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Worth the jihad

The sign outside Hehny School in Clark reads "see you on September 5." At the Drug Fair in Cranford the display of school supplies has already surfaced. But our educators need to gear up for a far rougher autumn than usual. The Republican candidate for governor, Bret Schundler, advocates school vouchers and tax credits for donations to private schools. In the voucher battle, our teachers will be on the firing line.

An Eagleton poll last week surprised me in that 50 percent of my fellow residents are not opposed to vouchers. *The Wall Street Journal* cited a survey where even a minority of teachers don't see the danger in vouchers. They editorialized "no doubt a majority of public teachers opposed vouchers, but they don't seem to think they are worth the jihad against them that their union bosses have mounted."

Left Out

This battle is worth the fight for all of us. Call it voucher or call it choice, it still means an assault and drain on the funds for public schools. The proponents have adeptly turned the battle into a rejection of the New Jersey Education Association. The attack on the messenger union misses the point that the campaign over vouchers will have a big impact on the educational future of the state's next generation.

I don't sense a major dissatisfaction with the public schools in our suburban communities. Quite the contrary, from this vantage point, I see a lot of respect and affection for our kids' teachers. In the urban areas, it is just unfair to saddle teachers with the host of problems society brings to the school and expect stirring results.

But buzz words of choice, competition, licensing and accountability can sound tempting in political sound bites. Vouchers will spawn a cottage industry of new schools. There are genuine concerns that the new schools will not be bound by education core or health standards. Most regrettably, these so-called voucher schools will be able to pick their students, leaving the special needs kids behind.

Another part of the assault on the teachers will be the promise to eliminate bureaucracy. The problems are caused by the Legislature and Department of Education. School board candidates of which there are far too few, learn quickly about the regulation maze. It becomes simple to just attack the current system. But the alternative should be better not worse.

By most accounts, the voucher experiment in Milwaukee has made some less than startling findings. Smaller class size, motivated and trained teachers get better results.

But the mantra of choice has filtered up to the White House. U.S. Education Secretary Rob Paige said last week that teachers need to appreciate the "law of supply and demand." But schools aren't widgets, there are our kids who need an intellectual experience on the way to becoming better citizens.

The thing about citizenship is that it requires us all to invest in the future generations, as past generations did for us. Vartan Gregorian, president of the Carnegie Corporation, has set the challenge. He speaks about the long-term investments we need to make in terms of teachers and capital investment.

But the toughest road requires a whole lot more candidates for school board, a clear direction to the Legislature to cut bureaucracy and greater citizen involvement in our schools.

The problem with easy solutions is they don't bring much pain or gain. And that in the end would be a very bad choice.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

Walking for reform

Activist enters county this week

By Mark Brywna
Regional Editor

Steve Ma left his townhouse in Metuchen on April 16 and hasn't been back since. You might see him walking through your neighborhood this week. He won't be hard to find; he's the one with a 3-by-5-foot American flag draped over his shoulder and a 25-pound luggage cart in tow.

Steve started his journey heading for Cape May and now is making his way back north, through Middlesex County and into Union County this week as he approaches the halfway mark of his 1,500-mile trek. He was scheduled to be in Westfield yesterday before entering Linden today.

Steve will spend the rest of the summer walking through Essex, Bergen, Passaic and Sussex counties before autumn brings him through Morris, Warren, Hunterdon, Somerset and Mercer counties. In all, he expects to visit 265 towns while reaching all 21 counties and all 40 legislative districts.

By the end of his six-month journey, Steve will have walked the distance from Maine to Florida. Why is he walking? To bring attention to the current system of campaign finance and the need for reform. On Oct. 20, two weeks before November's General Election, the Walk for Reform is scheduled to culminate with a meeting in Trenton.

Throughout his journey, the 28-year-old has been speaking to citizens at town hall-style meetings about campaign finance reform.

Steve's wife, Pam Garfield, works from their home office coordinating speaking engagements for Steve and finding shelter for him every night. Both have quit their jobs at nonprofit organizations — Steve at New Jersey Public Interest Research Group and Pam at Common Cause — to dedicate six months of their lives to the effort.

Pam, 24, usually meets up with Steve every weekend to restock his materials, give him a fresh change of clothes, and provide maps for the

Union County stops

- Saturday: Plainfield outdoor art show, Library Park, Eighth and Park streets, 1 p.m.; Freshwaters Restaurant, 1442 South Ave., Plainfield, 6 p.m.
- Sunday: First Baptist Church, 315 W. 7th St., Plainfield, 10:30 a.m.
- Monday: Linden City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave., 8 p.m.
- Wednesday: Summit Area League of Women Voters potluck, home of Barbara Packer, 48 Sunset Drive, 6 p.m.
- July 19: Union Rotary, Suburban Golf Club, 1730 Morris Ave., Union, noon; Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Road, Union, 7 p.m.
- July 21: Walk through Roselle and Roselle Park.
- July 22: Neighborhood gathering at home of Yeon Shim, 1115 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth, 8 p.m.
- July 23: Hillside League of Women Voters, home of Constance Clark, 184 North Ave., Hillside, 7:30 p.m.

upcoming week of the walk.

Steve has walked as many as 29 miles in one day to as few as 4 miles in a day, depending on the distance between towns. Weather is not a factor, either rain or extreme heat, Steve will be walking. He relies on citizens to provide him with food and lodging. "We started on the good faith that people will help," Pam said. "Generally, people have been very supportive."

Speaking via cellular phone from New Dover Road in South Plainfield on Monday, Steve was on his way to Woodbridge. He said the people of New Jersey have been very generous in providing him food and shelter during his excursion. He also has realized how big the problem of campaign finance has become and not just on



Photos By Barbara Kokkalis

MY KINGDOM FOR SOME FUN — Six-year-old twins Patrick and Preston Gray, above, get up close and personal at the petting zoo during King Kingdom in Wannanco Park in Elizabeth/Roselle, sponsored by the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Below, Sean Penaranda, 4, and sister Brigitte, 6, decide what they want Denise Ala, left, to paint on their arms.



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New area codes bring 10-digit dialing

By Anthony Puglisi
Staff Writer

Your fingers will have to walk a little further when making a local telephone call.

Verizon began a five-month campaign July 1 to educate residents about mandatory 10-digit dialing — the area code plus the seven-digit phone number — and a new "overlay" area code system that will introduce three new area codes to New Jersey.

In the 732 area code area, the new 848 area code will be introduced. Similar overlays will pair the old 201 area code with the new 551 in North Jersey and the old 973 area code with the new 862 in Central Jersey.

Until Dec. 1, telephone users will still be able to make local calls using

familiar seven-digit numbers. After that date dialing area codes will become mandatory, even if the person being called is across the street and has the same area code. Beginning Dec. 29, local telephone companies may begin to assign the new 862, 848 and 551 area codes to customers who request new phone service or additional lines.

With more and more telephone numbers being needed for Internet access, fax machines, cellular telephones and other communication gadgets and services, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities was forced to introduce more telephone numbers. This could only be done by introducing new area codes. The new system will introduce 24 million new num-

bers into the entire system; eight million new numbers will be introduced into each calling area.

According to a press release from the BPU, "relief for the 908 area code was deferred, as an adequate supply of numbers exist until the end of 2002."

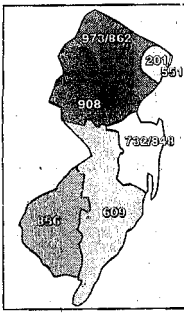
The BPU had considered splitting New Jersey into more, smaller geographic areas and assigning new area code numbers, but ultimately decided to implement an overlay system. Simply put, this means two area codes will service the same geographic area. It also means telephone users will be able to maintain their current telephone numbers; new customers will receive telephone numbers with the new area codes.

