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On the Route 22 overpass leading up to the Borough Hall building in Mountainside, new flags are on display to show the borough's patriotic support of America. one year after Sept. 11.

Board confirms Tuesday ope

By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer

At least 150 parents and teachers packed the Deerfield School cafeteria Tuesday night for an anxious Mountainside Board of Education meeting.

President Richard Kress opened the meeting by saying first hand, "Everything is on schedule, and as we said at the last meeting, Deerfield School will be open next Tuesday, Sept. 17, as scheduled — and Beechwood School is also now on track as well. I wanted to state that before we begin."

Instead of a round of applause, the board was then besieged with angry questions, and preliminary public participation lasted for one hour. One parent said, "What will be the absolute latest date we will be notified if there are any changes?" Kress answered, "I do not anticipate any changes. Everything is on target and we will be opening on next Tuesday, period."

Beechwood School is anticipated to open on Nov. 13, and Kress noted that if that occurs on time, everyone would feel very well satisfied.

Kress wanted to move on and said according to state law, there must be 180 days of school, and the new calendar was now ready and the

Board of Education would be voting on it. Arguments then began over that, and Kress reminded audience members that that had been decided at the last meeting. He reassured them that there were no Saturdays on the calendar and that everyone could get a copy of it on their way out.

One mother then thanked Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller for using local access Channel 35 and asked if it could be possible to televise the school board meetings on that cable channel. She said, "We have the support of many parents who agree with this and I ask what is your input on this?

"We have discussed this in the past and we have declined to tape the meetings," Kress said. "We have a policy in place where you can advise us that you wish to tape or record the meeting, but'I was intending on forming a committee once school opens to further explore this on a regular basis.

Parents kept coming back to the same thing, asking over and over again if the board was certain that school would actually open Sept. 17, and both Schaller and Kress reassured them it would, and that teachers would be in school as soon as today

they had the certi-Other questions were asked about the calendar, as Kress had read it explaining that because of the emergency situation, no holidays in February would be observed and that Christmas/winter recess would be from Dec. 23 through Dec. 31, with Jan. 1 being a holiday, and the reopening of school would be Jan. 2. "We have worked hard on this calendar. and everything depends on the winter weather. If more than five snow days become necessary, the spring vacation period could be reduced, or school

This fact was noted on the bottom of the calendar, and the Board of Education passed it unanimously shortly after Kress read it and passed around copies. Parents were concerned about everything: parking, overcrowding the first days, safety, and even whether or not they would be notified if all did not go as planned

could be extended in June."

Kress added, "No child or teacher can be in Deerfield if any work is still going on; that is the law. I assure you that won't happen — the boxes you see will be stored and out of the way. and we will have all classrooms ready by next week."

Cops find they're not the only ones looking out for others

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

Sometimes, the calls don't seem to stop; an armed burglary, a stolen pocketbook, a suspicious looking person. But no matter what the call is for, Mountainside police officers appreciate it when the caller says, "Thank you," which seems to be the case more often than not since Sept. 11.

Although Mountainside police officers said their duties as law enforcement agents haven't changed much since Sept. 11, they said they do feel citizens have a greater appreciation for what their job entails.

"Immediately after Sept. 11 we noticed the tremendous outcry from the public," said Mountainside Patrolman Richard Antonacci, whose been a member of the Mountainside police force for five years. "Just walking through the town, doing our checks, it was just thank you after thank you after thank you for being there.

Antonacci said that as time progressed the thank yous subsided a bit but citizens became more interested in the daily activities of Mountainside police officers.

"To me that's better than just a thank you because it means that they're really interested," said Antonacci.

Lt. Todd Turner, a 23-year veteran of the police force, said he received many waves and thank yous from residents. However, Turner said children have really been the most receptive to law enforcement agents.

"I have never, in all my years, seen the outpouring of sincerity that we are enjoying right now." said Turner. Turner said if the appreciation has subsided, then it's not just with the police officers but across the board, with fire-

fighters and EMS personnel. "It seems that people are a little more understanding, a little more appreciative," said Mountainside Police Sgf. Scot Worswick, who has served on the force for 20 years.

However, Worswick said that appreciation has waned the last few months.

"It hasn't gone back to the way it was before when we might have been considered the bad guy," he said. "I wouldn't really call it the bad guy, they just thought of us more as necessary. Now, things aren't exactly back to the way it was but there isn't as much loving as there was right

"There was a time immediately following the incident where all you saw was a field of red, white and blue on every car and now, maybe, one out of every 20 or so cars have a flag," Turner said.

