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## Newsbriefs

### Residents win 'spree' money at new city bank

SUMMIT — Somerset Hills Bank President and CEO Stewart McClure Jr. and Summit branch manager Sally Schwartz announced winners of the Summit Shopping Spree, one of the celebratory events included in the grand opening of the bank's newest branch on Morris Avenue.

Winner of the \$1,000 grand prize is Ron Freedman. The other winners are Audrey Hanaway, whose name was picked to receive the \$500 second prize, and Michelle Huang, chosen to receive the \$250 third prize. While the event was open to everyone who came into the new Summit branch, coincidentally, all of the winners are residents of Summit.

"We were pleased to see such excitement generated by this great event among everyone who came into the bank since we opened," said Ms. Schwartz. "At Somerset Hills Bank, our customers have come to rely on us for financial expertise as well as our participation in the communities we serve. We're happy to heighten the interest in shopping at all of the stores throughout Summit."

This new branch is located in one of Summit's last remaining former silk mills, at 510 Morris Ave.

The new branch occupies approximately 4,000 square feet on the first floor of the 100-year-old building, which also features covered drive-up windows and ATM.

### Interim group set to oversee city operations

SUMMIT — As the search for a City Administrator continues, Common Councilwoman Cindy Martin announced at the Tuesday, Dec. 21, meeting that an interim executive committee has been appointed.

Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer Ronald J. Angelo, Director of Community Services Christopher J. Cotter and Chief of Police Robert Lucid have been chosen.

Mr. Angelo will serve as the initial point of contact for the committee, which will meet on a regular basis to address issues promptly.

"Each member of the committee has at least 25 years with the City of Summit," Ms. Martin said.

A memo from the committee members states, "We share a sense of pride in serving the City of Summit."

The teamwork exhibited by all employees and the sense of purpose in the work performed contributed to our decision to take on this new challenge."

Ms. Martin said at an earlier meeting that the task force anticipates the position will be filled by April. Former City Administrator Reagan Burkholder of Summit Collaborative Advisers is serving as a consultant.

Stuart Brown, who has been administrator since 2002, resigned as of Jan. 7, 2005.

### Correction

An article in the Jan. 8 issue of the Summit Herald should have attributed a Volunteer of the Year award to Common Councilwoman Diane Klaf, which she received at a Union County Municipal Alliance event on Dec. 7.

Terri Tauber of the Youth Services Board announced the location of the 2005 Project Graduation at the Bridgewater Sports Arena.

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## Mayor, police frustrated

# More pedestrians hit downtown

By LIZ KEILL

SUMMIT — Two more pedestrian and vehicle accidents last week are adding to the frustration of Summit police and city officials.

Mayor Jordan Glatt said earlier this week, in the wake of numerous initiatives, such as "No Need to Speed in Summit," "I'm amazed. It's just frustrating. I'm open to any and all ideas."

Mayor Glatt said he has been discussing lighting in the downtown for increased visibility with Community Services Director Christopher Cotter, but added, "Nothing's really changed. We need to get people to slow down."

In addition to stricter enforcement in the business district, the Summit schools have completed a traffic study, which will be presented by Superintendent of Schools Carolyn Deacon at the Thursday, Jan. 20, Board of Education meeting at Lincoln - Hubbard School.

Mayor Glatt said that none of the incidents reported by police was in any of the school district's neighborhoods. "It's all in the downtown," he said.

Deputy Police Chief Peter Ilaria said, "We're going to continue with what we've been doing." Education is key, he agreed, but enforcement in targeted areas will increase "if the weather cooperates." Although Summit residents have received tickets, "it's really a mixed bag," he said with other people traveling through town. Fines are set by the state and the court collects them, he said, so increasing a fine is not a viable deterrent.

The most recent incidents both occurred downtown on Springfield Avenue, with drivers making turns while pedestrians were in the crosswalk.

At 7:28 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, a 1994 yellow Chevrolet taxicab, driven by Donald Brunner, 51, of Madison, was traveling east on Springfield Avenue, making a left onto Summit Avenue. His vehicle apparently struck two pedestrians,

Daniela Delalanca, 35, of Summit and Genoveva Cervantes, 63, of Newark. Ms. Delalanca was injured in the lower leg and foot when a tire ran over her right leg, Summit Police Lt. Douglas Mason said. Ms. Cervantes suffered a head injury when she was knocked down. Both individuals were taken to Morristown Memorial Hospital by the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, spokesman Mark Koernig said. Mr. Brunner received a summons for careless driving and failure to yield to pedestrians.

Another incident occurred at 6:08 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, at the intersection of Springfield Avenue and Maple Street. Colleen Waller, 43, of Summit was driving a 2001 Chevrolet left Suburban westbound and making a left onto Maple Street. Her SUV apparently struck Pamela Forina, 30, of Bedminster, who was in the crosswalk westbound. Ms. Forina's injuries involved abdominal pain and she was taken to Overlook Hospital by the first aid squad. Ms. Waller received a summons for failure to yield to a pedestrian.

Mayor Glatt said at a December council meeting, "During the last four weeks, four pedestrians have been hit by cars." He displayed a picture of an SUV with a stroller caught under the rear bumper. Incidents involving strollers and large vehicles happened twice on Maple Street recently, he said. "Fortunately, there were no deaths," he said. In each case, the child was thrown from the stroller.

On Monday, Nov. 22, at 11:32 a.m. a two-year-old child was being pushed by his grandmother, Barbara Cuni of Manlius, N.Y., across Maple Street toward Union Place in the crosswalk. In the meantime, Alison Kish, 39, of Scotch Plains was backing up her Lexus SUV into a parking space on the west side of Maple Street. The driver did not see the stroller, according to a police report. The child was thrown from the stroller and the stroller was dragged under the wheels of the vehicle. The driver was charged with failure to

yield to a pedestrian and unsafe backing up of a vehicle. The child's injuries were not serious, Deputy Police Chief Peter Ilaria said.

But a similar incident occurred on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 12:03 p.m. The driver of a Honda SUV, Evelyn Reyes, 55, of Jersey City was exiting the driveway of the Central Presbyterian Church on Maple Street. She told police she saw no one coming as she was making a right turn onto Maple Street. In the meantime, a pedestrian with a three-year-old was pushing a stroller with her child, crossing from the YMCA lot to the church. The child was thrown from the stroller, which was dragged under the wheels of the vehicle. According to police, the three-year-old suffered injuries to the face and head. The driver received a summons for failure to

yield on exiting a driveway.

In another Maple Street incident, a pedestrian was crossing in the crosswalk at Maple Street and Morris Avenue on Saturday, Nov. 20, at 10:07 a.m. The driver of a Toyota Camry, Alan Skriloff, 56, of Summit was turning left onto Morris Avenue when his vehicle hit Seth Bodner, 67, of Summit. He was charged with failure to yield to a pedestrian and Mr. Bodner was taken to Morristown Memorial Hospital.

"We are just not being careful enough in our downtown," he said. Mayor Glatt, along with councilwomen Diane Klaf and Cindy Martin of the safety committee, has developed what he calls the "three E's" — education, engineering and enforcement." Mr. Glatt said education involves pedestrian and motorist safety programs; engineering en-

compasses the "No Need to Speed" initiative with radar and warning signs; and enforcement means an increase in tickets for both drivers who disobey motor vehicle laws and pedestrians who jay walk.

Police Lt. Douglas Mason said, "It's about kids. It's about safety. It's about caring. Let us slow down in a fast-paced world. People are going 40 miles an hour in a 25 miles per hour zone and it's worse at night."

Warning signs, with arrows pointing to 25 miles per hour, are posted on designated residential streets. Window decals, radar equipment and unmarked police cars are also part of the campaign. He urged people to call him at the Traffic Bureau at 273-3813 if there are questions. The decals are available at the Traveling Agency on Springfield Avenue.



AT THE GREAT PERFORMANCES GALA — David G. Hartman of New Providence, at left, chairman of the Overlook Hospital Board of Trustees, welcomed Overlook supporters and gala steering committee members Betsy and John Patterson of Summit to the champagne reception that preceded the recent "Great Performances 2004 - Laugh...Nature's Best Medicine." The evening's events raised nearly \$375,000 for Women's and Children's Services at Overlook Hospital, and are featured in an Eye on You page in today's edition of the Herald-Dispatch. For information about the Overlook Hospital Foundation, call 908-522-2840.

## Math, music, mystery highlight SEF grants

By LIZ KEILL

SUMMIT — All grade levels and schools in the district will benefit from 38 Summit Education Foundation grants totaling \$28,005, the Board of Education learned last week.

Innovative projects include "The Super Sleuth Mystery Unit" for third grade Brayton students, which will introduce the genre of mystery in a fun and challenging manner, while developing critical thinking skills.

Music from around the world gives Franklin first graders another avenue to learn about cultures and civilizations on the continents.

"Facts in a Flash" will help Franklin second graders improve math facts independently in a game-like format. A similar program for Lincoln-Hubbard third and fourth graders is being supported by a grant of \$1,600.

Another math initiative is called "Qwizdom," an interactive computer program for the middle school, at \$2,335.

At Jefferson School, third grade students will use geoboard explorations to supplement math lessons involving geometric and measurement concepts.

Among the grants are three for Spanish-speaking students. The Adelante Newsletter, to be written in Spanish, targets Hispanic/Latino students who attend Summit's public schools. A grant of \$500 will cover start-up materials and mailing expenses.

A bilingual handbook in Spanish and English will assist teachers in dealing more effectively with recently arrived Spanish-speaking students. SEF is giving \$1,560 towards the purchase for all schools in the district.

A Spanish language library will

be initiated to help with literacy skills at Jefferson School. SEF is donating \$750 to include books for first and second grade students.

Language arts includes "Realistic Fiction: A Differentiated Approach to Reading" for Brayton fourth graders. Another Brayton initiative is called "Whisper Headsets," which enables students to edit their own work by hearing themselves reading aloud.

"It's a great tool," Superintendent of Schools Carolyn Deacon said. "It's really cool, because no one can hear them talking."

"Building Language Arts Skills Through Literature" for kindergarten and second grade students at Lincoln-Hubbard involves fairy tale flannel board sets to help students play out classic fairy tales.

At Washington School, "Communicating with Each Other" is a pilot program for third graders on sensitivity and kindness to others. Board members were told that a similar program in Millburn was successful.

"I'm in awe of the work you put into this," board member Eleanor Doyle told foundation president Martha Sayre and member Betsy MacPherson.

Dr. Deacon echoed the time-consuming nature of the effort. "What I really appreciate is that the teacher will do the neat stuff and the kids will benefit," she said.

School board president Sandy Bloom commended the creativity and "thinking outside the box" of the proposals, and board member Anne Bushe noted this is the largest number of grants yet from SEF.

A number of other initiatives have been recommended, including disability awareness, character education through history and sensitivity sessions.

## Board of School Estimate named

SUMMIT — Both the Board of Education and Common Council have designated its representatives on the Board of School Estimate.

At the Thursday, Dec. 16, Board of Education meeting, members approved board president Sandra Bloom and board member Thomas

O'Rourke for the 2005 calendar year.

Common Council appointed councilwomen P. Kelly Hatfield and Diane Klaf for the coming year to the board.

Mayor Jordan Glatt also serves on the Board of School Estimate.

## Wireless Technology committee formed to explore city's options

By LIZ KEILL

SUMMIT — Mayor Jordan Glatt said last week that a committee to develop wireless technology for the city has just held its first meeting.

