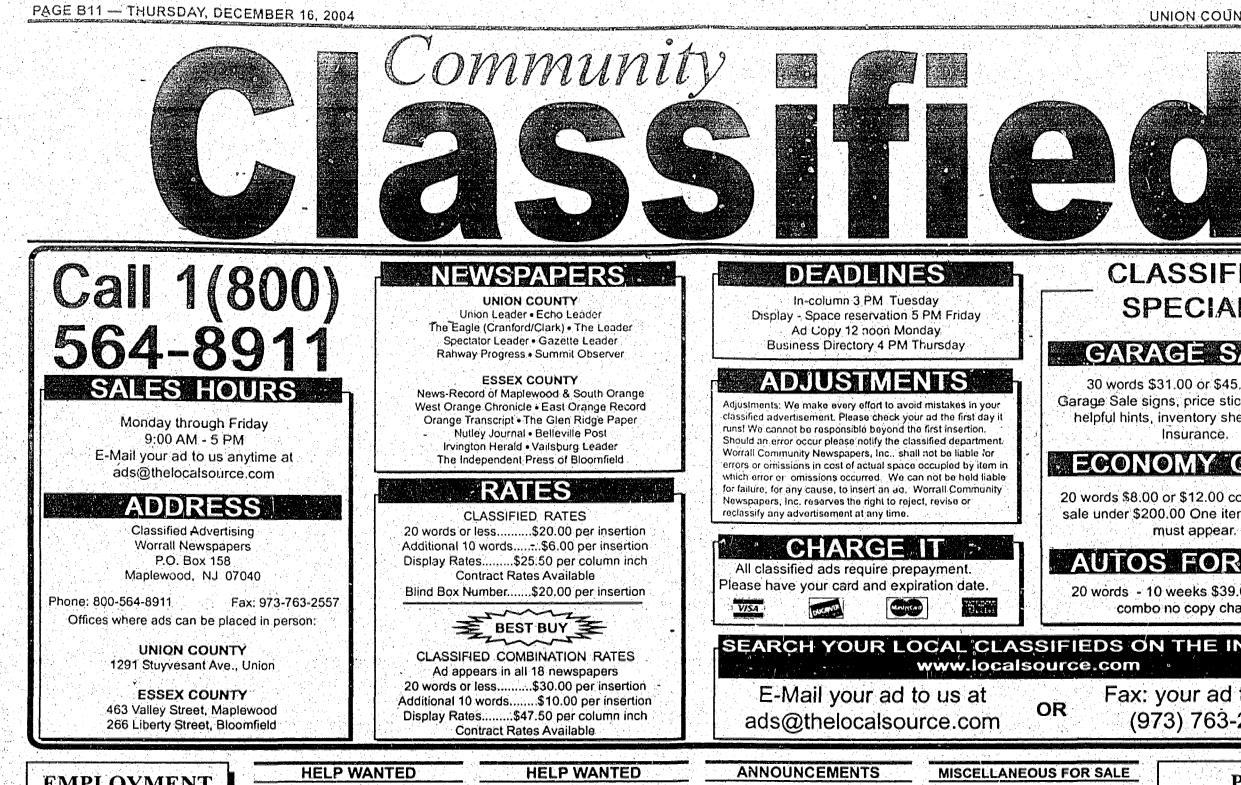
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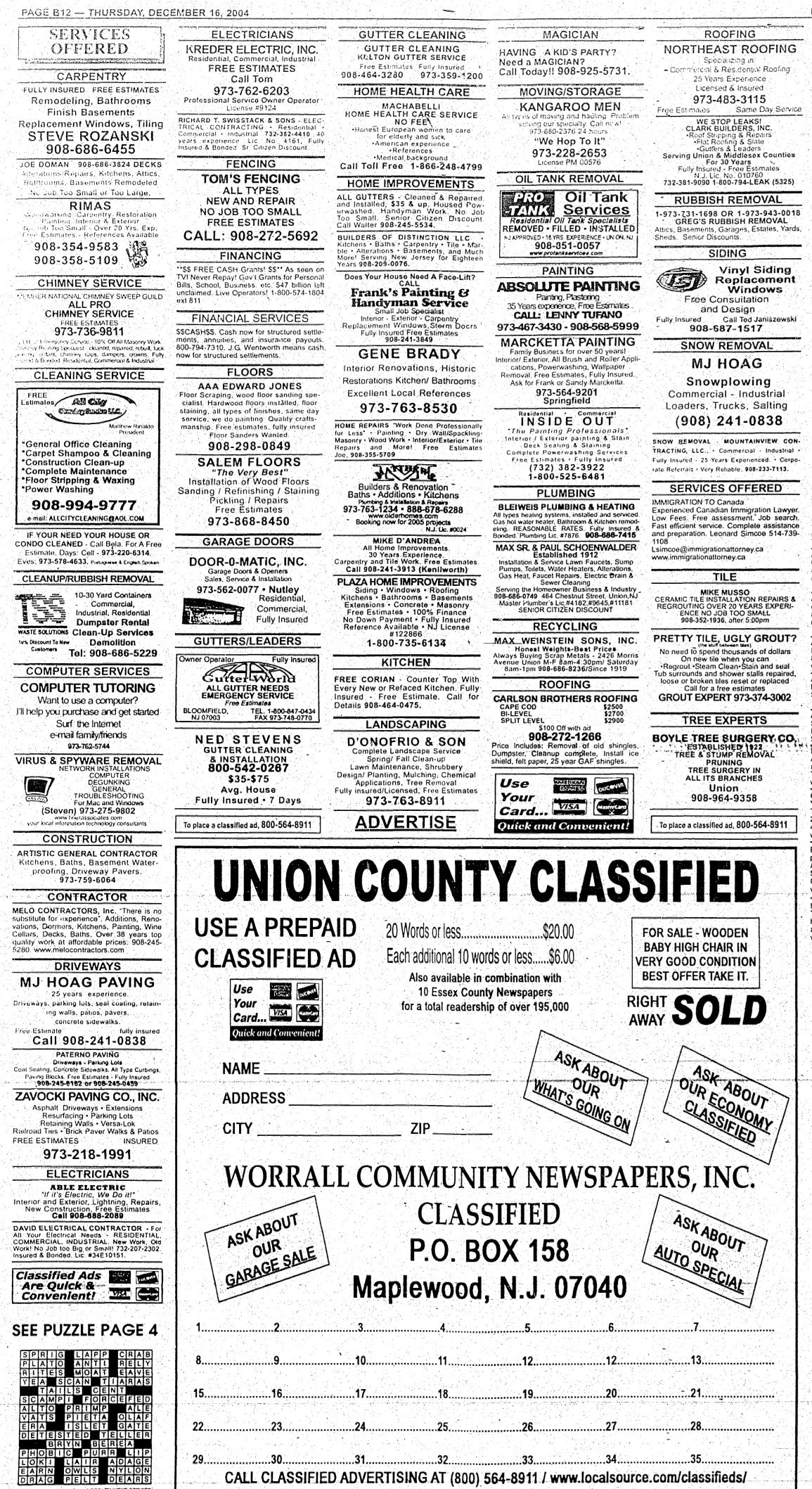
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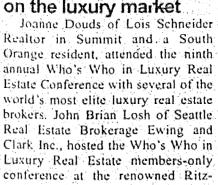