According to a press release issued by the BPU, creating new area code zones would create smaller and smaller area code zones. In addition, the smaller area code zones could result in a town being served by two different area codes.

"The board looked at a number of alternatives in an effort to pre-empt the impending exhaustion of telephone numbers in northern New Jersey," stated BPU Commissioner Frederick Butler in a press release. "Today's decisions provide a vast source of numbers for residents and businesses of these communities."

Mike Kalne, Verizon area code customer education manager in New Jersey, said requiring 10-digit dialing is like adding another telephone exchange. "If there is subsequent growth, there won't be as much disruption," he said.

Kalne believes residents will have an easy time adapting to the new 10-digit calling system, and he reminded callers to check all their communications equipment, especially those that are programmed with telephone numbers, to ensure the new



10-digit numbers are being used.

"People are more sophisticated and savvy with what has to be done," he said. "Human nature is to put it off as long as possible, but it has to be done in five months."

Among the equipment residents should check are fax machines, Internet access numbers, pagers, cellular telephone, speed dialing lists and automatic dialers. Kalne especially

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Fire poster winners



Commended for their winning entries in the Union County Fire Prevention Association Poster Contest are, from left, Sean French of Cranford, with Freeholder Linda Stender, Jesse Lewis of Roselle and Candice Rokose of Cranford, and Springfield fire official David Maas, during an award ceremony at the Roselle Fire Department. Each winner won a \$100 U.S. savings bond and a plaque.

Fire academy graduates 25

This year's 25 graduates from the fall and spring semesters of the Union County Fire Academy were commended for their choice to become a firefighter at the 51st graduation ceremony at Union County College's Cranford campus last month. Keynote speaker Gerard Naylis, immediate past president of the International Association of Arson Investigators, spoke to the graduates about the importance of continuing their education as firefighters.

"Never stop learning. Take every opportunity to further your education. This is not a job or hobby, it is a calling that requires education, character, virtue, honor, integrity and courage," Naylis said.

This year's graduates included: Luis Banderia, Kenilworth Fire Department; Allan Bell Jr., Springfield Fire Department; Rosario Boye, Kenilworth Fire Department; Peter Cincipi Jr., Kenilworth Fire Department; Marc Donnadio, Fanwood Fire Department; Jason Dyer, Winfield Fire Department; Pat Grigan, New Providence Fire Department; Matthew Hamill, Fanwood Fire Department; Christopher Hammell, Rahway Fire Department; Michael Lanza, Westfield Fire Department; Matthew McCrady, Roselle Park Fire Department; Robert Mercado, New Providence Fire Department; Richard Moncur, Westfield Fire Department; Thomas Moore Jr., Kenilworth Fire Department; Robert Moran, Clark Fire Department; Brian Morgan, New Providence Fire Department; Vincent Munzo, Mountainside Fire Department; Joseph Peroccoli, Westfield Fire Department; Dean Russmann, Cranford Fire Department; Matthew Sacco, New Providence Fire Department; Michael Sawicki, Westfield Fire Department; Steven Severet, Kenilworth Fire Department; David Thurston, Westfield Fire Department; and Michael Viscido, Westfield Fire Department.

New plan, more dialing

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 noted residents with call forwarding features should check that, otherwise the calls eventually will not go through.
 According to information on Verizon's web site, www.verizon.com:
 • Emergency calls to 9-1-1 and information calls to 4-1-1 will not be affected.
 • When making a local call, dialing "1" will not be required, but the call will go through if the "1" is dialed.
 • A local toll through is a local call after Dec. 1 and a toll call today will still be a toll call after Dec. 1.
 • After Dec. 1, if only seven digits

are dialed, a recorded message will instruct callers how to correctly dial a number.
 • For deaf callers using TDD, a special signal, informing them to "Redial using 10 digits" will be displayed after Dec. 1.
 • Existing numbers will not be affected, but residents could have two different area codes entering their house if an insufficient number of telephone numbers exists.
 One final tip from Karsin: "Remember to give your telephone number with the area code, even if it is to a person who lives across the street."

Man walks for finance reform

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 the federal and state levels. Citizens have offered examples of problems in local government with campaign finance.
 During his meetings with citizens, Steve explains what kind of effect money has not only on politics but in everyday life, from taxes and the environment to healthcare. He asks citizens to join him on the final mile of his walk in Trenton on Oct. 20.
 Spending six months of his life walking is bound to make Steve miss a few important dates. He and his wife celebrated their first wedding anniversary on May 28 in Pitts Grove Town-

ship while Steve was making his way through Salem County. "I'd never been to Salem County," Pam said.
 Pam said they have been surprised how many times Steve has been asked whether he has run or plans to run for public office. Under the current campaign finance system, Pam said, "it just wouldn't be possible for him, like for so many others."
 "It's not his intention," to run for office. "That's not what this walk is about."
 For more information about the Walk for Reform, call 732-744-WALK, or visit the web site at www.walk4reform.com



Andrea Karslan
Karslan to serve term as chamber chairwoman

Andrea Karslan, vice president of Treco Enterprises/Autoland of New Jersey in Springfield, one of the largest automobile dealerships in the area, will begin a one-year term as chairwoman of the Union County Chamber of Commerce in July.
 Karslan, who succeeds Calvin Sierra, president of Imperial Weld Ring Corp. in Elizabeth, said "My goal is to continue the great leadership the chamber has had under previous chairs."
 "I want to build on the strength of

the chamber, which includes increasing membership and developing even more programs of value to its members," said Karslan, who served as vice chairwoman of the chamber last year.
 Anthony H. Bliss, senior vice president/clinical support services for Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth, will serve as vice chairman for the coming year. Last year Bliss served as treasurer.
 Ronald Dooney, president of TERMS, an environmental firm in Berkeley Heights, is the incoming treasurer.

Senior Outreach Program

Union County's Division of Aging in the Department of Human Services has announced its Outreach Services Program for the month of July.

Union County representatives will be available to offer information and provide assistance in completing the necessary applications for a multitude of programs, including gas and electric support, pharmaceutical assistance, home energy assistance, Supplemental Security Income, counseling on health insurance for Medicare enrollees, and the SHARE Food Program. A bilingual staff person will be present.

The dates, times and locations for applications are:
 • Tuesday: Elizabeth — Oakwood

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Plaza, 380 Irvington Ave., 10 a.m. until noon.
 • Tuesday: Elizabeth — Elizabeth Center Apartments, 809 Pearl St., 10 a.m. to noon.
 • Wednesday: Plainfield — Plainfield Senior Center, 305 E. Front St., 10 a.m. to noon.
 • July 24: Linden — Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St., 10 a.m. to noon.
 For more information on the Out-

reach Services Program and other programs offered by the Division on Aging, call the division's toll number, (888) 280-8226.

Moms & More offer summer cooking sampler

On July 20 at 7:30 p.m., the Union County Chapter of Mothers & More will host a summer cooking sampler and recipe exchange at Hanson House, 38 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

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A 28 year old Rahway resident, Stephanie was born in Bruce Springsteen's Hometown of Freehold, NJ. Surrounded by many musical inspirations like Karen Carpenter and Stevie Nicks, she was given a guitar at the age of six, and that is where her story began.

A combination of spirit and talent, this woman is something to see. Talented, attractive, with the right edge, also known to have a wicked sense of humor, this is a true artist on the rise!

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Summit's kids explore theater & potential

By Dea Smith
Staff Writer

The importance of offering theatrical experience to the youth of today, particularly in community theater, has been emphasized by Glory S. Bowen, assistant producer of the Kaleidoscope Theater for Youth in Summit, and the current director, Dave Maulbock.