Since Sept. 11, borough police have received mandated protocol and procedures to follow should a terrorist attack happen again.

"We've all been brought up to speed with respect to a lot

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— Lt. Todd Turner

of different intelligence that's been generated from the federal level right on down to the municipal level," said Turner. "We get updates almost daily with respect to certain people that they're looking for, different vehicles we should be looking for, different scenarios that we should be looking for."

Worswick said the borough police have received extensive training to defend against bio-terrorism and weapons of mass destruction.

"There's a lot of information to try to get down now." said Worswick. "There's different things that they want us to understand now. It's more of a challenge.

In the new post-Sept. 11 America, Mountainside police officers are faced with the reality of maybe one day having

to deal with bioterrorism or weapons of mass destruction. "Thankfully we've all received extensive amounts of training," Turner said, "The training generally kicks in and

takes over. It's not until when you sit down afterwards that you think about how scary it is."

"You don't expect it to happen here in the small town but it's just part of what you do," said Worswick. "In the big cities there's always a specialist in one thing. It doesn't matter how bizarre it is. There's somebody in the city who knows how to do it. Here, you got to know everything.'

Worswick said he doesn't think terrorists will attack the U.S. again.

"The FBI is more on the ball," he said. "The police are very active. Too many people are looking. Too many people are making sure we're safe. I think there's a feeling of that 'not on my watch' mentality."

However, Worswick said that if something did happen, the police and the country on a whole, would be much more prepared.

Antonacci said that he felt it's only a matter of time

before terrorists strike the U.S. again. "You look overseas and you see everyday on the news that other countries are being hit weekly if not daily," he said. "You have to be naive to think that it's not going to happen again sometime, somewhere, within our borders?

However, Antonacci did agree with Worswick that if terrorists did strike again, the U.S. would be better

New rabbi arrives at Congregation Israel

Staff Writer

The new young rabbi at the Orthodox Congregation Israel in Springfield, Chaim Marcus, thought he wanted to be an investment banker when he was

It wasn't to be; his background and upbringing were too overwhelming and it was only natural that he should change his mind. "My father was a rabbi in Staten Island, N.Y., where I was born and grew up, and my three brothers are also rabbis in Israel," he said, "but I did not change my mind until after I studied in Israel myself, at the Yeshiva Har Etzion in Alon Shevat, which is near Jerusalem; that changed my mind and then I decided to also become a rabbi."

He finished seminary in 1998 at Israel Elchanon Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University in New York City. Raised in the Orthodox tradition, Marcus saw his father retire last year and relocate with his mother to Israel, where his brothers are already practicing rabbis in the teaching part of their faith.

Rabbi Marcus will be just 28 in December, but he is already married to Lea and they have three children: Sara, 5, Aryeh, 2, and the new baby, Rivka, born just three weeks ago. He laughed as he said, "With the new baby and the High Holy Days, I have not been getting much sleep of late — five hours would be a lot." He takes this all in stride, and said philosophically that he is very happy in his new job.

It is not a total change for him; he had been working as assistant rabbi at Congregation Israel for about a year already. "I ran the Youth Group programs here, and it was in May that they informed me I would be succeeding Rabbi Alan Yuter, who remains as Rabbi Emeritus," said Marcus.

What does he like best about being rabbi? "My main interest is in interacting with the people; the numerous connections I have with people on all fevels, such as visiting at the hospital, and so on — this is very rewarding." He said that he feels it is very exciting and added, "Springfield is such a wonderful community and the people in the synagogue are active and enthusiastic.'

Marcus has future plans about accomplishing new programs at the synagogue. "We will be starting a new adult education program in October, and one of the classes will be in reading Hebrew. I will have help teaching this, and am looking forward to this. It will bring people nearer to their culture and roots."

Of the small Orthodox congregation — upwards of 150 members — most live in Springfield or nearby towns. "I think the adult education classes will challenge a lot of people, and people who are not members are also welcome," said the rabbi. Currently, Marcus is busy teaching classes in Talmud, a Jewish law class and a class on prayer. "This is to renew knowledge for adults about Jewish law and customs," he said.

For children, there is a Junior Congregation on the Sabbath — Saturday which has different programs related to the holidays. "We try to make it fun for the children as well as teaching them," he said.

Tracing Marcus from Staten Island to Israel was easy, but how did he then get to Springfield? "It was in 1999 and after my first full year in Israel, I made friends with a family from Springfield and we became very close. I then heard about the open position of assistant rabbi at this congregation and made the connection.'