"We're just getting started," he said, "and we are in talks with other communities, interviewing vendors and deciding what we want to achieve."

Committee members include P. Kelly Hatfield from Common Council, Alexandria Arnold, Andrew Bartolotti, Kathy Hathaway, who is supervisor of technology for the Summit School District, Drew Tauber, a student at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Ed Chao, Leonard Nuara and Paul Zazzera.

"Everyone except Kelly and myself has a technology background," Mr. Glatt said.

The mayor said the concept was suggested during a revenue generating meeting.

"People would log onto the internet and pay a monthly fee," he said, somewhat like cable service. One difference is that companies would share revenue with the city. "This would be a real service to the whole town," he said, "and could attract companies to Summit."

He said wireless technology has taken root in other communities, and he described it as "the wave of the future."

Currently, some states such as Pennsylvania are passing legislation

to stop the broadband system, primarily because of competition from Verizon and other cable carriers.

The service would cost an individual \$20 a month, considerably less than the \$40 or \$50 charged by other carriers, city officials said. No hard wiring is required and installation is quick, with antennas connected to lamp posts. According to some reports, \$50,000 can be generated annually for the city through its fee collection.

The technology is an alternative to DSL or cable modem, because it does not utilize facilities owned by telephone or cable companies. An even newer technology uses power lines to carry telecommunication signals.



LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE — Students, school administrators and city officials attended the Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School leadership conference. The goal of the workshop, presented by Maersk, Inc., was to motivate Student Council members to represent their classmates effectively and to develop their own leadership skills. From left in row one were Julia Jarrold, Rohann Kewalramani, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carolyn Deacon, and Daniel Wong. In row two, Edward Espinoza, board of education president Sandra Bloom and Jordan Glatt, mayor of Summit.

Police News

Summit

Thefts, arrests are reported

On Thursday, Jan. 6, police received a report of a theft from a vehicle parked in a Springfield Avenue hotel parking lot sometime between 2 p.m. on Jan. 5 and 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 6. The driver's side door lock was punched, and reported missing is a Pioneer AM/FM CD stereo valued at \$250 from the dashboard of the vehicle.

On Jan. 6 police received a report of the theft of a Dell Central Processing Unit valued at \$600 from the third floor MICU at Overlook Hospital on Beauvoir Avenue sometime between Dec. 1 and Dec. 29.

On Jan. 6 at 3 p.m. Catherine L. Dworak, 35, of North Plainfield was arrested at Summit Police Headquarters and charged with two counts of forgery and with illegal possession of a prescription legend drug.

On Friday, Jan. 7, at 9:34 p.m. Daniel O. Tomlinson, 47, of Brooklyn, N.Y., was arrested at Broad Street and Gary Road and charged with possession of under 50 grams of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while suspended, having a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle and having improper safety glass.

On Jan. 7 at midnight, Mr. Tomlinson was again arrested at the intersection of Broad and Gary, and

was charged with driving while his license was suspended.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, at 1:09 p.m. police received a report of a theft of a 1998 black Jeep Cherokee from a Walnut Street residential driveway sometime between 12:20 and 12:48 p.m. on that date. The contents of the vehicle included a Graco baby car seat anchor, a Baby Trend Snap 'n Go stroller, a set of Taylor Made golf clubs, two Titelist drivers, a Nike golf bag, a Samsonite golf bag travel case and a set of license plates.

On Jan. 8 at 12:51 p.m. police received a report regarding theft from a motor vehicle in a Park Avenue driveway sometime between 12:30 a.m. and 12:51 p.m. The driver's side door lock was punched out, and reported missing are an Olympus digital camera (\$400), an Ipod U2 edition (\$350), 12 compact discs (\$200) and the car's owners manual.

On Jan. 8 at 12:48 p.m. police received a report about the theft of headlights from a 2003 Infiniti 135 parked at a Huntley Road residence. The driver's side window of the car was broken, police said, and the incident occurred between 12:30 and 12:46 p.m.

On Sunday, Jan. 9, at 4:31 p.m. police received a report of the theft of items from a patient's room at

Overlook Hospital sometime on Jan. 2. Reported missing were a Norelco electric shaver valued at approximately \$40, a bottle of adidas cologne and a pair of reading glasses.

On Jan. 9 at 6:20 p.m., Miguel A. Torres, 25, of Memphis, Tenn., was arrested at Broad Street and Summit Avenue and charged with driving under the influence and with careless driving.

On Monday, Jan. 10, at 12:50 p.m. Isabel Andronikou, 32, of Bernardsville was arrested on Springfield Avenue and charged with driving while suspended.

On Jan. 10 at 4:47 p.m. Mario R. Rosales, 36, of North Bergen was arrested at Summit Avenue and Route 124 and charged with driving while his license was suspended.

On Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 3:07 p.m. Terrance J. Nesbit, 19, of Irvington was arrested at Summit Avenue and Route 124 and charged with contempt of court and obstructed view.

On Jan. 11 police received a report at 7:53 p.m. of a burglary at a Park Avenue residence sometime between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Nothing appears to be missing at this time, authorities said.

On Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 8:39 a.m. Sammie L. Mickens, 53, of Springfield was arrested on Park Avenue and charged with contempt of court.

Berkeley Heights

Drivers receive summonses

On Monday, Jan. 3, Patrolman Ron DeSimoni arrested and charged Ana M. Duarte-Payne, 44, of Scotch Plains with motor vehicle offenses. Ms. Duarte-Payne, police said, was found to have an outstanding warrant out of South Plainfield in the amount of \$401 during the course of a motor vehicle stop. She was brought to police headquarters and charged with driving while suspended. Ms. Duarte-Payne was released with a court date after posting bail.

On Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 8:30 p.m., Patrolman Patrick Moran arrested Robert L. Stevens, 30, of Somerset on an outstanding warrant out of Irvington in the amount of \$110. Authorities said Mr. Stevens was stopped for making an illegal turn and was found to have the outstanding warrant. He was brought to police headquarters and processed and released after posting bail.

On Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 11:34 a.m., Patrolman Brian Jordan arrest-

ed and charged Loren M. Hamilton, 39, of New Providence with motor vehicle offenses. Police said Mr. Hamilton was found to have an outstanding warrant out of Summit in the amount of \$200 during the course of a motor vehicle stop. He was brought to police headquarters and charged with driving while suspended and operating a motor vehicle without liability insurance. Mr. Hamilton was released with a court date after posting bail.

News



ON STAGE WITH THE SPIZZWINKS — The students at Thomas P. Hughes School in Berkeley Heights recently enjoyed a performance by the Yale Spizzwinks, an a capella group with a history as old as Yale University. The Yale singers performed "Grapevine," "Buttercup" and "Mr. Grinch," all courtesy of the Hughes PTA cultural arts committee. With the performers were, from left, Ryan Manns, Yuzuka Makajima, Emma Galgano and Daniel Braslavsky.

Learn parenting at course in town

SUMMIT — The Women's Resource Center, at Christ Church, 561 Springfield Ave., will offer a program called "Parenting for Emotional Intelligence" on five Tuesdays beginning Jan. 25.

Program hours are 9:30 to 11 a.m.

The program will be based on the theories of Daniel Goleman, author of "Emotional Intelligence," which maintain that emotional skills are at least as important as IQ in determining an individual's life achievements.

This five-week session will explore the concepts of emotional intelligence, as they relate to parenting children from birth to 10 years of age, and ways to build emotional competencies in children.

The discussion will include specific suggestions for helping children know and manage their feelings, getting along with others, developing positive attitudes about themselves, handling conflict and maintaining enthusiasm.

Leigh Rosoff, MA, a parent educator who offers parent skills coaching and other parenting programs at the Women's Resource Center, will lead the group.

The fee is \$90 for the general public. Call 273-7253 for details.

Rev. Neumark speaks to Old Guard

AREA — The Reverend Heidi B. Neumark will speak at the Tuesday, Jan. 18 meeting of the Summit Area Old Guard at the New Providence Municipal Center.

Rev. Neumark will discuss the 20 years she described in her award-winning book, "A Spiritual Journey in the South Bronx."

She will talk about her life, her church involvement and neighborhood changes during this important phase of her life.

While in the Bronx, Rev. Neumark helped organize community

leader training, built hundreds of low-cost homes and established a top ranking high school.

She also established after-school and job-training programs plus HIV and domestic violence education at her church.

She is now the pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Manhattan, where she lives with her husband and two children.

The Summit native is a graduate of Brown University and the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

Retired men are invited to attend meetings of the Summit Old Guard Tuesday mornings at the New Providence Borough Hall at 360 Elkwood Ave. A coffee hour starts at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10 a.m. business meeting.

Old Guard members participate in sports, bridge, hikes and trips; plays and concerts. The Summit Old Guard was founded on Dec. 2, 1930, and is currently celebrating its 75th year. For information, call 908-464-2480, or visit www.summitold-guard.homestead.com.

Learn to study at township library program

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — At 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22, school psychologist Marcella Craver will discuss how to improve study techniques for students in grades five through college age.

She will speak in the library meeting room at the Berkeley Heights Public Library, 290 Plainfield Ave.

Ms. Craver is the author of

"Learn to Study: A Comprehensive Guide to Academic Success." She is a school psychologist at Hilltop School in Mendham and at Bedwell Elementary School in Bernardsville.

Her book is written for students and is valuable to parents to use in demonstrating how to make study time efficient and effective.

She will review goal setting, organizational skills, creating study time, memory versus learning tech-

niques, stress and test anxiety.

Ms. Craver has an undergraduate degree in psychology from Syracuse University in New York State and a masters degree in educational psychology and statistics, as well as a certificate of advanced study in school psychology from SUNY Albany. She has been a school psychologist for a decade.

This presentation is free to the public. Call 908-464-9333.

Knights invite youngsters to free throw

AREA — The Summit Council 783 of the Knights of Columbus will sponsor its annual Youth Free Throw Contest, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at Our Lady of Peace gym, 111 South St.

Registration for all girls and boys between the ages of 10 and 14 be-

gins at 1:30 p.m. in the gym. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

This contest is sponsored by all the Knights of Columbus councils throughout the state. Local winners progress through local, district and state competitions.

Veterans install flag repository

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6259, Berkeley Heights, has installed a repository for flags that are no longer serviceable. It is a converted U.S. mailbox and can be found at the western end of the post headquarters on Locust Avenue.

It has the words "Flag Drop" displayed. The post members will collect all of the flags that are left in the repository and will dispose of them in accordance with the protocol described in the VFW pamphlet "Etiquette of the Stars and Stripes."

Contact the VFW Post by mail at PO Box 83, Berkeley Heights 07922.

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# Dispatch

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## Newsbriefs

### District accepts applications for its preschool

**BERKELEY HEIGHTS** — The Berkeley Heights School District is now accepting applications for its preschool program for the 2005-2006 school year.

To be eligible, applicants must be residents of Berkeley Heights and have birth dates between Oct. 2, 2000, and October 1, 2002.

General education students will be selected for this program by lottery. The lottery drawing will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 3, at Hamilton Terrace School. Applicants do not need to be present to be eligible for admission to the program. Special education students will also be included in the preschool program as determined by the district child study team.

Each preschool class will include both three and four year old children. Classes will meet four days per week from 8:45 to 11:15 a.m. for the morning session, or 12:10 to 2:40 p.m. for the afternoon session, Monday through Thursday.

Applications may be obtained in person from the school office of the Early Childhood Center at Hamilton Terrace School, 651 Mountain Ave., or by calling the school office at 908-464-5583. The application deadline is April 8. A birth certificate and proof of residency will be required for those students admitted to the program. Admission to the preschool program is valid for one school year.