The two theater people, in a visit to this office the other afternoon, discussed the power of young people's interest in the theater today.

The Kaleidoscope Theater for Youth, in association with the Summit Playhouse in Summit, has provided opportunities for young people to perform on stage during the summer months since 1933. This year, the theater will present a musical production, "Free To Be ... You and Me," from the children's book conceived by Marlo Thomas and Friends. The vehicle would "open up the possibilities of telling boys and girls what they could be ... rather than what they should be."

There probably are not enough theaters around to specifically promote theater for youth, the two indicated. "The Kaleidoscope Theater for Youth, which was started about eight years ago," said Bowen, "was to promote theater for youth in this area, something that would appeal to the young people; something they could perform in, watch and enjoy and really show an interest in young people in the theater world. Today, there is too much emphasis on television and film."

"I would guess the founder, Al Campbell, wanted to show that there were other art forms out there available to young people in addition to TV and movies."

Currently, Lori Balzano, "an exceptionally, multi-talented person," said Bowen, has been producing plays at the Kaleidoscope Theater for the last three years. Bowen, who is in her first year as assistant producer, has "done a lot of work for the Summit Playhouse," said Maulbock. "Her whole family has been active in the playhouse. Her husband is a director, and her children are actors. And she is an actress and assistant director. She's really quite an amazing woman. She's producers, you know, read hundreds of scripts before settling on one. And

it has to be the right one."

Bowen will take over the Kaleidoscope Theater as producer next year, and, she explained, "Lori will go on to bigger and better projects with the Summit Playhouse." She mentioned that the goals of the founder were: "To provide greater theater experiences for young people; to provide a training ground for young thespians; to produce a play; to fill a niche not filled by other theaters in the area; to be inclusive."

Kaleidoscope Theater for Youth, she said, "is a project of the Summit Playhouse Association. It was started for young people in 1993 as an educational theater and a community service. Since its inception, Kaleidoscope Theater has produced eight plays." They are, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," 2000; "Narnia," 1999; "Charlotte's Web," 1998; "Face to Face," 1997; "Sneakers," 1996; "The Pinballs," 1995; "Sleeping on a Crack," 1994, and "The 12 Dancing Princesses." Only one of the eight productions was not a musical.

Maulbock said that people come from all parts of the state to see the shows. "We have a mailing list and an Internet. And although we stage shows for young people one season a year, the Playhouse is open all year around for adults. It's a great playhouse. I'm hoping in the future that we can attract young designers and directors to work at the Kaleidoscope Theater, perhaps recent college graduates who are interested in various aspects of the theater."

Actually, Maulbock started with the Kaleidoscope Theater as a younger student himself. "I was a former Kaleidoscope performer," he admitted. "I performed there when I was 13 or 14 years. I was in 'Sneakers,' and when I was in college, five or six years later, they needed someone older to play the Lion character in 'Narnia,' and I was back on stage again. A year later, they asked me to direct."

The theater has had young people perform from the age of eight to 15 years old. "Some of them are children of the members of our board at the Summit Playhouse," explained Maulbock. "Some are students from Paper



Summit's Ann Porter, Julia Sann and Tommie Belle rehearse for Kaleidoscope Theater's 'Free to Be ... You and Me.'

Mill schools, or Theater Under the Stars or Worth-Tyrrell in Morristown; others have had little or no experience. There is an immensely talented group of kids here," he said. "Last year we had 35 kids. This year there are only 15. Some of the kids are positive about what they want to do with the rest of their lives; be a part of the theater. For some, this is their only chance to be in a play with kids their own age."

"Hundreds of kids have been involved in one form or another," said Bowen. "And so have many of their parents. You know, it really does allow for younger people to connect

with their parents in this way. The parents help with the scenery and costumes. It all builds a closeness in families."

Maulbock said, "This is my first experience with directing. It's really interesting. I'm trying to help the kids conceive what the show is all about. I've taught acting to young people. And you do have to have a fair amount of patience when you're working with youngsters. You know, there's an energy that the kids have that adults could never dream of having. There's a special enthusiasm in everything they do. It's something to see!"

Unique artists shine in special CVA exhibit

By Dea Smith
Staff Writer

The amazingly creative artistic abilities of handicapped adults in Essex and Union counties have come to fruition with the exhibition now through Aug. 2 in the Members' Gallery at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, 68 Elm St., Summit.

Ima Ostroff, coordinator and art teacher, and Joan Good, executive director of the NICVA, stopped by the office the other afternoon to discuss the Artists With Disabilities Program, the exhibition and the enthusiastic response to an exceptionally promising project.

Ostroff, who has been teaching painting to the students in the program for "about seven years," explained that this "innovative curriculum, an award-winning arts education program serving individuals with developmental and physical disabilities, is designed to provide new avenues of expression through artistic creation which encourage growth and enhance self-esteem."

Good mentioned that the program "had its inception in 1990 or 1991 with four students, and this program has grown to be what it is today, with a potential for 75 clients a week, three days a week, and actually, we are serving about 2,500 people over the course of a year, 36 weeks, actually. The students are bussed from the Association for Retarded Citizens, and they come from Union and Essex counties. Their ages range from 18 to 60 years old."

When the art center "opened its doors to artists with disabilities, it was with loosely defined expectations but with a strong belief in openness, sensitivity and opportunity."

Good said, "It was conceived as a mainstream activity, sort of a program that brings these people into an art studio, where all kinds of people are accomplished artists. We bring ARC groups into the environment. I teach a painting course to all the students. As some groups come in, others leave." "We think it's important for people to come in, express their creativity in their art studios at the art center," said Ostroff. "It is a broader range of our service, and it expands our community."

Good said that "they primarily paint, and in the last two years, we have been able to offer computer art to them with two computers. I have a fabulous assistant, Sherry Perimeter. On a normal day, we have about 10 or 20 individuals seated at their tables. We have kept the program flexible about the hours of arrival and depart-

ture. Most of the students select the day they opt to come, and flexibility is very important; flexibility of the whole art center."

"Some of the students," added Ostroff, "are unpredictable. But easily, everybody will help everybody else. They help each other, and are very concerned. They compliment each other, and you have to see the happiness on the face of the person who has been complimented on his work. Praise enhances their life enormously. It's a better quality of life. You know, there are different levels of physical and developmental disabilities. But on the whole, they are unbelievably kind and patient and encourage a sense of commitment and caring."

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Rahway High School Class of 1977 is searching for classmates in preparation for the 25th reunion. Members of this class are asked to contact Charlene Rankins-Jackson at 908-490-1543 or Bob Brandner at 732-821-5774.

Avonue, Linden. Participants are asked to bring their own chairs. For information, call Gail Hudak at 908-862-4272.

Summit High School Class of 1991 will conduct its 10th reunion Oct. 5. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at 732-617-1000.

Union High School Class of 1951 will conduct its 50th reunion Oct. 6. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at 732-617-1000.

Jonathan Dayton High School Class of 1951 will have its 50th reunion at the Somerset Holiday Inn, Somerset, Oct. 6.

The Reunion Committee needs help in locating the following missing classmates:

From Kenilworth: W. Chapman, M. Chester, A. Ciemiecki, S. Dampney, D. Easton, K. Goelcher, E. Irzo, G. Laskey, J. Lobenthal-Missler, D. McKenna, A. Rizzi, and N. Roberts.