Both he and his wife love Springfield and are glad they made the decision to live here. "After all, we are both Americans and love this country first. In fact, I

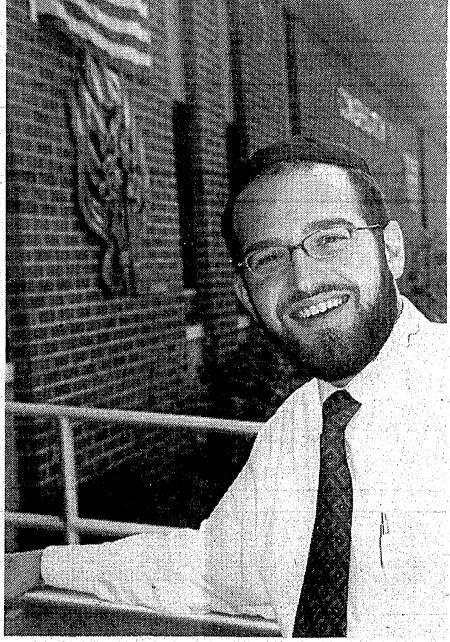


Photo By Bob Helfrich

Rabbi Chaim Marcus stands ready to welcome members and guests as the new rabbi of Congregation Israel in Springfield. Marcus takes the post formerly held by Rabbi Alan Yuter.

admit I had trouble getting used to certain things in Israeli life. Still because so many of my family are there, a part of me will always be there also."

As new leader of the Orthodox congregation, his objectives are to, in his words, "inspire and grow the congregation from the Orthodox perspective." He added, "This is to be done in a very family-oriented way."

District gives rough estimate for project

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

Springfield school administrators revealed a very rough estimate of between \$15 million and \$20 million as the number voters will be deciding on at the Dec. 10 referendum for school expansion, which will address the district's overcrowding.

A conservative estimate on what the district will receive in state aid will lower the burden on the local share to approximately \$12 million to \$15 million for the expansion and renovation project, which would result in a cost of less than what each household paid in school taxes last

"We are coming out to the public and asking them to approve this referendum at a time in our history when money has probably never been cheaper," said Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler. "I can't recall a time when interest rates are as low as they are now."

Voters approved the 2002-03 school budget in April, a \$24.6-million spending plan with \$22 million raised through local property taxes, which resulted in an annual tax increase of \$170 for the average home in Springfield assessed at \$157,000. The referendum would result in households paying less than that.

"We have no debt and we haven't really done anything to our facilities in years," said Mahler.

The exact cost of the district's expansion has not been determined yet, as the district waits to hear exactly how much funding will be received from the state, which will most likely be known in late October or early November.

The state considers elementary schools as grades K-5. Springfield's elementary schools qualify for 22,750 square feet of additions, according to

the state. The state can fund up to \$138 for each square foot.

The state will only supply funds to help offset the cost of the original 22,750 square feet. If the district decides to expand its school beyond that figure, and most likely it will, any additional square footage will be paid solely by the district. For renovations, the state will pay up to 40 percent of

Springfield school officials have said that the district is in desperate need of expansion, as classrooms are already overcrowded and enrollment is projected to increase.

"We are presently using every available classroom in the district for instruction," Mahler said. "We have several areas that we know are substandard, areas that we received approval from the county office to use. Areas that if we were to ask the county if we can use it on a permanent basis, I can gaurantee they'd say no."

The expansion would most likely result in pre-K through secondgraders attending Edward V. Walton School, third-through fifth-graders attending both James Caldwell School and Thelma L. Sandmeier School, and sixth- through eighth-graders remaining at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School.

Walton and Sandmeier would be expanded, while sections of other schools would be renovated, including the district's science labs.

"We have to move on this referendum," said Mahler. "We have to start dealing with our facilities and the sooner, the better."

If the referendum passes on Dec. 10, the architect will need approximately six months to draw the detailed plans that are necessary so construction companies will bid on the projects.

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GL gets high rank

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

Mountainside residents who attend Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights will be walking into the 33rd best high school this year, according to New Jersey Monthly magazine's biennial ranking of the 75 best high schools in the state.

"I don't really know what they're using as a barometer and sometimes, I think, the information changes, what they're looking for, but we do the very best we can, that's for sure," said GL Principal Benjamin Jones. "We're constantly improving technology. We're adding technology into the course work. We're doing a lot of

Since 1994, the magazine has published the results of the survey in the September issue every two years. In 2000, the last time the study was done, GL ranked 42.

