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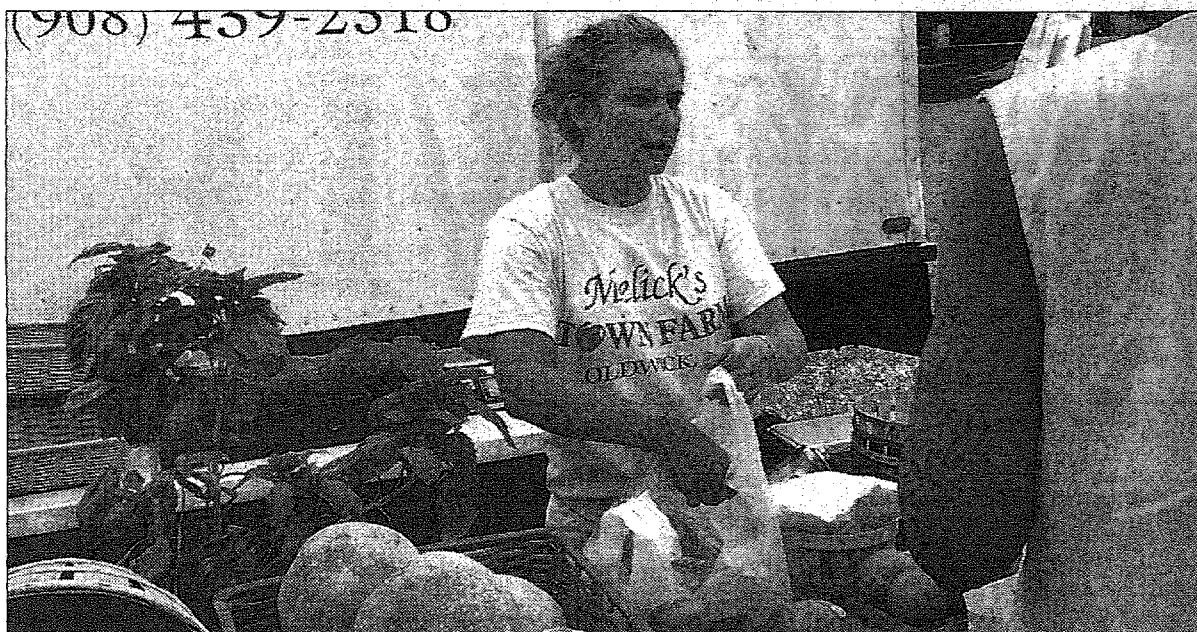


Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Rachel Scupp of Melick's Town Farm packs some tomatoes for a customer at Springfield's Farmers Market on Monday.

Farmers Market held weekly in Springfield

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oak leaf, red leaf, green leaf and romaine — and two kinds of corn, bicolor and white.

"Some people think the white (corn) is sweeter, some say bicolor is sweeter," said Borkowski. In his opinion, the white is sweeter, but the bicolor has more flavor.

Bob Groder, a Springfield resident for more than 40 years, stopped at the market to look for apples. "I'm a Granny Smith fan," he said.

Borkowski showed Groder some Lodi apples, which he described as an "early season Granny Smith."

Barbara Clark, a former township resident who now lives in Union, said she "wanted to see what the corn was like." She purchased some while on her lunch hour from work, also in Union. "You assume this is better because it came from a (local) farm."

The produce certainly is fresh. Borkowski said he and his co-workers were late in getting to the market Monday because they were waiting for the peaches to be picked that morning.

Boettcher said the market was "just getting started."

As the season progresses, customers can look forward to additional selections from the vendors, such as white peaches, eggplant, watermelon, sugar babies — a smaller,

sweeter watermelon, according to Borkowski — and heirloom tomatoes, described by Boettcher as "quite unique."

Linda Donnelly, the township administrator's assistant who organizes the market, said she sees the market "getting bigger each year."

Currently, it is held every Monday, rain or shine, from noon to 6 p.m. at Jonathan Dayton High School, on the lawn near Mountain Avenue. When school resumes in September, the market will move to Ruby Field on Caldwell Place, until its last date of Oct. 30, according to Donnelly.

"People appreciate seasonal produce," said Boettcher. "In most markets we go to, we have regular clients. They are always sorry to see us go (when the market ends)."

The vendors also sell baked goods, such as pies and bread, honey, and flowers.

Farmers markets in other municipalities sometimes offer meats and merchandise like jewelry, but Springfield's "ordinance only allows for farm goods," according to Donnelly. "They can do baked goods and flowers because they come from a farm."

For the record, a muskmelon is what we Americans usually refer to as a cantaloupe. "Real" cantaloupe is only grown in southern France, according to Borkowski.

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Sample salsa at SAGE summerfest

To heat up your summer and celebrate its 40th anniversary, SAGE Eldercare's Meals-on-Wheels program will host a special fund-raising event called "Salsa Summerfest" on Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at 290 Broad St., Summit.

Fresh and fruity, hot and smoky, sweet and spicy — many different flavors of salsa will be available for sampling. In the salsa tasting area, salsa purveyors and restaurants will dish up samples of their spicy concoctions — from mild to wild — all

evening long. Salsa tasting, at a cost of \$5, includes a bag of tortilla chips, a spoon and tickets to vote for your favorite salsa.

If you make great salsa, why not put your recipe to the test in the free Great SAGE Eldercare Salsa Challenge? This is the contest in which restaurants, salsa purveyors and amateur salsa chefs compete for fun, prizes and salsa glory.

Cycle Palace, 182 Broad St., Summit, has donated a bike to be given away as part of the event. Tickets for

a chance to win the bike are free, and can be picked up at SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad St., Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free tickets are also available at Cycle Palace. Tickets will be available during the event, but you do need not be present at the event to win.

If you're a salsa manufacturer or a local restaurant interested in serving salsa samples at the event, or for more information, call Suzanne Lyon, director of Meals-on-Wheels, at 908-598-5514.

City to participate in National Night Out Against Crime event

The 2006 National Night Out Against Crime will be held in Summit on Aug. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. The event is being sponsored by the Summit Police Athletic League.

The Summit Police Department Crime Prevention Unit will host a Neighborhood Watch Rally and safety display in the parking lot of City Hall, 512 Springfield Ave. There will be displays by the Summit Police Crime Prevention Unit, and D.A.R.E. and bike units.

Union County Police will conduct demonstrations by their Bomb Disposal Unit, Mounted Unit, Motorcycle Unit and K-9 Unit. The Union County Sheriff's Office Fin-

gerprint ID Unit will also be present, as will be the Summit Fire Department and Summit First Aid Squad. There will also be martial arts demonstrations by Master Yoo's Martial Arts Studio.

There will be free balloons, prizes and give away items, and hot dogs and soda on a first-come basis.

The Summit Police invites all residents to attend to learn how to organ-

ize your own neighborhood watch program.

For more information, call Rodney Watson, Summit Police Crime Prevention officer, at 908-598-2170.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by The Observer to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To mail a schedule, send it to The Observer, Attn: Managing Editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union 07083.

Today

• The Springfield Free Public Library will continue its Summer International Film Festival with a showing of "The Chorus" at 7 p.m. This film was a cinema hit in France, and is an Oscar-nominated Best Foreign Film. It is in French with English subtitles. Admission is free. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 973-376-4930.

• The second of a two-part lecture series on Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana" will be at 7:30 p.m. the Summit Public Library, 75 Maple St. It will feature Jason Tramm, artistic director of the Summit Music Festival, and Noel Werner, minister of music at the Central Presbyterian Church in Summit. This lecture will focus on the texts and musical materials used in the creation of this great 20th century masterpiece. This event is free and open to the public. For more information and directions, visit www.summitmusicfestivalnj.com.

Friday

• The Springfield Free Public Library will continue its Summer Lunchtime Travel Video Series, "Cruising Along," at noon with "Cruise Greece." From ancient relics to sun-kissed beaches, this breathtakingly photographed and information-packed program brings home all of Greece's historic sights and grand attractions with its 12 ports of call. Bring a brown bag lunch to the program. Juice and cookies will be provided. For more information, call 973-376-4930.

Saturday

• The Springfield YMCA will sponsor a family night at the movies at 8:15 p.m. with a presentation of the movie called "High School Musical." It is rated "G." This family event is free and open to the community. For more information, call the Springfield YMCA at 973-467-0838.

Tuesday

• The Springfield Free Public Library will continue its Lunchtime Video Series, "Let's Sing and Dance," at noon. From a novel by Edna Ferber to a Broadway smash by Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein to three film versions to stage revivals, this film, like Ol' Man River, just keeps rolling along. The film is in color and runs 108 minutes. It is not rated. Bring a brown bag lunch to the program. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For more information, call 973-376-4930.

• The Mountainside Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Media Center at Beechwood School, 1497 Woodacres Dr.

• The Springfield Township Committee will meet at 8 p.m. in Municipal Hall, 100 Mountain Ave.

Wednesday

• The Summit Housing Authority will meet in the large conference room on the second floor of City Hall, 512 Springfield Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming

July 27

• SAGE Eldercare's Fall Prevention Initiative will present a free program from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. on preventing seniors from falling. The program is for adults ages 65 and older. For more information, call Julie Reich, SAGE Eldercare's fall prevention coordinator, at 908-598-5552.

• The Springfield Free Public Library will continue its Summer International Film Festival with showings of "3-Iron" at noon and 7 p.m. Admission is free. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 973-376-4930.

Firefighter's documentary wins numerous awards

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from throughout the county," McMeekan said. "They are some of the best teachers I've ever had. I thought people should be made aware that there is a fire academy in Union County (in Linden), and it has a really strong course of study."

McMeekan began the filming of his documentary in November 2003. The project was not completed until the spring of 2005.

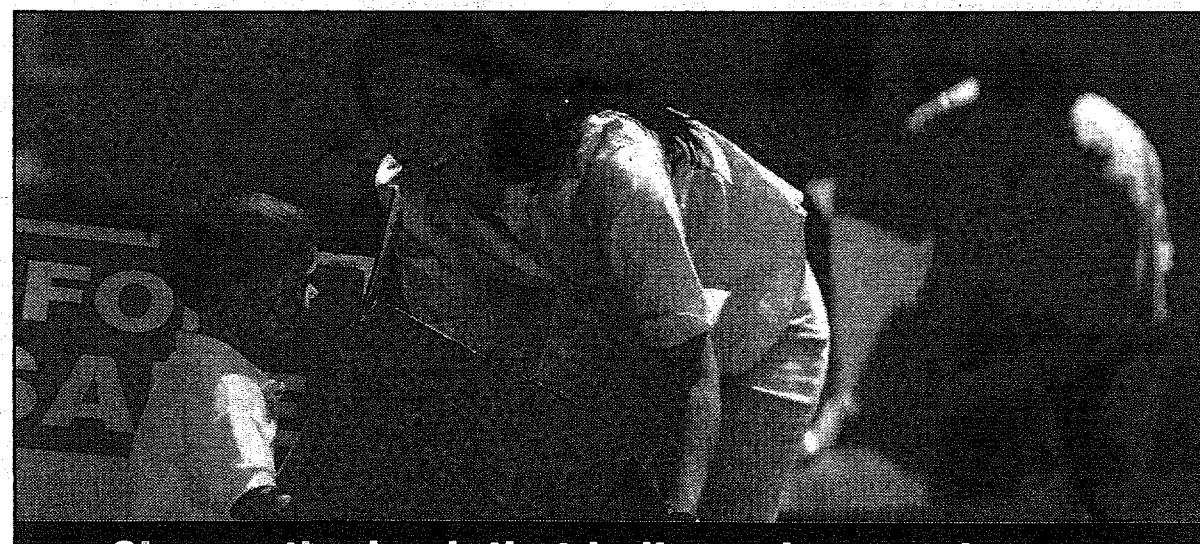
This was not McMeekan's first firefighter documentary. In 2002, he shot a documentary on the Westfield Fire Department titled "Catching Fire:

A Day in the Life of Westfield's Bravest."

McMeekan's experience with the Westfield Fire Department inspired him to become a firefighter himself.

"Being with them and seeing the remarkable unique job they do was amazing," McMeekan said. "When a firefighter lends a helping hand, they're literally reaching their hand out to someone."

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New Web technology keeps children close

System allows supervision while parents are at work

By Karen Koch
Correspondent

With most parents needing to work, the choice to use child care providers is becoming more common. As technology increases, along with growing awareness of safety issues, more and more day care centers are adding the feature of Web cameras.

"As parents, one of the hardest decisions they have is putting their child into day care," said Guy Falzarano, CEO of nine day care centers offering the Web camera system for parents, including Summit's SuperKids and Cranford's Rainbow Academy. "With this service, parents are able to pop in throughout the day. It puts their minds at ease."

The idea of live access to the center appeals to parents. "I absolutely love it," said Cranford resident Karen Carey-Lynch. "When I'm at work, I use it throughout the day, at least three or four times. It's the reason I decided to choose this center."

Carey-Lynch's 3-year-old son, Garrett, attends the Rainbow Academy, where more than 170 of 220 families opt to use the Web camera system, called ParentView, which can add up to \$25 on its monthly fee. At the Summit center, more than half of the 140 families choose to use ParentView.

"It's most common in the infant age, or first-time parents to day care," said the Cranford center's director, Jennifer Romanoff. "It gives parents a sense of security, first. We have nothing to hide, and it's a comfort to the families who use it always."

Clark Child Care, stationed at the Union County Baptist Church, also has a Web camera system.

"We just wanted to keep up with the technology," said Nina Matthew of the camera that was installed four years ago. "It keeps the parents feeling secure."

Web camera systems in day care are also used for long-distance relatives to watch children and for parents to look at their children's conduct. Danielle D'Amico's grandfather, who lives in Las Vegas, is able to watch his nine-month-old granddaughter daily at the Summit center.

"I like it," said Danielle's mother, Karen D'Amico of Kinnelon. "I like to log in and see what she's doing. I like to see her crawling around."

Springfield resident Kristen Labazzo used the Summit system in order to make sure her 4-year-old daughter, Isabella, behaved properly. "When we first started, we used the system," said Labazzo. "I just wanted to monitor her behavior in class, and see if she was acting up."

Albert Baramante, a child psychology professor at Union County College, sees the benefits of a Web camera system.

"Aside from a way of ensuring the child gets the best care possible, it encourages parents to participate in their child's life. They can watch and see what's going on," said Baramante. "Parents need to be more involved, and with this system they could reinforce what the children are taught."

As technology spreads in conjunction with rising calls for security, the Web system is moving past child care centers and into the public school system. While local schools currently do not have systems set up in the way of the few day care centers, the idea is spreading.

"I think all technology is beneficial, assuming it is used properly," said Cranford's Brookside Place School Principal James Johnson. "I see the benefits for security purposes and for use in the classroom, but we don't have them set up interactively."

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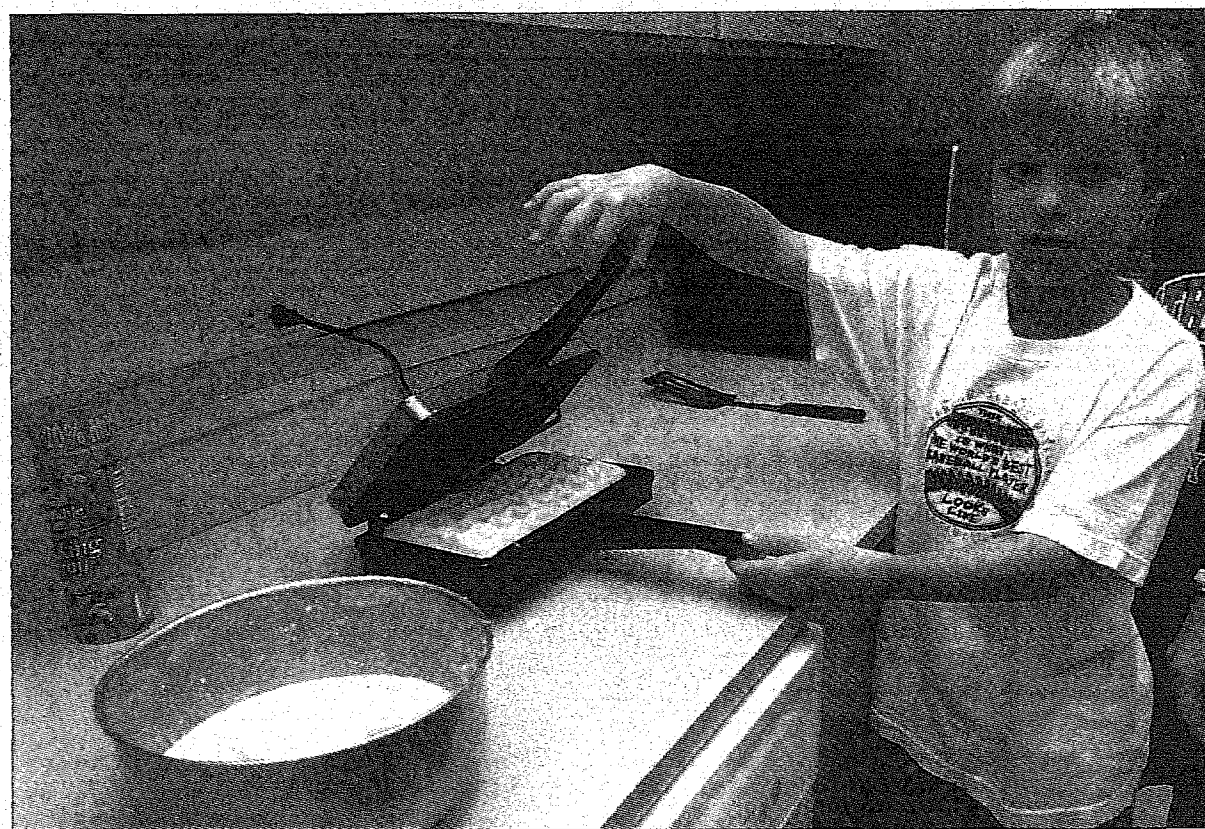


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Andrew Bowyer, 8, shows off the waffle his team recently made in its FLASH program cooking class at Summit High School. All photos from this program are available at www.localsource.com by clicking on The Observer, photo reprints.

Enrichment program is all about creativity

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ings, 8:30 a.m. to noon.

"Actually, we are one of the most competitive in terms of price in this area and, also, probably have the most-qualified staff," he added.

Helping Wilson lead the students are about 30 teachers, 30 college and high school students and another 20 to 25 volunteers who are 15 years old, he said.

"One of the nicest things is the kids not only come to the FLASH program and go through it, but when they get into high school, they are eligible when they are 15 to be volunteers," Wilson said. "Then, when they are 16, they can be considered for employment for FLASH as teacher aides."

Some who went through the program as children are now certified teachers.

This program has become so effective that many children come away from the program with a new direction for their lives, Wilson said. This thrills him the most.

This year's classes are already under way, but registration forms for next year are available at www.summit.k12.nj.us.

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Pedestrian bills pass Assembly, await Senate

One named after woman killed on Route 22 in Mountainside

By Dan Burns
Staff Writer

A bill named after a woman killed on Route 22 in Mountainside would increase penalties for motorists who flee the scene of fatal accidents or those involving injuries.

Assemblyman Neil Cohen, D-Union, is sponsoring two bills, both of which have passed the state Assembly and now await review by the state Senate. One bill requires motorists to stop when there are pedestrians in a crosswalk and the second increases the fines and jail time of someone who flees the scene of an accident.

Both bills passed by the same 78-1 margin.

Bill A-175 passed on June 26. It will require motorists to stop for pedestrians who are in a walkway or waiting to enter a walkway. Current state law states that motorists must yield to pedestrians in a walkway, but not necessarily stop, according to Cohen.

Bill A-1038 passed on June 22. The bill, known as "Skinner's and Michelle's Law," increases the penalties for motorists who kill or injure people in hit-and-run accidents.

"Hit-and-run accidents are the result of cowardly or indifferent drivers who make a conscious decision to

run away rather than face the consequences of their actions," the bill's co-sponsor, Assemblyman Jeff Van Drew, said. "Imposing stiffer penalties will send a clear message to these types of motorists: we will no longer tolerate your carelessness and selfishness."

The bill increases the penalty for fleeing the scene of an accident in which a person is seriously injured to a third-degree crime, punishable by as much as five years in prison and a \$15,000 fine. It also increases the penalty of leaving the scene of a fatal accident to a second-degree crime, punishable by as much as 10 years in jail and \$150,000 in fines.

The current law classifies fleeing the scene of an accident in which someone was seriously injured as a fourth-degree crime, and leaving the scene of a fatal accident as a third-degree crime.

The law is designed to be a deterrent to would-be hit-and-run drivers and to give prosecutors of hit-and-run cases more options, according to Cohen. He believes the potential increased penalties are justified.

"We have a responsibility as legislators to bring uncaring drivers to justice and to give a modicum of peace to grieving families," Cohen said. Losing a loved one "is hard enough. The fail-

ure to administer justice only compounds the problem."

Bill A-1038 is named after Lawrence R. Skinner Sr. and Michelle Margaritonda. Margaritonda was a Martinsville woman who was killed in a hit-and-run accident on Route 22 in Mountainside in 2000. The Elizabeth man who hit her and fled from the scene, Jian K. Lin, was sentenced to only five years' probation and a one-year suspension of his driver's license.

A 5-year-old girl and 2-year-old boy were the victims of a fatal hit-and-run accident in May on St. Georges Avenue in Roselle.

Vanessa Montez, 5, and Hector Montez Jr., 2, were crossing the street with their 27-year-old mother, Florinda Linares, when they were struck by a vehicle. Linares was hospitalized and the children died instantly.

Police have struggled with the investigation into the incident, which has produced few leads.

Cohen hopes to prevent tragedies like the one the Montez family experienced with Bill A-175 and various additional traffic signs that have been posted near the scene of the accident.

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Men return 'Little Man' tickets

Mountainside

On July 15 at 12:09 a.m., police responded to a call at the Loews Theaters for a possible theft by deception. The manager at the theaters told the responding officers that three black males had returned approximately 27 tickets to the 10:45 p.m. showing of "Little Man."

A surveillance video showed one male wearing a white T-shirt, blue jeans and white sneakers; the second wearing a white T-shirt, blue jeans, and black and white sneakers; and the third also wearing a watch on his left arm and an earring in his left ear.

The officers waited approximately 10 minutes for the movie to end, but did not see notice the suspects in the theater. The theater manager was advised to retain the surveillance

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video for further investigation. The tickets had an approximate value of \$240.

Springfield

On June 24 at 9 a.m., a resident on Morrison Road reported that his property had been vandalized. His lawn mower had been placed out in the rain, green paint had been thrown on his concrete and garbage had been thrown around the area.

On June 24 at 2 p.m., Felipe "Phil" Median Jr., 45, of Springfield, was arrested at the Colonial Motel on Route 22 east for terroristic threats (a domestic violation charge), violation of restraining order, and outstanding warrants out of Livingston and Newark.

School officials work together to cut costs

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Sharing services among public bodies has gained popularity as the state grapples with efforts to control rising property taxes. A day after his inauguration, Gov. Jon Corzine announced that shared services among school districts and municipalities would become a key element in controlling government spending. Many school districts have seen cuts in their state aid in the current budget.

The state legislature is reportedly developing an incentive program to encourage the consolidation of services among public bodies.

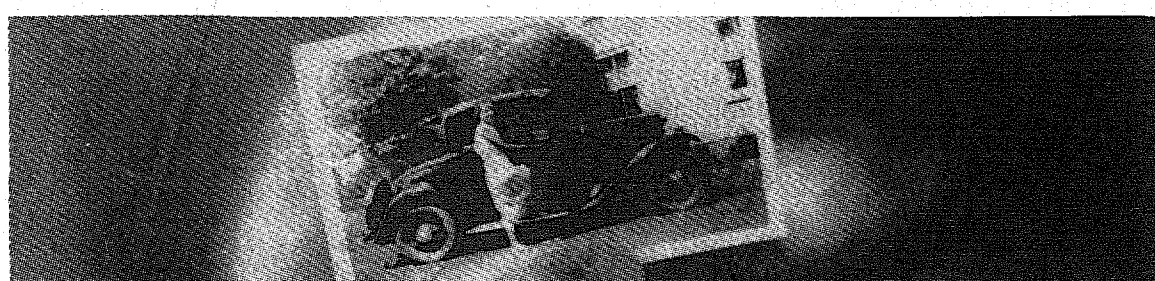
The Board of Directors of the New Jersey School Boards Association has developed a strategic plan to

enable school districts to explore financial efficiency and shared services.

The state Department of Education has also developed a strategic plan on shared services. A study by the department in 2002 concluded economies of scale resulting from shared services by a larger number of districts would be beneficial. The department has usually used the county and regional education authorities to facilitate shared services among school districts.

The local school officials will meet again in early August, according to O'Malley.

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Stop 'Paul Bunyan' from killing the trees

"I think that I should never see, A poem lovely as a tree." So began one of Joyce Kilmer's most well-known poems, "Trees," written in 1913.

Many municipalities recognize that, in addition to their aesthetic value, trees provide many practical benefits, such as storm water management. Accordingly, many towns have an ordinance that establishes requirements that must be met before a tree may be removed.

During the July 11 Summit Common Council meeting, Councilwomen Diane Klaif and Ellen Dickson introduced an amendment to an existing ordinance to provide protection for trees on private property.

There are five key revisions to the amendment: A permit would be required to remove any tree with at least a 16-inch diameter; property owners who properly remove a tree would be encouraged to replace it, with approval from the city forester; any tree in an area of construction would be protected to ensure no dirt is piled on the drip line and no construction vehicle would drive over the tree's roots; an amount would be required to put into escrow if a "significant" tree is not properly protected during construction; and the establishment of amounts for permit fees and fines for violations of the ordinance.

The first provision would have the most direct impact on property owners. Some may argue that they are entitled to cut down trees on their own property. However, property owners are already restricted by ordinances that require building permits for renovations, and laws that prohibit illegal activity. Also, trees provide character to a neighborhood.

New Jersey is the most densely populated state in the nation. It is unrealistic and selfish to think that your actions have no effect on your neighbors — especially when your actions are downright irresponsible.

Such is the case on Highpoint Drive in Springfield, where a property owner has been methodically cutting down all of the trees in his backyard.

He told a neighbor that the next tree he will destroy is 300 feet tall. Will the township continue to let him and other Paul Bunyan wanna-bes chop down any tree that suits their fancy, regardless of its history or any public safety issues.

This situation was brought before the Springfield Township Committee several weeks ago, and Bruce Bergen, the township attorney, is researching the inclusion of such an ordinance in Springfield.

We applaud Summit's amended tree ordinance and encourage Springfield to follow its lead.

"Poems are made by fools like me, But only God can make a tree," Kilmer said it best.

About time

After a nearly two-year hiatus, meetings of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will once again be videotaped, and, we hope, broadcast into the homes of most Union County residents.

It is astonishing that the county could go this long without videotaping its meetings. We will not go as far as to agree with anyone who thinks this was done to prevent the public from seeing and hearing those who speak during public comment periods. We do question, however, why the county has waited so long to repair its equipment. Freeholders need to realize that, intentionally or not, they have sent voters the message that their own pay raises are a higher priority than making public information accessible to constituents.

In any case, we look forward to seeing freeholder meetings back on our televisions. We encourage county residents, at the very least, to tune in to all meetings — municipal, school board and county — and be aware of what our elected officials are doing.

We would also take this opportunity to again support S1219/A2762, two bills that would revise the state's sunshine laws. These bills would require that all meetings, public and private, be recorded. Learn more at www.njsunshinelaw.com.

"Our pursuit of other governmental ends...may tempt us to accept in small increments a loss that would be unthinkable if inflicted all at once. For this reason, we must be as vigilant against the modest diminution of speech as we are against its sweeping restriction."