From Clark: R. Euresman, L. Miller, C. Snively, and M. Stringham. From Mountainside: D. Davighi,

M. Gonnella, and G. Salvatorello-Conn.

From Springfield: L. Berner, P. Bowman, B. Clark, R. Colby, R. Franklin, J. Keller, F. LaFont, V. Leone, D. McCoy, J. McVee, R. Powell, J. Preston, C. Reddington, L. Rodriguez, J. Ruszcynsky, J. Shotwell-Finney.

If anyone can provide a current address or phone number on any of the above or would like more information, call John J. Mozart at 732-477-1577 or send e-mail to bjnzart@netverizon.net.

Rahway High School Class of 1951 will conduct its 50th reunion Oct. 13 at the Woodbridge Sheraton. For information, call Audrey Coleman at 732-388-2089.

Classmates are being sought from the Class of 1961 from Jonathan Dayton and Governor Livingston regional high schools for their 40th reunion Oct. 13 at L'Affaire, Route 22 East, Mountainside. For information, call Beverly Rotstock (Grush) at 908-245-4333 or 800-424-5430; Millicie Bourer (Scoreo) at 908-276-8283, or Donna Sayka (Prince) at 973-425-0633.

Abraham Clark High School, Roselle, Class of 1951 will conduct its 50th reunion Oct. 26 at Costa's in Roselle Park. For information, call Mary McLeod at 732-381-3584 or send e-mail to aches1951@yahoo.com.

Union High School Class of 1971 will conduct its 30th reunion Oct. 27. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at 732-617-1000.

Roselle Catholic High School Class of 1991 will conduct its 10th reunion Nov. 3 from 8:15 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. at The Westwood in Garwood. For information, or to provide details on classmates, send e-mail to Michelle Matthes at Ntodaal@aol.com.

Westfield High School Class of 1981 will conduct its 20th reunion Nov. 10. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at 732-617-1000.

Jonathan Dayton Regional High School Class of 1976 will conduct its 25th reunion Thanksgiving Weekend. Classmates are currently being sought. For information, call Nancy Frischman at 908-580-0878 or send e-mail to murrayco@id.net.

Hillside High School Class of 1981 will conduct its 20th reunion

Nov. 23. For information, call Lori Jackson-Williams at 800-342-2848, ext. 461 or Dawn Mayo-Hutchison at 732-398-0975, or e-mail "at djimono@aol.com.

Linden High School Class of 1981 will conduct its 20th reunion Nov. 23 at The Westwood in Garwood. Alumni are asked to send mailing addresses to Linden High 1981 Committee, P.O. Box 4425, Meuchen, 08840, or via e-mail to Linden-High1981@aol.com.

Union High School Class of 1981 will conduct its 20th reunion Nov. 23. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at 732-617-1000.

Jonathan Dayton Regional High School Class of 1976 will conduct its 25th reunion Nov. 24 in The Sherwood Room at Forest Lodge in Warren. Classmates and addresses are needed. For information, call New England Reunions at 877-600-6694 or 860-693-8179.

Saint Mary's High School, Elizabeth, Class of 1951 is in the process of forming plans for a 50th reunion in 2001. For information, call Jim Powers at 908-272-8049.

HOROSCOPE

July 16 to July 22
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Domestic changes are likely. Build a solid emotional foundation upon which you can build a safe and sturdy castle to the Sun.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Settle a dispute with a sibling or neighbor. Don't hesitate when given a chance to apologize and clear the air. Be sensitive!
GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Making the right choice in a financial deal could be the difference between vast riches and poverty. Weigh your options carefully.
CANCER (June 22-July 22): With a positive attitude, you have an opportunity to make a dream come true. Turn a personal challenge into a triumphant success.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Clear the decks and realize you are now in a sage of preparation for future endeavors. Strive to be patient and avoid forcing a premature issue.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your life is blessed with many inspiring and wonderful friendships. Tap into the joy and spiritual richness found in these human treasures.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): You will be fiscally pleased with the recogni-

tion and reward received for your hard work and professional efforts. Smile all the way to the bank.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Expect lots of financial wheeling and dealing between you and a partner or mate. Don't let the "almighty dollar" be the downfall of the relationship.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make a prudent investment deal that has great potential for long-term success. Sign it, put it away and forget about it.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): As your attention turns to relationships, you can expect an awesome exchange of magnetic energy. Live in the moment and enjoy.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Approach your work with enthusiasm and eagerness. Have no fear; the needed input on a creative project comes through with flying colors.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Pursue your dreams with a vengeance and don't sell yourself short or change your expectations. Reach for the stars and go for the gusto!
If your birthday is this week, negotiation and compromise are your key words during the coming year. Instead of always pulling apart and causing undue stress to a working or personal

relationship, you'll need to learn to blend your energies and find a happy medium. A physical ailment or burnout is subject to a miraculous turnaround. Don't stop and ask why or how, just go with the flow!
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Community Dining Guide

PECOS GRILL
Peco's Grill
By Steven Rolly
Staff Writer
There's a humble little storefront located at 304 North Ave. in Garwood that underscores the unique eatery inside. Pecos Grill offers diners classic Mexican cuisine in an intimate atmosphere.
For the owner, Andrea S. Hayeck, the restaurant was a labor of love. The ambience of a family-run Mexican cafe begins as soon as the customer walks through the century-old antique wooden door.
Once inside, diners are instantly transported to old Mexico. Imported original works of Mexican art tastefully decorate the exposed brick walls. Moderate lighting and soft Mexican ballads accent the natural wood tables, perfect for a family dinner or an intimate rendezvous.
Customers will experience some of the best authentic home-made Mexican cuisine this far north of the border. No detail is overlooked, from the fresh ingredients in all of the dishes to the unique selection of imported Mexican beverages — even the Coca-Cola is imported from Mexico.
Pecos' menu offers a variety of traditional Mexican dishes prepared with a home-style touch. The Tacos al Pastor, a traditional Mexican dish, offers a delicious take on an old standard.
Three soft-shell tacos are filled with a choice of pork, chicken or beef. The filling is marinated in a homemade sauce before it is cooked to give the meat a tender, tasty quality.
Pecos' serves a special salsa made from green peppers along with the tacos. By blending the marinated meat and the soft, warm shells with the unique salsa, Pecos makes the diner's taste buds stand up and cheer — finally a taco the way Pancho Villa would want it.
Served with tender, firm Mexican yellow rice and a fresh cilantro alongside homemade refried beans, the dish is a collection of flavors that all work together to give the diner a true taste of Mexico.
All of the dishes are prepared with fresh ingredients. Pecos' imports fresh avocados for their wonderful guacamole. Served in a special stone bowl with home-made tortilla chips, the smooth, creamy dip is a meal all by itself.
Pecos' offers a variety of dishes on their menu. Vegetarian specials include burritos and sauced zucchini. Main courses range from traditional dishes of tacos and burritos to Camarones a la Diabla, shrimp sautéed in homemade red salsa, and T-bone steak Chimichurri, a marinated T-bone with a special sauce.
A variety of refreshing beverages are available to accent the flavors of the meals. Hermitka is a traditional Mexican drink made from flowers that goes perfectly with the fresh vegetables, meats and salsas of the dishes. It is also believed to be a Mexican health tonic.
Pecos is open Tuesday through Saturday, 4 to 10 p.m., and on Sunday from 3 to 9 p.m. It is located two blocks east of the intersection of North Avenue and Chestnut Street. Diners should get there early on weekends since it's first-come, first-served.
Prices are moderate. The average appetizer is \$8 with soups offered at \$4. Main courses range from \$12.95 to \$16.95 and vegetarian selections from \$9.95 to \$11.95. Pecos offers a kids meal for all children under 8 for \$6.