"We've been adding Advanced Placement courses," said Jones. "For example, our computer science, we are constantly updating that. We are going from APC+ to AP Java. We've got two levels of AP U.S. History

The top 75 ranking is a wideranging study of top-rated schools based on a range of factors, including the size of each school's senior class. the average SAT score for the previous year, the percentage of graduates attending college and the percentage of advanced placement tests taken. "Our students did very well on their SATs," said Jones. "Our composite for the class that just graduated, I. think, was 1,134, which was pretty

Originally, Mountainside students going into high school attended Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, when both Mountainside and Springfield were part of the now defunct Union County Regional District Number 1. Deregionalization was discussed as early as 1994, when Mountainside high school students began attending GL. In July of 1997, the regional district, which also included Kenilworth, Berkeley Heights, Clark and Garwood,

The Mountainside School District and the Berkeley Heights School District meet on a monthly basis to discuss issues that either district is

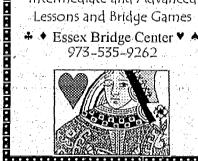
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• The Mountainside Planning Board meet in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall. 1385 Route 22 East at 8 p.m. • The Record and CD Expo comes to the Holiday Inn at Route 22 West

in Springfield from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5, kids younger than The expo features aisles of LPs. 45s, CDs, audio/video tapes and more

For information, call 908-925-9667.

• The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment meet in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 7:30 p.m. • The Mountainside Borough Council will meet in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, at 8 p.m. Upcoming

Sept. 19 • The Mountainside Planning Board will meet in Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, at 8 p.m. • Alice Weinstein, vice president for Hadassah's Northern New Jersey Branch, will speak about Hadassah's national convention in Orlando, Fla., at the opening meeting of Springfield Hadassah at 6 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive.

A "sloppy Joe" supper will be offered at \$12 per person, with reservations made by calling 973-376-3171. • "Kids Day America/International" will take place at the chiropractic

office of Gary Weisman and Jason Hagman at 493 Morris Ave. in Highlights include free fingerprinting, information on crime preven-

tion, child safety and environmental awareness and appearances by "McGruff" the Crime Dog and "Sparky" the Fire Dog.

For information, call 973-564-7676.

• Find out "What Goes on in Those Bee Hives?" when bee keeper Cathie Skove shares her bee knowledge with the Mountainside Active Retirees at 10 a.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East. All area seniors

For information, call Doris Riccardi at 908-232-3488.

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• The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., are accepting donations for their book sale from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Donald B. Palmer Museum at the library.

• Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., will present "In the Beginning ... Raising a Jewish Baby," a class for new Jewish parents and grandparents welcoming a new baby into their homes. Class runs for three consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning tonight at 7:30 p.m. The program is open to non-temple members as well as members. Class registration opens Monday. The fee is \$36 per family. To register.

· Crafters and vendors are needed for the second annual Holiday Craft Boutique at St. James the Apostle School on South Springfield Avenue in Springfield from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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months before contracts will be signed to complete the construction, meaning any actual construction probably would not begin until September or October. To accelerate the completion of construction, and have the schools

start of the 2004-05 school year, the

simultaneous building phases. One phase is the actual site development which includes excavation, foundations and site utilities. The other phase is the building of the structure off-site in an enclosed construction plant. This simultaneous on- and off-site fully expanded and renovated for the building reduces the overall project

Board of Health meeting times change

The Springfield Board of Health has changed the time of its monthly meetings from 7 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings will continue to be conducted in the Springfield Annex Nov. 13 and Dec. 11.

Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave., located adjacent to the Municipal Building. The following meetings will now be conducted at 6:30 p.m.: Oct. 9.

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Boy gets rewarded for doing good deed

Staff Writer

On June 19, 6-year-old Michael Lapolla did what few adults would have done. He found \$9 on the steps of Fleet Bank on Mountain Avenue and turned the money over to the Mountainside Police Department.

"What we see is crime all the time." said Borough Administrator and Chief of Police James Debbie. "More often than not, we see reports of things stolen, not reports of things Michael noticed the money laying

on the second step of the building. He

and his mother, Susan MacMullan, both Westfield residents, discussed finding the money and they decided that it would be best to turn it into the Mountainside Police Department. "Me and my mom found some money and I asked her what we should do with it and she said that we'

"We were running some errands," said MacMullan, "We walked over to the bank and there was this roll of money and there was nobody around and we couldn't figure out who to good

By Brian Pedersen

Managing Editor

Hoping to put an end to, or at least

cut down on the number of false fire

alarms generated by Children's Spe-

cialized Hospital in Mountainside,

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borough's policy on false alarms.

should bring it to the police," Michael

you do with things you find?' And I said, 'If you don't know whose it is, you turn it into the police."