For information, call the Early Childhood Center at 908-464-5583.

### Rec Commission Camp Lincoln set for summer

**NEW PROVIDENCE** — The Recreation Commission will sponsor Camp Lincoln, an all-day summer camp for New Providence resident children entering grades one through six.

Camp Lincoln will run from June 27 to Aug. 5, weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Drop off and pick up will be in the Municipal Center gym, 360 Elkwood Ave.

The program director and counselors will engage campers in a varied and fun-filled daily program. Activities will include playground and games at Lincoln Field; arts and crafts in the Municipal Center art room; performing plays and creating scenery; visits to New Providence Memorial Library; gym sports and indoor games including ping pong, foosball, pool table, weekly pizza day, movies in the gym, field trips to Liberty Science Center, museums and theater.

The fee is \$150 per child per week. Children are welcome to attend any or all weeks. Register early, enrollment is limited.

Registration forms are available through the schools or visit the Recreation Department. Call Recreation at 908-464-4430.

### PTSA presents prom fashions

**NEW PROVIDENCE** — The New Providence High School PTSA will host A Night Under the Stars prom fashion show and tricky tray in the high school cafeteria, Thursday, Feb. 10.

Tricky tray and refreshments begins at 6:30 p.m. Fashion show and auction begins at 7:30 p.m. Gowns are by David's Bridal. Tuxedos are by After Hours Formalwear. All are modeled by the New Providence High School Class of 2005.

Tickets are \$10 adults; \$6 students and seniors, at the door.

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## Board approves new athletic funding

By MIKE DEMARCO

**BERKELEY HEIGHTS** — School board members voted 5-2 to approve a new athletic funding policy during their Dec. 16 combined conference and regular meeting.

Officials said the modification is designed primarily to give the board more flexibility in deciding whether to grant or continue funding to both new and established school athletic programs. In accord with the modification, the board decided, due to a decrease in Governor Livingston High School students' participation

in cheerleading, to reduce the number of cheerleader coaches from two to one. The board rescinded the Nov. 18 appointment of Linda Allocco as a cheerleader coach.

The modified athletic funding policy, which had its first reading during a Nov. 18 regular meeting, stipulates a "comprehensive evaluation" of a new athletic program will be conducted after the program has operated for three years. This evaluation will consider the level of participation and participants', parents' and school staff's opinions on the program's positive and/or negative

results. The board may then decide to begin funding 25 percent of the program's costs during the fifth year of its probationary period and terminate the activity as a school-sponsored and funded program.

At school board member John Sincaglia's suggestion during the first reading, the board may decide to fund one coach's salary during the program's fourth year. If the board decides to initiate 25 percent funding in the fifth year, it may, if the program "demonstrates continuing viability," officials said, gradually

increase this percentage until the program is fully district-funded in the eighth year of operation. However, the policy states that the board "is not bound by its stated intent to support new athletic programs as outlined in this policy when financial exigencies, changes in state requirements or other unforeseen circumstances occur." Superintendent Richard Bozza emphasized that this flexibility would be made clear in every contract the district makes with the principals and sponsors of any athletic program, and that the 25 percent fifth-year funding will never

be a contractual obligation.

Board President Helen Kirsch, new member Gerard Crisonino who is filling the six-month vacancy caused by Janet Prince's resignation, and members Mr. Sincaglia, Denis Smalley and Mary Beth Schaumburg voted "yes" to adopting the modification. Board Vice President Joseph Bruno, who at the first reading had expressed concern that the modification might still entail the board's taking on too many obligations toward new programs, and member Geoffrey Lisk voted "no." Member Paul Beisser was absent.



**AT THE GREAT PERFORMANCES GALA** — David G. Hartman of New Providence, at left, chairman of the Overlook Hospital Board of Trustees, welcomed Overlook supporters and gala steering committee members Betsy and John Patterson of Summit to the champagne reception that preceded the recent "Great Performances 2004 - Laughter...Nature's Best Medicine." The evening's events raised nearly \$375,000 for Women's and Children's Services at Overlook Hospital, and are featured in an Eye on You page in today's edition of the Herald-Dispatch. For information about the Overlook Hospital Foundation, call 908-522-2840.

## Township owes \$1,650,730 to Mountainside, Garwood

By MIKE DeMARCO

**BERKELEY HEIGHTS** — The Berkeley Heights Board of Education, in its capacity as fiscal agent for the dissolved Union County Regional High School District #1, voted to accept the annual audit report for the 2003-04 school year during its Dec. 16 meeting.

The audit, conducted by Robert A. Hulsart and Company, Certified Public Accountants, and submitted on Oct. 28, showed that Mountainside has already received \$1,229,360 of its share in Union County Regional's liquid assets; Garwood has been paid \$387,226. The payments to both boroughs total \$1,616,586. The Berkeley Heights school board, as fiscal agent, must still pay \$1,253,800 to Mountainside

and \$396,930 to Garwood, for a total of \$1,650,730 out of the grand total of \$3,267,316 in the two boroughs' fiscal claims. Pending the Commissioner of Education's final determination, the audit's findings limit Berkeley Heights' remaining liability to \$1,650,730.

Officials learned the audit also found "no discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation" and that the "remaining encumbrances and accounts payable appear adequate to cover the known obligations of the district," a finding echoed by board Business Administrator and Secretary William Van Tassel and board Vice President Joseph Bruno.

Dr. Leonard Fitts determined the \$3,267,316 in obligations in an April 1995 report. Regional High School

District #1 ceased to operate and was dissolved on June 30, 1997. Since then, the Berkeley Heights school board and Mr. Van Tassel have, in their capacity as Union County Regional fiscal agent, been the defendants in a lawsuit over the dissolved district's assets, whose costs were shared by the other Union County public school districts, including Berkeley Heights, Mountainside and Garwood.

The audit revealed no problems with the financial and accounting records maintained by Mr. Van Tassel. Several board members, including Mr. Bruno, said the findings were welcome, positive news for the district as the fiscal agent lawsuit continues to work its way through the courts.

## Community shows its support for new education foundation

**NEW PROVIDENCE** — The New Providence Educational Foundation (NPEF) was formed last year by several individuals in the community for the purpose of enhancing the New Providence school system.

The foundation funds competitive grants for quality education initiatives within the borough's schools.

The NPEF has received overwhelming support from individuals, organizations and businesses in the New Providence community. In October, the C. R. Bard Foundation awarded the NPEF a \$2,000 grant to be used to fund an educational pro-

gram in the area of health, science or medicine.

C. R. Bard, Inc. is a leading multinational developer, manufacturer, and marketer of innovative, life-enhancing medical technologies in the fields of vascular, oncology and surgical specialty products. The C. R. Bard Foundation has a history of supporting the communities in which Bard bases its operations. Over the last several years, Bard has made its soccer field available to the New Providence Soccer Club and sponsored the Allen W. Roberts Science Fair.

At its December meeting, the

NPEF determined the Bard grant will fund new calculator-based laboratories in the New Providence High School. Calculator-based labs involve using electronic probes or sensors to collect real-time biological data. For example, students in science classes will be able to make physiological measurements on the cardiovascular or respiratory systems, and then analyze and plot the data in the same manner as professional scientists.

Tax-deductible contributions to the New Providence Education Foundation may be sent to P.O. Box 993, New Providence 07974.

## Berkeley Heights awarded \$153,000 NJDOT grant

By MIKE DeMARCO

**BERKELEY HEIGHTS** — The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) has granted Berkeley Heights \$153,000 for the maintenance and improvement of Hamilton and Princeton avenues. NJDOT Commissioner John Let-

tiere informed then-Mayor Michael Chait of the grant, part of the Department's Fiscal Year 2005 Municipal Aid Program, in a Dec. 16 letter.

Mr. Lettiere said in the letter that NJDOT is funding 408 municipal aid projects and has a total of \$67.5 million available for these efforts. "NJDOT is committed to provid-

ing state-wide assistance for local governments for improvements to and preservation of the local transportation network," Mr. Lettiere wrote. "The completion of your project will help to achieve this goal and pursue a transportation strategy that provides mobility through managing the local roadway system."

## Strategic plan team will work on board projects

**BERKELEY HEIGHTS** — Local residents joined with school board members, a student and school personnel in the initial stages of planning for the future of the township's school system during a recent weekend retreat.

Helen Kirsch, school board president, commented on the invaluable service provided to the school system and the community by the volunteers.

"These dedicated individuals generously provided the benefit of their time, experience and community knowledge to clearly define a mission for the school system, identify its essential beliefs and the parameters that will guide its operation," Ms. Kirsch said.

Dr. Richard Bozza, superintendent of schools, said, "We have identified those things that the system does well and specific areas of focus for improving upon the excellence that our students achieve. We look forward to working with the volunteers who will participate in developing action plans that define how to achieve the improvements we seek."

School officials said volunteers are still needed to develop action plans for 11 areas that form the focus of a five-year improvement plan:

- identify, assess and project district facility needs and develop/implement a plan that will prioritize and address those needs
- develop and implement a plan to provide a K-12 program that includes a district code of ethics to build problem-solving skills, to increase awareness of at-risk behaviors and to enhance conflict resolution skills
- develop a plan to increase the effectiveness of internal communications, external communications and public relations

- assess, improve, and implement pro-active academic support and intervention programs that will meet the needs of all learners, grades K-12

- develop and conduct a threat, vulnerability and ongoing safety assessment and develop and implement a plan to address identified needs

- analyze current and potential resources that are shared and/or contributed, and develop and implement a plan that will expand existing and create new resources

- research alternate scheduling models and develop a plan to increase flexibility, address student needs and balance class enrollments in grades 6-12

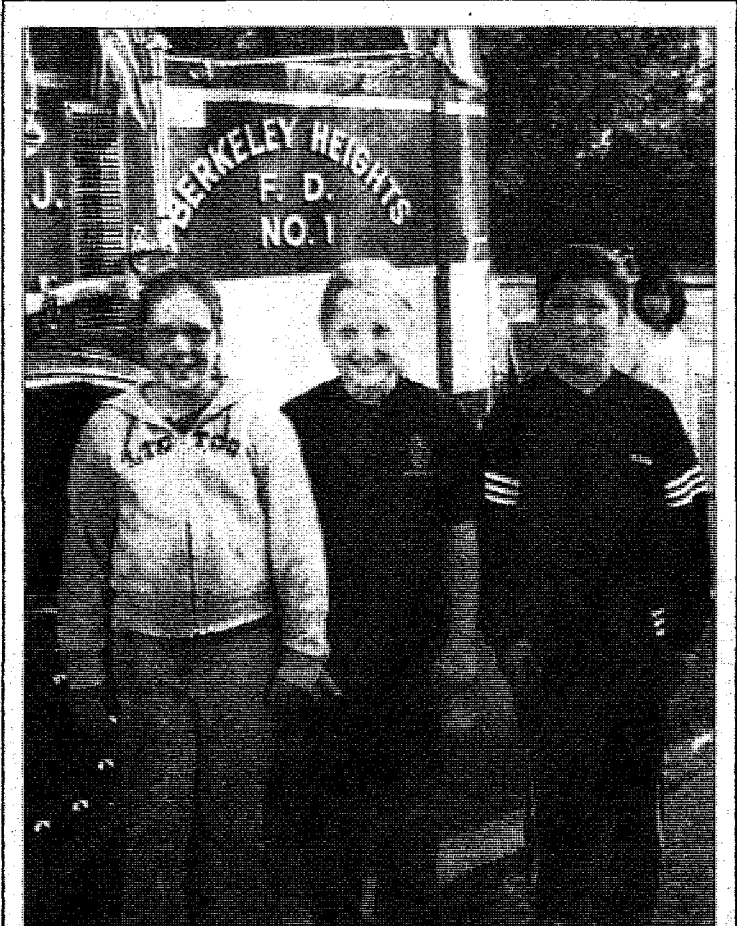
- review and assess the district's current resource allocation system and develop a plan to ensure, realign and equitably distribute those resources

- assess the district's current technological resources, practices and the Technology Plan, and develop a comprehensive plan that incorporates technological advancements into the educational programs, ensures the effective use of resources and improves the productivity of students and staff

- review and modify the District Professional Development Plan to ensure excellence by providing opportunities for all staff through ongoing training and professional growth experiences

- evaluate the effectiveness of the math and language arts curricula in grades K-8 and provide recommendations for enhancements

Residents of Berkeley Heights and Mountainside, staff members and high school students interested in working on development of the action plan are invited to contact Judith Ratner, assistant superintendent of schools, at 464-1718.