William J. Brennan Jr.
U.S. Supreme Court Justice
1986

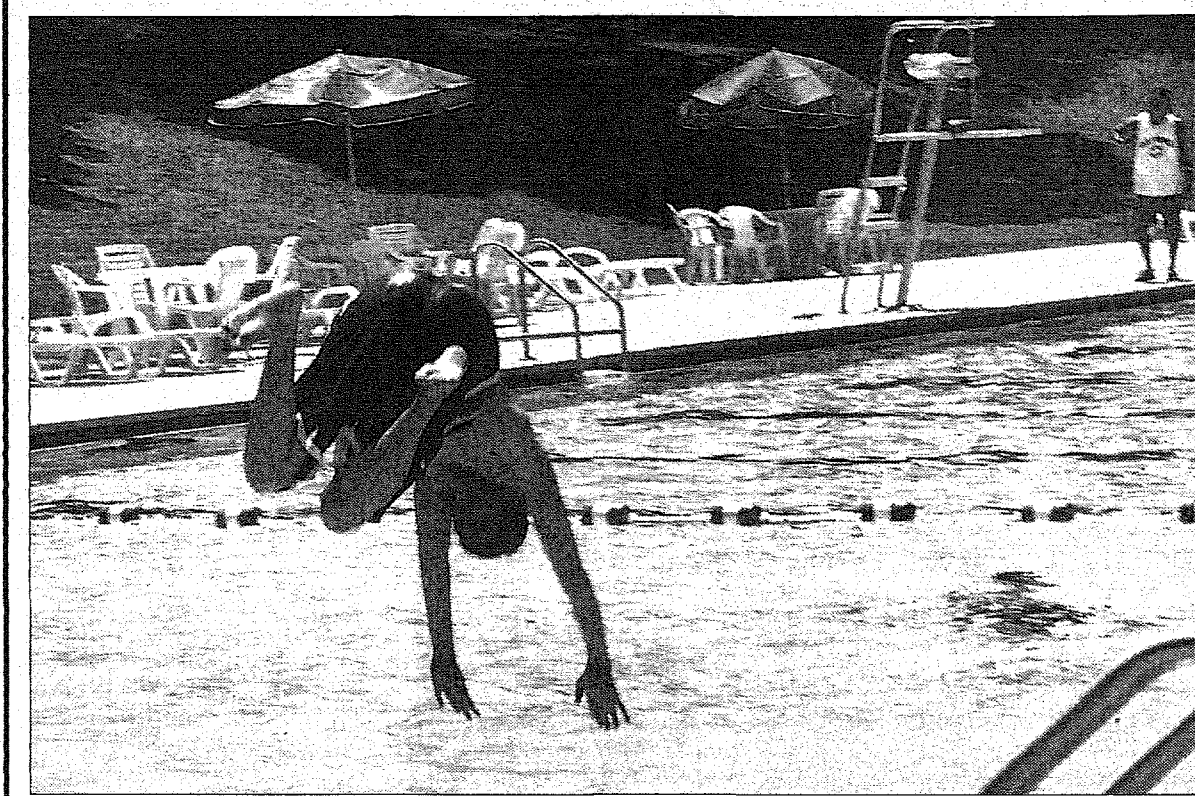


Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

GOIN' IN HEAD FIRST
Sean Caltabiano dives into the diving tank of the Summit Community Pool July 7.

Participate in a Neighborhood Watch Group

One can never be too safe.

A Neighborhood Watch Group is a great deterrent to crime. All Springfield residents should take advantage of the Neighborhood Watch Group program run by the Springfield Police Department Crime Prevention Bureau.

When neighbors get together to form watch groups, it tends to result in safer streets and homes, increased community spirit, improved bonds between neighbors and stronger relationships with law enforcement.

To form a Neighborhood Watch Group in your neighborhood, call the Springfield Crime Prevention Bureau at 973-921-1775. The Crime Prevention Officer will explain the procedures for forming a Neighborhood

From the Mayor's Desk

By Clara Harelík

Watch Group, and provide residents with all the necessary information and materials.

It is important to stress that the formation of a Neighborhood Watch Group does not give the participating neighbors police powers or special patrol power. Rather, it sharpens their ability to detect and report suspicious behavior, and protect themselves.

The Crime Prevention Bureau requests that at least six households be participants to form a watch group. The Crime Prevention Officer can assist with the formation of a group as long as there appears to be interest.

Form letters are sent to the neighbors explaining the program, providing contact information and introducing the Crime Prevention Officer. Each participating neighbor must book a security survey for their own home. Security surveys are a great tool for evaluating the safety of your own home. Note that security surveys are available to all residents regardless of whether they participate in the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Once the required minimum num-

ber of participants is obtained for a Neighborhood Watch Group, a instructional meeting is held. Each neighbor will have a role to play in the protection of the neighborhood. Neighbors will be shown how to look out for each other and how best to report information to the police. Neighborhood Watch signs can be installed on the street, and stickers are available for people's windows and doors.

Studies have shown a decrease in crime in neighborhoods with a Watch Group. As the Mayor, I urge residents to participate in this valuable program.

Clara Harelík is the mayor of Springfield.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our recommendation was distorted

To the Editor:

As a member of the Youth Services Task Force, I would like to comment on Andy Lark's campaign pamphlet, "Youth Services Task Force (improved services and savings to Summit taxpayers by eliminating the Youth Services Board through a more efficient, re-designed Recreation Department that will soon better serve seniors and youth)."

The characterization of the task force's thoughtful recommendation as eliminating the volunteer board of Youth Services to save money with a redesigned Recreation Department significantly distorts the recommendation, and is a serious disservice to the task force members. We recommended: "Create a new department that would combine current and enhanced Youth Services, Senior Services and Recreation. This option envisions a broad rethinking and restatement of an overall mission, creation of a new board to fulfill this mission, and an organizational structure to optimize service delivery for all constituents."

As Terri Tauber, Youth Services board president and Task Force chairperson, stated to the Common Council, our recommendation is to reimagine how a new, integrated entity — while true to the missions of each group — comes together into a stronger whole to better serve all citizens of Summit with cost-effective, high quality programs.

As the new task force begins its work on design, it concerns me that the essence of our recommendation is not reflected in Mr. Lark's comments. With Andy Lark as the Council liaison, what does this suggest with respect to his role in representing Common Council's whole-hearted endorsement of the task force's recommendation going forward?

Sharon W. Clark
Summit

Redevelopment must reflect our history

To the Editor:

The Township of Springfield was settled in 1793 and incorporated in 1794 during colonial times. It has a fabulous history. One of the most famous battles of the Revolutionary War took place within its borders. Many historians regard it as the turning point of that war, just as the Battle of Gettysburg is hailed as the turning point of the Civil War.

The architecture of the Presbyterian Church, whose first preacher was James "Give 'em Watts" Caldwell; the Historic Cannon Ball House; the municipal building; the high school; and many other buildings in town reflect its strong alliance to colonial style architecture. Unfortunately, many buildings, particularly those that line either side of Morris Avenue in its shopping area do not reflect the colonial era. Consisting mainly of stores with some apartments overhead, most of these buildings are more than 50 years old, with some being much older. Many of them have no distinctly identifiable architectural style.

At the redevelopment public hearing June 29, the head of the firm hired by the Springfield Township Committee to do an analysis for a redevelopment of the Morris Avenue business district showed a large drawing of a modernistic two-story structure to replace the old unused gas station at the corner of Morris Avenue and Center Street. With last year's big 225th anniversary of the 1780 Battle of Springfield celebration fresh in mind, many in the audience expressed their disapproval quite loudly. It was unfortunate that the architect did not do some research or take a town tour with members of the Springfield Historical Society, so a few colonial features such as red brick, white columns, a classic pediment or six-over-six windows might have been incorporated into the design since it would be located near the heart of Springfield.

I spoke with several people at Town Hall requesting the procedure for a new building project. It is very tedious and complicated. First, plans and specifications are submitted to the Zoning Officer and the Development Review Committee, then to the Planning Board with perhaps a review by the Board of Adjustment and to the township planner — yes, Springfield has one — with repeat visits to some of them. After final approval by the Planning Board, it is sent to the State Municipal Land Use Department.

In the case of that two-story structure, a legal notice was published in the Jan. 13 issue of *The Observer* with the provision that anyone could file an objection appeal within 45 days. Apparently, no changes can be made now. This entire procedure could take a year or more at a considerable cost to the owner.

So, well-meaning strangers came into town and bought the old gas station property, which was a bit of an eyesore. They hired an out-of-town architect to design and supervise the construction of a new building. This is fine and they spent a great deal of time and money to make many presentations to the various boards and committees. But the big question is, "Why did not any longtime Springfield residents or employees who serve on the various governmental reviewing committees inform these out-of-towners about our spectacular colonial history?" The net result is that it is too late to stop a non-colonial building from being built.

Perhaps when the redevelopment progresses, that would be a good time to promote some future colonial creations in Springfield in tribute to its marvelous history.

Hazel Hardgrove
Springfield

Chairwoman's salary is abuse of system

To the Editor:

In December of 2000, Worrall Community Newspapers' then regional editor reported, "The Union County Improvement Authority has a new executive director: Charlotte DeFilippo, chairwoman of the Union County Democratic Committee."

DeFilippo replaced Doug Placa, who was then Angie Devanney's husband. Angie is now married to the county manager. Placa was the UCIA's first executive director, appointed in February 1999 at an annual part-time salary of \$40,000. The position was turned full-time when DeFilippo was appointed and the salary was set at \$104,000. DeFilippo's current salary is \$132,910, up almost \$100,000 since she took over.

Worrall reported in 2000: "There's no way that job warrants \$104,000 a year, said Wayne Smith, the lone Republican on the nine-member UCIA board." He called it a blatant patronage job that does not even warrant \$40,000 a year. The UCIA is doing a lot for the county, but this is typical patronage and the UCIA really plays patronage to the fullest extent. He was the lone dissenter in a 7-1 vote to replace the part-time financial administrator with a full-time executive director.

Formerly the township clerk in Hillside, where she also is Democratic chairwoman, DeFilippo has worked for the county since Democrats took control of the freeholder board in 1998. She was a management specialist in welfare, a civil service position with an annual salary of approximately \$75,000.

In an editorial published in *The Observer* last week, DeFilippo wrote that public employees are being made scapegoats because of the perception among the public that they have overly luxurious pension packages.

Union County employee records show that in 2000, 868 employees made more than \$50,000. Today that number has almost doubled to 1,530 employees. In 2000, 29 employees made over \$100,000. Today that number has almost tripled to 74.

It isn't the rank-and-file that people are furious with, but rather politicians like DeFilippo who are abusing the system. They are using the rank-and-file as a smoke screen. She writes of rank-and-file employees as if she is one of them. Even more deceitful, she claims to be the defender of them just because she calls herself a Democrat.

What New Jersey needs is for people to stop blindly following a political party. So-called "Democrats" like DeFilippo are making fools of the rank-and-file worker and are using them to the hilt. It's the rank-and-file that are being taxed out of their homes to pay the patronage salaries of the DeFilippos of New Jersey.

Tina Renna, president
Union County Watchdog Association Inc.

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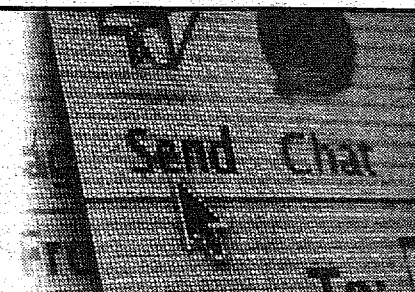
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Kane appointed to board

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — It is no coincidence that "Homefirst," formerly the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County, has invited Peter G. Kane of Summit to join its Board of Directors.

A lifelong resident of Summit, Kane is committed to the issue of affordable housing in Union County. He is well qualified for the prestigious volunteer position, having worked with Vito Gallo as a commissioner and then as chairman of the housing authority.

"I served on that board for over two years. In fact I have been involved in housing issues for over 20 years," he said.

He works full-time in New York City in the financial field, yet with all the commuting, devotes at least 20 hours a week to this volunteer effort in which he strongly believes.

He joins the Homefirst board that is based in Plainfield, but covers all of Union County. "It definitely includes Summit, for example, to the extent there are single mothers, families in need, and battered women shelters," he said. "These people in need have called upon Homefirst and asked to be included in our temporary housing program, and candidates for our permanent housing."

Its main number for help is 908-753-4001. "They (callers) will be

picked up by our van and taken to an emergency shelter. What is important to note is that we own 40 units of housing in Union County and there are a few in Summit," said Kane.

He said the organization relies on religious congregations of all kinds in the area to provide transitional shelter for one week, for example, and then they are passed to another congregation for another week, up to and until the time the family or person can find permanent housing.

The homeless problem crosses all lines. There are an estimated 2,000 individuals throughout the county with the average age of an individual served being a 9-year-old child.

Through donations and support of the various local congregations, these families are able to rebuild their lives.

"I believe in giving back. My favorite quote is, 'To Whom Much is Given, Much is expected,'" said Kane.

His wife, Margaret, and even his two young sons agree with this belief. He told a story that while doing volunteer duty at one of the homeless shelters, he decided to bring the children along, to see how others are helped. "I



Kane

wanted them to see the needs of others, and where their father spent his time, and how we all have to help others."

It worked, and the boys, 8 and 10, helped as well.

Because of his financial background, he was asked to serve on the fund-raising committee for the entire Homefirst organization. "We raise the funds for our continuing operations as well as for capital programs to purchase more diverse permanent housing units."

Since affordable housing seems to be such a continuing issue, where does he think the future lies for Homefirst?

"Unfortunately, the need is not going away. Homefirst is in a position and will be, to help serve this increasing and desperate need for temporary and permanent housing in the Summit area," said Kane.

After his appointment to Homefirst's Board of Directors, Kane said, "I am honored to be part of such an important mission. Homefirst is the most impactful organization in northern New Jersey with real programs and brick and mortar assets."

"A society is judged by the way it treats its weakest and most vulnerable members. Homefirst has taken this challenge as its mantle, and the results are amazing," he said.

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Eric Pryor, president of the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, is flanked by Roberta Morton and Summit resident Dr. Neela Pushparaj at a recent cocktail reception at the Tiffany & Co. store in Short Hills.

Arts center celebrates partnership

The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey in Summit and Tiffany & Co. recently held a cocktail reception at the jewelry company's store in Short Hills to celebrate their partnership in support of the arts.

Hosted by Roberta Morton, vice president, Tiffany & Co.; and Eric Pryor, president of the arts center, the event offered a preview of the new collection of jewelry created by world renowned architect Frank Gehry in collaboration with Tiffany & Co.

Also featured at the event was an 18-karat white gold "Equus" diamond hoop 16" pendant designed by Gehry, valued at \$1,150, a donation from Tiffany & Co. to the Visual Arts Center to support its mission of bringing art and people together.

The pendant will be raffled off at the Visual Arts Center on July 28 at 3:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the art center's educational and community outreach programs.

For raffle tickets and more information, call 908-273-9121, ext. 25.

Laws should secure rights, not rob them

The recent actions of the U.S. House of Representatives have convinced me that 317 of our congressmen need a refresher course in civics.

Mr. and Mrs. American politician, your first job as legislators is to protect the rights of American citizens. Your second job is to make laws that help run the country. Once again, protection of rights comes first, all other business comes second.

The problem — as illustrated by the House passing HR-4411 on July 10 by a vote of 317 to 93 — is the typical American politician considers safety, social order and many other factors to be more important than their constituents' civil liberties. Our liberty has declined in status from the supreme ideal this nation was founded on to something that is now a secondary consideration.

HR-4411, known as the Unlawful Internet Gambling Act, aims to block American citizens' access to certain online gambling Web sites. Access to online poker rooms and casinos would be restricted, and those sites would be unable to receive payments from U.S. banks and credit card companies. Online wagering on horse races, fantasy sports and certain state-run lotteries would not be affected.

The bill is sponsored by Congressmen Robert Goodlatte, R-Virginia, and Jim Leach, R-Iowa. They claim Internet betting can be so addictive that people can lose their life savings making wagers online. They also claim it is too easy for minors to make bets on the Internet.

Those points are well-taken and should be considered by parents everywhere, but they're not sufficient evidence to ban online casinos.

You don't ban something 99 percent of people enjoy because 1 percent of the people who use it have a prob-

As the World Burns

By Dan Burns

lem with it. That's not democracy, is it? Prohibition of alcohol didn't work. Burning books didn't work. Banning online gambling is not going to work.

As you might have guessed by now, I'm an avid Internet poker player. I play whenever I have some free time and I win my fair share of money. My income from my job as a reporter is modest, so I need a secondary income source.

I am one of thousands of American residents who treat online poker as a part-time job. Indeed, the financial plans of many young Americans rely on their access to online poker in the next few decades.

I know some of you might be saying, "You've got to be kidding me. Your financial goals rely on poker?" Well, they do.

Imagine being a talented rock musician whose band is about to make it big when your government decides to outlaw rock music.

Rock music gets people too excited, the government reasons. Studies have shown many violent crimes occur right after rock concerts, and teenagers who take drugs like to listen to rock music while they're getting high. Some people, including men and women with families, spend hundreds of dollars a month on rock concerts and albums, they say. That's money that could be spent on productive things.

This fictional government makes a good case. I guess we should outlaw

rock music. There is a negative side to every creature, commodity and concept in the world. It's very easy to make a convincing case to ban anything if you choose to focus on the horror stories. Things such as guns and alcohol, for example, destroy thousands of lives more than online gambling every year, yet they remain perfectly legal.

Banning online gambling is not the answer to solving the problems that arise from it, but neither is leaving things the way they are.

The United States should pass legislation legalizing online gambling, but requiring operators to set up an office within the country. Then regulate the industry and force the operators to pay taxes, taxes, taxes and more taxes. Tax the hell out of them.

This issue is in the Senate's hands now. Sen. Robert Menendez, D-NJ, and Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-NJ, I encourage you to speak out against this bill on the Senate floor. My congressman Mike Ferguson, R-NJ, did not agree with me, but I'm hoping you will.

If you decide to vote in favor of the Senate's version of HR-4411, then please do me one favor. Attach an amendment to the bill calling for the discontinuation of "the land of the free" as one of our country's mottos, because that phrase would no longer be applicable.

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Hospital receives \$250K pledge

Members of the Auxiliary to Children's Specialized Hospital announced a \$250,000 pledge to the Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation at their annual meeting June 8 at Baltusrol Country Club. The group also made a gift to support two programs at the hospital, as well as recognized volunteers for outstanding service this year.

The pledge, to be donated over the next five years, will support The Building Begins with Children, the foundation's ongoing capital campaign to build the new PSE&G Children's Specialized Hospital. This new center, currently under construction in New Brunswick, will primarily treat children with traumatic brain or spinal cord injuries, and premature babies.

"This is a very important project for the auxiliary to support," said

Jeanne McDermott, president of the auxiliary. "In our 97-year history, we've worked hard to give to the hospital wherever help is needed most. We're very proud to pledge our support to this campaign."

"The auxiliary has a great and long-standing commitment to service and fund-raising," said Philip Salerno III, president and CDO of Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation. "Since its inception, the group has donated over \$1 million."

At the meeting, the auxiliary also presented a gift of \$3,000 to support Friday Night Fever, a monthly social group for young adults treated at Children's Specialized, and Club Sib, a program offering siblings a place to turn during what can be very challenging times for their families.

Volunteers Gwen Buttermore,

Lynn Kolterjahn and Susie Schwarz, of Westfield, and Brucie Talcott of Plainfield were honored for their dedicated service to the hospital this year. Auxiliary members annually provide thousands of volunteer hours to support Children's Specialized Hospital.

Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation is the only organization of its kind where every donation helps a child with special needs. Children's Specialized Hospital is the nation's largest pediatric rehabilitation center, treating children with autism, ADHD, traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries, respiratory challenges, and many other congenital and acquired conditions.

For more information on how you can help, call the foundation's office at 908-301-5463, or visit www.forchildrens.org.

Commemorative bricks available

With the help of local supporters, Overlook Hospital will "pave the way" to a second century of quality health care to benefit all community residents.

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efit to Overlook Hospital.

Each brick can be inscribed to commemorate an organization, business, family, friend, birth at Overlook or any special occasion. Each engraved brick is \$100.

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The Centennial Life Garden dedication is planned for this fall.

For more information, call the Overlook Hospital Foundation at 908-522-2840.

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Andrea Weisbard was named SAGE Eldercare's 'Volunteer of the Month' for June for her service to the organization's Meals-on-Wheels program.

Volunteer honored

SAGE Eldercare, a major community resource for elders, recently announced that Andrea Weisbard of South Orange is its "Volunteer of the Month" for June for her service to the organization's Meals-on-Wheels program. Weisbard has been a regular Meals-on-Wheels volunteer for the past two years.

She started volunteering at SAGE Eldercare through the Jespy House with her friend, Howard. Assigned to deliver meals to the elderly in Springfield, Weisbard has become friends with many of the clients in senior housing in the township.

"The Meals-on-Wheels clients look forward to Angela's visits, including her jokes and sports talk," said Suzanne Lyon, director of the Meals-on-Wheels program. "Andrea is a very special volunteer, and one of only a few who deliver meals two days per week for the program. Since she is doing 'double duty,' Andrea is truly a volunteer who deserves to be recognized."

Weisbard is an avid sports fan and has won numerous medals through her participation in various Special Olympics competitions.

"Andrea is a shining star for SAGE Eldercare," said Lyons.

Seniors to present donation to first aid squad

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — "We all really wanted to show how much we appreciate the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, so when we heard they were having their annual fund-raising drive, we wanted to help," said Spring Meadows marketing director Susan Katz.

Residents at the senior living facility on Springfield Avenue will present a donation to squad member Dave Schempp, who will come to the facility in full uniform July 27 to accept the gift on behalf of the organization.

The energetic seniors have already collected the gift amount of \$675. Leading the drive was senior Sylvia Untracht, according to Katz.

"Sylvia had no objections, and in fact, she said that everyone willingly gave as best they could to this wonderful squad," said Katz.

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"The seniors fall, or might have a sudden medical emergency. We have several nurses on staff and they then

call for help," said Katz. "It is a fact that the squad is here within minutes, all the time." The seniors wanted to let the squad members know how much they appreciate their dedication.

"After all, it is always right to say 'thank you,'" said Untracht.

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OBITUARIES

Margaret A. Hornish

Margaret A. Hornish, 76, died July 10 in Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

She was a clerk/receptionist at the Maplewood Town Hall from 1970 to 1990 when she retired.

Born in Newark, she lived in Maplewood before moving to Springfield 18 years ago.

Surviving are three sons, Kevin, Stephen and Greg; two daughters, Kim Hanley and Dana; and eight grandchildren.

Andrew Low

Andrew V. Low, 83, of the Pittstown section of Franklin Township, formerly of Mountainside, Union and Elizabeth, died July 3 in the Rolling Hills Care Center, Clinton Township.

Born in Newark, Mr. Low lived in Mountainside, Union and Elizabeth before moving to Pittstown 31 years ago.

He was a sales representative and tour supervisor for Anheuser-Busch, Newark, for many years before retiring.

Mr. Low was an Army veteran of World War II. He served in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. Mr. Low received a certificate of merit for his courage while under heavy enemy artillery fire, assisting the establishment of an ammunition dump near Kepfelfberg, Germany.

He also was awarded the Bronze Star for ground operations against the enemy, three other Bronze stars, the World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge and Army of Occupation Medal with Germany Clasp.

Surviving are a daughter, Charlann Colella; a son, Douglas; a sister, Mary Ann Lazari; a brother, Joseph; and three grandchildren.

William Nakonechny

William Nakonechny, 91, of Toms River, formerly of Mountainside, died June 25 in the Holiday Care Center, Toms River.

Born in Newark, Mr. Nakonechny lived in Irvington and Mountainside before moving to Toms River in 1988. He owned and operated Orange Food Market, Irvington, for 37 years before retiring in 1986. Mr. Nakonechny worked for Syrian Wire, a defense plant, during World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Mary; two sons, William and John; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Dr. Silverio Quaglia

Dr. Silverio Quaglia, 85, of Delray Beach, Fla., formerly of Springfield, died July 11 in JFK Hospital Hospice, Boynton Beach, Fla.

He was a family physician for 50 years, with practices in Newark and Springfield, before retiring in 2000.

He was also an attending physician at the former St. Marys Hospital in Orange, St. Michaels Medical Center in Newark, Clara Maass Medical Center in Belleville, Overlook Hospital in Summit and Columbus Hospital in Newark. While at Columbus Hospital, Dr. Quaglia was director of the Family Practice Department and chaired numerous committees.

He earned his medical degree from the University of Naples in 1950.

A former police and fire surgeon for Springfield, he was named Man-of-the-Year by the Springfield Police Benevolent Association Local 76 in 1979.

Dr. Quaglia's additional honors included the Amico Club Citizenship Award in 1975, the Valletta Society Man-of-the-Year Award in 1984 and, in 2000, the Golden Merit Award from the Medical Society of New Jersey for 50 years of distinguished service as a family physician.

Born in Vallata, Italy, he lived in Springfield for many years before moving to Delray Beach six years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Marisa; two sons, Rocco and Silvio; and four grandchildren.

Aldona H. Riccio

Aldona H. Riccio, 84, died Saturday at Old Orchard Health Care Center, Easton, Pa.

She was a founding parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Mountainside.

Born in Minersville, Pa., she lived in Hillside before moving to Mountainside 47 years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Diane Riccio; two sons, Michael P. and Kenneth D.; and two grandchildren.

Catherine Lorraine Riley

Catherine Lorraine Riley, 79, of Mountainside died July 8 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

She was a member of the Rosary Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and a volunteer at the Mountainside Library.

Born in West New York, she lived in Albany, N.Y., before moving to Mountainside in 1954.

Surviving are John J., her husband of 59 years; two daughters, Susan Bailey and Laurie Brubaker; three sons, Donald J., Daniel J. and Matthew C.; and 12 grandchildren.

Girolamo Romano

Girolamo Romano, 51, of Springfield died June 27 in Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, New York City.

Born in Italy, Mr. Romano lived in Newark before moving to Springfield 14 years ago. He owned Romano's Pizzeria, Newark, for 16 years.

Surviving are his wife, Romana; a son, Giuseppe; a daughter, Rose; his father, Giuseppe Romano; and two brothers, Gregorio and Francesco.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that decisions were made at a public meeting by the Mountainside Planning Board on June 8, 2006 at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ 07062.

Mountainside Board of Education/Borough of Mountainside, Deerfield School, Central Avenue - Conceptual review of the installation of lighting at the softball field and baseball/sooccer field.

APPROVED

Arthur Tate, 181 New Providence Road, Block 10, E. Lot 10 - Preliminary and final, major two-lot subdivision.

APPROVED

Maraffi/Rome Festival, 448 New Providence Road, Block 2, Lot 5 - Music and drama school in a residential zone.

DENIED

Ruth M. Reas, Secretary, U151793 OBS July 20, 2006 (\$9.75).

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION RENT LEVELING BOARD

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, THAT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RENT LEVELING BOARD WHICH WAS TO BE HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2006 AT 8:PM HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

MURRAY FROMER, SECRETARY
U151866 OBS July 20, 2006 (\$6.00)

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, AND USE REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH ARTICLE 10 - STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND PURSUANT TO 2004 NJDEP

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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT RULES, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

SUMMARY — Chapter XXXV, Article X, Stormwater Control: Purpose: It is the purpose of this ordinance to establish minimum stormwater management requirements and controls for major developments, as required by State law.

Design and Performance Standards for Stormwater Management Measures: Stormwater management measures for major development shall be developed to meet the erosion control, groundwater recharge, stormwater runoff quantity, and stormwater runoff quality standards. To the maximum extent practicable, these standards, shall be met by incorporating nonstructural stormwater management strategies into the design. If these strategies alone are not sufficient to meet these standards, structural stormwater management measures necessary to meet these standards shall be incorporated into the design.

The standards in this ordinance apply only to new major development and are intended to minimize the impact of stormwater runoff on water quality and water quantity in receiving water bodies and maintain groundwater recharge. Stormwater Management Requirements for Major Developments: General requirements: The development shall incorporate a maintenance plan for the stormwater management measures incorporated into the design of a major development.

Nonstructural Stormwater Management Strategies: To the maximum extent practicable, the standards shall be met by incorporating nonstructural stormwater management measures into the design of a particular project, the applicant shall identify the strategy considered and provide a basis for the contention. Erosion Control, Groundwater Recharge and Runoff Quality Standards: This sub-

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section contains minimum design and performance standards to control erosion, encourage and control infiltration and groundwater recharge, and control stormwater runoff quantity impacts of major development.

Stormwater Runoff Quality Standards: Stormwater management measures shall be designed to reduce the post-construction load of total suspended solids (TSS) in stormwater runoff by 80 percent of the anticipated load from the developed site, expressed as an annual average. Stormwater management measures shall only be required for water quality control if an additional 1/4-acre of impervious surface is being proposed on a development site. Stormwater management measures shall also be designed to reduce, to the maximum extent feasible, the post-construction nutrient load of the anticipated load from the developed site in stormwater runoff generated from the water quality design storm.