Michael and his mom were advised that the money would be held at the Police Department until somebody claims it or until a minimum waiting period of 30 days has expired. After the waiting period, Michael could keep the money. On Friday, Michael returned to the

Mountainside Police Station to receive the \$9. Police officers gave Michael a tour of the police station, which Michael said he loved. Mountainside Police Officers awarded Michael with a toy police badge, a Mountainside Police Patch, a Mountainside Police pin, a police sticker and a Mountainside Police hat. "Well, Mike, I just wanted to thank

you," said Detective Michael Jackson.

"It was a great thing that you did. It

was very nice of you to be an honest person like that and turn the money in. t was definitely the right thing to do." Michael said that he's going to

donate the money to St. Helen's Church in Westfield. However, his mom did buy him a toy for being so

the hospital, citing the amount of their

calls as excessive. Viglianti said he

would hold the hospital responsible

According to the borough's ordi-

nance on false alarms, if any estab-

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for adhering to the ordinance.

Although he may be a little shy after receiving so much attention for his good deed, Michael Lapolla. 6. of Westfield, bravely puts his best face forward with help from Borough Detective Michael Jackson. After finding nine dollars. Lapolla returned the lost money to the Mountainside Police Department. As part of his reward, he recently got a tour of the police station. Borough cracks down on false alarms

penalty, with the fourth false alarm

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ough and the fifth one a fine. pital has had 21 alarms activated, only one of which was not a false alarm. "I do know over the years that there has been a lot of alarms at Children's Specialized Hospital," said Viglianti. Children's Specialized Hospital said pal budget "They won't correct their problems." should not exempt the hospital from

their staff is trained to take any signs | Meisel was orginally closed in He said that being a nonprofit agency of fire or smoke very seriously. August of last year, after soil and

Springfield hears answers on issues By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer Springfield Township officials have met with members of Union County to discuss issues pertaining to Meisel Field, the proposed reopening of the Rahway Valley Railroad, and the land swap of the 11-acre Green Acres Park on Morris Avenue, owned by the township, for the nine acres surrounding Jonathan Dayton High School, owned by the county. Mayor Steven Goldstein and Township Administrator Richard Sheola met with Union County Manager George W. Devanney and Director of Parks and Recreation Charles Sigmund last week.

The meeting comes on the heels of Committeeman Sy Mullman declaring that the committee and residents. "Take Charge In Springfield," when he announced his new catch phrase at the Aug. 27 Township Committee

"We did do what we said we're going to do and try to take an initiative step and take some action and try to get some answers in regard to some of these issues," said Committeewoman Clara Harelik at a Township Committee meeting Tuesday night.

According to Goldstein, the county said that they are going to budget approximately \$1 million dollars in the 2003 county budget to clean-up chief/administrator, said that from "They did give us a guarantee that

Sept. 5, 2001 to Sept. 6, 2002, the hossome way or another that money will come from the county," said Golds-Fred Feiner, media contact for not come out of Springfield's munici-

groundwater testing performed by Florham Park-based Matrix Environmental and Geotechnical Services found levels of three contaminants including arsenic, lead and an insecticide, in excess of residential standards

"What we did get out of them was that they are going to clean it up and get it open again," said Goldstein.

Union County and the Morristown & Erie Railway reached an agreement to reopen the Rahway Valley Railroad line, which runs through residential neighborhoods, major highways and

A portion of the tracks cross Route 22 in Union, then head into Springfield cutting across Meisel Avenue and weaving its way through residential properties, and then crossing over Shunpike Road by the Summit border. According to Goldstein, the county said that no portion of the railroad will be opened without the permission of the township, whose property that

specific portion of track resides on. Although some members of our body don't believe what we are being told, we do hope that what they tel! us is true, but I guess a healthy dose of skepticism is also good," said Goldstein, stating that the township will do whatever it can to ensure that the

tracks are not reopened in Springfield. The state spent \$25 million to acquire the rail lines and an additional \$7.8 million in state Transportation Trust Fund money is going to be used to clear the tracks and lay down new

The county and the township entered into an agreement last April to swap Green Acres Park for the land



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Christopher Grimm Christopher L. Grimm, 35, of Summit died Aug. 31 in the Dillsburg home of his mother, Carol A. Mengel. Born in Lancaster, Pa., Mr. Grimm lived in Summit for many years. He was a regional account manager for

Codi Inc., Harrisburg. Also surviving are his wife, Jennifer S.; a son, Austin R.; a daughter, Madison A.; his father and stepmother, Lynn C. and Bonnita Grimm; his stepfather. Dale Mengel: a brother, Rick, and three sisters, Kelly Condran, Michelle Lewis and Nichole

Dorothy Farlie

Dorothy Farlie of Summit died Sept. 5 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Born in Stillwater, Mrs. Farlie lived in Short Hills before moving to Summit 15 years ago. She was a member of St. Rose of Lima Church Ladies Auxiliary, Short Hills, and Canoe Brook Country Club, Summit. Surviving are a daughter, Kathleen

Murphy; a son, William N. Jr.; eight grandchildren and 111 greatgrandchildren.