**ENGINE NO. 7** — Berkeley Heights firefighters Michael Ambrose and Anthony Amodeo visited Woodruff School during Fire Safety Week. They presented an assembly and explained the importance of having fire detectors, establishing a family fire exit plan and what to do in case of a fire. Firefighter Ambrose explained the special gear used by firefighters to protect themselves from smoke and flames. Then students were invited outside to learn about apparatus and instruments on a fire engine. From left were third graders Lauryn DiStaso, Blair Wagner and Steven LaMaita.

Police News

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Thefts, arrests are reported

On Thursday, Jan. 6, police received a report of a theft from a vehicle parked in a Springfield Avenue hotel parking lot sometime between 2 p.m. on Jan. 5 and 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 6. The driver's side door lock was punched, and reported missing is a Pioneer AM/FM CD stereo valued at \$250 from the dashboard of the vehicle.

On Jan. 6 police received a report of the theft of a Dell Central Processing Unit valued at \$600 from the third floor MICU at Overlook Hospital on Beauvoir Avenue sometime between Dec. 1 and Dec. 29.

On Jan. 6 at 3 p.m. Catherine L. Dworak, 35, of North Plainfield was arrested at Summit Police Headquarters and charged with two counts of forgery and with illegal possession of a prescription legend drug.

On Friday, Jan. 7, at 9:34 p.m. Daniel O. Tomlinson, 47, of Brooklyn, N.Y., was arrested at Broad Street and Gary Road and charged with possession of under 50 grams of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while suspended, having a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle and having improper safety glass.

On Jan. 7 at midnight, Mr. Tomlinson was again arrested at the intersection of Broad and Gary, and

was charged with driving while his license was suspended.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, at 1:09 p.m. police received a report of a theft of a 1998 black Jeep Cherokee from a Walnut Street residential driveway sometime between 12:20 and 12:48 p.m. on that date. The contents of the vehicle included a Graco baby car seat anchor, a Baby Trend Snap 'n Go stroller, a set of Taylor Made golf clubs, two Titelist drivers, a Nike golf bag, a Samsonite golf bag travel case and a set of license plates.

On Jan. 8 at 12:51 p.m. police received a report regarding theft from a motor vehicle in a Park Avenue driveway sometime between 12:30 a.m. and 12:51 p.m. The driver's side door lock was punched out, and reported missing are an Olympus digital camera (\$400), an iPod U2 edition (\$350), 12 compact discs (\$200) and the car's owners manual.

On Jan. 8 at 12:48 p.m. police received a report about the theft of headlights from a 2003 Infiniti I35 parked at a Huntley Road residence. The driver's side window of the car was broken, police said, and the incident occurred between 12:30 and 12:46 p.m.

On Sunday, Jan. 9, at 4:31 p.m. police received a report of the theft of items from a patient's room at

Overlook Hospital sometime on Jan. 2. Reported missing were a Norelco electric shaver valued at approximately \$40, a bottle of adidas cologne and a pair of reading glasses.

On Jan. 9 at 6:20 p.m., Miguel A. Torres, 25, of Memphis, Tenn., was arrested at Broad Street and Summit Avenue and charged with driving under the influence and with careless driving.

On Monday, Jan. 10, at 12:50 p.m. Isabel Andronikou, 32, of Bernardsville was arrested on Springfield Avenue and charged with driving while suspended.

On Jan. 10 at 4:47 p.m. Mario R. Rosales, 36, of North Bergen was arrested at Summit Avenue and Route 124 and charged with driving while his license was suspended.

On Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 3:07 p.m. Terrance J. Nesbit, 19, of Irvington was arrested at Summit Avenue and Route 124 and charged with contempt of court and obstructed view.

On Jan. 11 police received a report at 7:53 p.m. of a burglary at a Park Avenue residence sometime between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Nothing appears to be missing at this time, authorities said.

On Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 8:39 a.m. Sammie L. Mickens, 53, of Springfield was arrested on Park Avenue and charged with contempt of court.

Berkeley Heights

Drivers receive summonses

On Monday, Jan. 3, Patrolman Ron DeSimoni arrested and charged Ana M. Duarte-Payne, 44, of Scotch Plains with motor vehicle offenses. Ms. Duarte-Payne, police said, was found to have an outstanding warrant out of South Plainfield in the amount of \$401 during the course of a motor vehicle stop. She was brought to police headquarters and charged with driving while suspended. Ms. Duarte-Payne was released with a court date after posting bail.

On Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 8:30 p.m., Patrolman Patrick Moran arrested Robert L. Stevens, 30, of Somerset on an outstanding warrant out of Irvington in the amount of \$110. Authorities said Mr. Stevens was stopped for making an illegal turn and was found to have the outstanding warrant. He was brought to police headquarters and processed and released after posting bail.

On Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 11:34 a.m., Patrolman Brian Jordan arrest-

ed and charged Loren M. Hamilton, 39, of New Providence with motor vehicle offenses. Police said Mr. Hamilton was found to have an outstanding warrant out of Summit in the amount of \$200 during the course of a motor vehicle stop. He was brought to police headquarters and charged with driving while suspended and operating a motor vehicle without liability insurance. Mr. Hamilton was released with a court date after posting bail.

News



ON STAGE WITH THE SPIZZWINKS — The students at Thomas P. Hughes School in Berkeley Heights recently enjoyed a performance by the Yale Spizzwinks, an a cappella group with a history as old as Yale University. The Yale singers performed "Grapevine," "Buttercup" and "Mr. Grinch," all courtesy of the Hughes PTA cultural arts committee. With the performers were, from left, Ryan Manns, Yuzuka Makajima, Emma Galgano and Daniel Braslavsky.

Learn parenting at course in town

SUMMIT — The Women's Resource Center, at Christ Church, 561 Springfield Ave., will offer a program called "Parenting for Emotional Intelligence" on five Tuesdays beginning Jan. 25.

Program hours are 9:30 to 11 a.m.

The program will be based on the theories of Daniel Goleman, author of "Emotional Intelligence," which maintain that emotional skills are at least as important as IQ in determining an individual's life achievements.

This five-week session will explore the concepts of emotional intelligence, as they relate to parenting children from birth to 10 years of age, and ways to build emotional competencies in children.

The discussion will include specific suggestions for helping children know and manage their feelings, getting along with others, developing positive attitudes about themselves, handling conflict and maintaining enthusiasm.

Leigh Rosoff, MA, a parent educator who offers parent skills coaching and other parenting programs at the Women's Resource Center, will lead the group.

The fee is \$90 for the general public. Call 273-7253 for details.

Rev. Neumark speaks to Old Guard

AREA — The Reverend Heidi B. Neumark will speak at the Tuesday, Jan. 18 meeting of the Summit Area Old Guard at the New Providence Municipal Center.

Rev. Neumark will discuss the 20 years she described in her award-winning book, "A Spiritual Journey in the South Bronx."

She will talk about her life, her church involvement and neighborhood changes during this important phase of her life.

While in the Bronx, Rev. Neumark helped organize community

leader training, built hundreds of low-cost homes and established a top ranking high school.

She also established after-school and job-training programs plus HIV and domestic violence education at her church.

She is now the pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Manhattan, where she lives with her husband and two children.

The Summit native is a graduate of Brown University and the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

Retired men are invited to attend meetings of the Summit Old Guard Tuesday mornings at the New Providence Borough Hall at 360 Elkwood Ave. A coffee hour starts at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10 a.m. business meeting.

Old Guard members participate in sports, bridge, hikes and trips, plays and concerts. The Summit Old Guard was founded on Dec. 2, 1930, and is currently celebrating its 75th year. For information, call 908-464-2480, or visit www.summitold-guard.homestead.com.

Learn to study at township library program

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — At 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22, school psychologist Marcella Craver will discuss how to improve study techniques for students in grades five through college age.

She will speak in the library meeting room at the Berkeley Heights Public Library, 290 Plainfield Ave.

Ms. Craver is the author of

"Learn to Study: A Comprehensive Guide to Academic Success." She is a school psychologist at Hilltop School in Mendham and at Bedwell Elementary School in Bernardsville.

Her book is written for students and is valuable to parents to use in demonstrating how to make study time efficient and effective.

She will review goal setting, organizational skills, creating study time, memory versus learning tech-

niques, stress and test anxiety.

Ms. Craver has an undergraduate degree in psychology from Syracuse University in New York State and a masters degree in educational psychology and statistics, as well as a certificate of advanced study in school psychology from SUNY Albany. She has been a school psychologist for a decade.

This presentation is free to the public. Call 908-464-9333.

Knights invite youngsters to free throw

AREA — The Summit Council 783 of the Knights of Columbus will sponsor its annual Youth Free Throw Contest, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at Our Lady of Peace gym, 111 South St.

Registration for all girls and boys between the ages of 10 and 14 be-

gins at 1:30 p.m. in the gym. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

This contest is sponsored by all the Knights of Columbus councils throughout the state. Local winners progress through local, district and state competitions.

Veterans install flag repository

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6259, Berkeley Heights, has installed a repository for flags that are no longer serviceable. It is a converted U.S. mailbox and can be found at the western end of the post headquarters on Locust Avenue.

It has the words "Flag Drop" displayed. The post members will collect all of the flags that are left in the repository and will dispose of them in accordance with the protocol described in the VFW pamphlet "Etiquette of the Stars and Stripes."

Contact the VFW Post by mail at PO Box 83, Berkeley Heights 07922.

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# Summit residents earn King service awards

SUMMIT — On Monday, Jan. 17, Virginia and Geoffrey Worden and Esther Toney will be honored by the Summit Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Committee for their years of dedication and community service to Summit.

The Day of Service was started seven years ago as the city's way of celebrating the life of Dr. King and remembering how much he valued community service.

The Wordens and Ms. Toney will receive the "Keeper of the Dream" awards during a community celebration of Dr. King's life at 1 p.m. at Temple Sinai.

The Wordens have lived in Summit for 27 years and have served the community as committed volunteers in many capacities. Geoff and Virginia, better known as Ginger, are known for their ability to bring diverse groups of people together and are dedicated to reaching out to others to forge a "community" across

boundaries of all kinds, including racial, religious, economic and ethnic.

The Wordens are perhaps best known for founding Bridges in 1988, a community outreach program that provides food, clothing, blankets, personal care items and a sense of caring to more than 200 homeless people living on the streets of Lower Manhattan and in shelters in Newark. Mrs. Worden served as president of Bridges for eight years. In addition to his work with Bridges, her husband served for five years on the board of directors of the Washington, D.C.-based National Alliance to End Homelessness.