Stormwater Runoff: Stormwater runoff shall be calculated in accordance with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) methodology, including the NRCS Runoff Equation and Dimensionless Unit Hydrograph, as well as the NRCS National Engineering Handbook Section 4 - Hydrology and Technical Methods for Hydrograph Computations.

Groundwater Recharge: Groundwater recharge may be calculated in accordance with the New Jersey Geological Survey Report GSR-32 A Method for Evaluating Ground Water Recharge Areas in New Jersey, incorporated herein by reference as amended and supplemented. Information regarding the methodology is available from the New Jersey Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual, at <http://www.state.nj.us/de/p/njgw/>, or at New Jersey Geological Survey, 29 Arcadia Parkway, P.O. Box 444, New Jersey 08625-0427, (609) 984-6557. Structural Stormwater Management Measures: Standards for structural stormwater management measures are as follows: Structural stormwater management measures shall be designed to take into account the existing site conditions.

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Structural stormwater management measures shall be designed to minimize maintenance, facilitate maintenance and repairs, and ensure proper functioning. Structural stormwater management measures shall be designed, constructed, and installed to be strong, durable, and corrosion resistant.

Safety standards. This section sets forth requirements to protect public safety during the proper design and operation of stormwater management basins. This section applies to any new stormwater management basin.

Variance or Exemption from Safety Standards: A variance or exemption from the safety standards for stormwater management basins may be granted only upon a written finding by the appropriate reviewing agency (municipality, county or Department) that the variance or exemption will not constitute a threat to public safety.

Submission of Site Development Stormwater Plan: Whenever an applicant seeks municipal approval of a development subject to this ordinance, the applicant shall submit all of the required components of the Checklist for the Site Development Stormwater Plan as part of the submission of the applicant's application for subdivision or site plan approval.

Site Development Stormwater Plan Approval: The applicant's Site Development project shall be reviewed as a part of the subdivision or site plan review process by the municipal board or official from which the requirements are sought. That municipal board or official shall consult the Township Engineer to determine if the checklist requirements have been satisfied and to determine if the project meets the standards set forth in this ordinance.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Mountainside for POTHOLE REPAIRS.

CONTRACT 2006-8: Bids will be opened and read in public at the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, N.J., on August 3, 2006 at 3:00 P.M., prevailing time. Bids shall be in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the Borough Engineer. Proposal blanks, specifications and instructions to bidders may be obtained at the office of the Borough Clerk at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, 1st Floor, Mountainside, N.J.

Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Plans and Specifications by the Engineer, upon proper notice and payment of a check for twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) payable to the Borough of Mountainside, said cost being the reproduction price of the documents and is not returnable.

KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, Borough Clerk, U151766 OBS July 20, 2006 (\$77.25)

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Bids must be made on the Borough's form of bid and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Borough Clerk, Borough of Mountainside, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, N.J., and hand delivered or sent via certified mail at the place and hour named. Bids shall be endorsed on the outside of the envelope with the name and address of bidder and:

"Bid Proposal for *POTHOLE REPAIRS, CONTRACT 2006-8". Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or a bid bond equal to ten percent (10%) of the full amount of the bid, not to exceed \$20,000.00, and made payable to the Borough of Mountainside as a Proposal Guarantee. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 (NJAC 17:27).

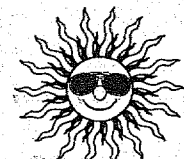
The Borough of Mountainside hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to award the contract to any bidder whose proposal, in the Borough's judgement, best serves its interest.

SARITA DE SUSA, Borough Clerk, U151861 OBS July 20, 2006 (\$20.63)

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Stangler appointed president of association

Springfield resident Shelley Stangler has been appointed president of Women Lawyers of Union County, a dynamic, full-service association of attorneys committed to providing legal education and information to its members as well as continuing to promote professional excellence and ethical standards. The appointment is for a period of two years.

A practicing attorney with offices in Springfield and New York City, Stangler has been providing professional legal services for clients in the metro New York/New Jersey area for more than 25 years, with a successful record of litigating complex matters involving serious injury, death and malpractice. Her practice areas include personal injury, malpractice, education, special education and civil rights litigation.

Stangler serves on the Board of Trustees of the Springfield Free Public Library and the board of Sisterhood Congregation Israel, and is a member of the Gateway Chamber of Commerce.

She lives in the township with her husband and 13-year-old daughter.

Brannin named sales associate of month

Terry Brannin was named Prudential New Jersey Properties' Summit Office's Sales Associate of the Month for the third consecutive month.

"Terry really cares about her clients, and it shows in her commitment to providing each with excellent customer service," said Kim Crites-Carloto, manager of the Summit office of Prudential New Jersey Properties. "She won't settle for less than the best when it comes to developing trust with her clients and facilitating a seamless transaction."

A Realtor for more than 17 years, Brannin served as the Board of Trustees president for the North Central Jersey Association of Realtors in 2005.

Recently, she received Gold Level membership in Prudential Real Estate's 2005 Chairman's Circle, a distinction placing her among the top 3 percent of Prudential Real Estate associates nationwide, and was appointed to the Silver Level of the New Jersey Association of Realtors' 2005 Circle of Excellence Sales Club.

As the number 13 sales associate for Prudential New Jersey Properties,

she is a member of the esteemed Pinacle Group, an honor reserved for the agency's top 40 sales associates.

Four members of firm named Super Lawyers

Four members of the Springfield-based Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks & Zarin law firm were recently selected as 2006 New Jersey Super Lawyers. Attorneys Kenneth Javerbaum and Jack Wurgaft were designated as two of the top 100 Super Lawyers in New Jersey, attorney Robert Hicks was designated a Personal Injury Super Lawyer and Dennis Baptista was designated a Workers Compensation Super Lawyer.

Javerbaum is a Certified Civil Trial Attorney. He limits his practice to personal injury matters including airline/airport negligence, auto negligence, construction site negligence, medical malpractice, legal malpractice, police negligence, premises liability and product liability matters. He is a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, which recognizes attorneys who have demonstrated exceptional skill, experience and excellence in trial advocacy, and have obtained recoveries on behalf of their clients in excess of one million dollars.

He has held leadership positions in numerous professional organizations, including the presidency of the Richard J. Hughes Inn of Court. He presently serves as Trustee of the New Jersey State Bar Association.

Javerbaum was named one of the top 10 Super Lawyers in New Jersey in 2005.

Wurgaft is also a Certified Civil Trial Attorney. His practice consists of all aspects of medical malpractice, legal malpractice, construction site negligence, auto negligence, as well as premises liability and product liability claims. Wurgaft is also a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and has served as president of the prestigious American Board of Trial Advocates.

Hicks is a Certified Civil Trial Attorney. He handles cases involving airline/airport negligence, auto negligence, construction site negligence, legal malpractice, medical malpractice, product liability, professional malpractice, police negligence and premises liability claims.

He has authored a book on legal forms and is a master of the Richard J. Hughes Inn of Court. He is also a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

Baptista is a Certified Workers' Compensation Attorney. As such, he is one of fewer than 35 lawyers in New Jersey who is so certified. His practice focuses exclusively on workers' compensation litigation. He has successfully litigated numer-

ous complicated workers' compensation cases and has been instrumental in shaping the law in this area.

The balloting and selection process for 2006 New Jersey Super Lawyers was conducted by the research department of Law & Politics, which used peer review and independent research to develop its list.

Attorney Bruce Bergen awarded certification

Bruce H. Bergen, township attorney for Springfield, was recently awarded the Diplomat in Local Government Law by Rutgers University. The certification is issued by the Center for Government Services in conjunction with the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys, and signifies successful completion of a series of courses covering all aspects of municipal law, along with various seminars on related topics.

Bergen is currently serving his 13th year as township attorney for Springfield, and also performs legal services for Hillside.

He is a partner in the Cranford general law firm of Krevsky, Silber & Bergen. In addition to municipal law, he concentrates his practice in all areas of litigation, including civil, criminal and commercial, as well as practicing before land use boards and municipal courts.

In addition to drafting all local ordinances for Springfield, Bergen also gives day-to-day advice to its Township Committee and municipal employees, and handles a majority of Springfield's litigation.

Bergen is a member of the Institute of Local Government Attorneys, which is affiliated with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, and earlier this year became an associate editor of its quarterly publication, "The Municipal Law Review."

He is also a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, Local Government Law Section, and will serve as vice-chairman in the coming year. He was recently appointed by the New Jersey Supreme Court to the District XII (Union County) Attorney Ethics Committee for a four-year term, beginning in September.

Bergen is a 25-year-member and two-time president of the Cranford Rotary Club. Also, after serving nine years as president of the Board of Directors of Union County Legal Services, he is now serving his third year as vice president of the program into which it was consolidated, Central Jersey Legal Services.

A Cranford native, Bergen has resided in Springfield for the past 20 years, with his wife, Jodi, and children, Stefanie and Ross.



Trudy Lindenfelser, center, congratulates Melissa Guida and Emily Del Guidice, recipients of 2006 scholarships from the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield. Lindenfelser is the chairperson of the church's Scholarship Committee.

Church awards scholarships

The First Presbyterian Church of Springfield recently presented its 2006 scholarships to Emily Del Guidice and Melissa Guida. Trudy Lindenfelser, chairperson of the scholarship committee, said they both have been outstanding students at Jonathan Dayton High School.

Del Guidice has been a member of the school's Art Club for four years, Medical Careers Club for three years, and Junior Statesman of America, her junior year. She was a member of the school's swim team, Arts Honor Society and National Honors Society. She will be attending Kean University, Union, with an art major, and also will be taking the required course for the fast track to a master's degree in occupational therapy.

Guida has been a member of the school's volleyball team and Italian Club, each for four years; Italian National Honor Society, three years; Medical Careers Club, her junior and senior years; National Honors Society, her junior and senior years; and Volunteer Club while a senior. She will be attending Albright College

with a double major in biology and forensics.

The Scholarship Committee also announced its 2006 scholarship renewals, including Donald Bogden, second year at Lehigh University; Kenneth Bogden, fourth year, Union College, Schenectady, N.Y.; Theodore Chelis, third year, Rochester University; Megan Dauser, third year, Middlesex County College; Christopher Del Guidice, first year, Morris County College; Danielle Guida, fifth year, Kean University; Lauren Holota, fourth year, Montclair State University; Douglas Kensicki, second year, Johnson State College; Allison Lau, fourth year, Tufts University; Jessica Lau, first year, New York University School of Law; Jessica Maas, second year, Union County College; and Jessica Scelba, fourth year, University of Rhode Island.

"Speaking for the entire Scholarship Committee of the Springfield Presbyterian Church," Lindenfelser said, "we, as their home church, are pleased to support these fine, outstanding young men and women in their academic pursuit."

SAGE program receives funding

SAGE Eldercare, a major community resource for eldercare, recently received funding support from the Rite Aid Foundation for its InfoCare program.

SAGE Eldercare's InfoCare, a free information and referral service for older adults and family caregivers, serves more than 3,000 local families with their eldercare questions and concerns each year. Older adults or family caregivers who don't know where to turn for help or who cannot manage the bureaucracy of existing senior services are encouraged to utilize the InfoCare service. A social worker will help identify problems and find solutions while providing follow-up to make sure that referrals were useful and that family needs were met.

SAGE Eldercare's InfoCare program not only serves those residing in the organization's core service area of Union, Essex, Morris and Somerset counties, but the entire state of New Jersey and beyond. The InfoCare program meets with clients free of charge at their location or at SAGE Eldercare; provides education about health insur-

ance issues, including the new Medicare Part D Prescription Drug program; works with adult children, spouses or family caregivers in making informed and appropriate decisions for their elderly loved ones; and provides support groups and educational programs on a variety of helpful topics for caregivers.

SAGE Eldercare's InfoCare service provides information about community resources, including adult day care, nursing homes, Alzheimer's, geriatric assessment centers, home care, transportation, entitlements, housing options, legal issues, Medicare and Medicaid, seminars, support groups and long term care insurance. SAGE Eldercare specialists include social workers, elder law attorneys, visiting nurses, case managers and more.

The InfoCare service also coordinates a monthly People Responsible for Elderly Persons Caregivers' Support group that provides caregivers with emotional support, community resources, effective problem-solving and coping strategies, and the chance to share common concerns with others who are caring for their aging loved ones.

SAGE Eldercare invites the com-

munity to visit its InfoCare Resource Library, open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The InfoCare Resource Library contains a wealth of information on SAGE Eldercare's programs and services, as well as other community organizations offering assistance to seniors in New Jersey. The InfoCare Resource Library also houses a computer for use in locating additional eldercare resources through the Internet.

The Rite Aid Foundation, founded in July 2001, is a nonprofit foundation dedicated to helping people in the communities Rite Aid serves lead happier, healthier lives. It supports specific programs of nonprofit organizations that are classified and exempt from federal tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. It limits its funding to programs that improve the lives of its customers and associates, through projects that focus on health care, women and families.

For more information about SAGE Eldercare's InfoCare service, call Ellen McNally, director of InfoCare, at 908-598-5509. For more information about SAGE Eldercare, call 908-273-5550, or visit its Web site at www.sageeldercare.org.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - "SERVING CHRIST IN THE 21st CENTURY." - 242 Shunpike Rd., Springfield. Sundays: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages - Nursery through Seniors; Spanish Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery care - 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11; 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesdays: 7:00 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study; Junior/Senior High Ministry, Active Youth Ministry; Wide-Range Music Program. Ample Parking. Chair Lift provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4351.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield. 973-376-0539. Mark Mallach, Rabbi. Richard Nadel, Cantor. Marilyn Garlen, President. Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekday services Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM Sun.-Thurs. 7:45 PM Shabbat (Friday) 6:00 PM & 8:30 PM Shabbat day 9:30 AM & sunset; Sundays, 8:30 AM. Festival & Holiday mornings 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third-seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for sixth through twelfth graders, and a busy Adult Education program. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

JEWISH-ORTHODOX

CONGREGATION ISRAEL OF SPRINGFIELD 339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. 973-467-9666. Chaim Marcus, Rabbi; Alan J. Yuter, Rabbi Emeritus; Solomon Greenfield, President. Congregation Israel is a Modern Orthodox synagogue. There are two daily weekday morning Minyanim at 6:15 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Daily weekday Mincha/Maariv services are also held. Call the shul office for times. There are two Shabbat worship services at 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. as well as Junior Congregation at 9:30 a.m. The Nursery School conducts classes for children aged 2 1/2 to 4. A summer camp is also available to children of this

age. Adult classes are held three nights a week with two weekly Teen classes. We have an active Senior Set and very active Jr. NCSY and Sr. NCSY chapters for pre-teens. Our Sisterhood, Adult Education and Youth groups provide a wide array of communal programming. For further information call the synagogue office at 973-467-9666.

JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (973) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor/ Education Director; Nina Greenman, Pre-School Director; Mindy Schreff, Family Life Educator; Edward Fink and Hank Rotenberg, Co-Presidents. Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:00 PM, with monthly Family and Alternative Worship. Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7; and Tuesday evenings for post bar/bat mitzvah students. Pre-school, classes are available for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Renaissance Group and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (973) 379-5387.

LUTHERAN

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 973-379-4525, Fax 973-379-8887. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 p.m.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, 229 Cowperthwaite Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Kirsch, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Morning Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible

METHODIST

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SUMMIT is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue. Church School and Bible Study is held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m.; the emphasis of which is to always have a "good week" because of Paul's reminder to us in his letter to the Romans "that ALL things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose". The sermons are uplifting, Biblically sound and guaranteed to keep you awake. The music and weekly children's message are memorable. All are welcome to hear the Good News of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers nursery care, after worship refreshments and fellowship, and many lively programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you too can have a "good week". Call the church office or Pastors Gina or Rick Hendrickson, Senior Co-Pastors for more information at 908-277-1700.

PRESBYTERIAN

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1459 Deer Path, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092. You are invited to join us in Worship Services on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. This is a place for you to enjoy uplifting music and relevant messages that will energize and inspire you. We offer a warm and friendly environment with Bible study, Sunday school and active adult and youth groups. For further information, please contact Dr. Christopher Belden, Pastor at 908-232-9490.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY, THE SPRINGFIELD WAY — Springfield resident Charles Buchman, 9, slips down a water slide during the township's Fourth of July celebrations at Sandmeier School. People listen to classic rock tunes by the band Justice. See page 20 for an additional photo from the event.

AT THE LIBRARY

Photography exhibit now open

What do torn pantyhose, bleaching, brown tones, combining like pairs, and reversing darks and lights all have in common?

It may sound like a bad day in the laundromat, but actually those are just a few of the materials and techniques that a group of area photographers have applied to enhancing traditional black and white photographs.

Some of their works are now being shown at the Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St., in an exhibit called "No Digital Allowed, Black & White Photographs." The exhibit runs through Wednesday.

In a world where digitally enhanced photographs are fast becoming the norm, this group of artists has maintained keen interest in traditional film photography. The body of work in the exhibit is a result of their recent course of study in Advanced Darkroom Techniques at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey in Summit with photographer and instructor Francesco Mastalia.

Included in the works are landscape, portrait, nature studies and still life photos.

For information about photography and arts courses, call the Arts Center at 908-273-9121, or visit www.njcva.org.

Summer Reading program is in high gear

The Youth Services Department of the Springfield Free Public Library is offering many incentives for area youth to participate in its Summer Reading Program. Sign-ups are still being accepted for children ages 3 to 18.

Children and young adults may listen to unabridged audiobooks, have someone read to them, read to others, or enjoy a book themselves as part of their participation in the program.

"Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales" offers weekly prizes to children ages 3 through grade five who record what they read and show their reading log to the librarian. Prizes include a coupon for a free ice cream, local merchant incentives and the library's ever-popular Treasure Chest.

Raffle tickets based on a higher volume of reading heighten the excitement with a weekly drawing for bigger prizes.

"Creature Feature," for young adults in grades six through 12, offers prizes after 10 and 20 hours of reading to students who show their reading log to the librarian.

Included are coupons for free video and DVD rentals at the library, a teen journal and a free teen-week at the Springfield YMCA. A special raffle of four tickets to a Nets game is available for this age group.

There are still many appointments available in August for "Tales for Tails," a program in which children, ages 6 through 12, can read to a St. Hubert's Girdal trained certified dog — with its trainer — for 15 minutes. The intent of this activity is for a child to gain confidence reading aloud, as well as to have fun.

The Youth Department has complimentary entrance tickets to the New York Renaissance Faire in Tuxedo, N.Y. for Summer Reading Club registered participants. Decide ahead which date you would like to attend the event, including how many tickets you will

need, and come to the Youth Services desk to ask for them. Tickets are being distributed on a first come, first served basis for fair dates of Saturdays and Sundays in August and September, as well as Labor Day.

All Summer Reading registrants are eligible to attend the Grande Finale Reading Celebration Party on Aug. 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the library.

'Shakespeare in the Parking Lot' to return

"Shakespeare in the Parking Lot" will return to the Mountainside Public Library this summer, presented by the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey.

"The Tempest," one of Shakespeare's best-known works, will be presented July 28 at 7 p.m.

The Friends of the Mountainside Public Library are sponsoring the free performance, which is open to the public and recommended for ages 12 and up. Approximate running time is one hour. Audience members are advised to bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating.

In case of rain, the production will be moved into the Community Room of Mountainside's Borough Hall.

For more information, call 908-233-0115, or visit the Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, during regular library hours.

'Visit' Greece at the library

The Springfield Free Public Library will continue its Summer Lunchtime Travel Video Series, "Cruising Along," on Friday at noon with "Cruise Greece."

From ancient relics to sun-kissed

beaches, this breathtakingly photographed and information-packed program brings home all of Greece's historic sights and grand attractions with its 12 ports of call.

The film runs 93 minutes.

Bring a brown bag lunch to the program. Juice and cookies will be provided. 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 of the Springfield Free Public Library.

The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. For more information, call 973-376-4930.

'Cruise' to South America at the library

The Springfield Free Public Library will continue its Summer Lunchtime Travel Video Series,

"Cruising Along," on July 28 at noon with "Cruise Scenic South America."

Visit more than 12 ports of call including Buenos Aires, Coquimbo, Montevideo, Port Stanley, Puerto Chacabuco, Rio de Janeiro, Santiago and Valparaiso. The film runs 93 minutes.

Bring a brown bag lunch to the program. Juice and cookies will be provided.

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Foreign film is acted by real war victims

The Springfield Free Public Library will continue its Summer

International Film Festival on Aug. 3 with showings of "Turtles Can Fly" at noon and 7 p.m.

In Iraq just before the invasion by the United States, a child-gang led by an enterprising 15-year-old struggles to survive in the Turkish-Iraqi border war-zone. Played by real victims of the war, the youngsters eke out a living and keep their feisty spirit. The film is powerful and heartbreaking.

The film is in Kurdish with English subtitles. It runs 96 minutes, and is rated "PG."

Admission is free. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. Refreshments will be served.

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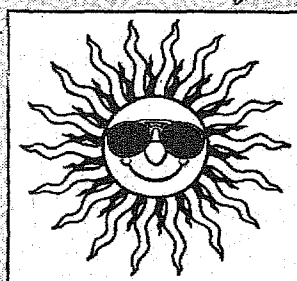
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Snapple Bowl MVPs and scores from the first 12 All-Star Games

There have been 13 MVPs from 13 different schools in the first 12 Snapple Bowls.

- Two MVPs were selected for the first time in last year's 21-14 win by Union County over Middlesex County.

- Union County leads the series 7-5 after becoming the first team to win three straight. UC has won five of the past six games.

- The MVPs in last year's game at Kean University in Union were quarterback Chris Drechsel of Cranford for UC and quarterback Matt Mariano of East Brunswick for MC.

- Union County MVPs have now come from - in order - Summit, Rahway, Elizabeth, Linden, Johnson, Westfield and Cranford.

- Middlesex County MVPs have now come from - in order - Monroe, South Brunswick, Dunellen, Perth Amboy, South River and East Brunswick.

Here's a list of scores, MVPs and the positions they played for in the first 12 Snapple Bowls:

2005: Union 21, Middlesex 14
UC MVP - Chris Drechsel, Cranford, quarterback
MC MVP - Matt Mariano, East Brunswick, quarterback
At Kean University

2004: Union 19, Middlesex 7
MVP - Jan Cocozziello, Westfield, quarterback
At East Brunswick High School

2003: Union 13, Middlesex 0
MVP - Mike Vicci, Johnson, quarterback
At East Brunswick High School

2002: Middlesex 28, Union 20
MVP - Zack Earvin, South River, running back
At Kean University

2001: Union 17, Middlesex 16
MVP - Brandon Bracey, Linden, defensive back
At East Brunswick High School

2000: Union 27, Middlesex 21
MVP - Billy Gilbert, Elizabeth, running back
At Union High School

1999: Middlesex 28, Union 7
MVP - Jeff LeSeur, Perth Amboy, wide receiver
At East Brunswick High School

1998: Middlesex 33, Union 7
MVP: Luke Cianello, Dunellen, quarterback
At Union High School

1997: Union 28, Middlesex 7
MVP - Louis Campbell, Rahway, quarterback
At East Brunswick High School

1996: Middlesex 21, Union 6
MVP: Kenny Rogers, South Brunswick, running back
At Union High School

1995: Union 17, Middlesex 15
MVP - Jamie Allen, Summit, wide receiver
At Sayreville High School

1994: Middlesex 35, Union 14
MVP: Khamisi Jackson, Monroe, running back
At Union High School

Series lead: Union 7-5
Home team: 3-9
Road team: 9-3
Most points: Middlesex, 225
Least points: Union, 196
Shutouts: 1 - Union County

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Terminators triumph again

The New Jersey Terminators were clicking on all cylinders last Saturday en route to dropping the New York Predators 22-6 in semi-pro football action in Elizabeth. The Terminators improved to 2-0, while the Predators fell to 0-1.

The team is sparked by former Elizabeth and Rahway high school standouts Abdul McCrary, Windale Bates, Darrell Glover and Jason Crutchfield. NJ hosts Hudson Valley this Saturday night at 7:30.



File photo

These gridiron standouts play for love of the game Snapple Bowl also for 2 very good causes

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Why would a high school football player want to practice in this heat?

Why would a number of head coaches and assistants want to take time out of their busy schedules and vacation period by getting teams prepared to do battle against one another?

It's all for the love of the game and more.

Yes, players and coaches and even cheerleaders are overcoming 98 degree temperatures to put on a show like no other.

The Home News Tribune Snapple Bowl 13 is set to take place tonight at 7:30 at South Brunswick High School, featuring 40 of the best graduated seniors from Union County vs. 40 of the finest from Middlesex County.

It's an honor for players, coaches and cheerleaders to be a part of such an event. It's even more of a thrill for them, knowing that they are competing for two very good causes.

"I'm very much looking forward to it," said Union County quarterback Mark Zamorski of Cranford. "I've missed football greatly since last season."

Since its inception in 1994, this county all-star game has raised some \$167,000 for two charities: the Lakewood School for Cerebral Palsy in Edison and the Children's Specialized Hospital of Mountainside.

"I remember when we started back in 1994, we were just thinking about getting the game off the ground," said East Brunswick head football coach Marcus Borden, who has been the most prominent guiding force of the Snapple Bowl.

"We just wanted to be able to cover costs," Borden continued. "We did a little better than that, giving out about \$4,000 the first year. Then we came up with other ideas for the second year, including all-star cheerleaders, the players visiting the hospitals and a banquet."

Always held the third Thursday in July, the Snapple Bowl helps prepare players who will go on to play at the next level.

"It brings some of the best kids in the county together and gives them a chance to meet each other," Borden said. "Some might have played against each other and most have read about how each other did in high school."

Zamorski was one of the most improved players in Union County last fall, going from non-starter his junior season to one of the best signal-callers in the county and the Watching Conference last year. With a new head coach, Erik Rosenmeier, and offense in place, Zamorski guided the Cougars to another winning season as Cranford surprised many by finishing a more-than-respectable 6-4. The Cougars narrowly missed making the Central Jersey, Group 2 playoffs for a second straight season, with close setbacks to Group 4 schools Linden, Plainfield and Irvington and a loss to Group 3 Shabazz.

Zamorski is one of three Cranford players on the Union County roster, the others being defensive tackle Greg Federici and guard AJ Tubelli, who may also play center when Zamorski is at QB. Federici was one of only two returning starters for the Cougars last year, the other being two-way returner Chris Brown, who excelled in last month's North-South All-Star Game at Rutgers.

"It's a great honor to play in this game and a tribute to our team that three of us are playing in it," said Zamorski, who will continue his football playing days at Division 3 Johns Hopkins University. "Our coaches did an outstanding job last season."

On Monday, the Union County players were to visit the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside and the Middlesex Players were to visit the Lakeview School for Cerebral Palsy in Edison.

All players, coaches, cheerleaders and parents were invited to attend last night's annual pre-game banquet at the Pines Manor in Edison.

"These kids are now working for county pride and charity," Borden said. "They will find out what it's like to play against some of the other top players from a bordering county. It gives them a chance to wear a helmet and shoulder pads on center stage. This will either be it for some players or just the beginning for others."

Borden, who has guided his East Brunswick football team to a state championship, felt for some time that a county all-star game could be very positive in many ways.

"There were a lot of all-star games throughout the state," Borden said. "If there's enough talent in New Jersey, which there is, then you can put on a successful all-star game."

When the Snapple Bowl began 12 years ago, Union County teams rarely faced Middlesex County squads. With the NJSIAA's reclassification the past few years, the matchups have been increasing somewhat, in both the regular season and state playoffs.

"There's nothing wrong with highlighting great football players in the state and for a good cause," Borden said. "I don't know of any other game in the state that has donated more money to charity than we have."

As far as the high temperatures go, they don't bother Zamorski one bit.

"I like playing and practicing in the heat better than the cold because you can tell how hard you worked by how much you sweated," Zamorski said.

Zamorski will share quarterback duties with Elizabeth's Josh Pryor, who missed half of last season with an injury he suffered during a home win over Linden. Pryor bounced back to have a pretty good track and field season this spring.

Not only did Zamorski have big shoes to fill last year at Cranford, replacing Chris Drechsel, but first-year head coach Erik Rosenmeier had to succeed Chris Hull, who left for Morristown after guiding the Cougars to three straight state playoff appearances in a six-season stint at his alma mater.

Drechsel was the Union County MVP in last year's victory by a 21-14 score at Kean University in Union.