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Relief is available for sufferers of sciatica

By Michael Barenboym
Chiropractic Physician

According to the March issue of the Journal of the American Chiropractic Association, sciatica is widely recognized as a common variation of low-back pain, with as much as 40 percent of the population experiencing it during their lifetime.

Sciatica is very relevant for doctors of chiropractic because studies show that between 50 and 75 percent of chiropractic patients seek care because of back pain. A substantial proportion of those patients will have sciatica, which is the popular term for pain radiating into the back of the leg, and that is commonly associated with a nerve root irritation in the lower back.

Sciatica refers to any pain in the

distribution of the sciatic nerve, which means that any nerve root that contributes to the sciatic nerve could produce that pain. The problem can also be due to referred pain from other structures in the low back, such as the disks, the small joints, and the muscles or ligaments.

The term "sciatica" is a catch-all term representing multiple causes of leg pain that may or may not be due to a problem from the lower back. Leg pain "sciatica" may be referred from problems elsewhere in the human body, ranging from tumors to vascular diseases.

A dull pain or numbness in the buttock, leg, or foot is often the first indication of sciatica. Untreated, sciatica can lead to a loss of muscle strength, and muscle size that may be irreversible.

Eventually, there can be problems with gait. The same spinal lesions that commonly produce sciatica may also affect the nerves supplying the sphincter muscles of the bowel and bladder, as a result, incontinence — loss of bowel or bladder control — can occur.

Many people with leg pain are misdiagnosed with sciatica. Radiating leg pain is necessary, but not sufficient, for accurate diagnosis of sciatica. Patients that have damage where there is significant loss of muscle function are encouraged to get an MRI to be absolutely sure of what is going on anatomically.

There are several treatments for this condition. Sciatica, treated with manipulation, has an 8 to 9 percent greater rate of recovery than if

patients go into physical therapy or standard medical care. Along with being one of the greatest challenges in the clinical practice, sciatica is the most expensive ailment treated in the United States in people from age 20 through 50 years old.

Billions of dollars are spent each year on this ailment; 10 percent of those who have back and sciatic pain will take 90 percent of the cost of treatment.

Tips to help prevent sciatica or relieve its symptoms:

- Strengthen back and abdominal muscles — there are different kinds of exercises that doctors of chiropractic commonly prescribed for the low back, emphasizing flexion and the emphasizing extension.

- Even when lifting light objects, hold the object close to the body and lift with the back straight, rising up by using muscles in the hips and legs.
- Occupational therapy or job retraining may be necessary if working conditions such as heavy lifting, long-distance driving, and long periods at a desk continue to aggravate the condition.
- Avoid sitting for long periods of time. Take frequent breaks and walk around or do a short exercise routine. Make sure the ergonomics of the workstation support good habits.

Dr. Barenboym maintains a chiropractic practice at 57 Brant Ave., Suite 102, in Clark. For information, call 732-340-1006.

Summer's busy schedule need not eat into mealtime

Time seems to be a hot commodity these days. Whether you're busy attending your children's outdoor events, working late or fitting in your evening work-out, many people think they do not have time to eat healthy.

However, according to Andrea Anfusio R.D., manager, Clinical Nutrition, Atlantic Health System's The General Hospital Center at Passaic, with proper knowledge and a small amount of planning, everyone can eat healthy on the go. Below is some helpful advice from Anfusio on how to maintain a healthy lifestyle through eating nutritiously, even during the summer rush.

"Many people feel that they simply do not have time to cook a full meal, especially during the week. However, it is possible to have nutritious meals without spending hours in the kitchen," said Anfusio.

"In order to shorten your meal preparation time, you can prepare meals, or at least a portion of your meal, beforehand. For instance, allow some time on the weekend to prepare a meat loaf which can then be popped in the oven Monday evening when you get home. Adding a salad, vegetable and some rice to the meal should not take any longer than 20 to 30 minutes. And if you start them as soon as you walk in the door, you can change out of your work clothes and set the table by the time they are done." She added, "Or try making a meal with extra portions one night during the week that can be reheated for the next night's dinner."

Other tips Anfusio suggests are that cooking, baking or broiling are healthier than frying. Frying not only adds oil, but it also adds time. "Instead of standing over a frying pan, put your meat, chicken or fish in the oven. While this is baking, you can work on something else — preparing the side dishes, helping the kids with homework — or just relax." Pressure cookers are time savers too because they prepare your meals in a fraction

of the time, again providing a well-balanced meal without much effort. Keep fresh fruit in the house, not only for a nutritious snack, but also to be cut up for a quick dessert.

"In a time when everyone feels rushed and the fast-paced schedule we have set for ourselves and our children is sometimes overwhelming, we must set time aside and remember what mealtime is all about. Dinnertime is a time to come together, share a meal and discuss the day's happenings. We learn what is going on in each other's lives, especially in our children's lives. A failure to take the time out and listen can result in more than a nutritional issue. It is often beneficial to reconnect as a family and dinnertime is an opportunity to do so. Keep in mind that although your scheduling may be hectic, coordinating mealtime is scheduling family time!" added Anfusio.

For these tips and more information on nutrition on the run visit Atlantic Health System's web site at www.atlhealth.org.

Andrea Anfusio R.D. is manager, Clinical Nutrition at The General Hospital Center at Passaic. She is also the clinical preceptor for the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-School of Health Related Professions where she is responsible for training and supervision of dietetic interns. A graduate of Montclair State University, Anfusio received a B.S. in Home Economics-Nutrition/Dietetics. She also completed a dietetic internship at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Anfusio is the Membership Chairperson for the Northern District of the New Jersey Dietetic Association and an active member of the American Dietetic Association. She is the recipient of the Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year Award for 2000 — for New Jersey — for the Americas.

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Beauty Secret Discovery

FDA approves a cellulite therapy

By Tatiana Radusikina

Cottage cheese thins, dimples and moon skin are cute names for a not so cute problem — cellulite.

Cellulite will affect 90 percent of all women, and it is not related to diet, weight or exercise. Cellulite is caused by the body's natural aging process and progressively worsens with age. The fat content of the body increases with age as the skin elasticity decreases. These two processes cause cellulite. The extra fat that accumulates with age pushes out on the weakened skin and forms pockets. It's these pockets that give cellulite its characteristic appearance.

Women have been battling cellulite since the beginning of time. Lotions, diets, exercise and practically everything else under the sun has been used to battle with no help. Now, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has finally tested

and approved a therapy to reduce cellulite. The therapy is called endermologie. Endermologie is painless, safe, relaxing, and even healthy for the body.

Recently the FDA approved endermologie for body contouring. The FDA found that when endermologie tightens the skin around the muscle and fat of the body, it not only gives a smoother appearance, but also reduced inches around the hips, thighs and stomach regions.

Most clients are skeptical when they start but after a few sessions they start to see changes and are very pleased. Our clients have a chance to relax and enjoy a deep massage with the added benefits of cellulite reduction and body contouring.

Endermologie is not a miracle cure for cellulite, but it does work. An endermologie client can expect to have

20 treatments to reach a maximum improvement. Most women have coming for their sessions. The cost of a 20 treatment package can range from \$1,500 to \$2,500. The Cellulite Reduction Center of Westfield has been performing this service for the past 2 years. We have, with the permission of our clients, compiled a before and after portfolio that demonstrates the results which speak for themselves.

Many of our clients choose to keep their endermologie treatments a secret from friends, family and even their husbands. Endermologie does not only ease scarring or redness, but also, so no one has to know what you are doing, just enjoy the compliments.

Tatiana Radusikina is a certified technician at Cellulite Reduction Center, 224 E. Broad St. Westfield, NJ 908-301-0906. Call for FREE demo.