Mrs. Worden has served on the board and as president of the board for Kent Place School, as well as on the board of trustees and as president for Randolph-Macon. She has served on the boards for the North Carolina Outward Bound School and the Expeditionary Learning

Outward Bound, for which she currently serves as vice chair. Mr. Worden currently serves on the board and the executive committee of Outward Bound USA. He also serves on the board of directors of the New York City Outward Bound and served as its chair from 1996 to 2000.

The Wordens, members of Christ Church in Summit, have also demonstrated their commitment to their religious community. They both studied theology at Union Theological Seminary and were ordained as interfaith ministers in 2003 at All Faith's Seminary International.

Mrs. Worden grew up in Columbia, S.C. She earned a B.A. from Randolph-Macon Woman's College, a M.A. in economics at Vanderbilt University and a J.D. at New York University.

Mr. Worden graduated from the Episcopal Academy in Merion, Pa.

He studied electrical engineering at Cornell University, earned a B.S. in commerce and engineering from Drexel University and received an M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School. In 2002, Drexel awarded him the Service to Community Award. He is the president of South Street Capital, Inc. Prior to that, he was a managing director and a member of the board of directors of Kidder, Peabody & Co.

A Summit native, Ms. Toney has worked tirelessly and in many capacities to support Summit. She is best known for her dedication to making the lives of children better.

Ms. Toney currently serves as the home school advocate for the Summit Board of Education. Prior to that, she served as assistant director for the Summit Child Care Center's Wilson Center as well as the director of the Westfield Day Care Center, Summit Child Care Center's

Hillview Center and Madison Day Care Center. She has also served as either a teacher or teacher's assistant at the Madison Day Care Center, Unitarian Cooperative Nursery School, Christ Church Nursery School and Summit YMCA.

Ms. Toney's commitment to helping children is also evidenced by her volunteer service as a member of the boards of directors for Summit Youth Services and The Learning Center, a member of Summit S-4A Group, the New Jersey Statewide Coalition for Child Care and the Outreach Committee of the Summit YMCA.

In addition, Ms. Toney has been active in Summit's religious community as a member of Fountain Baptist Church. She has served as the director of the Fountain Baptist Vacation Bible School planning committee for nine years. She also lent her childhood educational and religious experience to others at

Fountain Baptist by leading parent discussion groups and conferences as well as publishing newsletters. Ms. Toney has also been dedicated to bridging Summit's economic and cultural diversity by serving on the Mayor's Forum on Diversity and the Summit Master Plan Committee.

Ms. Toney was born and grew up in Summit, where she attended public schools and graduated from Summit High. She graduated from Kean College with a B.A. in early childhood education and also studied voice and piano for five years with a specialty in music for young children.

The seventh annual King Day of Service encourages people of all ages to either volunteer for or attend the many community-wide events on Jan. 17 that celebrate the life and values of Dr. King.

The day is a project of Shaping Summit Together. For information call 908-277-4400.



PASTORS EXCHANGE PULPITS -- From left, Reverend Walter Lichtenberger of Faith Lutheran and Reverend Randy Etwaroo prepared for a Sunday service.

## Pastors from boro and Jersey City exchange pulpits

NEW PROVIDENCE — On Sunday, Jan. 9, Reverend Randy Etwaroo, Pastor of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Jersey City, preached at Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence. On the same day, Reverend Doctor Murdoch MacPherson, pastor of Faith Lutheran, preached at Christ Our Savior. Both pastors also led adult forums.

For the past seven years, Faith Lutheran and Christ Our Savior have been Mission Partners, sharing ministries and jointly conducting programs.

On Jan. 20 and 21, youth from Faith Lutheran and Christ Our Savior will participate in a Confirmation Retreat. Entitled "Looking for God," the retreat will focus on searching for God's fingerprints in everyday lives. The senior high school peer leaders of Faith Lutheran will provide small group leadership at the retreat.

Both churches are members of the N.J. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

## Winterfest event will be 'big hit'

SUMMIT — One of the auction highlights at this year's Winterfest will be three signed photos from Summit resident Tom O'Rourke's Diamond Legends baseball collection: a photo of Lou Gehrig; a photo of Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams together; and a lithograph of Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays, and Duke Snyder.

Winterfest, the annual fundraiser for The Connection for Women and Families, 79 Maple St., Summit, will run from 7 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Jan. 22.

The evening of casual dining and dancing will also feature live and silent auctions.

On the block will be valuable autographed sports jerseys and footballs; breakfast with Jon Corzine and a tour of the Senate; weekend

getaways at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas and Seaview Marriott Resort and Spa; a Cape Cod beach vacation; theater and sporting tickets; home design consultations and items for the home; summer camp packages and other items for children.

All proceeds from the auction will support The Connection's Community Service and Scholarship program, which ensures that no individual is ever turned away from a program at The Connection because of an inability to pay.

The proceeds of Winterfest will directly support The Connection's Afterschool Enrichment program, special needs recreation and sports for children, Heart-to-Heart Cardiac Rehabilitation, English as a Second Language and adaptive aquatics for youth and adults.

The live auction will be hosted by Summit residents Jim Cramer and

Colleen O'Neill-Groves. In addition the auction, the event will include a buffet dinner and live entertainment provided by the Summit-based band Lenox Underground and the band N.U.F.H.

The Connection for Women and Families has served Summit and the surrounding communities of Berkeley Heights, Chatham, New Providence, Millburn, Short Hills, and Springfield for 85 years. Last year, The Connection served more than 6,000 women, men, and children through its programs and services, and continued a rich tradition of providing community service programs not offered elsewhere in the Summit area.

The Connection invites the community to attend Winterfest. Tickets are \$150 per person. Call Jayne Graepel at The Connection, 908-273-4242, ext. 119.

## Red Cross hosts drives

AREA — The following drives are open to the public:

Monday, Jan. 17 from 1 to 6:30 p.m. at the Grand Summit Hotel, 570 Springfield Ave., Summit. This drive is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Summit.

Tuesday, Jan. 18 from 2:30 to 8 p.m. at chapter headquarters, 1 Madison Ave., Madison.

Wednesday, Feb. 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Delbarton School, 230 Mendham Road, Route 24, two miles west of Morristown Green on the lower level of the Fr. Stephen Pavilion at Delbarton School. Donors should use the West Gate to reach the Pavilion and parking. To make an appointment to donate at a specific time, call 973-538-3231, ext. 3080.

Blood is in constant demand for treatment of accident cases, cancer victims, hemophiliacs, and for use during surgery. Giving blood is perfectly safe, doesn't hurt and takes only about an hour.

There is no upper age limit for blood donation as long as the donor is well with no restrictions or limitations on activities.

All donors should eat within two to three hours before donating. Bring identification with a signature

or photo and know your social security number.

If you have spent a total of 3 months or more in the United Kingdom or a total of 6 months or more in other European countries from 1980 to the present, you should contact the Red Cross Chapter sponsoring the blood drive to determine if you will be eligible.

Government regulations require that blood donations must be processed through a battery of more than 30 tests before they can be administered to someone in need. Thus once an emergency occurs, it is too late to donate blood for that emergency. It is the willingness of volunteers to donate blood that will be available to whoever needs it in New Jersey hospitals that makes it possible for lives to be saved. Because red blood cells and platelets have a limited shelf life, a steady stream of donations is required.

For information or to make an appointment at an upcoming blood drive, call the Southeast Morris Chapter American Red Cross at 973-538-2160; the Millburn-Short Hills Chapter at 973-379-4198 or the Summit Area Chapter Red Cross at 908-273-2076 or New Jersey Blood Services at 1-800-933-2566.

## Summit Lacrosse Club registers boys, girls for spring season

SUMMIT — Registration for the Summit Lacrosse Club's 2005 spring season is underway. Registration for grades two to eight is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria through Thursday, Jan. 20.

The club scheduled families whose last names begin with the letters A through K to register on Jan. 18; those whose last names begin with L through Z to register on Jan. 19; and anyone who cannot make either of the first two nights to register on Jan. 20.

The club provides three registration options.

Register online at summitlacrosseclub.com. Receive a password, fill out all forms and pay, using a credit card online.

While online registrants will still need to attend registration to sign the medical waiver, online registration should significantly streamline the process.

As a second option, registrants may download the registration forms at summitlacrosseclub.com, fill them out on paper and bring them to the registration. The forms are also attached to an email version of this notice that will reach those on a distribution list.

As a third registration open, pick up forms at registration in the middle school cafeteria and fill them out there.

Registration fees for the program increase by \$20 this year, to account

for the user fee now assessed by the Summit Board of Recreation on all sports organizations using Summit fields. The registration fees, which include membership in US Lacrosse, will be \$95 for second graders; \$105 for third and fourth graders; \$155 for fifth and sixth graders; and \$165 for seventh and eighth graders.

Registration and equipment will be offered free of charge to anyone who requests financial assistance, no questions asked.

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For information, call Steve Jones at 908-277-3137.

For information or to make an appointment at an upcoming blood drive, call the Southeast Morris Chapter American Red Cross at 973-538-2160; the Millburn-Short Hills Chapter at 973-379-4198 or the Summit Area Chapter Red Cross at 908-273-2076 or New Jersey Blood Services at 1-800-933-2566.

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## Screeners provide cholesterol levels

AREA — In January and February, Summit's Overlook Hospital sponsors free cholesterol screenings for area residents.

Screeners will measure total cholesterol, and HDL and TC/HDL ratios using a simple finger stick. Education and counseling will be offered based on results. Participants will not need to fast beforehand. There is no required registration for this program. For information, call 1-800-247-9580.

Spanish language screeners will be at Ministerios Monte Santo, 146 Morris Ave. Summit, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 16.

Screeners will be at the Drug Fair, 400 Springfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Feb. 1; at Walgreens, Morris Turnpike, Short Hills, 10 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, Feb. 2; at the Summit Area YMCA, 67 Maple St., Summit, 10 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Feb. 10; at The Connection for Women and Families, 79 Maple St., Summit, 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Feb. 15; and at Drug Fair, 650 Shunpike Road, Chatham Township, from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, Feb. 18.

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# Gala raises \$375,000 for Overlook Hospital

SUMMIT — Nearly 1,000 supporters of Overlook Hospital gathered at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center recently for "Great Performances 2004 — Laughter...Nature's Best Medicine." The black-tie gala, featuring comedy entertainment, a cocktail reception, seated dinner and dancing, raised nearly \$375,000 for Women's and Children's Services at Overlook Hospital. "The evening was a tremendous boost for Overlook and the future of women's and children's services in our region," said Alan Lieber, Overlook's chief operating officer. Overlook offers a complete continuum of community, medical and surgical services for women and children — from the Frank and Mimi Walsh Maternity Center, the Women's Imaging Center and the HealthStart Program for Medicaid-eligible women and children to the new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Children's Medical Center with its comprehensive programs for children and adolescents. Several area residents were honored with Overlook Hos-

pital Lifetime Achievement Awards, including Alice and Bob Dillon of Westfield, for Community Service; Dr. Pascal (Pat) Pironti, of Ocean City, for Medical Service; and Julie Planck of Berkeley Heights, for Volunteer Service. Annie Cardelus Jones and Timothy M. Jones, formerly of Summit, served as gala chairpersons. Dolores Hope, wife of the late comedian Bob Hope, was Honorary Gala Chair. Entertainer Joe Piscopo served as master of ceremonies, while Dr. Matt Iseman, a Los Angeles-based physician/comedian, left guests in stitches with his comedic performance. The Overlook Hospital Foundation raises funds that are used to purchase state-of-the-art equipment and fund special programs to help Overlook remain on the forefront of medical care. All gifts to the Overlook Hospital Foundation are tax-deductible and remain at Overlook. For information about becoming a Friend of Overlook Hospital, contact the foundation at 908-522-2840.