"Last year was a challenge," Zamorski said of Cranford's 2005 campaign. "We rose to the occasion and our success was a testament to our work ethic. We saw an opportunity to sneak up on everyone and proved that Cranford football is still here and here to stay."

Zamorski hopes to help guide the Union County team to its fourth straight victory in the series. UC leads MC by a 7-5 margin in the series and has won the last three.

"We have a lot of talented kids and I've played against most of them," Zamorski said. "We'll try to make it four years in a row. It's well within our reach. I'm looking forward to an exciting and close game."

South Brunswick hosts for first time

South Brunswick High School is hosting the Snapple Bowl for the first time after East Brunswick High School hosted it five times and Sayreville High School once during times it was Middlesex County's turn to host.

When it was Union County's turn, Union High School hosted it four times and Kean University in Union twice, including last year.

The game will return to Kean next year.

"We're trying to get our football field back in playing shape, so South Brunswick was very gracious in affording us their facility," said Borden, who also reported that there were no sporting events played at the East Brunswick stadium this past spring season.

The Middlesex County squad began practicing at South Brunswick last July 10. The Union County team commenced practice with a single session last Saturday at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield. A double session was planned for Sunday.

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UNION COUNTY

ROSTER

1-Josh Pryor (5-9, 180), quarterback, Elizabeth
2-Ross Soares (5-7, 150), cornerback, Roselle Park
3-Darrion Caldwell (5-10, 170), running back, Rahway
5-Rasoul Wilson (6-1, 200), safety, Plainfield
6-Sherrick Dougherty (6-0, 165), wide receiver, Hillside
7-Brandon Smith (5-8, 150), outside linebacker, Roselle
9-Antoine Thompson (5-7, 180), linebacker, Elizabeth
12-Colin Weber (6-1, 185), cornerback, Scotch Plains
13-Mark Zamorski (6-2, 205), quarterback, Cranford
15-Marcus Graham (5-9, 160), safety, Westfield
16-Andrew Trivella (6-0, 175), quarterback-punter, Gov. Livingston
21-Cory Williams (5-8, 215), fullback, Union
22-Paul Harper (5-9, 170), cornerback, Union
31-Ryan McAdam (5-10, 185), linebacker, Gov. Livingston
32-Chris Mullery (5-10, 180), split end, Johnson
33-Raphael Lee (5-10, 190), outside linebacker, Union
40-JP Facchinei (5-9, 215), fullback, Summit
42-Mark Mross (5-8, 160), running back, Roselle Park
45-Anthony Del Conte (5-10, 220), defensive end, Johnson
48-Nick Giannaci (5-11, 215), inside linebacker, Scotch Plains
51-Robby Yannotta (6-3, 240), inside linebacker, Gov. Livingston
52-Keon Benton (6-1, 280), center, Elizabeth
55-AJ Tubelli (5-11, 235), offensive guard, Cranford
56-Dwayne Nesmith (5-11, 225), offensive guard, Union
58-Elijah Hunter (5-11, 235), defensive tackle, Plainfield
66-Leonard Bunion (5-10, 280), center, Rahway
68-Brian Kizelevich (6-1, 220), defensive end, Brearley
70-John Mayo (6-4, 265), offensive tackle, Linden
73-Greg Federici (6-2, 245), defensive tackle, Cranford
74-Spain Maynor (6-0, 280), offensive tackle, Roselle
75-Ken Williams (6-0, 250), offensive guard, Johnson
76-Kenny Marciano (6-4, 260), offensive tackle, Roselle Park
77-Cowles Stewart (6-2, 300), defensive tackle, Scotch Plains
84-Dan Ragan (6-2, 215), tight end, Scotch Plains
85-Kevin Nemick (6-1, 225), tight end, Roselle Park
90-Terrance Onyuke (6-0, 275), defensive tackle, Plainfield
99-Ishmyl Johnson (6-5, 265), defensive end, Rahway

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

ROSTER

1-Tommy Hill (5-11, 170), defensive back, South Brunswick
2-Patrick Brown (6-1, 165), defensive back, North Brunswick
3-Dan Lynch (5-11, 180), defensive back, Woodbridge
4-Mike Domenichetti (6-1, 170), wide receiver, Cardinal McCarrick
5-Greg Fritschman (5-11, 165), quarterback, Old Bridge
6-Jamall McKinney (5-11, 160), free safety, South Brunswick
7-Maurice Riley (5-10, 205), fullback, Edison
8-Aaron Jackson (5-9, 170), tailback, North Brunswick
11-Derek Schelcuskys (6-0, 210), linebacker, South Brunswick
12-Louis Pietrangelo (5-10, 205), quarterback, Colonia
14-Joe Cruz (5-9, 175), fullback, Bishop Ahr
15-Bill Becker (6-2, 190), wide receiver, Spotswood
18-Save Bovo (5-11, 175), wide receiver, Dunellen
19-Mike Collier (6-0, 190), wide receiver, Carteret
21-Jarred Jimenez (5-9, 190), tailback, Monroe
26-James McCloskey (5-5, 150), defensive back, East Brunswick
28-Jamar Beverley (5-11, 195), tailback, South Brunswick
32-Ray Gross (5-11, 185), linebacker, Iselin Kennedy
42-Alan Peguero (6-1, 240), defensive tackle, Bishop Ahr
43-Marty McGough (5-10, 175), outside linebacker, South Plainfield
44-Chris Lakatos (5-10, 185), linebacker, Carteret
50-Travis Colson (6-2, 285), defensive tackle, Edison
51-Dan Esposito (6-0, 205), linebacker, Middlesex
52-Sean Caffrey (6-2, 300), offensive guard, South Brunswick
53-Kevin Wiley (6-0, 220), defensive end, Metuchen
54-Andrew Fellouris (5-9, 190), linebacker, South Brunswick
55-Mike Henderson (5-9, 190), cornerback, Colonia
56-Sean Atkins (6-0, 235), linebacker, Perth Amboy
57-Derek Melnyk (6-1, 210), linebacker, Monroe
69-Rich Wells (6-1, 260), offensive guard, Middlesex
71-Matt Galadyk (6-5, 230), offensive tackle, Iselin Kennedy
72-Alex Shell (6-3, 245), offensive tackle, Piscataway
74-Jeffrey Gumbs (6-1, 250), offensive tackle, Perth Amboy
75-Frank Rondinone (5-7, 180), cornerback, Carteret
76-Ian Ritter (6-1, 210), defensive end, North Brunswick
77-Gary Smith (6-1, 195), defensive end, South Plainfield
78-Tom Whalen (6-0, 285), defensive tackle, Carteret
79-Herbert Nieves (6-3, 220), defensive end, Sayreville
80-James Jackson (6-0, 230), tight end, South Brunswick
85-Stephen Netti (6-1, 205), tight end, East Brunswick

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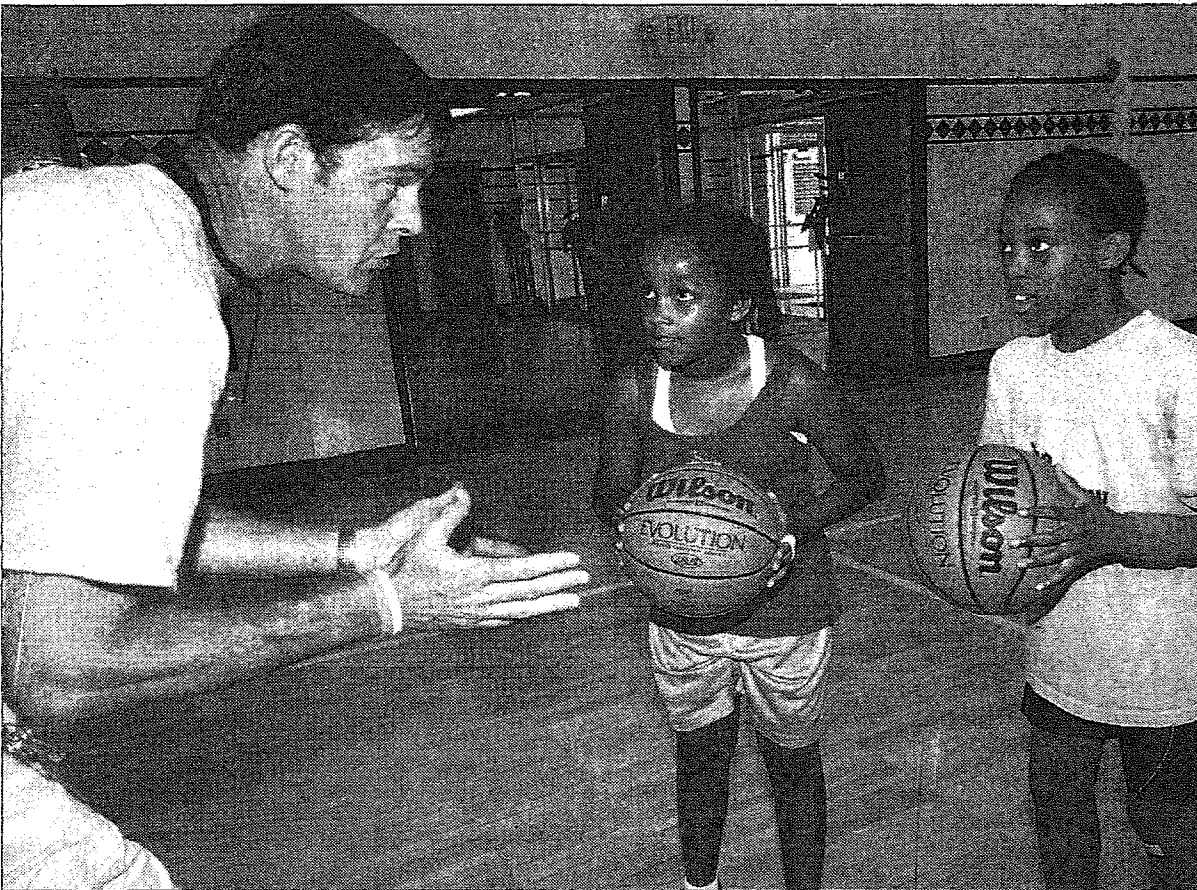
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All-County Basketball Camp instructor Pat Hagan guides youngsters, from left, Olivia Florence of Linden, 8, and Nekeia Scotland of Roselle, 10.

Philosophy of coaches is to stress hoop fundamentals

They try to temper 'Sportscenter' influence

By Jeff Cummins
Staff Writer

ROSELLE — Joe Skrec watched the basketball action in front of him. When the time came for the children to take a break, Skrec counted down the final seconds. There was no electronic clock to count down the seconds for him. This was as pure and old school as sports gets.

As time has gone on, plenty of things have changed in society and in sports. However, Skrec and his colleague Pat Hagan have not changed the way they coach or teach the game.

The two varsity hoop coaches at Roselle Catholic run the All County Basketball Camp, which just completed its 24th summer of instruction at Roselle Catholic High School. Hagan is the boys' basketball coach and Skrec the girls'.

"I told the kids the first day of camp, 'We are not going to reinvent basketball,'" Hagan said. "It's still basketball and it's going to be the same way for the next 50 years as it was for the last 50 years."

"You have to adjust things all the time, though. Most of these kids are NBA fans and one of the things we've told them was that in the last couple of years, movement has come back to the NBA after it used to be post-up, throw to the big man and everyone get out of the way."

Hagan referred to the fact that in the early 1990s, the style of play in the National Basketball Association had evolved into a very motionless style in which the ball was constantly passed to the center, who usually tried to use his bulk to score near the basket.

For the most part, though, the camp run by Hagan and Skrec remains almost "Hoosiers"-esque in nature. Hagan noticed that some players have been coached so much that they are not used to playing basketball without supervision.

"I think the older kids come and they've been playing with their grammar school team or a junior high school team and everything is organized practices and they run plays," Hagan said. "When they get here, the first couple of days of camp, there is no offense. It's not like they're used to going to the playground and playing without the ball. All these kids play organized basketball. They have an adult coaching them. When Joe and I grew up, you went to the playground and you played."

"I think you can definitely see a 'Sportscenter' influence on the players," Skrec said. "We see them try to emulate, a

lot of times, what they see on TV. Of course, that's not always the best thing for young people to see while they are trying to learn fundamentals.

"It's okay to want to 'Be like Mike' and those sorts of things, but what we try to tell them is how much work it takes to get on Sportscenter. It's always been a camp about fundamentals. What I always try to say to the campers is that if you learn one or two things here, then you will have had a productive camp."

So, in essence, this camp was the exact opposite of the ABCD camp that took place earlier this month in Hackensack. There were no corporate sponsors at Hagan and Skrec's camp and there was no "big-time" atmosphere.

This camp was pure, back-to-basics basketball, and there is definitely a lot that can be said for that.

No, the camp has not produced any Michael Jordans, Kobe Bryants or Sebastian Telfairs, but Hagan and Skrec can proudly point to the number of players who have gone on to coach after spending their days in this camp, including Jose Rebimbus, the head coach of the William Paterson University men's basketball team.

"Kids are kids," Skrec said. "Kids want to have fun, but they will test you. For the most part, we have had kids at our camps who have been coachable and teachable."

The bottom line is that Skrec and Hagan don't make any guarantees. They merely acknowledge the quid pro quo nature of basketball. Their camp is old fashioned, just like the style of basketball they coach.

NOTES: Rebimbus was named this year's Atlantic Region Coach of the Year in Division 3 as announced by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC). He guided the Pioneers to a 23-8 record that included the New Jersey Athletic Conference championship and a berth in the Elite 8 of the NCAA Division 3 tournament.

This was the second time that Rebimbus was named the region's Coach of the Year, having also been honored in 2001 after leading William Paterson to the national championship that season. He guided the Pioneers to their fourth NJAC title and sixth NCAA Division 3 playoff appearance in 2005-2006.

In 11 seasons at the helm, Rebimbus has led William Paterson to four 20-win campaigns, with this past winter's squad tying for the second-most victories in school history.

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Cranford baseball squad captures tournament title

Tops East Brunswick in championship game

The Cranford Tournament age 10 baseball team went undefeated throughout the North Jersey State Tournament at Pershing Field in Jersey City last week.

The next stop is the Mid-Atlantic Regional in Albany, which features the top teams from New Jersey, New York, Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Cranford's North Jersey State Tournament record was a perfect 4-0, with wins over Matawan 13-1, Montville 9-7 and East Brunswick 13-7 and 21-7.

Against Matawan, Cranford took command right from the start by batting through the order and pushing six runs across the plate in the first inning.

The Cougars never looked back after that, scoring seven more runs in the third inning and shortening the game to four innings after the mercy rule was enforced.

Cranford pitchers Tyler Davis and Sean Feeney combined to strike out five batters and yielded just one hit. The Cougar offense was sparked by Jake Forrester's three this, Jack McCaughey's two, two runs and two RBI and Tommy Trotter's two and a walk.

In its second game, Cranford faced a "never say die" Montville team. Just like in their first game, the Cougars started out strong, scoring three runs in the first inning. After three innings, the Cougars were behind 7-3.

The Cougar bats awakened in the fourth inning and the team batted through the order and evened the score at 7-7. Cranford pitchers held Montville's batters in check through the last two innings and the Cougars then pushed two more runs across the plate in the fifth for the victory.

The mound duties were shared by Sean Feeney, Jake Forrester and Tyler Davis. The Cougar bats featured Andrew DiFrancesco with four hits, one run and two RBI; Trotter with three hits and three runs; Jack McCaffery with two hits, one walk and two runs and Alex Plick with two hits, one walk and one run.

Cranford's third game was probably its most important,

with the Cougars facing the only other undefeated team in this double-elimination tournament and last year's runner-up, East Brunswick.

The winner of this game would go right to the championship. Cranford came out swinging and scored four runs in the first inning. East Brunswick, out to avenge last year's loss, came out strong and scored seven times in the bottom of the first to take a 7-4 lead.

However, the East Brunswick pitchers couldn't keep a strong Cranford team down. Cranford came back in the second inning to tie the score at 7-7.

The Cougar pitching then settled in and only gave up two more runs the rest of the way. Davis and Forrester handled the mound duties.

As always, the key to the tournament was Cranford's productive offense. Cranford pushed another six runs across the plate and finished with 18 hits en route to the six-run triumph.

The Cranford offense had four players with three hits apiece, those being McCaffery, DiFrancesco, Mike Guarriello and Forrester. Trotter had two hits and a walk, with three runs scored and one RBI from his lead-off spot in the order.

East Brunswick returned for the championship game and had to beat Cranford twice to win the title. After two innings of play, the game was scoreless.

The visiting Cranford team then scored eight runs over the next three innings, with a score of 8-0 going into the fifth.

East Brunswick showed no quit and refused to give up, closing to within 8-7. The bottom of the fifth inning concluded with a solid catch by Trotter that stranded the bases loaded.

The Cougars responded to East Brunswick's seven unanswered runs by scoring 11 times on 13 hits in the top of the sixth to go on to win the crown.

Piatkowski, Plate, French splash way to first place

Excel in meet against Roycefield Swim Club

The Cranford Gators traveled to the Roycefield Swim Club in Hillsborough on July 10 to participate in the Roycefield Sprints.

"This is a fun meet," head coach Ashley Klappholz said. "Every event is a 25-yard race."

The swimmers are entered as a team, but participate for themselves.

Swimmers race in their age group and there are several heats per race.

Points are awarded for the first 10 places and there are high-point winners in each age group and sex.

Cranford Gator swimmers performed very well.

First-place finishes were recorded by Kayla Piatkowski in the backstroke; Michael Plate in the butterfly and backstroke and Sean French in the butterfly.

Seconds were turned in by Kayla Piatkowski in the butterfly and breaststroke; Julie Byrne in the butterfly and Patricia Kolesa in the freestyle.

Thirds were posted by Julie Byrne in the backstroke; Erin McAuliffe in the backstroke; Patricia Kolesa in the breaststroke; Erin McAuliffe in the freestyle; Anthony Kalafatis in the backstroke and freestyle; Connor Harkins in the backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle; Kevin Kolesa in the breaststroke and Michael Plate in the breaststroke and freestyle.

Fourths were recorded by Vanessa Rosa in the butterfly, breaststroke, backstroke and freestyle and Connor Harkins in the butterfly.

Finishing fifth were Patricia Kolesa in the butterfly; Erin McAuliffe in the butterfly; Kathleen French in the breaststroke; Julie Byrne in the freestyle; Kevin Kolesa in the butterfly and Eric Rosa in the backstroke.

Sixth for Cranford were Kathleen French in the butterfly; Danielle McAuliffe in the butterfly and breaststroke; Kelly McAuliffe in the freestyle; Kevin Kolesa in the backstroke and freestyle and Sean French in the breaststroke.

Seventh for the Gators were Patricia Kolesa in the backstroke; Julie Byrne in the breaststroke; Erin McAuliffe in the breaststroke and Sean French in the backstroke and freestyle.

Eighth were Kelly McAuliffe in the butterfly; Kathleen French in the backstroke; Danielle McAuliffe in the backstroke; Geoffrey Walano in the coaches individual medley; Kayla Piatkowski in the freestyle; Nicholas Kalafatis in the butterfly and breaststroke and Eric Rosa in the freestyle.

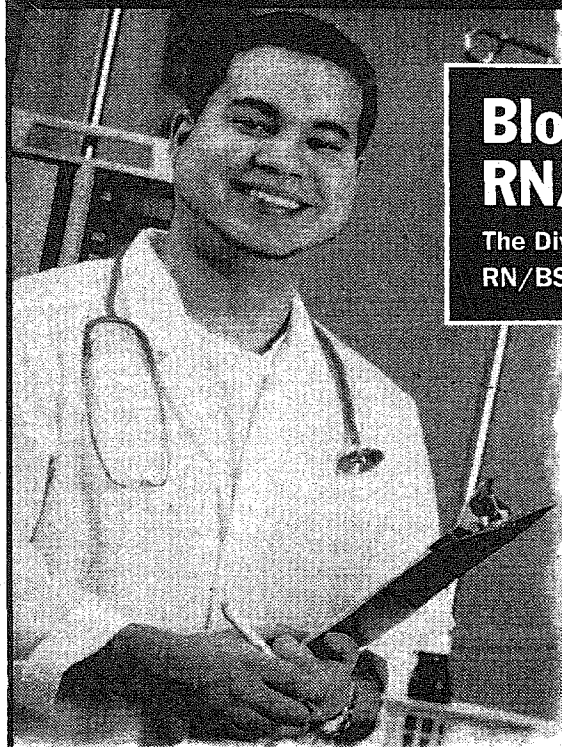
Ninth were Megan Byrne in the butterfly; Kelly McAuliffe in the backstroke; Candice Durant in the backstroke; Kathleen French in the freestyle; Brian McAuliffe in the freestyle and Nicholas Kalafatis in the freestyle.

Placing 10th were Eric Rosa in the butterfly and Nicholas Kalafatis in the backstroke.

"Several other swimmers participated and did very well against very good competition," assistant coach Geoff Walano said.

Michael Plate was high-point winner for the boys' age 15 group.

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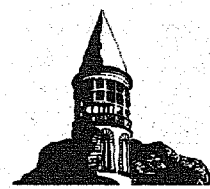
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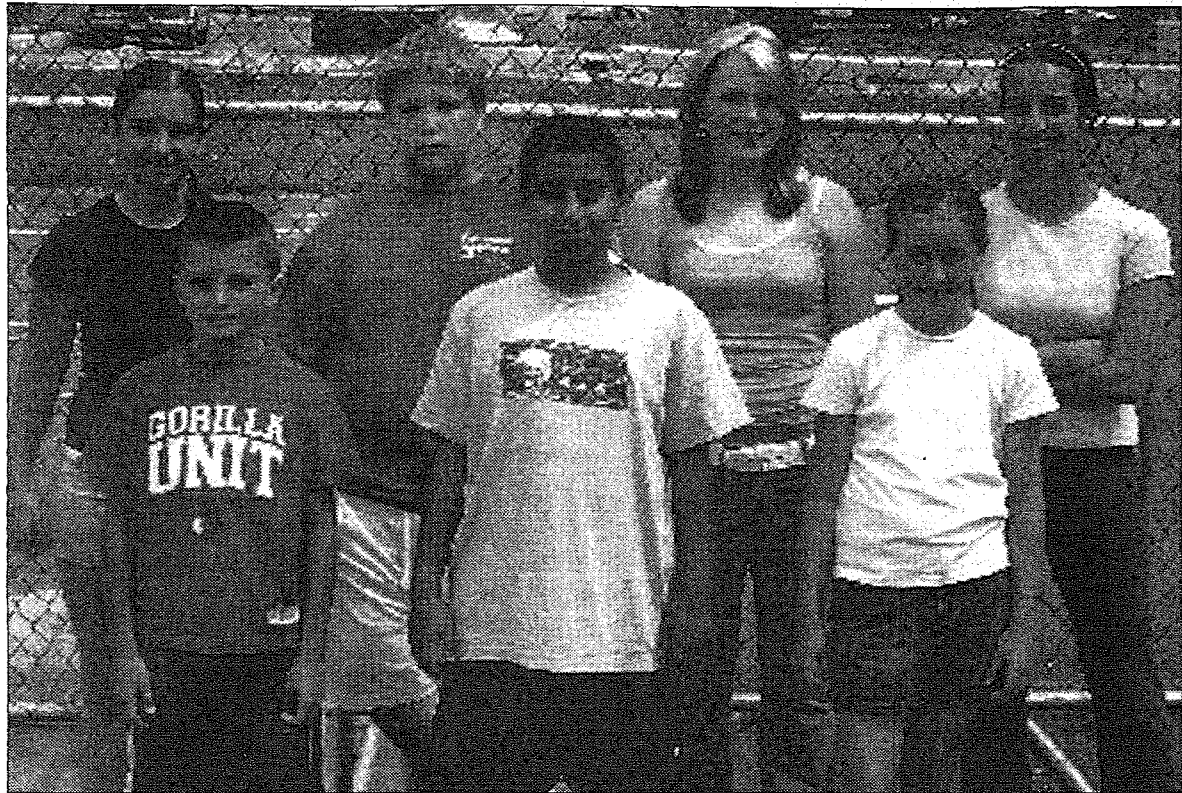
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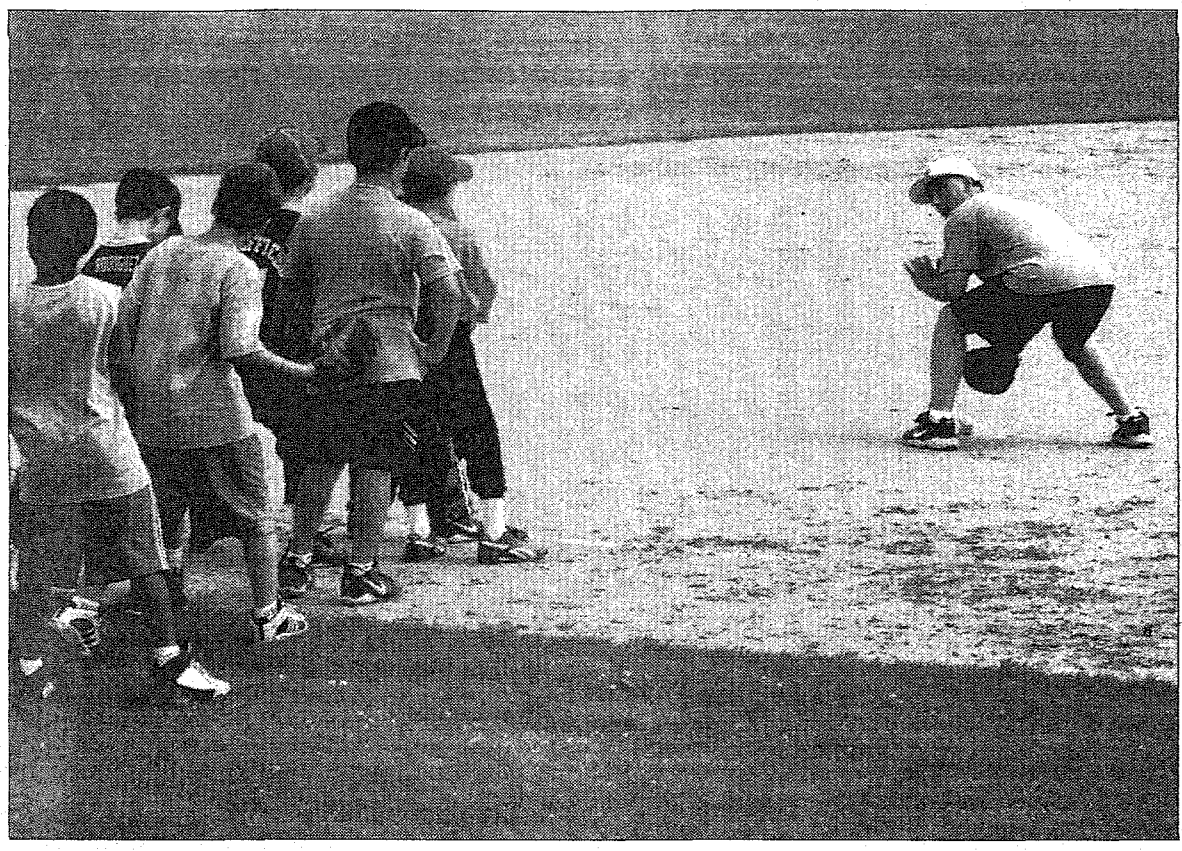
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Above, the Linden Rec Department continued its summer program with all parks battling for supremacy in the Inline Hockey Hot Shot competition. Front row, from left, are Mergim Gijiqi, Malek Saadeh and Shannon Walsh. Back row, from left, are Danielle Monaco, Daniel Tekula, Erin Murphy and Salwa Saadeh. Below, the Tiger Baseball Camp was held at Memorial Field under the direction of Linden High School baseball coach Dan Mondelli. Here, instructor Brandon Czakowski demonstrates proper fielding technique.



Cranford Sunoco 21-0

Cranford Sunoco remains the only undefeated team in the Clark Men's Softball League, owners of a perfect 21-0 record. Sutton Heavy Trucking is in second place at 17-3.

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Hillside's Desir is picking up his hoop game this summer

NJCU player leads team to championship

By Jeff Cummins
Staff Writer

Summer school can prove to be very effective, even if the course of study is basketball.

Aaron Desir of Hillside is the perfect example. Desir played his freshman basketball season at New Jersey City University in Jersey City this past winter. He played in 17 games and only scored in double figures once.