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UVA rays given off by tanning beds or sun lamps are at least as dangerous as the UVB rays given off by the sun. In fact, UVAs are linked to the development of the most deadly form of skin cancer, melanoma. For accessible pediatric care in your area, call NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE SERVICES, located at 2780 Morris Avenue, Suite 2A, in Union at 908-607-3300. Most major insurance plans accepted.

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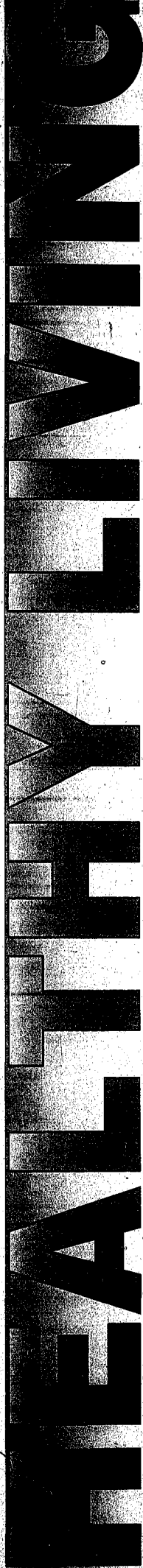
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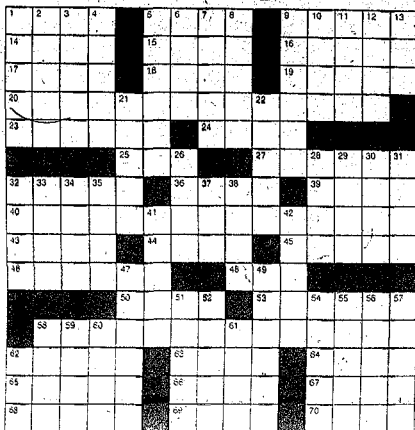
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Ducret offers kids' summer classes in art

The duCret School of Art in Plainfield has announced the schedule for its annual Summer Workshops for children and teens. Classes are available from mid through late July. Week 1 runs from July 16 through July 20, while week 2 is from July 23 through July 27.

Ages 6 through 10 will be discovering new ways of visual expression including projects such as Puppetry, Drawing From Nature, Clay Sculpture, and Paper Crafts in five classes that are two hours each.

Ages 11 through 15 will consist of five separate three-hour classes including sessions on: Watercolor, Painting With Pastels, Drawing Heads and Portraits, a 3-D Project and an Animation Flip Book. Each unit will be taught by professional artists, teachers, and will promote creativity and develop artistic skills.

The duCret School of Art, the oldest private art school in New Jersey, is located at 1030 Central Ave. in Plainfield and is situated on an eight-acre campus in a historic residential area in Plainfield. To obtain information, you may call the duCret School at (908) 757-7171, or fax to (908) 757-2626.

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THURSDAY MORNINGS, TUESDAY EVENINGS IN JULY
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 ORGANIZATION: United Methodist Woman - proceeds benefit charitable projects.

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY, July 14th, 2001
 EVENT: FLEA MARKET
 PLACE: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 134 Prospect Avenue, Irvington, NJ
 TIME: 8:30am-12:00pm
 PRICE: Quarter Sale on all clothes (except coats), shoes, and handbags. For information call 973-374-9377
 ORGANIZATION: Redeemer Lutheran Church

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 PLACE: The Psychoanalytic Center of Northern New Jersey (PCNJ), 769 Northfield Avenue, #L2, West Orange
 TIME: 2:00 to 3:00pm
 PRICE: Free. CE credit available for mental health professionals and teachers. For reservations or further information call 973-755-7600.
 ORGANIZATION: The Psychoanalytic Center of Northern New Jersey.

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Students discover 'magic' in creating works of art

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 work one on one. It's rewarding for them to work individually. For one person just to put the paint on canvas, or just to put a line down is an accomplishment. Their perception is so much locked in — the people are just really happy and excited just to be doing this."
 Ostroff said that the students "come from their day program. Some are in wheelchairs. And they are all enormously affectionate. Many of them greet you with hugs and happiness."

"They have different ranges," added Good, "different ways to express themselves. It's really quite interesting to recognize their ability to focus. And they know how to clean up after they are finished. They function on the highest level. And, you know, it has helped them tremendously. Their brain structure becomes more organized. It really enhances their lives. There is tremendous pride in what they do."
 "They come to this beautiful place," said Ostroff, "They encounter

sculptures and paintings; one fellow, who never said a word since he had been coming here, walked over to one of the paintings and began talking to the people in the painting."
 "It's really fantastic," said Good, "Where else are they going to work on their art throughout every week? It raises their level of consciousness within our own artistic community — an array of people who have special needs, and these needs are right here at the art center. The center is totally accessible to them. We have the mag-

ic doors, elevated ramps, firedoors with lots of space."
 The current exhibition "has 20 to 24 framed and matted paintings and six to eight framed pieces of computer art," said Good, "and photographs that they have taken of each other. All in all, we have about 35 pieces."
 "Anybody is welcome to volunteer," said Ostroff. "Those who are interested can call or come to the art center between 12:15 and 2 p.m. every day."

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Stepping Out

from 5 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$29.95 and reservations are required. The Hilltop Cafe and Grill is located at 447 Springfield Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-277-0220.

TAVERN IN THE PARK in Roselle Park will present Teddy Halek in "An Evening of Frank Sinatra" Saturdays at 9 p.m. Tavern in the Park is located at 147 W. Westfield Ave., Roselle Park. For information, call 908-241-7400.

VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesday nights are "Acoustic Tuesday," with open mike from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer. Open mike participants sign up at 7:30 p.m., and get 10 minutes at the microphone. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for all Sunday concerts.

For information, call 908-810-1844.

AUDITIONS

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will conduct auditions for its fall musical, "The Fantasticks" by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt, Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. Show dates are Oct. 12 to 27. Being sought are seven men and one woman. For information, call 908-276-7611.

BOOKS

AUTHOR MARIA LAURINO will appear at Barnes and Noble in Springfield July 26 at 7:30 p.m. to sign copies of her book, "Were You Always Italian." Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 68 Mountain Ave., Springfield, will sponsor its Great Books Discussion Series in the coming months. The group meets at 10 a.m. in the library meeting room.

July 19: "Of Experience," Montaigne. For information call 973-376-4930.

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

JEWISH BOOK LOVERS meets at 7:15 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, the third Monday of each month.

For information, call 973-376-8544.

SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading Group will meet at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, at 7:30 p.m. on the third Friday of each month to read a Shakespeare play out loud. The group is led by Kevin Muller.

For information, call 732-574-1818.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTERESTS meets the second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m., beginning in August, at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

CLASSES

THE NEW JERSEY VISUAL CENTER FOR THE VISUAL ARTS, 68 Elm St., Summit, will be offering extensive classes and workshops for adults, teens and children this summer season, continuing through July 21.

For a complete schedule including descriptions, time and fees, call the center for information and/or a catalog at 908-273-9121.

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATER will be visiting the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway, this summer. The first week runs now to July 14 and includes rehearsals and performances of "Red Riding Hood," and the second week runs Monday to July 21 and includes rehearsals and performances of "Treasure Island." Cost is \$125.

For information, call 732-499-8226.

NEW JERSEY WORKSHOP FOR THE ARTS is currently accepting registration for its Music Studio. Lessons include instrumental, voice and music theory, with beginner through advanced classes. Additional courses include art classes for children and toddlers, the Westfield Fielding Club and the Drawing Workshop. Classes take place at 150-152 E. Broad St., Westfield.

For information, call 908-789-8696.