**GALA CHAIRS** — Annie Cardelus Jones and Timothy M. Jones, formerly of Summit, served as gala chairpersons.

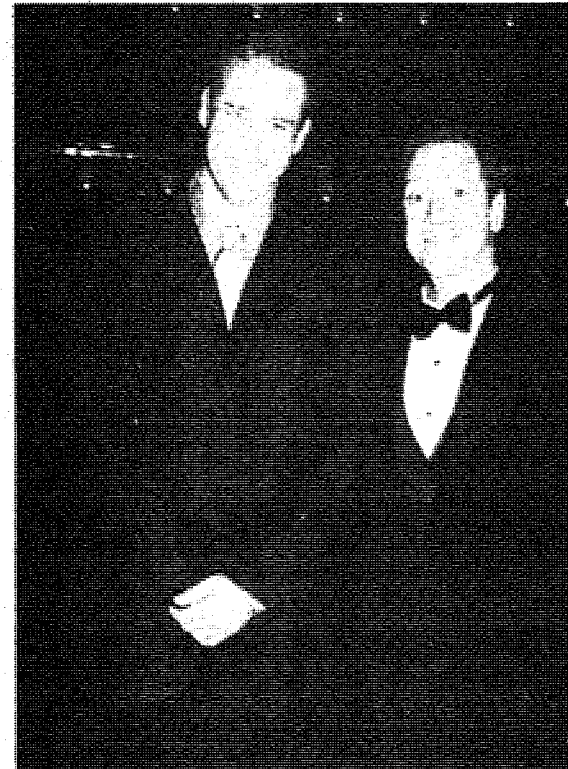


**WELCOME TO THE BENEFIT** — Carol Cimulluca, at left, director of major and planned gifts for the Overlook Hospital Foundation, welcomed foundation board secretary Kathy Hugin of Summit to the gala. Mrs. Hugin and her husband, Robert, co-chaired the 2002 Great Performances Gala.

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**A GALA GATHERING** — Nearly 1,000 supporters of Summit's Overlook Hospital gathered at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark for "Great Performances 2004 — Laughter...Nature's Best Medicine."



**IN STITCHES** — Los Angeles-based physician/comedian Dr. Matt Iseman, at left, had guests in stitches, while entertainer Joe Piscopo served as master of ceremonies.



**FUN AND FESTIVE** — Gala steering committee members Mark and Marianna Hurrell of Summit were among the nearly 1,000 guests who enjoyed the event.



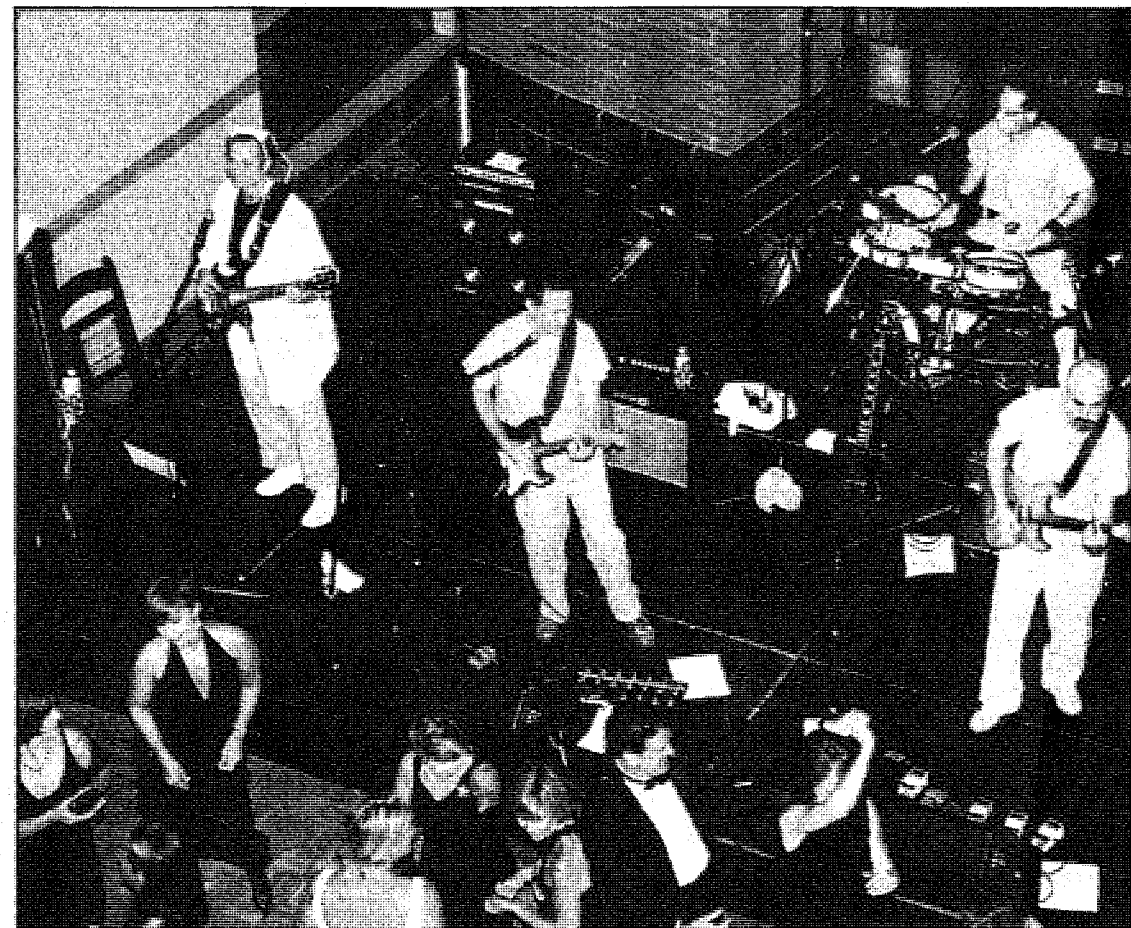
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**ALL SMILES** — David G. Hartman, chairman of the Overlook Hospital Board of Trustees, and his wife, Kitty, of New Providence, were all smiles following the evening's comedic performance.



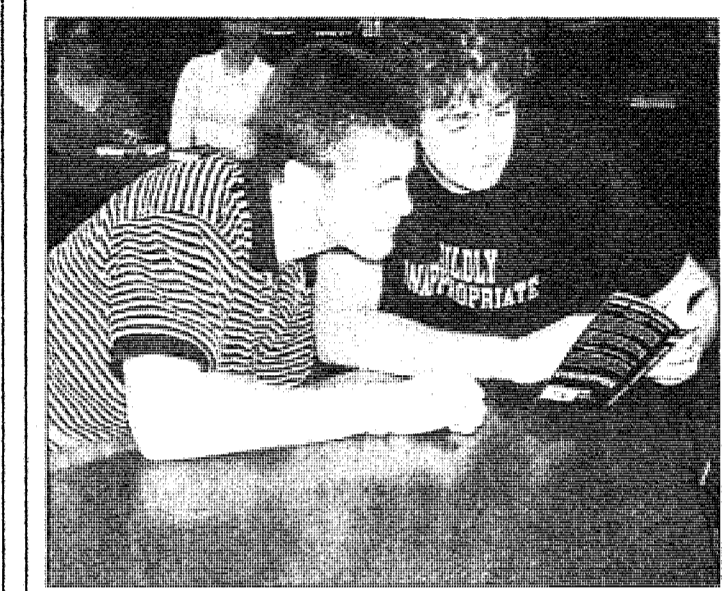
**SHARING SOME LAUGHS** — Frank A. Bolden, a Berkeley Heights resident and former Overlook Foundation trustee, and his wife, Penny, shared a few laughs with a jester at the event, which had humor as its theme.



**AFTER DINNER AND DESSERT** — Following dinner and dessert at the gala, guests danced the night away to the sounds of Summit's own Lenox Underground, a band whose members include Dr. Philip Geron, Michael Gambro, Robert Potesky and David Bondy, of Summit, and Peter Schwartz of North Caldwell.



**HAPPY TRIO** — Alan Lieber, Overlook's chief operating officer, welcomed gala steering committee members Johanna Magovern, at left, and Marilyn Chambeau, both of Summit.



**READ A GOOD BOOK LATELY?** — Summit High School English teachers Carol Rogers-Shaw and Eleanor Haugh, standing, with librarian Jackie Brown-Harvest, facilitate the Summit High School Book Club with student moderators, from left, Claire Kelly, Jill Pomeroy and Jack McKenna. This time the book was "Friday Night Lights," by H.G. Bissinger. The club is funded by the Summit High School PTA. During a meeting, Jack and Scott Haenssler look over their favorite parts of the book. (Photos by Carolyn Mulligan)

## The State We're In

# Keeping the 'Garden' in the Garden State

By MICHELE S. BYERS

Large and small farms are still important to New Jersey's life and economy. They are the "gardens" that give the Garden State its name.

But in the face of intense development and economic pressure, keeping farming alive in New Jersey will take some help and planning. Recently, the New Jersey Conservation Foundation (NJCF) and the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey (NOFA-NJ) held a symposium called "Growing the Future: Charting a Course for Farmland Preservation and Agriculture in New Jersey." Its purpose was to seek consensus about the future of farmland preservation and agriculture in New Jersey.

More than 100 farmers, conservationists, municipal officials and interested citizens came.

Karen Anderson, executive director of NOFA-NJ, the conference's first speaker, alerted the audience to some of the economic realities New Jersey farmers face, which help frame decisions about selling land to developers. For example, farmers sell conventionally grown soybeans for \$4.88/bushel today, compared to \$6.07/bushel in 1981, more than 20 years ago.

Farming is hard work, and is impacted by notoriously capricious market and climate conditions. It's a tough sell for the next generation, and Karen noted that less than five percent of New Jersey farmers are less than 35 years old. We may need

a "Farmer Preservation Program."

The symposium's keynote address was delivered by Brian Snyder, executive director of the Pennsylvania Association of Sustainable Agriculture — a non-profit organization that promotes profitable farming that produces healthy food while respecting the natural environment. Brian spoke of concerns for the health of our entire food system, from food production to the environment and human health, and cited the preservation of farmland as one way to help maintain an overall healthy agricultural system.

A locally-grown lunch, including chicken, vegetables, cider and pumpkin pie from New Jersey growers, showcased New Jersey's efforts to support our state's farmers.

NJCF summarized recent polls conducted by the Eagleton Institute that demonstrated strong public support for using preserved farmland as a way to conserve natural resources (75 percent), and one conducted by PublicMind at Fairleigh Dickinson University, commissioned by the N.J. Farm Bureau, which also showed strong public interest in maintaining the ability to buy fresh produce grown in New Jersey (76 percent) and a strong feeling that agriculture should play an important role in the future of the state (85 percent). Results like these, and voter support for initiatives that raise taxes to fund farmland preservation at the local, county and state levels, show that New Jerseyans want to

keep New Jersey's farming heritage alive.