Anna L./Froewiss

Anna L. Froewiss of Summit died Sept. 6 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Born in Long Island City, Mrs. Froewiss lived in Short Hills for many. years before moving to Summit in 1974. She was a substitute teacher in the Short Hills Elementary School for many years. Mrs. Froewiss received a teaching certificate from the City College of New York.

Surviving are a daughter, Ethel L., and a son. Kenneth C.

Catherine Cataldo Catherine Cataldo, 94, of Summit

died Aug. 26 in the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center. Born in Newark, Mrs Cataldo lived in Irvington for 42 years before moving to Summit two years ago. She was a seamstress for 35 years. Mrs. Cataldo worked for DeAngelis Coat Factory, Newark, and other firms before retiring in 1963; Mrs. Cataldo was a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union of

Surviving are two daughters, Jean Giordano and Rose Facchinel nine grandchildren and 15 greatgrandchildren.

Mary Bonnell

Mass., formerly of Summit, died Aug. 25 in the Harbor House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Hingham. Born in Summit, Mrs. Bonnell moved to Hingham four years ago, She was a registered nurse at Overlook Hospital, Summit, for 25 years and retired in 1985. Mrs. Bonnell received her nursing degree at Jersey City Medical Center School of Nursing. She was a member of the Rosary Society of St. Teresa Church,

Eleanor Culbertson

Eleanor M. Culbertson, 68, of Mountain Lakes, formerly of Summit died Aug. 19 at home. Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Mrs. Cul-

bertson lived in Summit and Berkeley Heights before moving to Mountain Lakes 35 years ago. Mrs. Culbertson was a part-time

bookkeeper for a family-owned business based in Mountain Lakes for more than 20 years and retired several years ago. She attended Duke University, Durham N.C., and the Nursing School at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, New York City. Mrs. Culbertson was an emergency medical technician with the Boonton Kiwanis Ambulance Squad.



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sons, Donald Jr. and Robert; a sister, in elderly health care. It was founded Martha Smith, and 13 grandchildren. in 1977 and was one of the first of George Wintriss

Pa., formerly of Summit, died April School of Nursing. She was a grant 11 in Langhorne.

1924. He moved from Cranford to Summit in 1944 and left Summit in She received a bachelor of science 1950 to live in Langhorne. Mr. Win- degree in nursing from Pitchburg triss founded Wintriss Controls in State College in Massachusetts in New York City, a manufacturing 1959. Mrs. Kleinman then received a firm, now part of Honeywell, that produces protection controls for punch cal pathology from New York Unipresses. He was a prolific inventor versity and a Ph.D. in higher educaand had more than 200 patents in his tion administration from Seton Hall. name, including machines for making She studied advanced gerontological doll eyes, doll voices and zippers. In 1944, Mr. Wintriss founded Zipon, a company in Summit that made zippers. He was a major in the United States Army Corps of Engi- helped develop day care centers for neers during World War II. Mr. Wintriss was an amateur radio operator, a private pilot, spoke seven languages and played the piano, violin, accordion and mandolin. He and his wife of 72 years. Odessa, traveled around the

world numerous times. Also surviving are three sons. Victor, Gaylor, and Ronald: four grandchildren and three great-

Frank De Franco

Frank De Franco, 69, of Florham Park, owner of a limousine service in Summit, died Aug., 31 at home. Born in Newark, Mr. De Franco ived in Millburn before moving to Florham Park 25 years ago. He owned. the De Franco Limousine Service, Summit for 30 years, a company started in Newark by his late father. Thomas, in 1930. He served in the Army during the Korean War. Surviving are his wife, Mary; a son Thomas: three daughters, Tina Under-

wood, Donna Vespa and Mary Gispan; a brother, Joseph; a sister, Rosalie, and 40 grandchildren.