This summer, he played for the Gothic Knights' team in the George Ballard Summer League. Desir made his biggest contribution when it mattered the most, scoring 21 points as the Gothic Knights came from behind to beat Up The Hill 97-93 to capture the league championship.

With his team trailing by 10 points with less than 15 minutes remaining in the game, Desir made back-to-back 3-point shots to cut the deficit to two at 71-69. Desir's sudden improvement offers evidence that the extra work he put in certainly upgraded his performance.

NJCU head coach Charles Brown already noticed Desir's improvement.

"Aaron always was a pretty good shooter, but at the college level he was not always able to get his shot off," Brown said. "During the season, I could tell he had improved even though his scoring didn't come up. He has shown marked improvement not only in his shooting, but in his thought process in terms of the game and what we are trying to do."

"We are trying to develop an up-tempo game. He's a better rebounder and he looks like he's gotten stronger, also. I think the biggest part is his confidence."

Desir realizes his game has improved and he seems determined to continue his upswing.

"It was, basically, going to the gym in the off season and the fact that I didn't want to sit on the bench the next season," Desir said. "I just spent more time in the gym. I'm trying to get back to where I was in high school, when I was scoring a lot."

NJCU has hosted the George Ballard Summer League for 15 seasons and has qualified for the final every year. This was the seventh time that NJCU won the league. The school won its first six titles in 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 2002 and 2004.

NJCU also earned some redemption for a previous loss to Up The Hill, a collection of current and former college players from the Newark area. Up The Hill topped NJCU in last year's final, 79-70.

This season marked the second consecutive year that the No. 3 seed beat the top seed in the final. The Gothic Knights advanced after a 71-62 win over No. 2 seed William Paterson University on June 28.

NJCU concluded summer league play with an impressive 8-2 mark.

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Union County goes for 4th win in a row

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"The South Brunswick PAL has also gotten behind the game and sponsored a barbeque after a practice," Borden said. "They are trying to make the game a community day event by donating their field and facilities for no charge, which I think is great. At East Brunswick, we also didn't charge."

Live internet radio coverage debuts

For the first time, the Snapple Bowl will be broadcast live over the internet. New Jersey Internet Radio will be doing the live broadcast, with Joe Nolan handling play-by-play and Butch Seltzer of traffic.com the commentary.

Seltzer, a 1984 East Brunswick grad who played for the Bears, is also affiliated with one of the game's other sponsors, that being Nett Aviation.

The game will also be aired on tape delay on the local Piscataway television station at a date to be determined.

NOTES: Zamorski graduated among the top 20 students in his senior class at Cranford, the owner of an impressive 4.15 grade-point average. He also played varsity lacrosse for a second straight season, starring on defense

this past spring for a Cougar squad that finished 14-3 in its second year of varsity status.

Zamorski, who has played lacrosse since the 8th grade, will be attending one of the top Division 1 lacrosse schools in the country.

However, he has his priorities straight as far as academics and athletics are concerned.

"First and foremost, Johns Hopkins is a great academic institution," Zamorski said.

"I'm going there to go to school first and to play football second. Getting a good education is No. 1 and they believe in that."

"The facilities down there are phenomenal, with football and lacrosse sharing the same fields and practice areas. It had everything I was looking for, including my major. When I visited, it felt like a great fit."

Zamorski, who first visited last summer before returning on a recruiting visit in February, will major in material science engineering. He was recruited to play football there.

"They just graduated a quarterback who started for four years, so there's an opportunity to play," Zamorski said. "We'll see when I get there."

Union Red Raider baseball tryouts are upcoming

The Union Red Raiders will be holding baseball tryouts for their 13-and-under, 12-and-under and 11-and-under traveling teams soon.

More information about the Union Red Raider baseball tryouts may be obtained by calling Pat Liberatore at this number: 908-686-5965.

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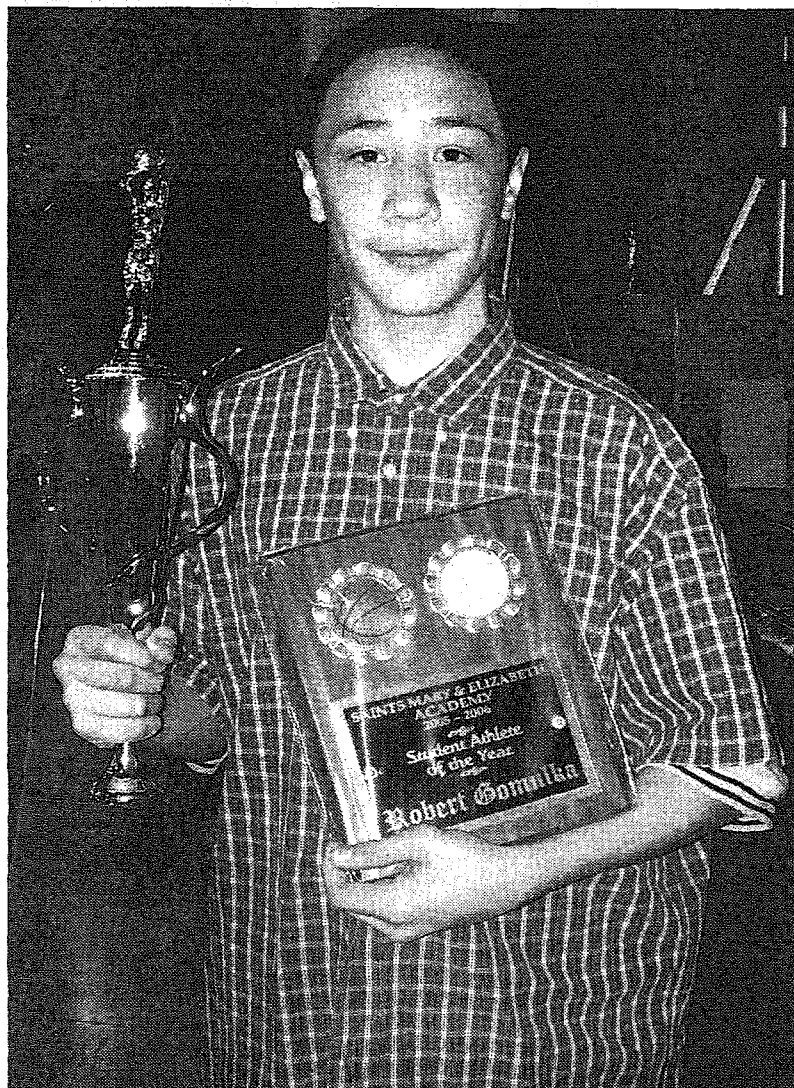
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At left, Robert Gomulka holds a trophy in one hand and a plaque in the other that honors him for being named this year's St. Mary and Elizabeth Academy of Linden's Student-Athlete of the Year. Below, are the outstanding track and field athletes of St. Mary and Elizabeth Academy.



Gomulka is honored as a Student-Athlete of the Year

Track star at St. Mary and Elizabeth Academy in Linden

Every year Saints Mary and Elizabeth Academy in Linden recognizes their athletes for their hard work and dedication.

An 8th grade student is selected as the overall Student-Athlete.

This is no easy task, because the review process looks at the student based on his or her academic standing, athletic contribution, community service and impact on the school community as well.

The 2005-2006 Student-Athlete of the Year was all of those things and more.

The Sts. Mary and Elizabeth Academy Student-Athlete of the Year is Robert Gomulka.

Track athletes excel

Sts. Mary and Elizabeth Academy athletes excelled at the three track meets in May. Here's a look at their results:

Holy Trinity Meet, May 23 in Westfield

150-yard dash, boys K-2nd grade: Andrew Hilton, second place.
150-yard dash, girls K-2nd grade: Taylor Grant, fourth place.
200-meter, girls 3rd & 4th grade: Kailyn Grant, sixth place.
200-meter, girls 7 & 8th grade: Janee McCummings, second place.
100-meter, boys 3rd & 4th grade: Marcus McClary, third place.
100-meter, girls 3rd & 4th grade: Kailyn Grant, fifth place.
100-meter, girls 7 & 8th grade: Janee McCummings, third place.
100-meter, boys 7th & 8th grade: Robert Gomulka, fifth place.
Girls 5th & 6th grade medley relay: 500 x 200 x 200 x 200 x 200, 2nd place.
Kailyn Grant: 500 meters
Stephanie Gomulka: 200 meters
Lauren Faria: 200 meters

Regine Osias: 200 meters
Brittany Adams: 200 meters

Assumption Invitational Meet, May 13 in Morristown

200-meter, girls 7 & 8th grade: Janee McCummings, fifth place.
100-meter, girls 3rd & 4th grade: Kailyn Grant, second place.
100-meter, girls 7 & 8th grade: Janee McCummings, fifth place.
100-meter, boys 7th & 8th grade: Neil Rasbury, fifth place.
4 x 100 meter relay girls 5th and 6th grade: Bryanna Grant, Lauren Faria, Stephanie Gomulka, Zenobia Rasbury.

Our Lady of Sorrows Meet, May 7 in Maplewood

400-meter, boys 7 & 8th grade: Wendy Joseph, third place.
200-meter, boys 3rd and 4th grade: Farley Thomas, fifth place.
200-meter, girls 5th & 6th grade: Lauren Faria, fifth place.
200-meter, girls 7 & 8th grade: Janee McCummings, second place.
100-meter, girls 3rd & 4th grade: Kailyn Grant, sixth place.
100-meter, boys 7th & 8th grade: Neil Rasbury, sixth place.

MVPs honored at dinner

Sts. Mary and Elizabeth Academy in Linden held their annual sports dinner in April to recognize and celebrate the achievements of their young athletes.

MVP awards were handed out for fall and winter sports. The following students were selected:

Jade Weatherington, Biddy Cheerleading
Ashley Cruz, JV cheerleading
Lauren Faria, JV volleyball
Colleen Waltner, varsity volleyball
Jason Szurlej, 3rd-4th grade basketball
Norman Smith, 5th-6th grade basketball
Wendy Joseph, 7th-8th grade basketball
Janee McCummings, track and field

Union Rams grid practice begins Aug. 1

Union Rams football and cheerleading practice is scheduled to begin Aug. 1 at 6 p.m. at Rabkin Field on Swanstrom Place.

There is still time to register for the upcoming season, with registration taking place at the Rabkin Field Fieldhouse.

Team/squad sizes are limited, so early registration is suggested.

All ages are as of Aug. 1, 2006.

Registration fees are as follows: flag football/cheerleading, ages 5-6, \$40.00; cheerleading, ages 7-15, \$90.00 and football, ages 7-15, \$125.00.

For football players, there are age and weight restrictions for each squad.

There is a discount for additional children in the same family, in the same program.

In order for a child to be rostered to participate, an original birth certificate, a current small wallet photo, a 2006 doctor's note and a final June 2006 report card are required.

Proof of residency is needed for children who do not attend Union public schools.

More information about the practices may be obtained by calling 908-688-RAMS.

Linden Rec hoop leagues playing

Basketball fever has hit Linden.

The Linden Recreation Department is sponsoring boys' high school and girls' high school age basketball leagues that are taking place right now.

Boys' games are played at Linden High School, Monday through Thursday, at 4:30 p.m.

Girls' games are played at Soehl Middle School, Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 3:30 p.m.

Both leagues are scheduled to run through a week from this Monday, which is July 31.

There is no charge for anyone interested in attending any of the games.

More information about the boys' and girls' leagues may be obtained by calling 908-474-8600.

Information about the leagues may also be obtained by visiting the website: www.Linden-NJ.org and clicking onto recreation.

Revised reclassification puts Brearley wrestling back in CJ

Other Union County schools affected as well

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

After the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association released its 2006-2007 reclassification to the media in mid June, many errors were found.

A revision had to be done, with that information being completed by July 7 and released last week.

Union County public high schools, once again, are situated in North Jersey, Section 2 and Central Jersey for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Revisions directly affecting Union County schools pertained to the sport of wrestling. Brearley moved back to Central Jersey from North 2, Cranford moved back to North 2 from Central and Johnson moved back to North 2 from Central.

Last year, Group 1 Brearley was in Central Jersey, capturing that sectional title for the first time by beating Roselle Park in the final. With Brearley originally moving back to North 2 and Roselle Park remaining in Central, it appeared that both would be heavy favorites to win those sections and then possibly meet in the 2007 Group 1 semis.

Now, with Brearley back in Central, it appears that both will be on a collision course, once again, to meet in the Central Jersey, Group 1 final for a second consecutive year.

Cranford was in North 2, Group 2 for wrestling last year, while the school's general classification was North 2, Group 3 and football classification Central Jersey, Group 2.

Cranford is now back in North 2, Group 3 for football and remains in North 2, Group 3 for general classification.

According to the NJSIAA, Cranford was moved to Central Jersey, Group 2 for wrestling back in June, although it was still listed in North 2, Group 2.

Now, the NJSIAA says it put Cranford back in North 2, Group 2 for wrestling, so the Cougars stay in the section they were in last year for that sport.

Johnson was in Central Jersey, Group 2 for wrestling last year and remained there as of June. Now, Johnson has been moved back to North 2, Group 2 for wrestling. The Crusaders will remain in Central Jersey, Group 2 for general classification and football.

Here's a look at all four groups in North 2 and Group 2 and Group 1 in Central Jersey:

NORTH JERSEY, SECTION 2

GROUP 4

General: Barringer, Bayonne, Bridgewater-Raritan, Columbia, Dickinson, Edison, Elizabeth, Franklin, Irvington, Linden, Newark East Side, North Hunterdon, Perth Amboy, Phillipsburg, Piscataway, Plainfield, J.P. Stevens, Union, Watchung Hills, Westfield, Woodbridge.

Football: Barringer, Bayonne, Bridgewater-Raritan, Columbia, Dickinson, Edison, Elizabeth, Franklin, Linden, North Hunterdon, Perth Amboy, Phillipsburg, Piscataway, Plainfield, J.P. Stevens, Union, Watchung Hills, Westfield, Woodbridge.

Wrestling: Barringer, Bayonne, Bridgewater-Raritan, Columbia, Edison, Elizabeth, Franklin, Linden, North Hunterdon, Perth Amboy, Phillipsburg, Piscataway, Plainfield, J.P. Stevens, Union, Watchung Hills, Westfield, Woodbridge.

NOTES: Irvington drops to Group 3 for football and wrestling, with North Hunterdon replacing. Franklin is also new to the section for wrestling.

GROUP 3

General: Colonia, Cranford, Emerson (U.C.), Ferris, Holmdel, Iselin Kennedy, Middletown South, Mendham, Millburn, Morristown, New Brunswick, Nutley, Ridge, Scotch Plains, Shabazz, South Plainfield, Union Hill, Voorhees, Warren Hills, West Morris, Newark West Side.

Football: Colonia, Cranford, Emerson (U.C.), Ferris, Irvington, Memorial (WNY), Millburn, Montgomery, Morristown, Newark East Side, New Brunswick, Ridge, Scotch Plains, Shabazz, South Plainfield, Union Hill, Voorhees, Warren Hills, Newark West Side.

Wrestling: Colonia, Emerson (U.C.), Holmdel, Irvington, Livingston, Middletown South, Millburn, Morristown, Newark East Side, Princeton, Ridge, Scotch Plains, Shabazz, Union Hill, Voorhees, Warren Hills, Newark West Side.

NOTES: Iselin Kennedy, Middletown South and Union Hill are new to the general classification. Cranford returns to the section for football for the first time since 2002. Irvington is new to the section in football and wrestling, making the section that much stronger in football. New to the section in wrestling are Irvington, perennial Essex County power Livingston, Millburn and Princeton.

GROUP 2

General: Bernards, Caldwell, Chatham, Cliffside Park, Dover, Hackettstown, Hanover Park, High Tech, Hudson Tech, Lincoln, Lodi, Madison, Mountain Lakes, Newark Central, Orange, Parsippany, Ridgefield Park, Rutherford, Snyder, Summit, West Essex.

Football: Caldwell, Chatham, Cliffside Park, Dover, Fort Lee, Garfield, Hackettstown, Hanover Park, Lenape Valley, Lincoln, Lodi, Madison, Mendham, Montville, Newark Central, Orange, Parsippany, Rutherford, West Essex.

Wrestling: Caldwell, Chatham, Cliffside Park, Cranford, Fort Lee, Garfield, Gov. Livingston, Hackettstown, Hanover Park, Johnson, Mendham, Morris Hills, Orange,

Parsippany, Ridgefield Park/Ridgefield, Weehawken, West Essex.

NOTES: New to the section in general classification are High Tech, Hudson Tech, Mountain Lakes, Snyder of Jersey City and Summit, which returns. Mountain Lakes remains in Group 1 for football and wrestling, while Summit moved to Central Jersey for football. Garfield, Lenape Valley, Madison and Mendham are new to the section this year for football. Garfield is new this season for wrestling, as well.

GROUP 1

General: Arts, Becton, Belvidere, Bloomfield Tech, Dayton, Glen Ridge, Harrison, Hoboken, Lyndhurst, McNair Academic, Newark Tech, North 13th Street Tech, North Arlington, North Star Academy, Palisades Park, Ridgefield, Science, Secaucus, Technology, University, Academy Charter of Jersey City, Weehawken, Whippany Park.

Football: Becton, Belvidere, Bernards, Brearley, Dayton, Glen Ridge, Harrison, Hoboken, Lyndhurst, New Providence, North Arlington, Palisades Park, Ridgefield, Roselle Park, Secaucus, Verona, Weehawken, Whippany Park, Wood-Ridge.

Wrestling: Becton/Wallington, Belvidere, Bernards, Cedar Grove, Dover, Glen Ridge, Hasbrouck Heights/Wood-Ridge, Leonia/Palisades Park, Lyndhurst/North Arlington, Madison, Mountain Lakes, New Providence, Newark Central, Rutherford, Secaucus/Weehawken, Verona, Whippany Park.

NOTES: New to the section in general classification are Becton, Harrison, Newark Tech, North 13th Street Tech, Palisades Park and Whippany Park. Returning to the section in football are Brearley, Dayton and Roselle Park. Dayton has varsity football for the first time since 2000. Dover is new to the section for wrestling.

CENTRAL JERSEY

GROUP 2

General: Bordentown, Carteret, Delaware Valley, Ewing, Gov. Livingston, Hillside, Jackson Liberty, Johnson, Manasquan, Matawan, New Providence, North Plainfield, Rahway, Raritan, Roselle, Roselle Park, Rumson-Fair Haven, Shore Regional, Somerville, Spotswood, Weehawken.

Football: Carteret, Delaware Valley, Ewing, Gov. Livingston, Hillside, Hopewell Valley, Iselin Kennedy, Johnson, Matawan, North Plainfield, Rahway, Raritan, Red Bank Regional, Rumson-Fair Haven, Snyder, Somerville, Spotswood, Summit, Weehawken.

Wrestling: Allentown, Delaware Valley, Ewing, Hopewell Valley, Iselin Kennedy, Long Branch, Manasquan, Matawan, Monmouth Regional, North Plainfield, Rahway, Raritan, Red Bank Regional, Rumson-Fair Haven, Somerville, South Plainfield, Spotswood.

NOTES: New to the section for general classification are Bordentown, Ewing and Matawan. New for football are Ewing, Red Bank Regional, Snyder of Jersey City, Summit and Weehawken. How about a Snyder of Jersey City at Red Bank Regional or Ewing sectional football playoff game. I guess the NJSIAA doesn't mind long-bus rides from one end of the state to the other, especially with gas remaining over \$3. New to the section for wrestling are Ewing, Long Branch, perennial power South Plainfield and Spotswood.

GROUP 1

General: Academy Charter, Asbury Park, Bound Brook, Brearley, Create Charter, Dunellen, East Brunswick Tech, Florence, Henry Hudson, Highland Park, Kearsburg, Keyport, Manville, Metuchen, Middlesex, Middlesex Academy, Perth Amboy Tech, Piscataway Tech, Point Pleasant Beach, Robbinsville, Somerset Tech, South Amboy, South Hunterdon, South River, Woodbridge Tech.

Football: Asbury Park, Bordentown, Bound Brook, Burlington City, Dunellen, Florence, Highland Park, Kearsburg, Keyport, Manville, Metuchen, Middlesex, New Egypt, Point Pleasant Beach, Robbinsville, Roselle, Shore Regional, South Hunterdon, South River.

Wrestling: Bordentown, Bound Brook, Brearley/Dayton, Burlington City, Highland Park, Kearsburg, Keyport/Henry Hudson, Manville, Metuchen, Middlesex/Dunellen, New Egypt, Point Pleasant Beach, Riverside, Robbinsville, Roselle Park, Shore Regional, South River.

NOTES: New to the section in general classification are Bound Brook, Brearley, Create Charter, Dunellen and Somerset Tech.

Brearley was in this section two years ago before moving back to North 2 last year. New for football are Robbinsville and Roselle, with Roselle dropping from Group 2.

The Rams reached the 1981 North 2, Group 1 championship game, falling to Brearley 17-15. New to the section for wrestling is Robbinsville.

NON-PUBLIC A, NORTH:

As far as parochial schools go, Kent Place in Summit, Mother Seton in Clark, Oak Knoll in Summit, Roselle Catholic in Roselle and Union Catholic in Scotch Plains remain in Non-Public A, North.

NON-PUBLIC B, NORTH:

Benedictine Academy in Elizabeth, Oratory Prep in Summit, St. Mary's of Elizabeth and St. Patrick's of Elizabeth remain in Non-Public B, North.

American Legion play begins to heat up

Amateur baseball fans in the area will get a smorgasbord of American Legion baseball over the next week. Both the Senior and Junior legions will play their district tournament games in the coming days.

The Senior Legion games will be played at multiple sites starting on Saturday. There will be two very busy sites in Union, Teener Field and Rabkin Field. The Union team will host the games at Teener Field, while the Oratory team will play host at Rabkin Field.

In all, six Union County-based teams will compete in the districts, with one other game being played at Breslin Field in Lyndhurst and one at Gardener Field in Denville, located just off Route 46.

Springfield soccer registration extended to Aug. 4

As a result of the township-approved merger that happened shortly before the end of the school year between the Soccer Club of Springfield and Springfield Recreation Soccer - which participates in the InterCounty Youth Soccer League in the 10-and-under and above age group programs - registration forms were distributed to area schools later than usual.

Accordingly, the registration deadline for the Recreation Soccer Program has been extended to Aug. 4.

Interested participants can pick up forms at both the

Roselle won the Union County Senior Legion championship with a record of 16-4.

Union, with a record of 15-5, will play its game at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Oratory will play at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Junior Legion district games began with play-in contests Tuesday.

Junior Legion district action will continue tonight, with the quarterfinals played on Saturday, the semifinals Sunday and the final on Monday.

More information may be obtained by visiting the Union County American Legion website: www.ucseniorlegion.homestead.com.

Chisholm and Sara Bailey centers.

Both the 'in-town' K-2 Program and the Recreation Soccer, grades 3-11, Program commence their respective seasons in early September.

Practices and training sessions will be at the discretion of individual team coaches.

More information may be obtained by calling Springfield Soccer Club Recreation Director Rob Rinderman at 973-978-9142.

Rinderman can be e-mailed at: rinderman@jcjr.com.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Life isn't so safe in the 'Dark Part of the Forest'

By Ruth Ross
Correspondent

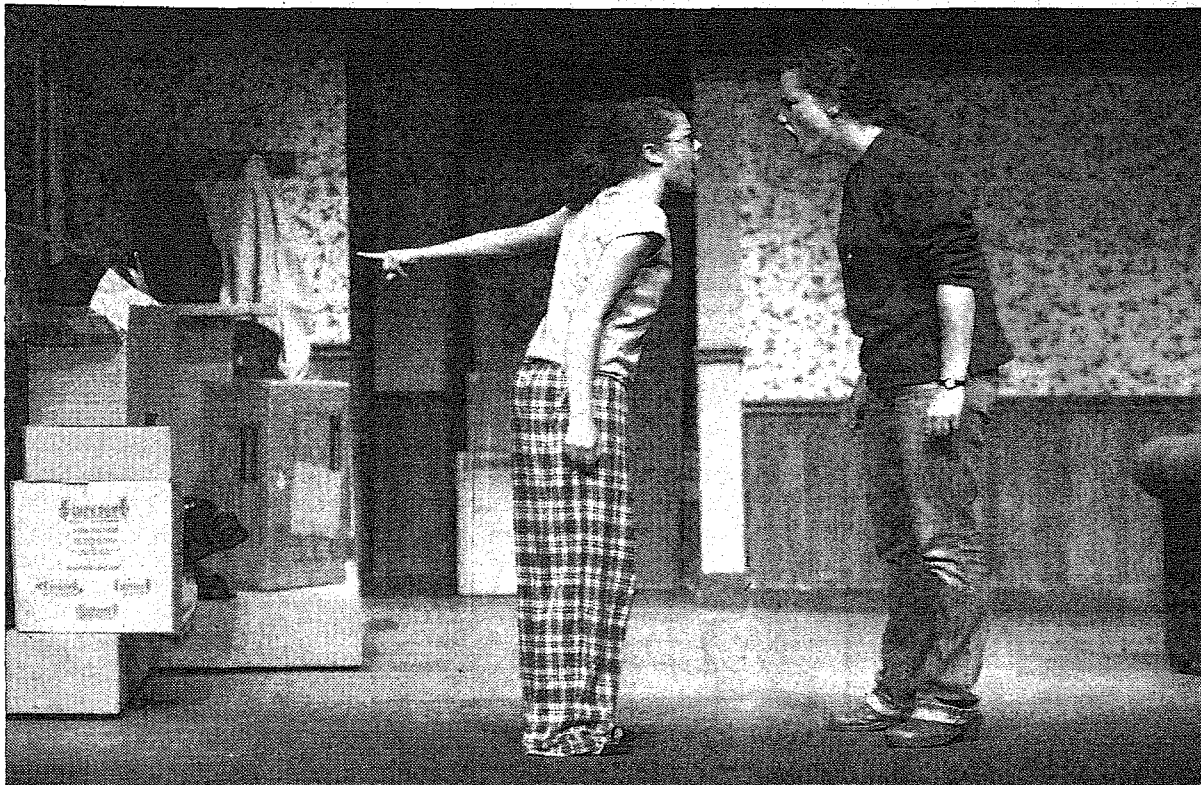
Every child deliciously scared by fairy tales knows that terrible things happen to children who venture from home into the deep, dark forest: they get lost or are kidnapped, are pushed by witches into ovens, are boiled or even killed. Modern psychologists have seen such tales' dark forest as a metaphor for the dark unconscious where people hide their secrets, fears or desires that cannot stand the light of disclosure.

Both views of the forest inform "Dark Part of the Forest," a play by Tammy Ryan now receiving its world premiere at the aptly named Premiere Stages on the Kean University campus in Union.

This psychological thriller chronicles the story of Joan, a protective mother who has moved to an isolated house in the forest one hour west of Pittsburgh in an effort to save her 12-year-old daughter, Emily, from the perils of guns, drugs and the emphasis on looks prevalent in the city and to salvage her failing marriage to Bill, an air traffic controller.

Joan has second thoughts about the "safety" of country life when Emily brings news from school that the second girl in six months has disappeared from the bus stop, only to be found raped, murdered and buried deep in the woods. Her mind and memory haunted by the 1977 serial killer Son of Sam, when she herself "came of age," Joan's fears are heightened when Emily requests permission to go on a sleepover with her new friends at a family cabin, chaperoned by the hostess's 16-year-old sister. What happens next will have you on the edge of your seat.

Although the play is a tad overwritten, coming in at just under two hours with no intermission, the tension is so thick, one can cut it with a knife. John Wooten's taut direction keeps the action moving inexorably onward, while his four actors speak Ryan's



In Premiere Stages' production of 'Dark Part of the Forest' Emily, played by Sarah Hyland, and Joan, played by Toby Poser, have heated words after Emily tells her mother she's going to a sleepover with her new friends at a family cabin, even though two girls have been kidnapped, raped and murdered recently.

well-written dialogue naturally and convincingly.

The impending doom is further heightened by Bill Motyka's forest looming over the couple's home and Nadine Charlsen's eerie lighting. The link to fairy tale horror is reinforced by slides projected on the back wall of the stage. To further make the connection, Joan addresses the audience from time to time, referencing such tales as "Cinderella," "Rumpelstiltskin," "Little Red Riding Hood" and "Henny Penny." The music from "Peter and the Wolf," narrated by Dame Edna, sets the scene even before the play begins.