As farmer and State Agriculture Development Board (SADC) member Gary Mount described, the SADC, in convening its Farmland Affordability Task Force, has begun to explore how farmers can afford to buy or lease land in New Jersey. In addition, Beth Kean-Waddell, farm manager at Greensgrow, described its successful indoor farm operation in Philadelphia, located on a former brownfield site. Citing industrial agriculture on similar sites in New Jersey is a good way to secure public support, given the current debate about whether we should be building large structures on preserved farmland.

Tim Dunne, resource conservationist at the Natural Resources Conservation Service, described federal programs that fund farmers to preserve wildlife habitat, conserve water resources or transition to organic production.

So far, our state has preserved over 130,000 acres of farmland. It's a good start, but is still only about 15 percent of our agricultural land base.

That farms and farming are worth preserving should go without saying. But if they are going to be a part of New Jersey's future, there is lots of work to do.

*Editor's note: Ms. Byers is director of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation. She may be reached at 1-888-LAND-SAVE or via e-mail at info@njconservation.org.*

# Experts agree: child safety seats do save lives

By DIANA DOHERTY

Too often have we heard about situations in which a parent is killed in a car accident that leaves a child unharmed — thanks to being in a safety seat.

Unfortunately, many adults still do not place their children in safety seats, or they place them in safety seats that are not installed correctly or not appropriate for a child's age and size.

This month, staff from the Middlesex County SAFE KIDS program and the Level One Trauma Center at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital are urging parents and care-

givers to make a New Year's resolution that could save a child's life: select, and learn to use, the correct child safety seat every time a child travels in a vehicle.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that an infant's chance of dying in an automobile accident is reduced by 71 percent when in a correctly-installed child safety seat. For children ages one through four, that number is 54 percent.

Child safety seats save lives. They are also required by law. It's critical, therefore, that parents understand the importance of using the right safety seats at all times, even

when just going around the block.

Children should be in rear-facing safety seats until they are at least 12 months old and weigh at least 20 pounds. Those older than 12 months and weighing 20 to 40 pounds should be in forward-facing safety seats.

And children weighing more than 40 pounds should ride in belt-positioning booster seats until the adult seatbelt fits correctly, usually around age eight and 80 pounds.

Once a child weighs more than 80 pounds, he/she should wear a vehicle's safety belt. A correctly fitting seatbelt should lie tightly across the bony areas of the lower hips/up-

per thighs and the chest and collarbone. The child's back should be straight against the seat, with knees bent over the edge and feet flat on the floor.

It's also important for parents to choose a seat that is right for the vehicle and the child.

Safety seats should fit the child's weight, height, age and development levels.

All vehicles are not made for all safety seats, so make sure the seat fits in the vehicle and does not move more than an inch once it's installed. Different seats have different features and designs.

Parents should choose one that is

easy to adjust and comfortable for the child to sit in.

Family health fairs and safety events may be helpful for new parents or parents who are unsure of how a car seat should be installed or what is right for their child based on the child's age and size, because events often include car seat safety demonstrations.

Parents are encouraged to call a certified car seat safety technician to make an appointment to have their installed car seat checked. Police departments are a good place to start because many have certified technicians on staff.

It may take several hours over

several days to choose a child safety seat and make sure it is correctly installed, but it's worth it — because it only takes an instant to lose a life.

*Editor's note: Ms. Doherty is the injury prevention coordinator at the Level One Trauma Center at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and the coordinator of SAFE KIDS Middlesex County. Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, in New Brunswick, is a leading academic health center and the principal teaching hospital of the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School within the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.*

# United Way will honor volunteers

AREA — The United Way of Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights has begun its annual search for the Citizen of the Year. Outstanding Volunteer Service and Edward H. Kaus Youth Awards.

The chairman of the search committee, Joanne Douds, has sent letters to more than 100 community, civic, educational and service organizations asking for nominations for these awards. Nominees for the awards must be residents of Summit, New Providence or Berkeley Heights.

Ms. Douds notes in her letter that

volunteers are very special people who serve as fundraisers, board members, Scout leaders, library aids, EMTs, firefighters, coaches of sports teams, hospital and church volunteers and bearers of art and music to the community. They work behind the scenes, rarely receiving the recognition their multitude of efforts deserves.

The Citizen of the Year has, in recent years, been a volunteer who was involved in one or more major projects.

Recent recipients of the award include Henry Keller, Nancy Creem,

Jane and Chan Coddington, Phyllis Sank and Millie Cooper.

Volunteer Service Awards will also be given to residents who have devoted many years of service to their communities. Recent recipients were Cindy Chen of Berkeley Heights, Denise Miles of Summit and Phyllis and Hal Winters of New Providence.

The Edward Kaus Youth Award, named for a former United Way executive director, will be given to high school juniors who have volunteered their time and efforts toward the service of others in their commu-

nities. Their work should be outside the realm of school related activities, clubs or academic achievement.

Last year's recipients were Rosemarie Alvarez of Berkeley Heights and Katrina Loh of Summit.

All award recipients will be honored at the United Way annual meeting and awards dinner in May. Call the United Way office at 908-771-0717, to request an application. Applications and letters of nomination should be sent to the United Way office, at 1282 Springfield Ave., New Providence 07974, by Feb. 15.

# New semester set to begin at local adult school

AREA — A new semester is set to begin for the non-profit Summit Area Community School, and course catalogues have been mailed to area residents. Class listings are also available at local libraries, by calling the school at 908-273-1141 and by logging onto summitarea-communityschool.org.

Of particular note in the coming weeks are courses in foreign languages including French, German, Arabic, Spanish, Italian, Japanese and Chinese, in addition to sign language. Computer lessons are offered on topics that include the Internet, e-mail, Microsoft Office, PowerPoint, Microsoft Word and the "Joy of

Code."

Other classes include instruction on acting, art, basketmaking, the interior design of bathrooms, clutter control, dancing, CPR, English as a Second Language, faux finish, finances, flower arranging, indoor gardening, geography, golf, Great Kitchens restaurant adventures, sewing, jewelry knotting, the art of make-up, Abraham Lincoln, a tour of Murray Hill Square, sleeping, learning how to stop smoking, pi-

lates matwork, typing, weight loss, woodcarving, the poetry of Yeats and yoga, which is being offered during daytime, evening and Saturday hours. Call the school or check a catalogue for details.

In addition, day trips by bus are planned to locations including the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Lower Manhattan, a Cape May whale watch tour and the Hill-Stead Museum and Mark Twain House in Connecticut.

# Customers at city store aid after tsunami hits

SUMMIT — The Tsunami in Southeast Asia has affected people worldwide, including a new shop in downtown Summit which sells artifacts from some of the devastated areas.

Ten Thousand Villages, the Fair Trade store selling handcrafted items to benefit third world artisans, has trading relationships with a number of artisan groups in the affected areas, including the worst-hit areas of Sri Lanka, Sumatra and Thailand. "Most are OK, but some groups have still not been heard from," a store spokesperson reported last week.

Ten Thousand Villages has made the first of several planned donations to assist relief efforts for survivors of the tsunami disaster. The initial donation of more than \$400 represents a portion of the previous week's Summit store sales and early customer donations.

"We are grateful to our customers who care deeply about improving life for our artisans in poverty-stricken communities throughout the Third World," said store manager Deepak Wahi, whose family in India was not affected by the monster waves that rolled across the Indian Ocean following the earthquake on Dec. 26.

Donations will help provide shipments of medicine, medical supplies and medical personnel to the most seriously afflicted areas of Southeast Asia. Clothing, food and fuel have already been purchased by Ten Thousand Villages' parent organization, the Mennonite Central Committee, as part of a \$3.5 million relief effort.

Additional donations from customers can be made at the Ten Thousand Villages store at 330 Springfield Ave. and will be added to this effort. For details call 598-1900.



**'LEMONY SNICKET'S'** — Hughes and Woodruff students in Berkeley Heights celebrated the opening of the Lemony Snicket's film "A Series of Unfortunate Events" by dressing as the characters in the books about these characters. Several of the students had begun a reading competition to see who could finish the entire series of books first. From left in row one are Sarah Park and Alison Horne. In row two are Devon Merone, Jessie Merone and Jenna Kulback. Dressed as Count Olaf is Hughes parent Jesse Merone.

# Take the 'Southern Tour' with New Providence Rec

NEW PROVIDENCE — The Recreation Department sponsors a "Southern Tour" bus trip from March 30 through April 6.

Stops along the tour will include Charlottesville, Virginia; Savannah, Georgia; Jekyll Island, and Charleston, South Carolina.

The seven-night trip includes deluxe motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations, breakfasts & dinners; all guide fees, admissions,

as well as gratuities for drivers and tour guides.

The cost for this tour is \$1,175 per person based on double occupancy and \$1,595 based on single occupancy. A \$200 deposit is due in January.

For a brochure or to make reservations, visit the New Providence Recreation Office, 360 Elkwood Ave. or call 908-464-4430. Tours are coordinated by Detour Travel.

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## George Marks III, 82, professor, librarian

George Peabody Marks III, a retired professor and librarian, died on Nov. 29, 2004, in Berkeley Heights at the age of 82. He was born in Mobile, Ala., on April 4, 1923, and was raised in New Orleans, La. He then moved to Colonia, N.J., for 44 years before relocating to Summit in 2000.

Mr. Marks graduated from Tulane University in 1943 and was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Following graduation, he enrolled in the Army Air Corps and served as a gunnery instructor, achieving the rank of staff sergeant before deployment to England and duty as a tail gunner on 13 missions over Europe. Following the war, he enrolled in Columbia University and received a graduate degree in library science.

Mr. Marks was a librarian and professor of history at Union County

College in Cranford from 1954 to 1997. He received his graduate degree in history from Columbia University in 1967 and authored a book, "The Black Press Views American Imperialism" published in 1971.

He is survived by his son, Zach Marks, and daughter-in-law Nancy Gahette of Summit; grandchildren Geoff and Stephanie Marks of Summit; his former wife, Estelle Marks of Lakewood; his sister, Gloria Minor, and his brother-in-law, Bill Minor, of Jackson, Miss.

A private service was held in Summit, with arrangements by the Paul Ippolito Summit Memorial.

Donations in memory of Mr. Marks may be made to Amnesty International, 212-807-8400, or to the Southern Poverty Law Center, 334-956-8200.

## Dorothy E. Zweier, 88, devoted to her family

Dorothy E. Zweier, 88, died on Friday, Jan. 7, 2005, at Overlook Hospital, Summit. Services were private under the direction of the Valley Memorial Funeral Home, Gillette.

Born in North Bergen, Mrs. Zweier moved to River Edge and Ocala, Fla., before moving to Berkeley Heights five years ago.

She was an executive secretary at the Bendix Corporation for 35 years before her retirement in 1973.

She lived her life as a devoted

mother and grandmother.

She was predeceased by her husband, George E. Zweier, in 1973 and by her brother, Howard W. Bridt, in 1990. She leaves her daughter, Carol M. Nogaki, and her husband, Bryan M. Nogaki, of Berkeley Heights; grandchildren Bryan K. Nogaki of Phoenix, Ariz., and Christine Nogaki Wright and her husband, Jeffrey R. Wright, of Berkeley, Calif.; and nephews Robert Brodt and William Brodt and their families in California.

## Obituaries

### Francis Desmond, 93, retired accountant

Francis X. Desmond, 93, of Basking Ridge died at home on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005. A mass of Christian burial was offered on Jan. 10 at St. Teresa of Avila Church in Summit, arranged by the Bradley - Brough Funeral Home, also in Summit.

Born in Jersey City, he was raised in Jersey City and in East Orange. Residing in Basking Ridge for the past year and a half, he was a Summit resident for more than 45 years.