Sharon G. Coviello Sharon C. Coviello, 66, of Chatham

Township, formerly of Summit, died Aug. 30 in Overlook Hospital. Born in Newark, Mrs. Coviello

lived in Summit before moving to Chatham Township in 1971. She was the tax assessor in Morris Township for nine years and retired two year ago. She received her tax assessor's certification from Douglass College, New Brunswick, in 1985. Mrs. Coviello was secretary of Canoe Brook Country Club, Summit, for 10 years and was a past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Summit Elks

Surviving are her husband, Joseph R.: two daughters. Deborah Rodenbach and Sharon Cooper: three sons, Mark. Gerald and Daniel; a sister. Kathleen Sabia, and 13 grandchildren.

Leona Kleinman Leona Kleinman, 66, of Springfield, died Aug. 19 in Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Mrs. Kleinman was born in Palmer, Mass. She was an associate professor in Seton Hall's College of Nursing and director of its acute care nurse practitioner program. Mrs. Kleinman was an analytical problem solver and pioneer in the field of elderly nurs-

OBITUARIES Surviving are her husband of 47 She established the Gerontological ears, Donald; two daughters, Kather- Nurse Practioner program at Seton ine Becht and Laurie Nichol; two Hall to train and certify professionals

such programs in the nation. Mrs. Kleinman also was an author, lecturer George Wintriss, 95, of Langhorne, and chair of Seton Hall's Graduate writer and obtained more than \$9 mil-Born in Strassburg, Germany, Mr. lion for College of Nursing graduate Wintriss came to the United States in programs. Mrs. Kleinman was with

the university for nearly 30 years. practice at Yeshiva University in Manhattan and received a post master's certificate from the school's Gerontological Institute. Mrs. Kleinman

Alzheimer's patients and organized support groups for elderly caregivers. She was active in Seton Hall's Faculty Senate and was a trustee of the Visiting Nurse Association of Northern New Jersey and of SAGE, one of the oldest gerontological nonprofit organizations in the state. Mrs. Kleinman was honored with Seton Hall's Bernard J. McQuaid Medal for Distinguished Service in 1989. Surviving are her husband of 32 years, Hyman; a son, Steven Klein-

Antoinette Gawlik

man, and a sister, Doris Amos.

Antoinette Gawlik, 79, of New Proidence, formerly of Springfield, died Aug. 28 in the Glenside Nursing

Home, New Providence. Born in Union City, Mrs. Gawlik lived in Springfield for 45 years before moving to New Providence 10 months ago. She was an elementary school teacher with the Springfield Board of Education for 20' years assigned to the Thelma L. Sandmeier and Edward V. Walton schools before retiring in 1982.

Surviving are two daughters, Linda A. Paz and Nina M. Gawlik; a brother, Robert Ricca, and two grandchildren.

Sister Louise Garley

Sister Louise Garley, OSB, prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth and a former teacher in Springfield, ton, N.Y., where she had served as president and chief executive officer from 1989 to 1997 as a current

Born in Jersey City, Sister Louise, entered the Benedictine Sisters Order in July 1952 and made her monastic profession in January 1954. She graduated in 1961 with a degree in English from Seton Hall University, South Orange, and did graduate work at Catholic University of America. Washington, D.C. Sister Louise was the order's sub-prioress at the mother house in Elizabeth in the 1970s and

1980s. She also was principal and teacher at Benedictine Academy, Elizabeth, and principal of St. Anthony's High School in Washington, D.C. Early in her career, Sister Louise taught at St. James School in Springfield. She was chairperson of the Newark Archdiocese Apostolic Committee in the 1960s, when she estab-

lished and conducted churchaffiliated poverty programs in Elizabeth, Newark and Jersey City. Sister Louise was a board member of Montclair Historical Society

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Phyllis S. Magid

Phyllis S. Magid of Maplewood formerly of Springfield, died Aug. 30 in Mount Sinai Hospital, New York

Born in Manhattan, Mrs. Magid lived in Springfield before moving to Maplewood in 1964. She was the director of the Jewish Community Center, Whippany, from 1984 until 1990. From 1967 until 1984, Mrs. Magid was the nursery school director at the Jewish Community Center, West Orange. Previously, she was the nursery school director at Temple

Beth Akm, Springfield. Mrs. Magid was a past president of Temple B'nai Israel, Millburn, and she also was a board member and president of the Sisterhood at the

nuel; three sons, Martin, David and Joseph; a brother, Lewis Sperber, and six grandchildren.

Pam Ellen Salamone Pam Ellen Salamone, 60. of Mounainside died Sept. 3 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Chillicothe, Ohio, Mrs Salamone lived in Westfield for 28 years before moving to Mountainside last year. She was a special education teacher for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system at School One, and the Terrill Middle, Park Middle and the McGinn schools, for 16 years. She was a 1985 graduate of Kean University, Union, where she received a bachelor's degree in special education.