What keeps the play natural and fresh is the superb acting by the four principals. Reciting the lion share of

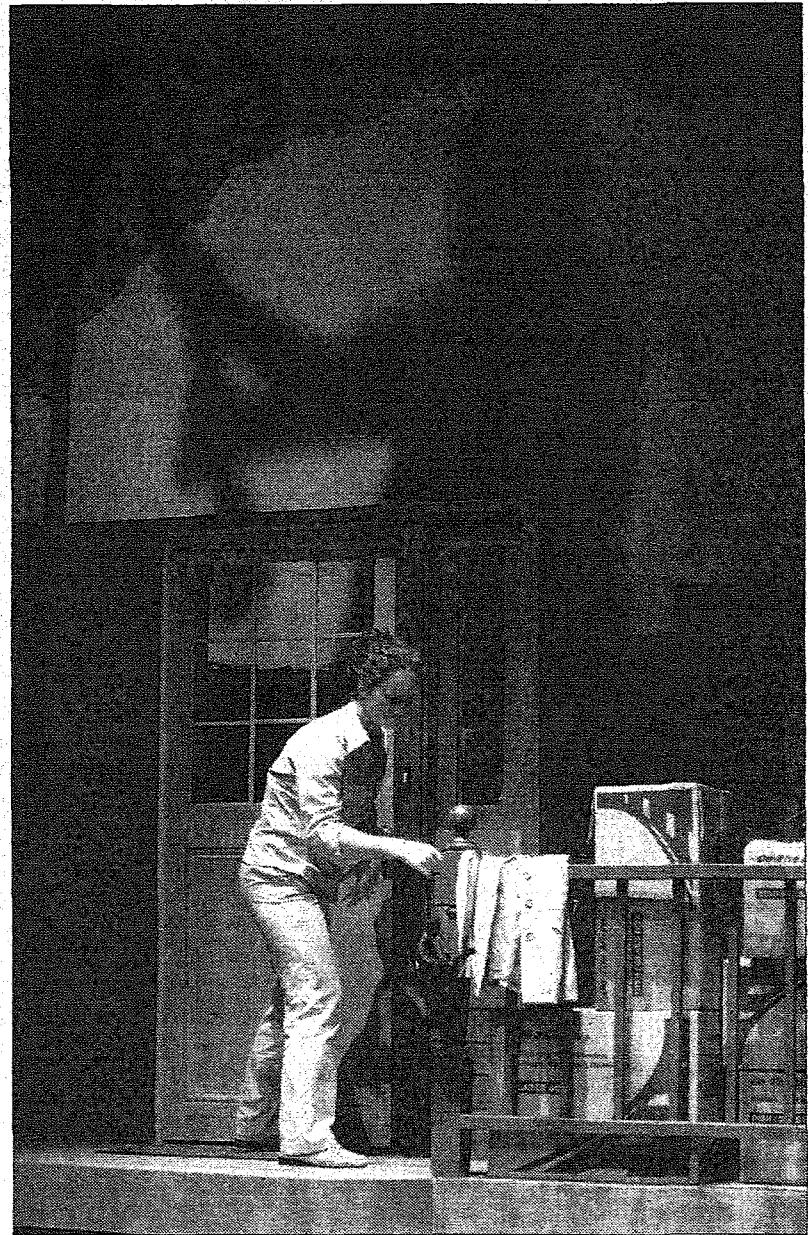
the lines as Joan, Toby Posner is attractively sympathetic as the once-fearless teen from Queens who used to go out looking for Son of Sam that sultry summer when he went on a killing spree, when "fear was a pill (she) could take and then forget." Now, paralyzed by fear for her child, she risks suffocating Emily and driving her away with her super-protective attitude and actions.

Gregory Northrup's Bill is mad-deningly unconcerned about his wife's fears and may even be a cad regarding the couple's relationship. Rita Rehn is adorable as Joan's city friend, Karen, who visits from time to time to cheer Joan and reach out to Emily. But it's young Sarah Hyland as Emily who steals the show with her natural deliv-

ery and ability to recite and act some very mature material without awkwardness or self-consciousness.

"Dark Part of the Forest" was selected by a panel of judges as the best play submitted to The Premiere Stages Play Festival, an initiative to encourage and nurture emerging dramatists in New Jersey and the greater metropolitan area, and was a crowd-pleaser at staged readings. It's easy to see why. With its timely and thought-provoking topic, its "whodunit" slant beloved of today's audiences and its terrific acting, "Dark Part of the Forest" is a worthy addition to modern theater.

The play runs through July 30, in Kean University's Wilkins Theatre. Performances are Thursday, Friday



Joan, played by Toby Poser, tries to continue with her daily routine as if nothing is amiss in 'Dark Part of the Forest,' but can't escape to feeling of foreboding that something horrible is going to happen.

and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are affordable, the facilities air-conditioned and parking in close proximity to the the-

aters is free. For information and tickets, call the Wilkins Theatre Box Office at 908-737-SHOW. Premiere Stages is an Actors' Equity company.

'Boy Gets Girl'



John Vazquez and Erika Sheffer in a scene from 'Boy Gets Girl,' presented last summer by Premiere Stages at Kean University's Wilkins Theatre in Union.

Smiling has become as 'American' as apple pie

Look at your mouth. It is the most important feature in America today.

Americans must have the largest mouths on the planet, for we are offered triple portions of food, giant glasses of Smoothies and Lattes and quadruple-decker sandwiches without thought of the size of the mouths required to open wide enough to shove it all in.

So I'm guessing the medical profession will come to the rescue with a new surgical procedure, sure to be much in demand, called "Hingeoplasty." Or adding hinges to mouths, allowing them to open wider. The dental profession and fast food companies, undoubtedly, will sponsor this procedure, and McDonald's will feel free to come out with new six-decker burger, aptly named: "The McHingel." Get ready to be the first on your block to have this operation. Fast foods for you will be faster. One gulp and your plate's clean.

Also, Americans value large, shiny white teeth. To reach this goal, we stuff our mouths with a tray, filled with whitening liquid, keeping it in there till our teeth whiten.

Or use strips — making enunciation odd. All in all, we have an oral fixation — which explains why Angelina Jolie, a premier actress, is renowned for a huge mouth and lips enough for two. But the ideal mouth has to be loose and open to assure it is not sneering at us. Sneering is un-American, definitely a French and British look; in fact, if we want lip-curlers, we have to import them from England — Simon Cowell — or econ-

The Art Of Laughter

By Helen Argers

omy-priced ones from Australia. But in America, teeth definitely have to flash to indicate we're friendly. Of course, sharks have large teeth, but they craftily do not show us their teeth until we're one-on-one, and then it's too late to realize they're not smiling! The rest of the time, they only bashfully show us a fin, trying purposely to pass as porpoises or dolphins, who actually do smile — wide enough to be cast as movie star heroes.

In America, smiles mean everything. We elect people because they seem friendly rather than smart. Katie Couric made it big time because she seemed like a good-natured gal you'd want to hang with. We don't like people who act as if they are important because they make us feel unimportant. Julia Roberts' large, friendly smile and down-to-earth persona made her box office boffo. Her male equivalent is George Clooney, who wins awards and our approval with twinkling eyes that say, "I'm just kidding."

The reason we need friends in the White House and on screen is because, according to a recent report, statistics discovered we each have one less personal friend than 10 years ago, down from three. It's been called a "Drop-a-Friend-Decade." If you didn't get rid

of the disposable friend yet, for the next decade you've got to look around and dispose of two. Your friends will be nervously thinking, "Wow, the decade's almost over, who's she gonna drop, me or Gladys?" Yup, we're no longer living in a Tom, Dick and Harry world. Harry's the dumpee. And Dick is next. And then Gladys. If this trend continues, soon Americans will be friendless. Results, we cling to our families. But divorce is spreading, too. At this rate, we'll soon be a complete nation of loners. The only solution is to get ahead of the vogue by instantly dropping all your friends and family at once!

Being a loners' nation, we reach out to bond with strangers, preferably long-distance strangers such as television people who are chosen for their nonstop smiles that proclaim, "I'm your pal." Ditto, sitcoms. No wonder "Friends" was such a success. Yet, often, they seem like cliques, and we feel left-out. Which explains the rise of Reality Shows, featuring groups you definitely don't want to belong to. In fact, watching real people-making fools of themselves verifies our drop-a-friend trend. We sit alone, laughing at all the squiggly things they're forced to swallow, all the conniving people they compete with. Our only connection to them and other Reality people, dancing and singing for us, is going on-line to anonymously change their lives, knowing we are safe at home where they can't find us and vote us off our jobs.

Reality shows and Karaoke-level singing contests have marked the

demise of accomplished entertainers on television. Talent intimidates us. We prefer Amateur Hours. Even the news we watch now features show-your-teeth jesters in place of serious commentators. Locally, it is usually two newscasters — man and woman — competing at trading giggles between reporting murders and accidents. Their kidding is a reassurance that nothing really serious is happening.

Then, there's a third clown guy or gal, usually the weather person, desperate to butt in on the anchors' comedy routines, who finally has his moment when he gleefully announces "Ha! Ha! Hurricane!"

This lack of interest in taking anything seriously explains our current movie choices or cartoon films. Having dumped people, we find ourselves more readily empathizing with cars, penguins, mice and fish. Even ogres. Friendly ones, of course.

This progression shows that we are regressing to our childhood. Which also explains the return of our comic book heroes. Superman is back. Batman regularly swoops down on us. Spider-man crawls after. And pirates swashbuckle everywhere.

What's our next progression or retrogression? Here's a hint: Everyone get out your rattles. Today's versions come equipped with smiley faces and laugh sound tracks.

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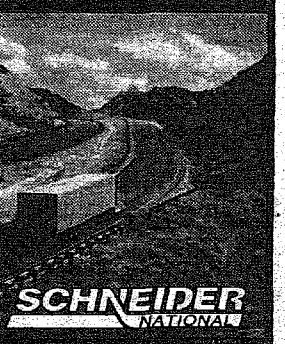
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22 Fill in the blank

23 The best

24 Majestic

26 Rent payer

29 States of mind

30 State with conviction

31 Measure

32 ___ a Wonderful Life

35 Doesn't reveal

39 Bring to a halt

40 Soil

41 Timber wolf

42 Dispute

43 Bill holder

45 Reject

48 Certain paintings

49 Earthen brick

50 Parking lot filler

51 19th Greek letter

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58 Gutter site

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1 Reverberate

2 Insult

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4 Well, what do ___ know!

5 On time

6 Skull cavity

7 Eons

8 ___ Angeles

9 Bride's title

10 Undercover men

11 Mediterranean island

12 Fray

13 Smoothing board

18 Workhorse

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23 Small canvas cover

24 Lee's side

25 Fast food option

26 Commandeer

27 Level

28 Requirement

29 Dull finish

31 Spiritual guides

32 False god

33 Idiot box

34 Predicament

36 Weekly TV fare

37 Paper or plastic options

38 Annexes

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43 Dry up

44 Burn soother

45 Palm fruits

46 Flawless

47 Complete the puzzle

48 Best

50 ___-pop

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55 Cries of surprise

56 Dandy

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What's Going On?

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SUNDAY

July 23rd, 2006

EVENT: Flea Market & Collectible Show

PLACE: New Jersey Transit Lot, New York Ave. (by Shop Rite), Lyndhurst, NJ

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Rodgers & Hammerstein's 'Carousel' is performed in Westfield

The Westfield Summer Workshop's Showcase Theater will present four performances of Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Carousel." The productions include outstanding high school students from throughout New Jersey that were selected through an audition process that started in February.

Starting as Billy Bigelow is Tony Mowatt, a sophomore from Union. Katie Coffey from Cranford and Pami Marks from Westfield are double cast as Julie Jordan, and Michael Mielicki

from Scotch Plains and Billy Geltzler of Westfield are double cast as Jigger. Holly Curran of Colonia and Katy Cockrell of Scotch Plains are sharing the role of Carrie Pipperidge, and Christie Nelson of Kenilworth is performing the role of Nettie.

The cast includes Brian Hart of Westfield as Enoch Snow, Dan Burman from Westfield as Bascombe and Kyle Aslin of Cranford as Enoch Junior. Gabriella Napoli from Fanwood is performing the role of Louise.

Andrea Redmount of Scotch Plains and Toni Antonucci of Roselle Park are sharing the role of Mrs. Mullins. Sarah Szollar and Maddie DeJohn of Westfield are performing the roles of the Heavenly Friends, and Andrea Roberts of Edison is cast as the Star-keeper.

Other cast members include Malleyri Boesch, Caroline Raba, Kristen Caruana, Dara Silverman, Michael Rosin, Leo Powell and Caroline Ortiz-Wood of Westfield, Megan Larkin of

Cranford and Kelly Merrick and Kaitlyn Mills of Scotch Plains.

The show is co-directed by Juan Pineda and Fausto Pineda, both professional performers and directors. Showcase Theater is an intense musical theater training program. Students that participate take dance, voice and acting classes throughout the four-

week program culminating in performances of "Carousel" and "Cabaret Night."

"The cast is outstanding and the show is going to be terrific! The students have worked extremely hard in a short amount of time. We have treated them like professionals and they have stepped up in an extraordinary way,"

says Valerie Pineda, Showcase Theater program director and producer.

Performances will be at the Edison Intermediate School at 800 Rahway Ave., Westfield. Showtimes are today and Friday at 1 and 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors, students and children. For tickets and information, call 908-518-1551.

Visual Arts Center hosts camps

The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, located at 68 Elm St. in Summit, offers a full summer of creative fun at their Kids and Teens Art Camps.

Since their inception in 1997, Art Camps have been a popular addition to the summer programming offered at the Visual Arts Center. Campers explore various art mediums including drawing, painting, clay work, print-

making, jewelry making, sculptural work, and much more in the center's new, spacious air-conditioned art studios under the guidance of professional art instructors. Designed to be fun as well as instructional, art campers leave at the end of each session with a better understanding of the many facets of the visual arts. Each week culminates with an art party, where

parents/caregivers are invited to view their child's many artistic creations.

Space is still available in several of the sessions scheduled this summer. Camps begin the week of July 17 and run on a weekly basis until Aug. 21-25. Camp is Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Kids Camp is designed for ages 5-12. The Teen Camp for ages 13-15.

HOROSCOPES

July 24 to 30

ARIES, March 21 to April 19: Do something highly unusual to satisfy your creativity urge. When it comes to painting, dancing or singing, strive to become a recognized star.

TAURUS, April 20 to May 20: Focus on your feelings and get a better understanding of what motivates and inspires you. Communicate your findings to a loved one.

GEMINI, May 21 to June 21: Your mind is filled with many brilliant and enlightening ideas. Take time to highlight or pick the subjects that interest you most.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22: Shy away from frivolous or unnecessary spending this week. Figure out a way to add extra luxury to your life without breaking the bank.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 22: Chances are you are feeling very confident. With the new moon in your sign, you cannot go wrong. Put your best foot forward and make great strides toward success.

VIRGO, Aug. 23 to Sept. 22: It is OK to learn from the past, but make a

conscious effort not to live there. Absorb your lessons and plan to apply them in the near future.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: Meet with friends or associates to discuss business, money or the latest in weather trends. What is important is that you are together and willing to communicate.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 21: Approach a new career or business opportunity with enthusiasm and spontaneity. Other people will catch fire and gladly offer you their support.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 22 to Dec. 21: Getting in contact with distant relatives or teachers is on your agenda for this week. Pull out an old address book or consider searching the Web.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 19: A review of your finances, investments or insurance records will uncover some

valuable information. Organize your files and read the fine print.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 20 to Feb. 18: Love, romance or partnerships play a major role. Strive to rekindle a special relationship that has lost some of its passion or strayed away from its purpose.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20: A close examination of your skills or training reveals areas where you could use some improvement. Take on the challenge and increase your marketability.

If your birthday is this week, this coming year holds great potential for luck, love and constructive growth in your life. Remain positive and expect a hopeless or dire situation to work out in your favor. Do not hesitate to push the envelope and perhaps takes more chances than you would ordinarily.

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'Seussical' brings the magic alive

The Cat in the Hat will be making an appearance this season at the Westfield Summer Workshop's presentation of *Seussical*, a musical story that weaves together characters from various Dr. Seuss tales.

In "Seussical," Horton the Elephant tries desperately to save the citizens of Whoville, who reside on a speck of dust. Since he is the only one in the jungle who can hear the Whos in Whoville cry for help, the Sour Kangaroo and the rest of the jungle creatures think he's wasting his time on a speck of dust.

To add to Horton's troubles, Mazie LaBird abandons her egg in Horton's care. Poor Horton is so busy with his troubles, that he doesn't realize the affections of Gertrude McFuzz, his neighbor in the jungle. JoJo and the Cat in the Hat help save the day through creative thinking and imagination.

The part of Horton the Elephant will be played by Malcolm Spurlock of Westfield. The part of Mazie LaBird will be shared between Kelly Kapur of Westfield and Alessandra Manduca of Fanwood. Brian Pollock of Westfield will be JoJo and the Cat in the Hat is played by Katie Rembisz, also of Westfield. The role of Gertrude McFuzz will be shared by Cara Costa of Cranford and Emily McGurk of Roselle Park. Aleta Nadolny of Cranford will be the Sour Kangaroo.

Members of the cast include Ashley Balfour, Justin Brody, Madelyn Cannone, Lucas Cima-forte, Giana DiGiorgio, Claire Dorwart, Sara Frantz, Rebecca Glasser-Baker, Maura Heinbokel, Miranda Jakubek, Alaina Jen-



Several members of the Westfield Summer Workshop cast of 'Seussical' include, from left, bottom row, Kelly Kapur, Alessandra Manduca and Aleta Nadolny; and, top row, Emily McGurk, Cara Costa, Brian Pollock and Malcolm Spurlock. The Cat in the Hat is Katie Rembisz.

nings, Cory Laidlaw, Kathleen Leeper, Kaitlyn Majek, Raquel Mendez, Cleo Murphy-Guerette, Clancy Nolan, Molly Prybylski, Amy Reich, Mark Roberts, Ariel Sheridan, Leila Shevins, Meghan Sullivan, Michelle Tager, Maggie Tanji, Tyler Todisco, Katherine Towers, Victoria Treboschi, Julia Van Etten, David Verchek, Courtney Weiss, and Nicole Zimmerman.

The Westfield Summer Workshop production of "Seussical" will be directed by Juan Pineda. The musical director is Valerie Pineda and the show is choreographed by Irene Ulesky.

Performances will be on Wednesday and July 27 at the Edi-

son Intermediate School on Rahway Avenue in Westfield. Show times are 1 and 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for senior citizens, students and children. The Westfield Summer Workshop box office phone number is 908-518-1551.

The Westfield Summer Workshop is a division of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, a non-profit organization.

For more information on the many programs of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, call 908-789-9696 or visit their Web site at www.njworkshopforthearts.com.

Register for Summer Art Camp at The Arts Guild of Rahway

This summer, The Arts Guild of Rahway will present four weeks of our Kids' Summer Art Camp. Week No. 1 is July 17 to July 21; Week No. 2 is July 24 to July 28; Week No. 3 is July 31 to Aug. 4; and Week No. 4 is Aug. 7 to Aug. 11.

Children between the ages of 7 and 14 can be registered for any one or more weeks at the Arts Guild, 1670 Irving St., Rahway. Each week has a morning session from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and an afternoon session from noon to 2:30 p.m., or children can be registered for the entire day. Call 732-381-7511 for information about fees and to receive a brochure. Full payment must be received to finalize your child's registration and insure a place in the summer camp.

During each week of the camp, children will be guided by our professional instructors through creative art projects in acrylic painting, printmaking, clay work, mixed media/collage, sculpture, bookmaking and more. A new project will be introduced each morning and each afternoon and chil-

dren will be able to complete a unique piece of artwork each day.

All materials are supplied for the daily art projects and light snacks and drinks will also be supplied for breaks. Children who register for full days are asked to bring their lunch.

The Summer Art Camp is suitable for children of all levels of skill and experience who enjoy making art. Projects are designed to encourage individual expression and solutions and are not an arts/crafts cookie cutter approach. This is an ideal opportunity for children to receive a high level of instruction with ample hands-on attention from our instructors to follow a project to completion each day.

There are a limited number of scholarships available for needy children.

Application forms are available at The Arts Guild of Rahway. Call 732-381-7511 for information, guidelines and forms.

This program is made possible in part by a grant from the NJ State

Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Sponsors for this program are PSE&G Foundation and Merck & Co Inc. Scholarships are made possible by Mr. B Printing, Rahway Plaza Apartments, and Clayton Bonny/River Place at Rahway.

The Arts Guild of Rahway is a non-profit multidisciplinary center for the Arts located at 1670 Irving St. in downtown Rahway. Each year, the Arts Guild presents a series of monthly art exhibitions featuring talented and notable New Jersey emerging artists, a jazz series highlighting top New Jersey/New York professional talent, multi-week art classes in winter, spring and fall, a series of art workshops, and a variety of other arts and cultural activities. For information about these fine programs, visit the Web site at: www.rahwayarts-guild.org.

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We started with the Bourbon Street Sampler to get a taste of several of the appetizers, popcorn shrimp, gator bites and stuffed olives. All three also are offered as their own appetizers.

The Gator Bites are served with a side of swamp sauce and the Lo'ziana Cajun Popcorn Shrimp with a Creole mayo. But our favorite of the bunch was definitely the Oh!Oh! Olivenos, olives stuffed with salsa, jack and cheddar cheese and rolled in spicy breadcrumbs.

For our main dish, we had the Creole Cordon Blue, a blackened chicken topped with ham and cheese in a garlic cream sauce, and the Chicken and Andouille Sausage Jambalaya, which includes chunks of chicken breast and Andouille sausage mixed with tomatoes, onions, peppers and rice in a spicy Creole sauce. My companion couldn't stop talking about the Andouille sausage and we couldn't get enough of the stuffed olives.

And where else can you kick back with a beer and munch on some gator bites?

Opened in April 2003, Fat Tuesdays might best be known as one of the local nightspots since The Waiting Room closed last year. But there's more to Fat Tuesdays than just the bar and the occasional bands on weekends. That would be the dining room.

Fat Tuesdays has seen some changes to its menu since first coming on the scene last year. Some of the offerings might frighten the unadventurous diner, which owner Maurice Flynn concedes led to some "Jerseyfying" of the menu. But for every gator or crawfish that you might only find at Fat Tuesdays, there are the standard chicken tenders, burgers and sandwiches, including cheesesteaks as well as several New Orleans-style sandwiches.

The kitchen at Fat Tuesdays Cajun Bar & Grill, located at 1467 Main Street in downtown Rahway, is open until midnight on Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. on Sunday to Tuesday, and 11 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

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ART SHOWS

THE SUMMER SHOW, a new exhibition series at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, 68 Elm St., Summit, debuts Aug. 1 with a group exhibition featuring members of The New Jersey Photography Forum.

The Aug. 1-31 Summer Show provides a fresh, unusual and eclectic look at the contemporary art scene in New Jersey. The series will showcase the art of New Jersey artists who work together in formally structured groups, such as The New Jersey Photography Forum, or in informal groups such as artists' co-ops. It is an opportunity for these groups to exhibit in the Visual Arts Center's Main Gallery and it's also an opportunity for our viewing community to continue their art experience throughout the summer.

The New Jersey Photography Forum is a not-for-profit group that was started in 1995 by Visual Arts Center instructor Nancy J. Ori of Berkeley Heights and Michael Creem of Summit, as an opportunity for professional photographers, photo educators, and serious amateurs to meet and discuss their work, share expertise, advance skills, learn how to curate exhibitions, and explore exhibition possibilities within the fine arts community.

The group has grown over the years to become the largest and most recognized group of fine art exhibiting photographers in the state. This summer show features the work of more than 30 members from communities throughout New Jersey. The work of these artists shows a tremendous variety in style and photographic technique. Themes explored in the exhibition include nature, the environment, architecture, heritage, people, and culture.

For gallery hours and additional information, contact Mari D'Alessandro at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey at 908-273-9121 or via e-mail at mari@artcenternj.org.

BERKELEY HEIGHTS ARTIST NANCY ORI is featured at a permanent exhibit at Berkeley Heights Public Library, 290 Plainfield Ave., Berkeley Heights. For information, call 908-464-9333.

BOOKS

BARNES & NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, has *Rainy Day Story* times any rainy day in July at 1 p.m. When it's raining outside ... and you just can't go to the zoo, the beach or the pool ... come visit our Children's Department for a surprise rainy day story time. Lots of favorite stories and fun will shine whenever it's rainy outside.

BARNES & NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will have "Blue's Clues Birthday Party!" on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. It's Blue's Clues 10th Anniversary, so join in the celebration. They'll have a Blue's Birthday Bash featuring Blue and all his friends... Blue will not be attending.

BARNES & NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will have a special guest: Miffy Visits! today at 4:30 p.m. Miffy, that big, happy bunny in a pretty dress, will come for stories, photos and fun! There will even be coloring sheets!

BARNES & NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will have Book

Group: "Discover Great New Writers: The Fool's Tale" on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Nicole Galland has created a masterful novel combining vivid historical fiction, compelling political intrigue, and a passionate romance. The debut novel by this award-winning screenwriter will excite fans of all types of fiction. Join this enlightening book discussion group and discover the next great writer that your friends will all be talking about.

BARNES & NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will have "Young Readers: It's Harry Potter's Birthday Party!" on July 27 at 4:30 p.m. Celebrate Harry Potter's Birthday and the paperback release of "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince." Don't miss this magical event filled with games, giveaways and more! Children may come dressed as their favorite character. Preregistration is required in our children's department or by e-mailing csm1884@bn.com with child's name and age.

BARNES & NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will have an Author Discussion/Signing: with "Desperate Sisters," by Stephanie Johnson, on July 29 at 2 p.m. Come for a special, hot, summertime event. Meet Stephanie Johnson to discuss her latest novel about three fabulous sisters who appear to have it all ... but don't.

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS and *The Star-Ledger* have partnered to publish a new book titled "World of Wonder: Exploring the Realms of History, Science, Nature and Technology." The book brings together 90 of the most fascinating subjects surveyed by the World of Wonder series. The book is now available for purchase in the Kean University book store and on the Web site of *The Star-Ledger* at <http://www.nj.com/worldofwonder>.

BARNES & NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will have a Knitters' Group every Monday at 10 a.m. Join the group of happy knitters in the cafe every Monday morning. Bring your latest project and a smile.

BARNES & NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will have a Chess Group every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Players of all levels are invited to discuss, play and enjoy chess in the cafe each week.

BARNES & NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will have Weekly Children's Story times with various themes on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for preschoolers and Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. for 5- to 7-year-olds.

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ber. For more information about upcoming Liberty Hall events or for reservations, call 908-527-0400.

CONCERTS

THE UNION COUNTY SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL concert series began Wednesday with a performance by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra.

The other free concerts in the Summer Arts Festival series include:

- Wednesday — Amethyst, '80s pop/rock;
- Aug. 2 — Yasgur's Farm, Woodstock rock, plus JoBonanno & the Godsons of Soul;
- Aug. 9 — Mustang Sally, country;
- Aug. 16 — The Nerds, Jersey Shore party band;
- Aug. 23 — Ed Palermo Big Band with Rob Paparozzi, sponsored by Schering-Plough Corp.;
- Aug. 30 — The Party Dolls, sponsored by ConocoPhillips-Bayway Refinery.

In case of rain, concerts will be at the air-conditioned auditorium at Cranford High School, on West End Place off Springfield Avenue in Cranford at 7:30 p.m. For up-to-date concert/rain information, call the Parks and Recreation hot-line at 908-352-8410 after 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.

For more information, call the Union County Department of Parks, Recre-

Admission is \$15 and will benefit the AIDS quilt. For information, call 908-412-9105, press 2. Other concerts will take place at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 E. Broad St., corner of North Ave., Westfield.

DANCE

THE SUMMER SQUARE DANCE SEASON has arrived and the local clubs have joined together to sponsor Saturday night dances at the Springfield YMCA. The local clubs are Harmony Dancers, Y Squares, Bee Sharps and Rutgers Promenaders.

For those who might be interested in joining in the fun of club Square Dancing, a free open house will be Aug. 12 at the YMCA in Springfield. The YMCA is in the Chisholm Recreation Center at the corner of Shunpike Road and South Springfield Avenue. The dance will be from 8 to 10 p.m. It will be an opportunity for all to try their hand at the New Jersey officials folk dance. It is a chance to spend an evening with your friends and to meet some new friends. The peppy music will help you try your hand to make the square work. Square dancing is a mental exercise, it keeps you moving and you meet other nice folks. Square Dancing is for all age groups and for people from all walks of life. The dance will start at 8 p.m. and the caller will have you dancing within five minutes. No reservations are needed at this free dance. Wear comfortable clothes, soft-soled shoes and a smile. For more information, call Leo at 973-379-3901.