DU CRET SCHOOL OF ART will offer its Children and Teen Summer Workshops July 16 to 20 and 23 to 27. Classes are available for 6- to 10-year-olds and 11- to 15-year-olds. The duCret

School is located at 1030 Central Ave., Plainfield. For information, call 908-757-7171.

WESTFIELD YOUNG ARTISTS' COOPERATIVE will offer professional classes in the performing arts.

Beginners, intermediate and advanced acting classes will concentrate on improvisation, character development and scene study. Also offered are four levels of tap and three levels of musical theater, which focus on song selection and interpretation, ensemble work, voice, and musical theater movement and dance. Private lessons in voice and/or acting are available.

Westfield High School is located at 728 Westfield Ave. For information, call 908-233-3200.

UNION MUSICAL SCHOOL is accepting registration for the summer 2001 session—now through July 27, 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. daily. To receive a brochure of course offerings send name and mailing address via e-mail to unionmusicalschooll@hotmail.com, via fax to 908-687-7332, or call 908-851-6470.

MUSIC FOR CHILDREN in Westfield offers various music classes to children between the ages of 10 months and 8 years old. For information on either opening or to reserve a space at class offers please, call 908-232-4881.

CONCERTS

CONCERTS IN THE PARK, sponsored by the Linden Department of Recreation, will begin Tuesday and run through Aug. 14 at various parks throughout the city.

Wednesday, James Iozzi Memorial Park: Sentimentals, contemporary music.

July 24, Wilson Park: The Platters

July 31, Wilson Park: Jobonanno and the Godsons of Soul

Aug. 7, Wilson Park: Saturday Night Fever, rain site at McManus Auditorium

Aug. 14, Wilson Park: Jimmy Sturr and His Orchestra, rain site at McManus Auditorium

All concerts begin at 7:15 and, unless otherwise noted, the rain site is the Linden High School Gymnasium.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will present musical performances throughout the summer. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the cafe section.

Saturday: Andrew Kessler

July 21: Christopher "Boyle" Boyle

July 27: West of Eden

For information, including a concert schedule, call 973-376-8544.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, will present musical performances throughout the summer. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the cafe section.

For information, including a concert schedule, call 732-574-1818.

CRAFTS

CREATIVE MEMORIES CONSULTANT Mickey Howard will conduct a free workshop on photojournaling, using personal photographs to tell a story. The workshop will take place Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Scotch Plains Library, 1927 Bartle Ave. For information, call 908-859-5954.

THE HARVEST CULTURS of Central New Jersey meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Cozy Corner Creations Quilt Shop, Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. The next meeting is Aug. 6. For information, call 908-755-7653.

HERITAGE RENEWAL WEEKEND will be sponsored by Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church in Union July 21 and 22. Hours are Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, beginning

at noon. The church is located at 888 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, at West Chestnut Street. For information, call 908-688-3164.

FILM

ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY will sponsor a series of free film classics at the Main Branch. All films begin at 10 a.m.

The Main Branch of the Elizabeth Public Library is located at 11 S. Broad St. For information call 908-354-6060.

KIDS

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield will sponsor events for children Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tales for Tots Preschool Storytime, 11 a.m. and Saturdays, Kids Writing Workshop, 10 a.m.

Additional programs are: July 17, 10:30 a.m. — singing and dancing with Candy Nelson

July 21, 10 a.m. — Craft Hour

July 21, 11 a.m. — "If You Gave a Mouse a Cookie"

July 28, 10 a.m. — Kids Writing Workshop

For information, call 973-376-8544.

UNION RECREATION DEPARTMENT will sponsor weekly ceramics classes for children between the ages of 7 and 12 at the Recreation Building, 1120 Commerce Ave., from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. For information call 908-964-4828.

POETRY

POETRY OUT LOUDI will take place at Barnes and Noble in Springfield July 27 at 8 p.m. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West. For information, call [973] 376-8544.

OPEN MIKE POETRY NIGHT takes place the second Sunday of every month at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, at 7 p.m.

For information, call 732-574-1818.

RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. The group meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of every month.

For information, call 908-241-5758.

SINGLES

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Donation is \$25. For information, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751.

THEATER

THEATER PROJECT at Union County College will present "An Empty Place in the Cafe du Grand Bœuf" through Sunday in the Roy W. Smith Smith Theater on the Cranford campus. Shows are at 8 p.m. today to Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$14 Friday to Sunday, \$7 Thursday; student tickets are \$7 at all performances. UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-659-5189.

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE, Brookside Drive, Millburn, will present "Carousel" through Sunday. Family weeks will be July 3 to 15; buy one adult ticket at full price and get one half-price for any child younger than 18 years old.

For tickets, call 973-376-4343 or buy online at www.papermill.org.

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scope Youth Theater will present "Free to Be... You and Me" July 20 to 29. Shows are 7:30 p.m. July 20, 27 and 28; 2 p.m. July 21, 22 and 29. Tickets are \$8. Summit Playhouse is located at 10 New England Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-2192.

MYSTIC VISION PLAYERS of Linden will present "Pippin" by Stephen Schwartz July 27 to Aug. 4 at Linden High School, St. Georges Avenue. Shows are 8 p.m. July 27 and 28, and Aug 2 to 4; 3 p.m. July 29. Tickets are \$10. For information, call 908-925-9069 or 908-925-8689.

VARIETY

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mike Night every Tuesday at 9 p.m. and karaoke every Thursday night.

The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call 732-381-6455.

CROSSROADS, 78 North Ave., Garwood presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts. Every Sunday is Comedy Night at 7:30 p.m. Every Tuesday is the Jazz Jam.

Today: King Pickle, Jigs-Ma

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Saturday: B.B. and the Stingers

Wednesday: Lazy Lightning

July 19: The Budget, Wax Factory

July 20: BBO Bob and The Sparrows

July 21: Cheech the Mighty Train, Shady Grove

July 22: Comedy night, 7 p.m.

July 25: Juggling Stars

July 26: Ray One

July 27: Ocol Scam

July 28: Uncle Sammy Persun

For information, call 908-232-5666.

EAT TO THE BEAT ColleeHouse in Rahway will feature appearances by musical artists during July.

Eat to the Beat ColleeHouse is located at 1465 Irving St. in Rahway at the corner of East Cherry Street. For information, or to sign up for Open Mike Night, call 732-981-0505.

FLYNN'S IRISH PUB and Steakhouse in Rahway will present entertainment at various times throughout July.

Flynn's Irish Pub is located at 1482 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call 732-381-4700.

HILLTOP CAFE AND GRILL in Summit presents "From Broadway to the Silver Screen" every Sunday at 6 p.m., preceded by an all-you-can-eat dinner

series in Mainfield. The exhibit is being curated for The Arts Guild by Berkeley Heights artist Jim Fuess.

The deadline for submissions is July 28, and jurying will take place Aug. 2. More than one piece of an artist's work may be chosen for exhibition. In 2000, nine artists were represented by multiple pieces of art. The show is expected to include more than 40 works of art.

Artists will be notified of acceptance as soon as possible after the Aug. 2 jurying process takes place.

For more information or to request an application form, contact Lawrence Cappiello, executive director of The Arts Guild of Rahway, at (732) 381-7511, or call the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Elizabeth, at (908) 558-2550.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Joanne Tedesco-Kloud

Kloud appointed

Burgdorff ERA President Judy Reeves recently announced the appointment of Joanne Tedesco-Kloud as vice president and manager of the company's Summit office.

A former vice president and manager of the Burgdorff ERA Basking Ridge and Clinton offices, Kloud brings a wealth of experience to one of the company's most productive offices.

With more than 25 years of solid real estate experience, Kloud brings an intimate knowledge of the area and a proven record of success to the Summit office. She originally joined Burgdorff ERA in 1998 when the real estate company she had founded, owned and operated for 15 years, Tedesco Realtors in Springfield, was purchased.