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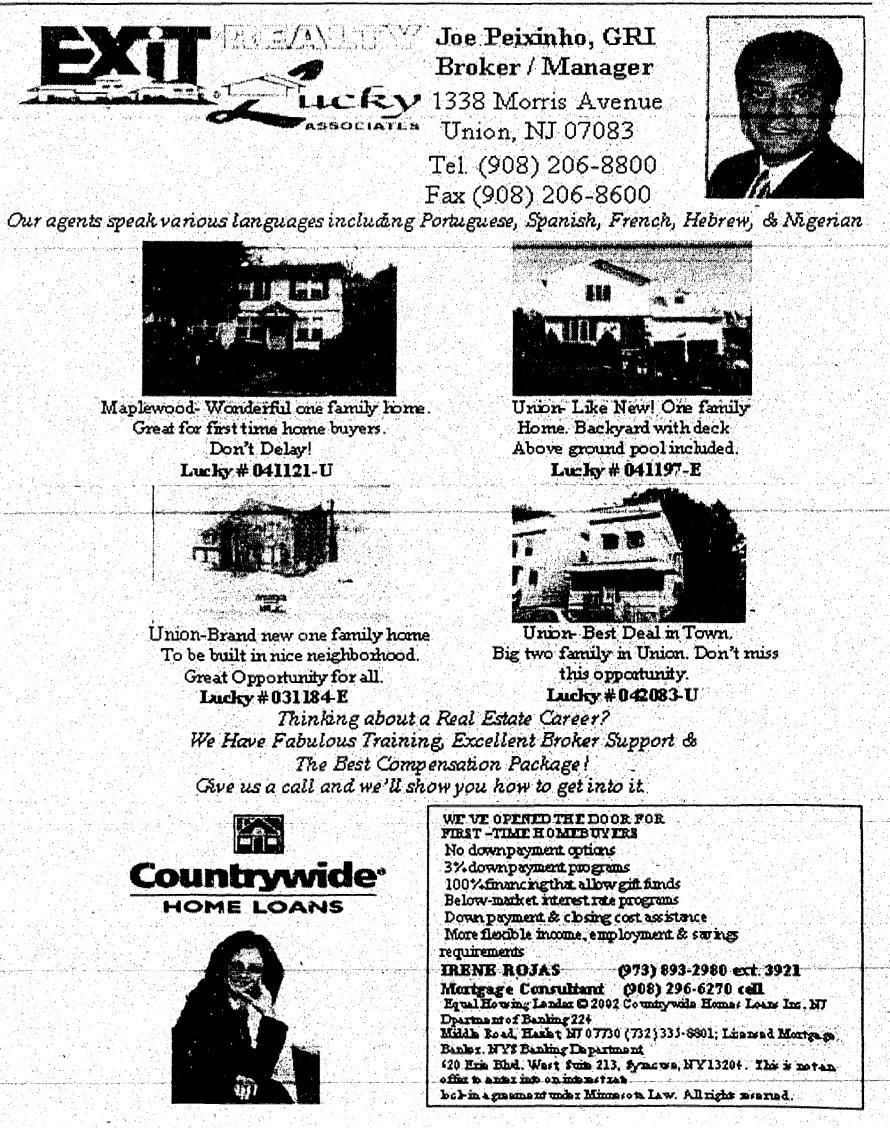
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at Weichert, Summit Four sales associates in Weichert, Realtors' Summit office, received the