Y-SQUARES, a local square dance club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Frank K. Hehny School, Raritan Road, Clark. The fee for each lesson is \$4. For information, call 908-298-1851, 732-381-2535 or 908-241-9492.

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HICKORY TREE CHORUS, an award-winning women's chorus singing four-part a cappella harmony in barbershop style, meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the New Jersey Youth Symphony Music Center, 570 Central Ave., New Providence. Open to residents of both Essex and Union counties. To learn more about Sweet Adelines, Hickory Tree and its quartets, women and teen-aged girls who sing are urged to visit the Web site, hickorytreecorus.org, send a message by e-mail to info@hickorytreecorus.org, or call 973-966-6815.

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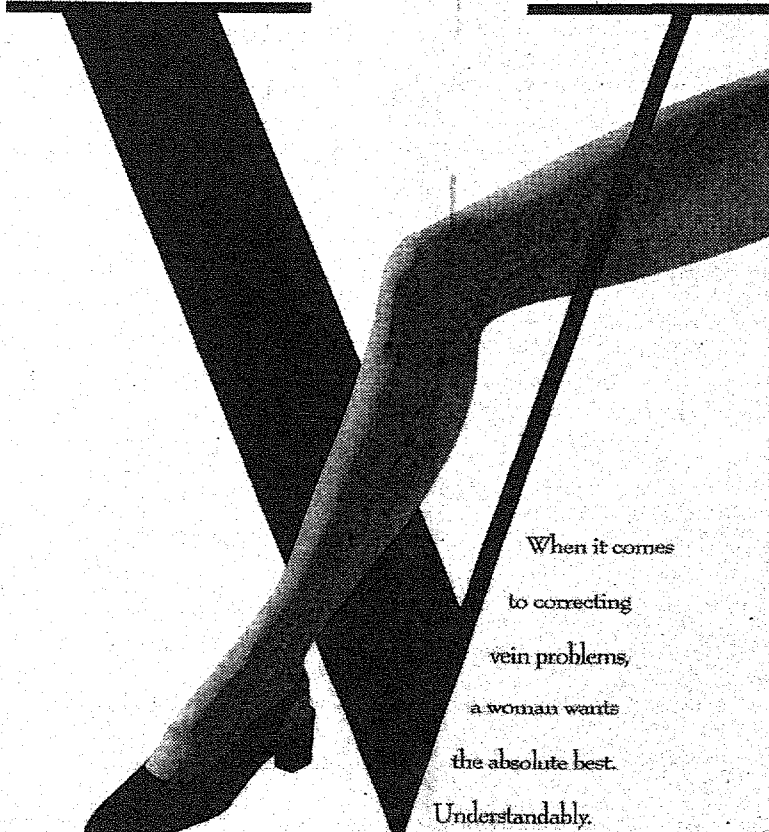
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Quality of service

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Left Out

By Frank Capece

For 29 years, Tanke wrestled with the complexities of compliance with federal and state bureaucracy that comes with allocated funds. The Union native with a runners frame that borders on gaunt knew his stuff. One manager said, "When you had Ted's signoff on a document, that was as far as you had to go."

There won't be headlines for a guy who so carefully watched the public's money. It's rare enough to focus on the individual in the public or private sector who efficiently does his job. You wonder if there is ever sufficient praise for those who really strive to do their jobs with skill.

Frank Guzzo, head of the county's Department of Human Services, spoke about Tanke's flawless record in terms of the arduous audits the feds bring with their money. In the culture of "gotcha," they had received oversight. The county had the reassuring knowledge that with Tanke, the money was properly spent.

This isn't about nominating Tanke for sainthood. Guzzo was telling the story that under the Clinton years, the feds were actually using Tanke's system of checks and balances in administering some welfare programs. My mind started to wander to the local Saab dealer who casually called at 4:30 p.m. to inform me my car was not ready that day. While I may have to walk home, he wanted me to know he was sorry. Or the guy at the local convenience store whose two speeds are slow and stop as the line of paper buyers and lottery players patiently stare at the ceiling. Such action is without consequences.

This is about changing the culture to reward those striving to get the job done promptly and right. The group at Costa's spoke about Tanke cleaning the office refrigerator and the open door policy where he enjoyed helping people. It was about initiative and results. This group was celebrating Tanke, and pride in quality of work they strive to complete.

Just about the time the Tanke party was cutting a white cake saying goodbye, two Rutgers economists were warning that the state faced a "gathering storm" as high paid jobs were leaving New Jersey for the south. A report titled "New Jersey's New Economy Growth

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Former trooper gets 24 years

19-year veteran pleaded guilty to drug dealing, laundering

By Lauren DeFilippo
Staff Writer

Former State Trooper Moises Hernandez was sentenced last week to 24 years in state prison by Superior Court Judge Joseph P. Donahue at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth.

Hernandez, a Union resident, pleaded guilty to charges of drug dealing, money laundering and witness tampering, in April. He could be eligible for parole as soon as 2011.

Hernandez, 39 and a 19-year veteran of the State Police's Narcotics Unit, turned himself in to authorities in September after being implicated in the take down of one of the largest drug rings in the county.

Reading from a worn piece of yellow paper, Hernandez addressed the court during his sentencing, apologizing to the both the court and the State Police.

"(I am) truly 100 percent remorseful," he said, choking back tears. Hernandez, who said that he had been recognized as a good officer for 16 years, "was honored and proud," of his job with the State Police.

"I have dishonored my badge and embarrassed the State Police," he said, dressed in a dark suit and handcuffed to another prisoner also awaiting sentencing.

Hernandez's indictment came with 20 others that stemmed from an April 2005 drug bust, following a four-year investigation, initiated by Kenilworth Detective Justin Maranca. Evidence points to Hernandez's involvement in illegal activities as far back as 1998, officials said.

However, he only pleaded guilty on charges of distributing cocaine between 2002 and 2006.

During his remarks, Hernandez said that he had been trained "to be like Superman." With time, there was more and more pressure put on him to bring in bigger

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Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Shackled to others also awaiting sentencing, Moises Hernandez is led into a Union County courtroom Friday. See additional photos at www.localsource.com.

Package extended to feds

By Lauren DeFilippo
Staff Writer

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders extended an early retirement package to approximately 60 Federal Workforce Investment employees that would mirror the one the county hopes to offer its 3,000 other employees.

The unanimous vote came at the freeholders' June 22 meeting in Rahway.

Employees that have 51 percent of their salaries paid through federal Department of Labor funds, like the WIA employees, are not considered county employees, or part of the Public Employees Retirement System.

Union County Director of Human Services Frank Guzzo, who oversees the 60 employees, said their ineligibility in the program is a statewide issue that needs to be addressed.

"It's a real fatal error," he said. County legislation was necessary to include those employees into the PERS system, he said.

Doing so, however, would also make employees that have had a long tenure with the county suddenly subject to the civil service system, and therefore be required to take a test in order to continue holding their positions.

And, Guzzo said, there would have to be an provision that would allow county employees to buy back a certain amount of time, because employees newly added to the PERS program would have only a few years technically put into the system, despite working in county offices for much longer.

According to the resolution passed by the board, employees must have at least 25 years of service or 15 years of service and be 62 years of age as of Dec. 31, 2006.

"While the incentives of this program mirror those offered to members of the Public Employees Retirement System, the county will be responsible for the Health Benefits portion only. The federal grant will be responsible for the cash service and sick time buy-out," the resolution said.

The county adopted a similar resolution in 2002 when it also offered an early retirement package to its employees.

"It's the right thing to do," Guzzo told the board June 22. "They're county employees, you've done it in the past."

Fund has secured space, awarded cash

By Lauren DeFilippo
Staff Writer

Union County voters went to the polls in 2000 and cast their ballots in favor of establishing a 20-year tax that would assess 1.5 cents for every \$100 of assessed property value for the next 20 years.

Revenue generated from the tax would then go into a trust fund earmarked for open space, recreation and historic preservation.

Since its inception, the Trust Fund has generated \$33.27 million in revenue. Of that, \$22.9 million has been expended for various projects.

The fund is anticipated to bring in \$10.06 million this year, according to the county's budget. That is \$1.1 million, or 12.8 percent, more than the \$8.9 million in cash the fund realized last year.

County officials describe the role of the trust fund as a means to acquire open space, expand and enhance recreational opportunities, and pre-

serve historic sites throughout the county.

Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, who also serves as the chairman of the board's standing committee on open space, said the idea to establish a Trust Fund did not happen overnight.

Union County's position as one of the most densely populated counties in one of the most densely populated states in the nation pushed the need to preserve open space to the forefront, Scanlon said.

"There was such intense development," she said. "Land was bought up and used so rapidly...it just became almost critical," Scanlon said.

That need, coupled with requests from municipalities to help repair local historic structures, helped the trust fund idea become a reality.

Five years later, Scanlon said the county has "addressed its pressing needs."

In order to accomplish most of its goals, the trust fund administers three different grant programs: Greening Union County; Preserve Union County; and the Kids Recreation Trust Fund.

Each grant program requires municipalities or non-profits to submit an application form and secure matching funds from either other grants or donations.

The idea behind the Greening Union County Program is for the county to match municipalities on a tree-for-tree basis.

In 2004, more than 1,400 trees were planted across the county last year.

In addition to matching funds for tree purchasing ability, the county also provides for the installation of the trees by forestry professionals and a one-year maintenance guarantee.

Originally proposed as an initiative during Freeholder Deborah Scanlon's tenure as board chairperson, the pro-

gram made \$500,000 in matching grants available to local historical sites.

According to the county, the "Preserve Union County" initiative is a merit-based, matching grant program.

The applicant must generate \$1 in funds for every \$1 of grant money requested, a county announcement said.

Funding is available for projects including acquisition, stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration and or preservation of a historic site by the county, municipalities and qualified non-profit historical preservation groups.

Eligible sites must be listed on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places or certified by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Historic Preservation.

The Kids Recreation Trust Fund provides funding for three types of recreational opportunities for children — scholarships, equipment and field

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Open space in the county of Union

Established in 2000 through a voter referendum, the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund assesses a levy of 1.5 cents per \$100 of total equalized real property valuation for 20 years. The tax is likely to generate more than \$10 million this year.

Since its inception, the Trust Fund has collected more than \$33.7 million and expended \$22.9 million

Part 1

The first part of the series will cover how the trust fund was established and how it operates.

Part 2

In the first five years of the fund, 110 acres of open space have been preserved. This installment will look at those acquisitions and improvements to existing county parks and facilities made possible through the fund.

Part 3

Last year, the freeholders presented checks to 19 municipalities for recreation programs. This installment will look at those grants, how they are selected and the differences they have made in various municipalities.

Part 4

This installment will look at historic sites — such as the Drake House in Plainfield, Cranford's Canoe Club and First Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth — that have been helped along with grants from the Trust Fund.

Part 5

The final piece will look at the next 15 years of the trust fund and what it hopes to accomplish.

The complete series by Staff Writer Lauren DeFilippo is available on www.localsource.com

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Rock to '80s hits with tribute band in Echo Lake Park

The Union County Summer Arts Festival concert series continues on Wednesday with a performance by the '80s rock tribute band Amethyst. This free concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in Echo Lake Park.

Amethyst is making its first appearance on the Echo Lake Park stage. The East Brunswick-based musicians have been called New Jersey's Number One tribute band, and their playlist is a blast from the past.

Amethyst is a big hit up and down the Shore, where they specialize in '80s pop. Founded in the '80s by a group of high school friends, the group is reunited as a cover band, performing all varieties of '80s music, including tunes by Billy Idol, Prince, The Cars, the J. Geils Band, Bon Jovi, and a slew of popular one-hit wonders.

The Union County Information Van

also will be at the concert site, with representatives from the Union County Clerk's Office on hand to answer questions and offer information about important services available to Union County residents.

The other free concerts in the Summer Arts Festival series include:

• Aug. 2 — Yasgur's Farm (Woodstock rock) plus JoBonanno & the Godsons of Soul;

• Aug. 9 — Mustang Sally (country);
• Aug. 16 — The Nerds (Jersey Shore party band);
• Aug. 23 — Ed Palermo Big Band with Rob Paparozzi, sponsored by Schering-Plough Corp.;
• Aug. 30 — The Party Dolls, sponsored by ConocoPhillips-Bayway Refinery.

In case of rain, concerts will be held at the air-conditioned auditorium at Cranford

High School, on West End Place off Springfield Avenue in Cranford at 7:30 p.m.

For up-to-date concert/rain information call the Parks and Recreation hotline at 908-352-8410 after 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.

For more information call the Union County Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities at 908-527-4900.

Vouchers available for seniors to purchase Jersey Fresh produce

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will participate in the Farmer's market program that offers vouchers to eligible senior adults to purchase "Jersey Fresh" fruits, vegetables and herbs.

Senior citizens who qualify will receive four vouchers worth \$5 each for a total of \$20 for the season ending in November. Vouchers are accepted at any farmer's market displaying the "WIC" sign.

To be eligible, an individual must be a resident of Union County, age 60 or older. Income guidelines require an individual's annual income not to exceed \$18,130 and a married couple's annual income not to exceed \$24,240. In addition, proof of income must be presented in the form of a Medicaid card, SSI card, or annual pension or Social Security statement.

Vouchers will be distributed through the Union County Department

of Human Services, Division on Aging, whose staff, including bilingual staff, will assist seniors when they apply for the produce vouchers.

Vouchers will be available and accepted at the following Farmer's Markets:

The following Farmers Markets schedule for August indicates when farmers are present to sell produce and/or when people may apply for and/or use vouchers:

• Aug. 2, Rahway Senior Center, 1306 Esterbrook Ave., Rahway, 9 a.m. to noon. Voucher distribution only.
• Aug. 4, Stephen Sampson Center, 800 Anna St., Elizabeth, 10 a.m. to noon. Farmer will be present.
• Aug. 11, Hillside War Memorial Building, Liberty Avenue, Hillside, noon to 4 p.m. Farmer only — no voucher distribution.
• Aug. 15, Elizabeth Presbyterian Center, First Street and Magnolia,

Elizabeth, 10 a.m. to noon. Farmer will be present.

• Aug. 18, Pinewood Hall, 250 W. Second Avenue, Roselle, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmer will be present.

• Aug. 22, Cedarbrook Apartments, 1272 Park Ave., Plainfield, 10 a.m. to noon. Farmer will be present.

• Aug. 23, Westfield Neighborhood Council, 127 Cacciola Place, Westfield, 10 a.m. to noon. Farmer will be present.

• Aug. 25, Elizabeth Towers Apartments, 315 W. Grand Avenue, Elizabeth, 10 a.m. to noon. Farmer will be present.

The Farmers Market Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and coordinated by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

For more information, call the Union County Division on Aging at 888-280-8226 or 908-527-4870.

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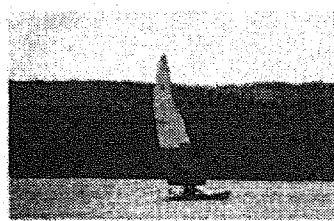
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SCORE teaches ins and outs of running a small business

By Jerome Hule
Staff Writer

UNION — It is not always easy starting a business, much less running a successful one. But being successful means knowing what has to be done. That is where the Service Corps of Retired Executives, affiliated with the U.S. Small Business Administration, comes in.

SCORE has hundreds of chapters across the country through which its counselors help small business owners to succeed. They also assist people looking to start a new business.

That opportunity was offered to Union residents July 13 when SCORE conducted a workshop at the Union Public Library. Among those in attendance were a couple who wanted to start a business making pet-themed T-shirts. There was also someone who wanted to start an assembly business while another wanted to start a day care center. A man who already runs a Web design business was also at the workshop. About a dozen people attended the hourlong event.

The subject of the meeting was running a home business. SCORE counselor Dave Molten said there are numerous prospects for home businesses. A retired IBM executive, Molten said he worked from home for the last nine years of his 38 years working for the computer company.

Among the many businesses that could be run from home, he listed such areas as Web design and programming, consulting, event planning, accounting, day care, answering services and the like.

"It's not too hard figuring out businesses you can do at home," he said. But he also warned against going into any business just because one has read about it in a book. People should go into a business that they already know about. "Experience makes you do better."

Before one starts out, he said, it is important to consider regulations guiding the operations of such a business. The state, he said, deals with licensing while the local governments deal with zoning laws. The business owner must know whether he needs a license for the business and what zoning rules apply to the business, he said.

Molten said the business owner must separate the home business from his personal life. That means having a separate office space, a separate bank account and regular hours. The business should also have its own equipment,

like computers with broadband Internet access, telephone and fax lines.

The business owner, Molten emphasized, should be organized and be professional. That entails doing things like updating one's answering messages daily so they are current and renting a room when holding an important meeting, among other things. Molten said the business owner should not use the speakerphone while talking with a customer. This step, he said, is to avoid background noise. The phone for the home business should not have call waiting service, so as to avoid keeping a customer on hold when a second call is coming in.

The added advantage of renting a room when holding a meeting is to avoid liabilities that may not be covered by homeowners insurance, Molten said, adding that the business owner should let his insurance carrier know the home is being used for business.

The SCORE counselor said the business owner must use the customer's likely reaction as the yardstick for his actions. "Always put yourself in the place of the other guy," he stated.

The retired business executive stressed the importance of marketing for most small businesses. Marketing, he explained, should be done in five phases, beginning with making people aware of one's business, followed by making them interested in the product and making them have more knowledge of the product. The last phases comprise the sale and giving the customer a sense of fulfillment after using the product.

The best way to market, he stated, is through free samples and reference sales. With thousands of products competing for customers' attention, he said, the business owner has to convince people about his product or service. He also said network marketing is another good tool for small business.

Web marketing, he stated, is the worst marketing tool because there are so many competing Web sites that make it difficult for one's product to be noticed.

Molten said people who start a home business should not quit their current jobs, should not make a huge investment of money or commitment upfront and should not expect money to start coming in overnight.

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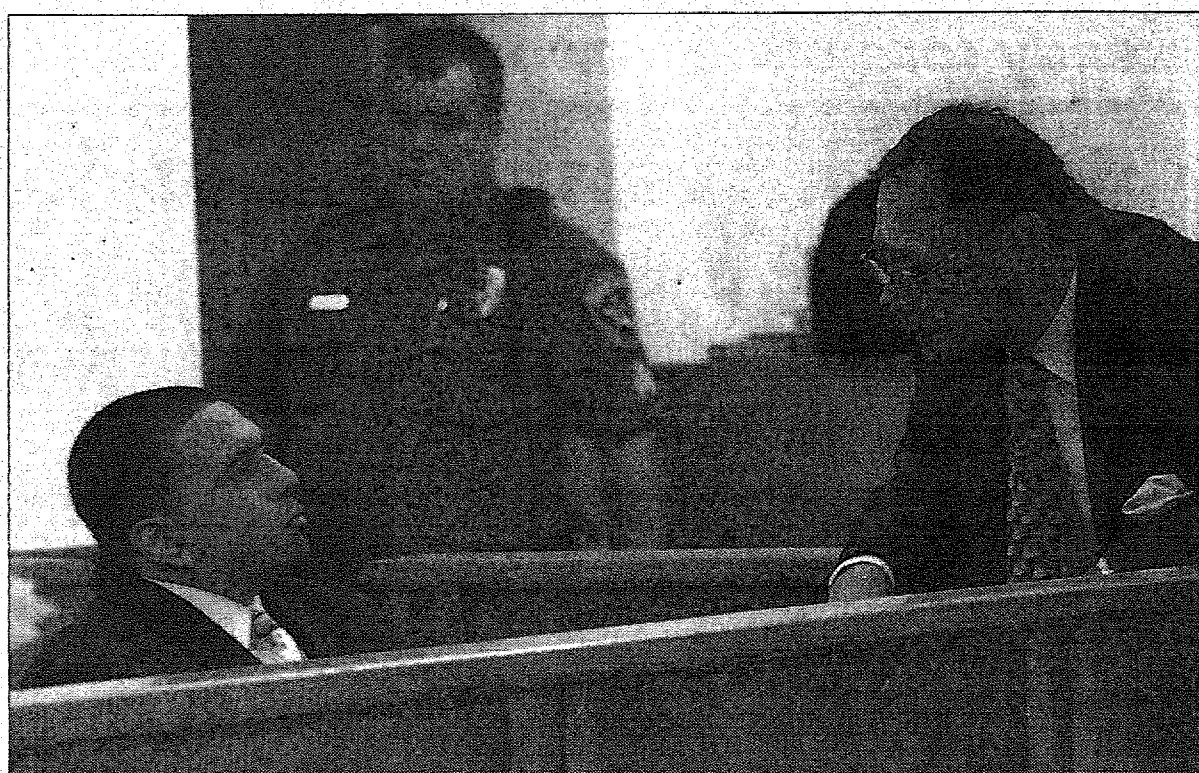


Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Moises Hernandez speaks with his attorney, Raymond Brown, after his sentencing Friday.

Trooper sentenced to state prison

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cases, and that ultimately pushed him over the edge.

His attorney, Raymond Brown, argued that Hernandez's years of dutiful service should serve as a reason for the courts to show leniency and four years off his sentence.

"(He is) an extraordinary and complex human being... a human being that put himself in a difficult psychological position," Brown said, noting that dramatic incidents like having his own weapon turned against him while on the job contributed to Hernandez's unhealthy psychological state.

Assistant Prosecutor Julie Peterman, argues, however, that Hernandez's actions could only be attributed to greed.

"They gave him a badge, a gun, and a car," Peterman said. "The world was

his oyster and he chose crime."

Peterman said that Hernandez's legacy in law enforcement would be not his bravery in the line of duty, but his distribution of 100,000 vials of cocaine into the streets on Union County, and impacting the outcome of court cases.

She said that because of his actions, Hernandez had made the job of law-abiding officers that much harder, especially when they come before a jury to aid in the prosecution of crimes.

Hernandez's wife Tina even left the court room at one point of the Peterman's statements, sighing.

While delivering his sentence, Judge Donahue called Hernandez's actions "an arrogance of power."

"You thought you were a prince of the city, (you) could do as you wish, (that) you were above the law," he said.

Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow said that he was pleased with the outcome of the case.

"He should be a warning for anyone else," Romankow said, noting that not only did Hernandez corrupt his badge, but he also put citizens and police officers in danger.

Hernandez's wife Tina, 35, is also charged with money laundering and conspiracy, since she is listed as an owner of Hernandez's landscaping business that was used to launder money earned through the sale of narcotics.

Hernandez's brother-in-law, 23-year-old bank teller Michael Soto, also faces charges of money laundering.

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County honors 29-year employee who watched taxpayers' money

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Challenges" concludes "The region's once-unique advantage is fading under the stress of its high-cost environment."

So maybe we should shift gears and acknowledge the hard workers and efficient service providers as the ones to be rewarded so we can stop the trend. Gov. Jon Corzine's office is expected to issue a report this fall on

ways to jump start the state's economy. No doubt it will include tax incentive and easier permit review. Hopefully we will need to find a way to reward the achievers like Tanke and not accept anything less.

Philadelphia columnist Adam Field recently wrote about the acceptance of diners to growing tolerable delays of an hour or more to eat out in less than four star restaurants.

He quotes Ronald Gorodesky, president of Restaurant Advising Services that, "we got trained. Over the last 20 years and more so the last 10, we have become comfortable with the idea that we often have to wait."

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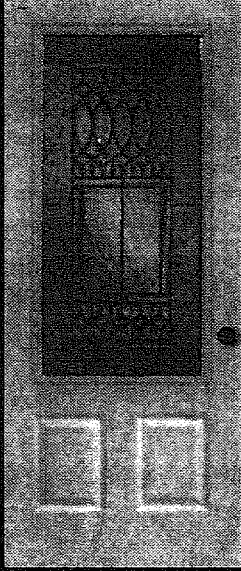
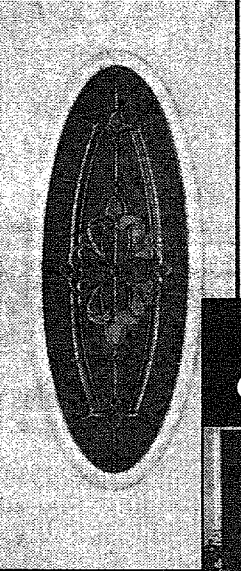
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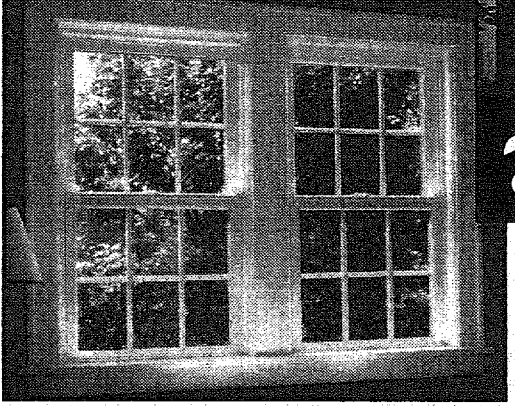
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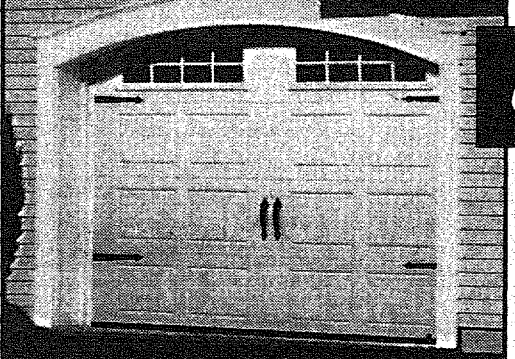
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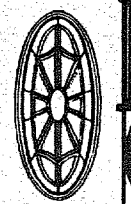

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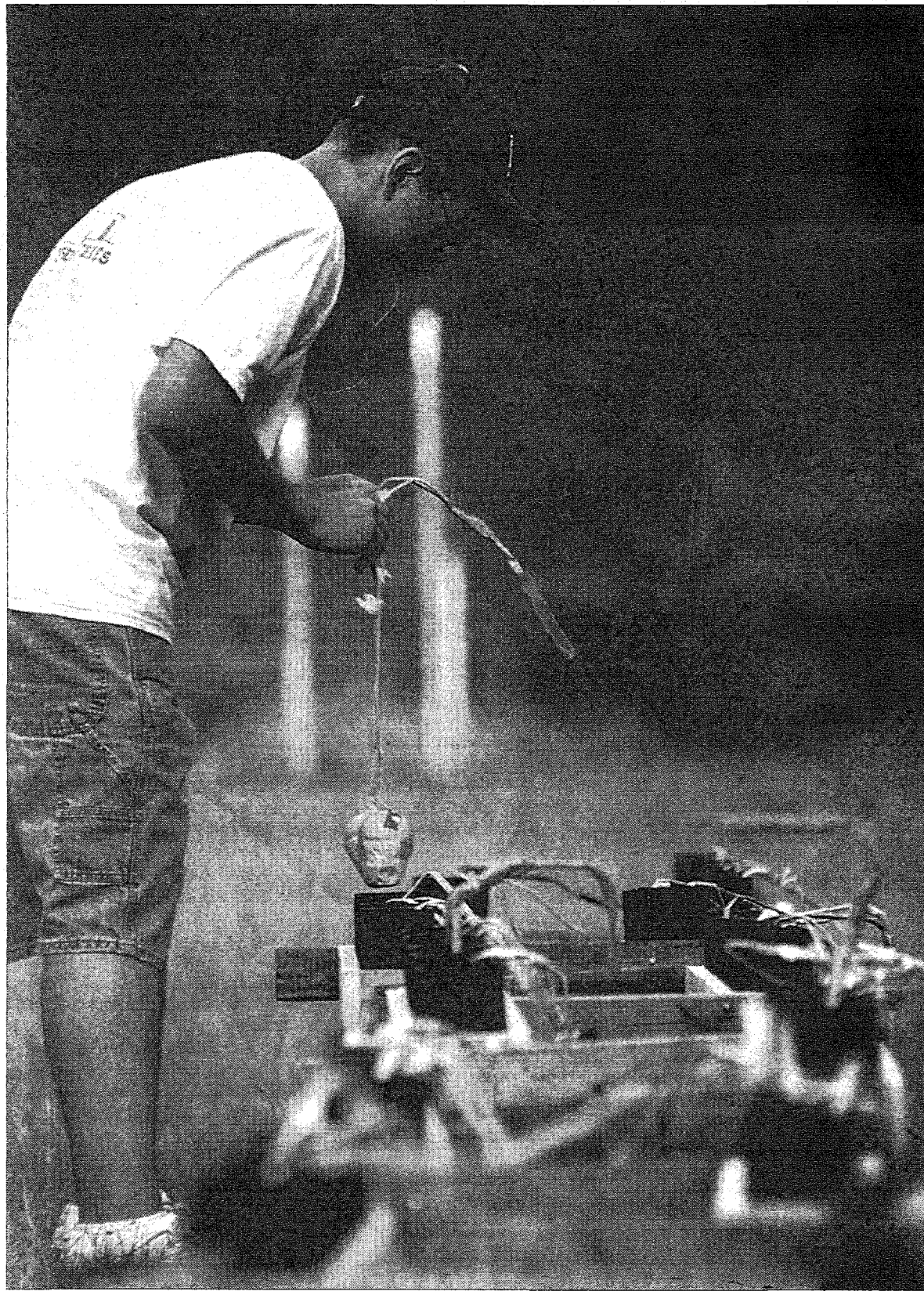
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Ready for some fireworks



Joseph Manganelli with Garden State Fireworks places mortars into their firing cartridges in the field behind Springfield's Sandmeier School on July 4.