Mr. Desmond graduated from Seton Hall University in 1933. He entered the Army during World War II and served as an accountant. He met his wife, the late Patricia K. (Ilg) 48 years ago.

He was an accountant for Engel-

hard Minerals and Chemicals, and retired in 1978 after 38 years of service.

Still very active in his 90s, Mr. Desmond loved to travel and was a member of the Summit Old Guard. He enjoyed spending time with friends and family and his summers at Copper Springs in Meyersville.

Mr. Desmond was the father of Peter of Rye Brook, N.Y., Suzanne Ryan of Basking Ridge and Marie of Truckee, Calif.; grandfather of Lynne and Mark Desmond, Patrick, Daniel and Megan Ryan, and Ian and Caitlan Smith.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Atlantic Hospice, 33 Bleeker St., Millburn 07041.

### Martin St. Lifer, partner in family clothing store

Martin St. Lifer of Summit died on Friday, Dec. 17, 2004. Born in Perth Amboy, he lived in Hillside before moving to Summit 44 years ago.

A veteran of the Army, he served for four years during World War II. Mr. St. Lifer was a partner with his brothers in Rogers Clothes, a chain of men's clothing stores throughout New Jersey founded by their father.

He was a member of the Summit Jewish Community Center, the YM-YWHA in Elizabeth and the B'nai B'rith in Summit, and was a former member of the men's club of Temple B'nai Israel, Elizabeth.

He was also a member of the Twin Brooks Kennel Club, the Garden State Terrier Association, the Morris and Essex Kennel Club, the Sussex Hills Kennel Club and the Bedlington Terrier Club of America.

Mr. St. Lifer is survived by his wife, Marcia; three sons, James of Westfield, Roger of Atlanta and David of Pittsburgh; a daughter, Jane, of New York City; a brother, Herbert, of Larchmont, N.Y.; a sister, Gwen Kurey of Little Silver; and six grandchildren, Erica, Sarah, Rachel, Max, Scott and Hannah.

Services were held Dec. 19, with arrangements by Menorah Chapels at Vaux Hall Road, Union.

### Regina ('Jeanne') Caffrey, 81, leaves behind 12 children

Regina A. ("Jeanne") Caffrey, 81, died on Friday, Jan. 7, 2005, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. Funeral services were held on Jan. 11 at the Higgins Home for Funerals, Plainfield, followed by a mass offered at St. Frances Cathedral in Metuchen. Interment was at St. Gertrude's Cemetery, Colonia.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mrs. Caffrey resided in Edison and in Jamesburg before moving back to Edison in 1997.

She was predeceased by her husband, Raymond P. Caffrey, in 1990. Surviving are eight sons, Raymond T. of Iselin, Paul W. of Key Largo,

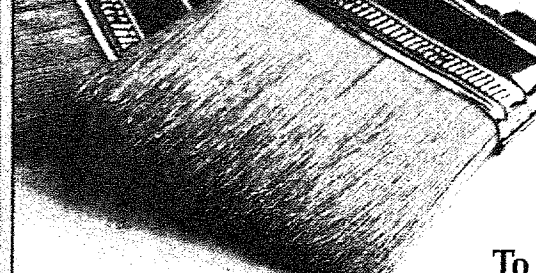
Fla., Leo G. of Woodbridge, Robert E. of Warwick, N.Y., John J. of Jackson, Timothy J. of Hillsborough, Patrick J. of East Windsor and Lawrence J. of Monroe; five daughters, Maryanne Kennedy of Clarksburg, Theresa of Wake Forest, N.C., Louise A. of Berkeley Heights, Regina A. Sardone of Jamesburg and Agnes M. Burkat of Berkeley Heights; 26 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Donations in memory of Mrs. Caffrey may be made to the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Catherine Street, Mobile, Ala., c/o Brother Paul Mulligan.

### Service on Jan. 22 for Linda Ridings Brostrup-Jensen

Beginning at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22, a memorial service will be held at Christ Church, 561 Springfield Ave., Summit for Linda Ridings Brostrup-Jensen, who died unexpectedly on Christmas Eve.

All who knew her are cordially invited. In lieu of flowers, a contribution to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Rhode Island Chapter, 2374 Post Road, Suite 203, Warwick RI 02886, would be greatly appreciated.



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# Borough drops baseball, joins area Babe Ruth

NEW PROVIDENCE — A new league will replace the existing baseball program this year for borough boys in seventh and eighth grades.

The Recreation Commission has announced that, beginning this spring, seventh and eighth grade New Providence baseball players (who are 13 years old by this July 31) will participate in the Warren Senior Baseball Babe Ruth League.

This change is being made in order to provide players a more varied and challenging baseball experience.

New Providence and Berkeley Heights join Warren, Watchung, Green Brook, and Long Hill who are currently in the league. Most

games will be played weekday evenings in Warren and teams will be comprised of players from each town. The season begins early April and continues through mid-June.

A completed application with fee must be returned to the New Providence Recreation Department, 360 Elkwood Avenue, by Monday, Jan. 24. The fee is \$75 per player, which includes full uniform, equipment and umpiring expenses. Make checks payable to New Providence Recreation Commission.

For an application or more information, call the Recreation Department 908-464-4430.



**OPENING VICTORY** - The luck of the draw enabled the Governor Livingston wrestling team to grab a quick 3-0 lead over New Providence when the archrivals hooked up at Berkeley Heights Wednesday afternoon. The match began at 119 pounds where perhaps GL's best wrestler, Rob Coughlin (on top), defeated NP's Gus Galliot, 5-2, in an encounter between sophomores. The Highlanders were to win only one other bout, along with procuring one forfeit triumph, as the Pioneers prevailed, team-wise, by a 60-15 score. (Photo by Amy Horowitz.)

# Registration now open for YMCA spring classes

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — Registration for Spring 1 programs to be held at the Berkeley Heights YMCA are now being accepted.

Parent and child classes — designed to be developmental, social and fun — include: "Busy Time" on Mondays, 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. for age 2 1/2 - 4 1/2; "Circle Time" on Wednesdays, 10:35 - 11:20 a.m. for age 4 - 6; and "Kaleidoscope" on Wednesdays, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. for age 3 - 5.

Preschool sports classes include: "Kidz N' Motion" on Tuesdays, 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. for age 3 - 5; "Tennis 4 Kids" on Fridays, 11-11:30 a.m. for age 3-6, and on Wednesdays, 3:30 - 4 p.m.; "Kinder Sports" on Tuesdays, 1:30 - 2:15

p.m.; and "Sports N' Games" on Wednesdays 1:30 - 2:15 p.m. — both classes are ages 4 - 6.

For ages 6-12, the Y offers a variety of classes that will include "Aikido" (beginners and advanced), "Street Devils Hockey", "Sports Medley", "Basketball" and "Youth Tennis 4 Kids". Fitness, classes include "Yoga for Teens", "Go Girl Power", and "Teen Aerobics".

Class fees for members is \$78; for nonmembers, \$95.

For a list of all Berkeley Heights Y Spring 1 classes and summer camp offerings, visit [www.summitareaymca.org](http://www.summitareaymca.org) or call 908-464-8373 for a brochure.

The Berkeley Heights YMCA is located at 550 Springfield Ave.

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# Holidays celebrated in borough's schools

**NEW PROVIDENCE** — The 2004 holiday season in the New Providence Schools was once again a time of tradition and sharing. Throughout the district, students en-

joyed sharing traditions and cultures as well as celebrating yearly school traditions such as singing seasonal songs, sharing stories with others and spreading holiday cheer.



**HERITAGE EXPLORATIONS** — Students from Jennifer Limone's fourth grade class participated in a heritage unit by researching their roots and presenting speeches to share with their classmates. Sharing her costume and knowledge of Costa Rica was Justine Mejia.



**ANIMALS BENEFIT FROM EFFORT** — During the holiday season, sixth grade students at Allen W. Roberts School took part in a community service project by collecting items for the Summit Animal League. Showing some of the items were (standing), Aaron Gershon, Max Sidoli, Lisa Kosak, Caroline Kachmar, Mia Cerciello, Tori Ondris, Rob MacLellan, Juliana Meddick and Rebecca Schendt. Kneeling, Ben Colandrea, Scott Lessing, Anthony Cicchella and Joe Randazzo.



**FUNDS RAISED TO HELP CHILD** — Sixth grade students at Salt Brook raised money for the Courier News Wish Book to benefit a two-year-old deaf child who is developmentally delayed by selling candy canes during school lunches. Students raised a \$479. Volunteer salespeople included Michael Zickler and Alec Droussiotis.

## Eye on You



**MEMBERS CRAFTED ITEMS THAT WERE SOLD** — The National Art Honor Society at New Providence High School celebrated the holiday season by setting up a window display of items for sale in the main lobby. Many of the items were handmade by club members, including ceramic bears and painted doll furniture. All proceeds from the sale will be used to provide seniors with college scholarships. Displaying items were members (from left) Justyna Krygowski, Jared Jones and Jimmy Lazaro, and club advisor Lynn Celler.



**JUST DELIGHTFUL** — The New Providence High School Jazz Choir and Jazz Ensemble delighted young students and staff at both district elementary schools during a holiday concert on Thursday, Dec. 23. Performing "Baby, It's Cold Outside" were guitarists Steve Joakim and Robb Paine, and choir members included, from left, Michael Verrusio, Alix Kessler, Mike Conte, Brittany Hartford, Adam Vidal and Sheela Ramesh.



**SENIORS ARE PAID A VISIT** — Salt Brook musicians visited the New Providence Senior Center to perform a holiday concert. Playing "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" were students (from left) Chris Dakow, Michael Kennedy, Jason Scarpa, Eric Pfalzgraf, Bobby Libero and Adam Sann.



**WINTER ASSEMBLY** — Salt Brook music teacher Jennifer Starr conducted the annual Winter Assembly to introduce lower primary students to singing in unison and in harmony. Playing Dumbek drums while the chorus sang a Jewish folk song, "Shalom Chavarim," were (from left) Alexandra Kaplan, Conor Pellas, sixth grade lead drummer Chris Gould, Erik Wehner and Jessica McGregor. The drums were acquired through a PTA mini-grant.



**CHILDREN VOLUNTEERING TO HELP CHILDREN** — The New Providence Middle School Student Service Club, under the direction of Ingrid Kretschmann, ran its annual Toys for Tots Drive. The primary goal of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to deliver a message of hope to needy youngsters. Each middle school homeroom contributed toys towards collecting a grand total of 21 boxes of new, unwrapped toys. Displaying some of the toys are members of the Student Service Club (from left in back row) Samantha Clyde, Lily Hand, Ariel Caruso, Sophie Lavine and Jacqueline Boverly; (standing) club advisor Ms. Kretschmann, Olivia Clyde, Kathryn Tam, Kathryn Kormash, Dana Bucco, Connie Haggerty Nicole Grafer and Marine Corps Reserve Sgt. Rios; (sitting), Mollie Rosencrantz, Allyson Brown, Nan Tucker, Lauren Zambri and Julia Moser.



**TAKING THE 'EXPRESS' TRAIN** — Third grade students at Allen W. Roberts Elementary School took a ride on "The Polar Express," reenacting a story they explored in class. Displaying the bells they received on their journey were (clockwise, from top left) Superintendent of Schools Ann Marie Inzano, student Alex Shema, teacher Michelle Tuske, Alex Bouie, Becky Wirth, Kirstie Peterson, Jesse Estes, Lauren Charlton and Zeke Barquero.

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