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Douds to conference top sold marketed listings. She is a member of Weichert's 2003 Million

Dollar Marketed Club. Marilena Q'Neil was honored for op dollar volume. lan Rapoport received the office's listings

These fine associates can be reached for real estate transactions in Weichert's Summit office at 908-277-1200. The office is located at 474 Morris Ave.

Tavlor of Westfield

wins September honors Joyce Taylor, a consistent top prointernational real estate brokers; the ducer in the Burgdorff ERA Westfield 2004 event included representatives office, has been honored as Listing Agent Of The Month for September. This marks the third time this year Taylor has earned this honor. Her prior The Who's Who in Luxury Real award came in January of 2004 with Estate consists of boutique and spe- Sales Agent of the Month and in July as Listing Agent of the Month. For the catering to the increasing demands of month of September 2004, Taylor had a growing international luxury mar- a combined production of eight transactions

Taylor is a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Circle of Excellence Sales Award, achieving Bronze Level in 1987-1997 and Silver Level in 1988-2002 and the Gold in earning top listings and listings sold in 2003. She has been awarded with the the office for the month. She also Jean T. Burgdorff Humanitarian shared the office's award for top dollar Award for the year 2002, Taylor was volume with Milly Reguera. Gwaldis recently awarded inclusion into the also received a regional award for top Council for 2004. Recognizing only tent top producer, Gwaldis is a memtotal residential real estate needs of the top 17 sales associated out of ber of Weichert's 2003 Million Dollar Summit and its surrounding commu- Burgdorff's more than 700 member Sales and Marketed Clubs as well as sales force, membership in the Weichert's President's Club, a presti-Burgdorff ERA President's Council is gious honor that places her in the top the company's highest and most dis- 1 percent of the company's 12,800 tinguished honor. She ranks 11th in sales associates. In addition, Gwaldis the company.

manager of Burgdorff's ERA's Westfield office, added that, "We are extremely proud of the production that Joyce has achieved, her high energy award for top sales. and great instincts has put her at the top of the industry."

Taylor@burgdorff.com.

The Burgdorff ERA Westfield office is a full service real estate center located at 600 North Avenue West. For real estate assistance, or to inquire about a career in real estate, call the office at 908-233-0065, or look on the awards for top listings and marketed. Web at www.burdgorff.com to learn more about the Westfield office and its market area

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Five at Weichert, Union awarded in September

Robert Spillane, branch manager of Weichert, Realtors' Union office, announce that five sales associates were honored for their outstanding achievements in September

Kathleen Gwaldis was honored for prestigious Burgdorff ERA Presidents resale listings in September. A consisis a 2003 member of New Jersey George Kraus, vice president and Association of Realtors Circle of Excellence at the Gold Level.

> Angie Gonzalez, Sharonda Lane and Sherry Blake shared the office's

These and the other fine sales associates can be reached for real estate She can be contacted at 908-233- . transactions in Weichert's Union 6417. Her e-mail address is Joyce- office at 908-687-4800. The office is located at 1307 Stuyvesant Ave.

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Five associates carn Coldwell certification

Diana Weizer-Kane, James (FNeill, Marie Turtur, John Sweeney and Eaurie Kennedy, sales associates. with the Summit office of Coldwell Balsley joins ERA Jersey and Rockland County, N.Y. at its Summit office have achieved Cendant mobility refertal specialist certification. This twose that Kristin Balsley has joined the year certificate is part of the Certified company as a sales associate in ITS Agent Advantage program, a profes- Summit office, located at 401 Springsional standard available exclusively field Ave. to members of the Cendant Mobility Cendant Mobility

fied network agents to become certified as relocation experts, by partici- valed, outgoing slf-starter, she began pating in three Certified Agent Advan- her career in the advertising industry; tage courses and passing a written. She was an account executive at exam upon completion. The course Berenter Greenhouse and Webster, a covers issues surrounding the pur- New York advertising agency, where chase of a destination house, as well as she successfully launched more than the most effective techniques for help- 100 Bed, Bath and Beyond stores. ing clients research communities, Balsley also worked for Korey Kay locate their new home and settle into and Partners and Wells Rich Greene their new area anywhere in the United BDDP, two other New York-based ad

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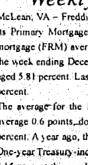


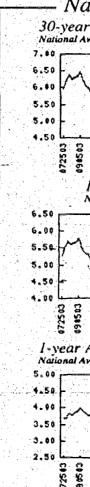


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