Soon after her firm merged with Burgdorff ERA, Kloud achieved Silver Level status in the New Jersey Board of Realtors' Million Dollar Sales Club, with production of more than \$6 million in 1999.

She was named to the Burgdorff ERA Leader's Circle for her outstanding sales record. In February 2000, Kloud was offered the position of vice president/manager of the Clinton office. She became the Basking Ridge/Bernardsville office's vice president/manager in November of that same year. She holds a broker's license and the Certified Residential Broker designation.

Of the appointment, Reeves said, "Joanne's understanding of the real estate industry in the Summit area, coupled with her established record of success, makes her an ideal choice as manager of our Summit office. We are very fortunate to have her as part of our team."

Active with her local real estate board, Kloud served as president of the Board of Realtors of the Oranges and Maplewood in 1996. As board president, she played an integral role in the merging of that board with the Morris County Board of Realtors into the present North Central Jersey Association of Realtors. These accomplishments set the stage of other real estate boards to follow with their own consolidations.

She is a former director of the Garden State Multiple Listing Service and served on various committees of the Board of Realtors of the Oranges and Maplewood including Grievance, Professional Standards and RPAC committees.

Kloud is a graduate of Kean College of New Jersey, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. She is a resident of Millburn.

dorff ERA President's Club in 1996 and 1999.

Plante has been a real estate professional since 1988, serving Union and Somerset counties, specializing in residential listings and sales, and is trained in relocation assistance for home buying, selling and rentals.

She is also involved in her community; the PTA at Brunner School in Scotch Plains, the Fanwood Branch of Children's Specialized Hospital-TWIG Volunteer, and the Union County Recreation Commission. Plante is the recipient of the Union County Women of Excellence Award-2000 in recognition of her volunteer efforts.

Judith A. Sagan, vice president and manager of Burgdorff ERA's Westfield office, said, "It's obvious that hard work and dedication to our clients' needs have resulted in another fabulous month for Pat. She is a great asset to our office. We are very proud of Pat and congratulate her on her many outstanding accomplishments."

Contact Plante on her direct line 908-233-2162.



Elizabeth Bataille

Bataille recognized

Elizabeth Bataille, a consistent top achiever in the Burgdorff ERA Westfield office, has been honored once again for the second time this year with L'Esprit Agent of the Month for May.

Bataille is eager to share her per-

sonal knowledge of the area with clients. As a resident of Clark, she can give first-hand information about local school districts, neighborhoods, commuting, shopping, recreation and more.

Contact Bataille at 908-518-5294. Bataille is a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Million Dollar Sales Club from 1989 through 2000 and has achieved Bronze Level in 1989-96 and Silver in 1997-2000. She has also attained the Burgdorff ERA Awards for Leader's Circle in 1999-2000 and the Distinguished Sales Club in 1999-2000. She ranks in the top 5 percent of more than 650 Burgdorff ERA sales associates in closed units for listings, sales and production for the year 2000. She is a member of the company's President's Club for the year 2000.

Four are honored

Robert Spillane, branch manager, announced that four sales associates at the Union office of Weichert Realtors have been honored for their accomplishments in May.

Lannie Ohayon led the office in dollar volume and listings sold in May. Ohayon is a member of the 2000 New Jersey Million Dollar Club at the bronze level and Weichert's 2000 Million Dollar Sales Club.

Eleanor Dyjoczynski led the office in listings throughout May. She is a member of the 2000 New Jersey Million Dollar Club at the bronze level and Weichert's 2000 Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs.

Verna Tilimuh led the office in revenue units during May.

Lili Sandraus led the office in sales during May.

For real estate transactions call Weichert's Union office, 908-687-4800, located at 1367 Stuyvesant Ave.

Buontempo welcomed

RE/MAX Properties Unlimited in Summit has welcomed Kathy Buontempo as broker associate. Buontempo brings 20 years of expertise in the listing and sale of residential homes in Union, Morris, Essex and Somerset counties.

Buontempo's sales achievements have been recognized during her career as she has been named to the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Million Dollar Sales Club numerous times.

"As a RE/MAX agent, I have control over my own business and business decisions, so I am able to provide the best possible service to my clients," said Buontempo. "Control, independence and an opportunity to work with the top agents in the business compelled me to join the RE/MAX organization."

A resident of Cranford, Buontempo can be reached by contacting RE/MAX Properties Unlimited in Summit at 908-522-9444.

Henderson ranks high

Linda Henderson of RE/MAX Properties Unlimited in Summit has ranked number 21 in RE/MAX of New Jersey's Top 50 List for highest dollar volume in the month of May. This performance places Henderson at the top of more than 1,600 real estate professionals in the state.

Sales Associates Ellen Gendel and Judi DeBaise, also of RE/MAX Properties Unlimited, ranked on the Top 50 List.

"Since RE/MAX is strictly comprised of full-time top producers, ranking in the Top 50 with RE/MAX is quite an accomplishment," said Joe Ventresca, RE/MAX of New Jersey regional owner.

"I am quite pleased with the success I have experienced as a RE/MAX agent," said Henderson. "I look forward to many more years of service to customers who trust me to perform at the highest professional level."

Henderson, who specializes in listings and sales of residential properties in locations throughout Union, Mor-

ris, and Essex counties, can be reached by calling RE/MAX Properties Unlimited in Summit at 908-522-9444.

Malgeri joins RE/MAX

RE/MAX Union in Summit announced that Edna Malgeri has affiliated with its network of real estate professionals.

Malgeri, an experienced sales associate, specializes in the listing and sales of residential and commercial properties. She will be servicing various locations throughout Union County.

Malgeri is a fluent speaker of English, Portuguese and Spanish, which allows her to interact with an extremely large part of the consumer population.

"Joining RE/MAX has provided me with tremendous independence, and was a great move for the professionally and personally," said Malgeri. "Here at RE/MAX, associates not only have a firm grasp of the current trends in real estate, they also have access to the best technological resources."

Malgeri can be contacted by calling RE/MAX Union in Summit at 908-851-2323.

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LOVELY CONTEMPORARY
Pristine home in MOUNTAINSIDE on almost 1/2 acre of serene property. Includes 5 BRs, 3.5 bns, Formal DR, gourmet EIK with separate dining/eating area. Updates galore and include roof, CAC, siding, Anderson windows & skylights. \$599,900

WELL MAINTAINED
Spacious 3 BR, 3 bh expanded Ranch home in MOUNTAINSIDE features Formal DR, EIK, MBR addition w/dressing area & Jacuzzi, lovely yard with inground pool. Lower level perfect for extended family use has separate entrance & full bath. \$499,000.

MINT CONDITION
Lovely Colonial in SCOTCH PLAINS offers 3 BRs, sunny EIK overlooking lovely park-like yard. Family Room addition in 2000 includes oak fireplace, interlock patio, sidewalks & new decking. An Absolute Cream Puff. \$349,900.

CENTER HALL COLONIAL
Stunning WESTFIELD home includes 5 BR's, 2.5 bns, updated EIK, beautiful chestnut woodwork, hardwood floors, screened porch off Formal Dining Room and deep 125'x200' property. Near schools. \$829,000.

IMMACULATE RANCH
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Pat Plante

Plante honored

Pat Plante of Fanwood, a sales associate with Burgdorff ERA's Westfield office, has been honored with Salesperson of the Month for May, with sales of 4 units sold and dollars amounting to more than \$1.3 million. Plante is a New Jersey Association of Realtors' Million Dollar Sales Club member for 1995, 1998-2000 and a member of the Burg-