Photo By Sean Haver

Open Space Trust Fund has secured 100 acres of land

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and recreation center improvements.

The grant opportunities provided for under this particular program also require financial matches by the municipalities applying for aid, except for the scholarship program.

Scholarships are aimed at providing financial assistance to school-aged children, ages 5 to 17, who are interested in participating in recreational events, but cannot due to costs or staff or facility limitations.

Last year, \$897,708 was awarded to 19 of the county's 21 municipalities.

In 2004, approximately \$1 million was distributed to the county's 21 municipalities for recreational opportunities.

While only municipalities are eligible for the grants, schools and other non-profit organizations can team-up

with their respective towns to get funding, the county's Office of Public Information said.

Apart from making grant funding available, the county also looks to acquire parcels of open space throughout the county.

She said the county's ability to acquire more than 100 acres in five years is one of the Trust Fund's greatest accomplishments.

"In Union County, that's a lot of land," Scanlon said. When it was first announced, the goal was to acquire 100 acres in 20 years.

Scanlon credited the achievement to a strong commitment to the Trust Fund by the freeholder board, and, she noted, there is still land available.

Lauren DeFilippo can be reached at 908-686-7700, ext. 119, or unioncounty@thelocalsource.com.

'Hooray for Herptiles' at Trilside Center

The Union County Trilside Nature and Science Center is offering a special camp for children entering the fifth and sixth-grades titled "Hooray for Herptiles" featuring live reptiles and amphibians during the week of Aug. 7-11 from 1 to 4 p.m. daily.

Pre-registration is required as space is limited. The fee for this camp is \$112 per child for residents of Union County and \$140 for non-county participants.

"Hooray for Herptiles" highlights Union County's reptile and amphibian population through hands-on activities with Trilside's live animal collection. Children will investigate the lifestyles of box, painted and red-eared slider turtles, native frogs, and toads, as well as black rat, pine, water, milk and corn snakes.

Participants in "Hooray for Herptiles" will learn the proper care and handling of Trilside's resident reptiles and amphibians and hike to remote areas of the reservation to look for wild populations of herptiles. They will help a Trilside naturalist catch, identify and release salamanders, newts, snakes, toads, turtles and frogs, while discovering what is happening to the herptile population and learning what they can do to help.

For more information on summer camp openings or for upcoming events at Trilside, call 908-789-3670. Trilside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside and is a service of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Division on Aging brings aid to seniors

The Union County Department of Human Services, Division on Aging, will bring its Outreach Services Program for senior adults to Elizabeth, Plainfield and Rahway during the month of July.

Division on Aging staff will assist seniors with information and help in applying for a variety of government assistance programs, including gas and electric support, pharmaceutical assistance and home energy assistance. There will also be screening for Supplemental Security Income eligibility, and information about the Senior Health Insurance Program.

The Outreach Services Program will visit the following locations:
• Monday, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Supremo Supermarket, 249 East Front St., Plainfield.

• Monday, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Twin City Supermarket, 600 Park Ave., Plainfield.

• Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to noon at the Elizabeth Towers, 315 West Grand St., Elizabeth.

• July 27, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Supremo Supermarket, 25 South Broad St., Elizabeth.

• July 27, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Twin City Supermarket, 1016 Sherman Ave., Elizabeth.

• July 28, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Universal Supermarket, 2325 Elizabeth Ave., Rahway.

For more information on the Outreach Services Program and other programs offered by the Union County Division on Aging, call the division's toll-free number 888-280-8226.

COUNTY NEWS

Summer is here and pools have opened

The county's two outdoor swimming facilities — the Walter E. Ulrich Memorial Pool in Rahway River Park, and the John Russell Wheeler Pool, at West Stimpson Avenue and Route 1 in Linden — are now open for the public's enjoyment.

Patrons should be aware that temporary daily closings might occur at either pool during the summer due to a statewide shortage of qualified lifeguards. The county of Union has made an exhaustive recruiting effort in this regard but shortages may affect pool capacity or the opening of the dive tank or kiddie pools, especially in August, when college students return to school.

If closings are to occur, revised pool schedules will be posted in advance. It is the county's intent to keep both facilities operating at their full capacity, but the safety of swimming patrons might dictate temporary adjustments to the pools' regular operations.

Daily admission fees are \$5 for adult county residents; \$10 for out-of-county adults. Discounted rates are available for youths (17 years and younger) and seniors (62 and older.) Ten and 30-visit discount cards are also on sale. Identification will be required before admission or the out-of-county rate will be charged. No one under the age of 12 will be admitted without an adult.

Patrons are advised that the capacity of both pools is set according to safety regulations. Admission will be limited by the pool manager. Once a pool has reached a safe operating capacity, no further admissions will be allowed on that day.

Scheduled hours of operation will be as follows:

• Walter E. Ulrich Pool, Rahway River Park, St. Georges Avenue, Rahway,
Monday and Wednesday
1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday and holidays
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• John Russell Wheeler Pool, Wheeler Park, West Stimpson Ave. and Route 1, Linden,
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday
1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday and holidays
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A variety of swim lessons are available at the Ulrich Pool. For more information call either Ulrich Pool 732-381-4045 or Wheeler Pool 908-862-0977.

Realtors seek school supplies for homeless

New and gently used school supplies are being sought by the Community Service Committee of the Greater Union County Association of Realtors for distribution to the homeless or those in need. The drive extends through Aug. 16.

Sought for the collection are all manner of writing implements (pencils, pens, markers, crayons), rulers, scissors, glue sticks, tape and erasers. Also included could be loose leaf paper, folders, binders, zipper pouches and book bags. Children's story or picture books are also being accepted. No encyclopedias, comics or condensed books.

This is the eighth year the Community Service Committee is conducting this drive, hoping that once again donations will be received from people who find they have collected or purchased more of these items than they can use in their normal routine.

Among the recipients of the articles are St. Joseph's homeless program in Elizabeth, the Plainfield Area Y for the homeless, Holy Trinity in Westfield, the Interfaith Council, Salvation Army, The United Way of Union County and other local community programs assisting the less fortunate.

All items may be brought to the Realtor Association offices at 767 Central Ave., Westfield, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and questions may be directed to them at 908-232-9000.

Bureau offers tips to combat mosquitoes

The County of Union will enlist county residents in the annual war against mosquito population. The county has several programs to manage the mosquitoes, and residents are being asked to join the fight.

The Union County Bureau of Mosquito Control conducts surveillance from March to November, seeking out potential breeding spots. Once the warm weather sets in, urban backyards, suburban neighborhoods and industrial areas can all provide breeding grounds.

All mosquitoes require standing water — water that persists for four days — to develop. A female mosquito needs only a tiny amount of standing water in which to breed. The eggs hatch into larvae, which develop into mosquitoes in about two weeks.

One of the most overlooked problem areas is back yard swimming pools and pool covers. Other problem areas include chronic ponding in yards, as well as in wooded areas. Discarded tires and plastic buckets also provide some of the most ideal breeding spots.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Notice to Receive Comments of Interested Parties on Natural Resource Damages Settlement Agreement for Former Service Station Property, Union and Somerset Counties, New Jersey

TAKE NOTICE that Cumberland Farms, Inc. (CFI) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) hereby give notice of a Natural Resource Damages Settlement Agreement concerning a former Gulf service station located at 400 Central Avenue, Westfield, Union County, NJ (Site*), 125 Old York Road, Raritan, Somerset County, NJ (Site*), and 12 Mountain Avenue, Somerville, NJ (Site*). CFI and NJDEP pursuant to the Authority vested in the Administrator of the New Jersey Spill Compensation Fund by the Spill Compensation and Control Act, N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11-24 ("Spill Act"), and the Commissioner of NJDEP by N.J.S.A. 13:15-1 at 88a, and duly delegated to the Assistant Commissioner of Natural and Historic Resources and the Administrator pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:15-1 have entered into a Natural Resource Damages Settlement Agreement. Under the Natural Resource Damages Settlement Agreement, CFI has agreed to settle its alleged liability to the NJDEP for natural resource injuries associated with claimed discharges of hazardous substances at the Site by paying a total of \$164,285.89 in settlement of Natural Resource Damages and \$7,047.02 for the department assessment costs, a portion of which will be allocated to the above Sites.

The Natural Resource Damages Settlement Agreement is intended to constitute a resolution of claims for lost use of, injury to, or destruction of natural resources, including, but not limited to, claims for assessments, penalties, attorneys' fees, consultants' or expert fees, interest, or any other expenses or compensation recoverable as natural resource damages under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq., the Oil Pollution Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1901 et seq., the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq., the Spill Compensation and Control Act, N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11 at 88a, or any other state or federal common law, statute, or regulation.

It is the further intent of the NJDEP and CFI that the Natural Resource Damages Settlement Agreement constitutes an administratively approved settlement within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. § 9613(f)(2) for the purpose of providing protection from contribution actions for Natural Resource Damages as a result of the discharges of hazardous substances at the Sites.

Copies of the proposed Natural Resource Damages Settlement Agreement are available for inspection at the main branch of the Bergen County Library, the main office of the NJDEP in Trenton, New Jersey, and on the NJDEP's internet site at www.nj.gov/dsp/nr/satements.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the Natural Resource Damages Settlement Agreement to the NJDEP at the following address: Office of Natural Resource Restoration, Natural and Historic Resources Program, Department of Environmental Protection, P.O. Box 404, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. All comments or objections must be submitted within thirty (30) days of the date of the first publication of this Notice, July 20, 27, August 3, 2006. U151758 WCN (\$211.50)

PUBLIC NOTICE CORRECTED NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the ordinance set forth below was introduced at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, held on June 13, 2006 and that said ordinance will be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee at the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey on June 27, 2006 at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

EILEEN BIRCH, Township Clerk

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 266-59, SCHEDULE XVIII, ENTITLED "TIME LIMIT PARKING," IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. (This ordinance affects Morris Avenue eastbound near Stuyvesant Avenue)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 266-59, Schedule XVIII, entitled "Time Limit Parking" shall be amended to add as follows:

Name of Street	Side	Time Limit: Hours/Days	Location
Morris Avenue	South	15 min./All	On Morris Avenue eastbound commencing 90 feet east from Stuyvesant Avenue and continuing for a distance of 42 feet.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after publication in the Official Gazette of the County of Union on July 20, 2006 (\$30.70)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice that the following applications for Zoning Variances were heard by the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Union on Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Friberg Park, Union, N.J. Resolutions memorializing.

Calendar #	Name of Applicant & Premises Affected	Variances Requested	Decision of the Board of Adjustment
Cal. #3057	Union Collision, Inc. 620 Rahway Avenue Block 3704 Lot 44	Use existing bldg. & site for automobile frame straightening & assembly associated w/ the Union Collision business	Granted by Resolution
Cal. #3059	L & D Home Builders, LLC 1208 Victor Avenue Block 2308 Lot 28	Construction of a new single family home	Carried for Resolution of Approval on Aug. 16, 2006
Cal. #3060	Hollywood Memorial Park, Co. 1500 Stuyvesant Avenue Block 5309 Lot 2	Addition to existing office bldg.	Carried for Resolution of Approval on Aug. 16, 2006

Richard Malanda, Board of Adjustment Secretary
U151782 UNL July 20, 2006 (\$32.10)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

ANNUAL NOTICE - KEAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES - CALENDAR OF PUBLIC MEETINGS 2006-2007

Monday, September 25, 2006
Saturday, November 18, 2006
Monday, March 10, 2007
Monday, May 21, 2007
Monday, June 25, 2007 (Special)

Please note: All Board of Trustees public meetings will be held in the Kean Hall Conference Center, Room 127, Mondays at 4 p.m. and Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. U151745 UNL July 20, 2006 (\$7.91)

BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the governing body of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on June 13, 2006 and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit may be commenced questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S CAPITAL ASSESSMENT IN RESPECT OF THE JOINT MEETING OF ESSEX AND UNION COUNTIES AND RELATED EXPENSES IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, APPROPRIATING \$1,460,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING \$1,460,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE SAME

Purpose(s): pay the Township's capital assessment in respect of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties (the Joint Meeting), which will be used by the Joint Meeting to finance upgrades to the Joint Meeting's wastewater treatment facilities, including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, as more fully described in plans and specifications on file with the Joint Meeting, which plans are hereby approved.

Appropriation: \$1,460,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$1,460,000
Grants (if any) Appropriated: \$ 0.00
Section 30 Costs: \$ 125,000
Useful Life: 15 Years

Eileen Birch, Township Clerk
U152210 UNL July 20, 2006 (\$24.18)

Public Notice
Take notice that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-56.6, application has been made to the Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission, Trenton, New Jersey, to receive title tags authorizing the sale for the LEVUS 1994 GSS VIN# TAUS47C8R095835. Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to the Chief Administrator.

PUBLIC NOTICE

tor of the Motor Vehicle Commission, Special Title Unit, P.O. Box 017, Trenton, New Jersey 08666-0017.
July 18, 20, 2006
U151085 UNL (\$14.88)

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Board of Health of the Township of Union in the County of Union has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-51(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Health.

AWARDED: Visiting Nurse & Health Services, Inc. d/b/a Holy Redeemer Home Care

SERVICES: Community Health Education Services
TIME PERIOD: Jan. 1, 2006 to Dec. 31, 2006

COST: Not to exceed \$14,982

JOHN J. FERRAIOLI, SECRETARY
Board of Health, Union Township
U151875 UNL July 20, 2006 (\$13.02)

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AWARDED: Visiting Nurse & Health Services, Inc. d/b/a Holy Redeemer Home Care

SERVICES: Child Health Conference Nursing Services
TIME PERIOD: Jan. 1, 2006 to Dec. 31, 2006

COST: Not to exceed \$13,152

JOHN J. FERRAIOLI, SECRETARY
Board of Health, Union Township
U151876 UNL July 20, 2006 (\$13.02)

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE PUBLIC NOTICE

The following ordinance published here-
with has been passed by the Township
Council at a meeting held at the Municipal
Building, Liberty and Hillside Avenues on
Tuesday, July 11, 2006 and was approved
by the Mayor on July 11, 2006.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 73 (PERSONNEL) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE

Peter D. Corvelli
Council President
Approved: July 11, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mayor Karen McCoy Oliver
Attest:
Janet Vlaisavljevic
Township Clerk
U151777 UNL July 20, 2006 (\$11.16)

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AWARDED: Visiting Nurse & Health Services d/b/a Holy Redeemer Home Care

SERVICES: Public Health Nursing Services
TIME PERIOD: Jan. 1, 2006 to Dec. 31, 2006

COST: Not to exceed \$39,458

JOHN J. FERRAIOLI, SECRETARY
Board of Health, Union Township
U151877 UNL July 20, 2006 (\$12.56)

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Board of Health of the Township of Union in the County of Union has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-51(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Health.

AWARDED: Garden State Laboratories, Inc.

SERVICES: Public Health Laboratory Services
TIME PERIOD: Jan. 1, 2006 to Dec. 31, 2006

COST: Not to exceed \$2,256.00

JOHN J. FERRAIOLI, SECRETARY
Board of Health, Union Township
U151874 UNL July 20, 2006 (\$12.09)

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its public meeting held on July 12, 2006 the Zoning Board of the Township of Hillside adopted the following resolution:
The application of Sommerville Properties, LLC requesting a use variance, major subdivision and related bulk variances to erect eight (8) two-family homes on eight lots at the property more commonly known as 330-334 Hillside Avenue (block 603, lots 33 and 34) was approved. A copy of the aforesaid resolutions is on file at the Township of Hillside Municipal Building, John F. Kennedy Plaza, Hillside.

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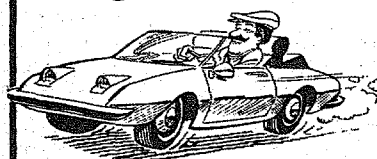
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HELP WANTED

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HOTEL - Part Time Front Desk/ Night Audit. Experienced preferred. Please call Joe or Anthony at Kenilworth Inn, 908-241-4100

INSURANCE AGENCY seeks full time Clerk typist. Insurance experience preferred. Dependable individuals only. Willing to train right candidate. (Doug) 908-964-5965

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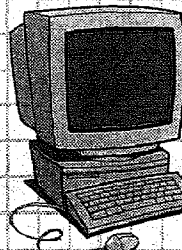
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Gwalsis earns honors for sales

Weichert, Realtors Union Office regional vice president, Lawrence Mueller, and branch manager, Robert Spillane, announced sales associate Kathleen Gwalsis received recognition for leading her sales region in sale marketed listings for 2005.

In addition to leading the region, which consists of 16 offices located throughout Essex, Morris and Union counties, Gwalsis earned the Union Office's 2005 awards for top listings, top dollar volume, top resale marketed listings and top combined units.

Gwalsis can be reached for real estate transactions in Weichert's Union Office at 908-687-4800. The office is located at 1307 Stuyvesant Ave.

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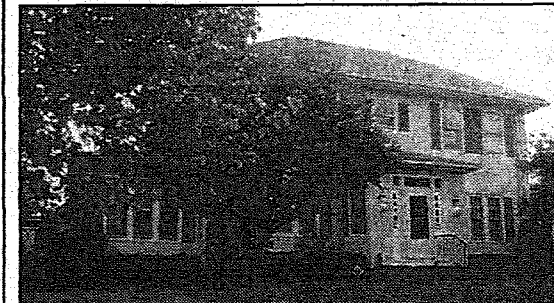


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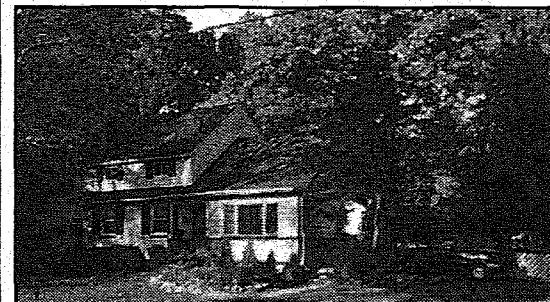


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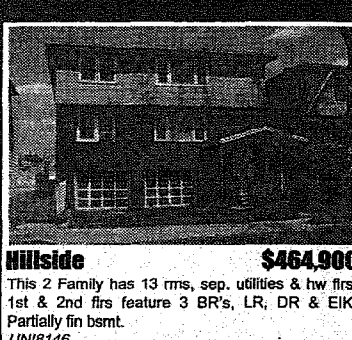
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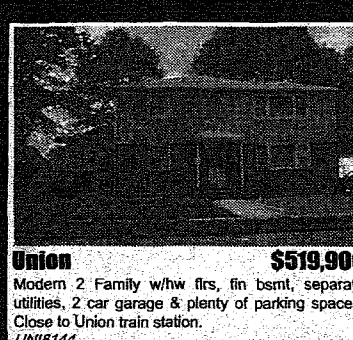
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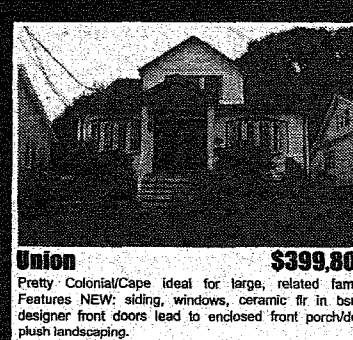
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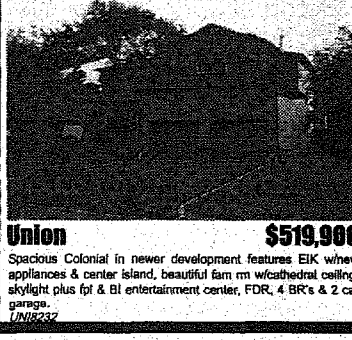
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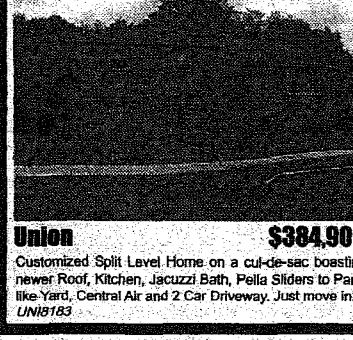
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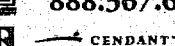
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Associates achieve companywide awards

Burgdorff ERA president and chief operating officer, Pat Hoferkamp, announced at the Annual Awards Breakfast that sales associates from the Westfield Office achieved companywide awards.

George Kraus, Westfield office vice-president and manager, accepted the esteemed NRT Top Office Award, given to the top 20 percent of NRT-owned offices throughout the country.

Westfield's sales associates accomplished similarly distinguished feats. Joyce Taylor earned inclusion into the Burgdorff ERA President's Council. Recognizing only the top 17 sales associates out of Burgdorff's more than 700-member sales force, membership in the Burgdorff ERA President's Council is the company's highest honor.

Taylor was also named Burgdorff's top Westfield associate for closed listing dollar volume and closed total dollar volume. Elaine Demyen garnered recognition as the top Westfield office agent for closed sales dollar volume and closed sales units. Elizabeth

Bataille was named the top Westfield associate for closed listing units and closed total units.

Pat Plante received the Judy Reeves Exemplary Service Award, which is presented to the salesperson or employee who best personifies the Burgdorff ERA vision statement, "Extraordinary Professionals Exceeding Expectations."

Sales associates earning the President's Elite, the company's second highest production honor, were Elizabeth Bataille, Lois Berger, Laura Brockway, Elaine Demyen, Jocelyne Holden, Cathy Splinter, Joyce Taylor and Carol Tener. They also received ERA's Leaders Circle awards. Pat Connolly, Julie Murphy, Mary Ellen O'Boyle, Pat Plante and Beth Sullivan also earned ERA's Leaders Circle award.

Sales associates Marjorie Brown, Kathy Collins, Sharon Lies, Beth Maloney, Anne Sank-Davis, Jill Skibinsky and Anne Weber earned membership into the Burgdorff ERA President's Club.

Furthering their real estate education in 2005, Lois Berger earned the senior real estate specialist designation, and Pat Plante earned her New Jersey broker's license.

The award-winning sales professionals can be reached by phone at 908-233-0065, or by visiting the Burgdorff ERA Westfield office, located at 600 North Ave. West.

Sales associates recognized by Weichert Realtors

Sales associates Kathleen Gwaldis, Jeffrey Cagide and Francis "Frank" Connor of the Weichert Realtors Union Office received recognition for their office achievements in February, announced branch manager, Robert Spillane.

Gwaldis was named the top listings associate for the month. A \$17 million producer in 2005, Gwaldis is a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors Circle of Excellence Club at the gold level for 2005. In addition, she holds membership in Weichert's President's Club, ranking her in the top 1 percent of the company's 17,800 sales associates.

Cagide earned the award for top dollar volume in the office.

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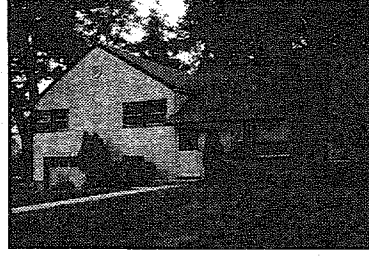
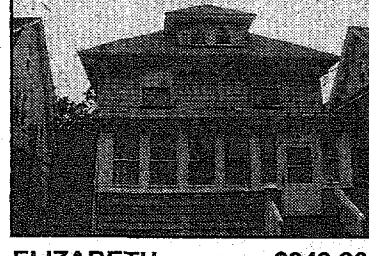
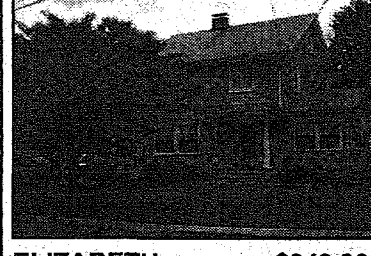
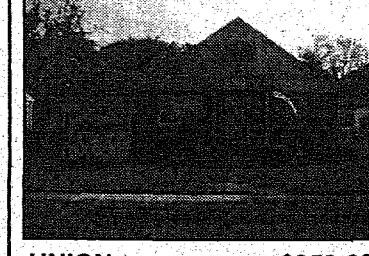
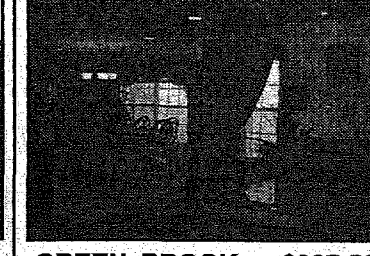
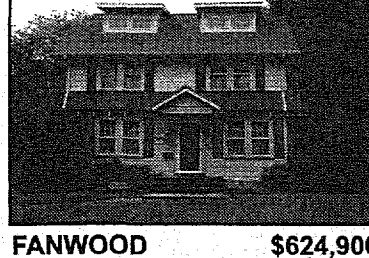
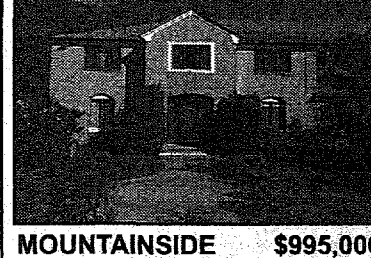
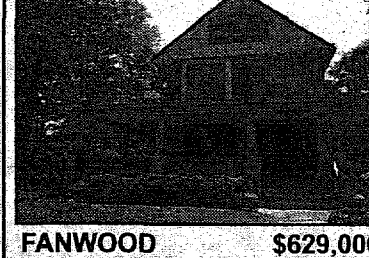
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 FANWOOD \$624,900 Beautiful Vintage Colonial Eat-in kitchen (2005), D/R, Den, L/R and F/R each feature a fireplace. Three bedrooms, two and a half baths. Back deck with deep yard, detached two-car garage w/ loft. Very impressive home located close to train, bus and town. KATHY SHEA Westfield Office 209 Central Avenue Direct: 908-301-2020 Cell: 908-930-9058 www.realestatenjhomes.com	 MOUNTAINSIDE \$995,000 Gracious Custom Home Center Hall Colonial with features too many to mention. L/R, D/R, gourmet Kitchen, F/R w/ wood burning fireplace, sliders to upper deck. Three Bedrooms and Master Bedroom offer exceptional size. A true one-of-a-kind home. KATHY SHEA Westfield Office 209 Central Avenue Direct: 908-301-2020 Cell: 908-930-9058 www.realestatenjhomes.com	 FANWOOD \$629,000 Beautiful Victorian Kitchen w/ Butler's Pantry, L/R w/ wood-burning fireplace, pocket doors to formal D/R, five Bedrooms, two full Baths. Wrap-around porch, original stained glass windows and features throughout reflect elegance of the era. Conveniently located close to town, bus and train. KATHY SHEA Westfield Office 209 Central Avenue Direct: 908-301-2020 Cell: 908-930-9058 www.realestatenjhomes.com	 FANWOOD \$440,000 Spacious Side-Hall Colonial Three large bedrooms on 2nd floor with ample closet space. Master Bedrm has an extra walk in closet which is doubled for bath. Living room with fireplace, formal dining room, large eat-in-kitchen with 1st floor laundry room and powder room. Great location, close to schools, train, downtown and Library. ELIZABETH "BETH" KRONCKE Westfield Office 209 Central Avenue Direct: 908-301-2051 www.elizabethkroncke.com		

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