Surviving are her husband, Louis; two daughters, Ellen Cagnasola and Heather Wolfson, and two

Sol Tauber

Sol Tauber, 78, of Springfield died Sept. 3 in the Manor Care Nursing Home, Sinking Spring, Pa. Born in New York City, Mr. Tauber moved to Springfield in 1967. He was a photographer specializing in commercial and industrial photography. Mr. Tauber owned Soi Tauber Photography, Springfield, for many years and retired in 1989.

He was an Army Air Force veteran of World War II and served with the 8th Air Force and later belonged to died Aug. 31 in Benedictine Hospital. Base Air Depot 2, an Air Force orgaand the Elin Unger Post of the Jewish War Veterans in Union. Mr. Tauber was a member of the Union County Photography Club.

Surviving are a son, Ira; a daughter,

Robert Helmstetter

Robert Helmstetter, 91, of Middlesex, formerly of Springfield, died_ Sept. 6 in the Greenbrook Manor Nursing Home, Green Brook.

Born in Newark, Mr. Helmstetter lived in Springfield for 31 years and Lake Kittatinny for 25 years before moving to Middlesex in 1999. He was employed by Weston Electrical Corp., Newark, for 45 years and retired as a

Surviving are two daughters, Doris Caporaso and Janet Venice; two brothers, Norman and Arthur; a sister, Anna Hummer; five grandchildren

Reeves-Reed gets set for fall events

Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., Summit, offers a variety of events in the fall and winter.

Through Nov. 2, Dwight Hiscano's photographs will be on view downstairs in Wisner House, the arboretum's headquarters. Hiscano, the photographer and the author of "New Jersey: The Natural State," has been creating images of the natural landscape for 20 years. Admission is free to the public during office hours, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Sept. 27, the arboretum will invite wine enthusiasts to "Great Grapes: A Festive Tasting of Fine Wines." The Wine Library in Springfield will furnish a selection of wines from around the world, to be accompanied by hors d'oeuvres The evening will also feature a silent auction, not only of fine wines, but also of gourmet meals from noted restaurants such as the Ryland Inn in Whitehouse 'Great Grapes" will last from 7 to 10 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the arboretum's horticultural and educational programs

There will be fun for the whole family at the arboretum's Harvest Festival Oct. 12. The Harvest Festival offers a hay bale maze, live blue grass music a pumpkin patch, pony rides, a petting zoo, crafts and demonstrations. Admission is \$5 per person, children younger than 2 are free. Festivities begin at 10 a.m.

Not often open on weekends, Wisner House, the arboretum's 1889 Colonial Revival headquarters, will welcome the public Oct. 19 and 20 from noon to 5 p.m., as part of "Four Centuries in a Weekend." Surviving are her husband, Ema-

Area residents can visit 22 historic houses and sites representing Union County from the 17th to the 21st centuries the weekend of Oct. 19 and 20. For more information about "Four Centuries in a Weekend," call the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908-522-2250. There is no charge to visit any of the sites during "Four Centuries in a Weekend." Visitors to the arboretum Oct. 19 are asked to park on the opposite side of

Hobart Avenue. On Oct. 19, supporters of the Summit Nature Club, Watchung Nature Club and the arboretum will be hosting a bird seed sale at the arboretum Herend porcelain lovers are invited to a Herend trunk show Nov. 7 and 8, to be at La Jolie Maison, 359 Springfield Ave., Summit, There they may meet with a representative of Herend Guild Hungarian porcelain, and take the opportunity to see and purchase special Herend collector's items not normally available There will be a wine and cheese reception at 7 p.m. Nov. 7. A portion of the proceeds benefit Reeves-Reed Arboretum.

On Dec. 12, supporters of the arboretum can get ideas for the holidays on the arboretum's Holiday House Tour. Five Summit area houses will be on display from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each house will be uniquely and sumptuously decorated Advance tickets to the house tour alone are \$25; on Dec. 12, \$30. A ticket to the house tour plus a buffet luncheon at the Beacon Hill Club is \$50. Tickets are available by mail, or at the arboretum's Garden Shop after Thanksgiving

Fund-raising events at Reeves-Reed Arboretum support the arboretum's horticultural and educational programs. Every year 500 schoolchildren from Newark visit the arboretum on field trips organized cooperatively with the Greater Newark Conservancy. Hundreds of children from Union, Morris and Essex counties also visit on field trips, and attend the arboretum's nature camp. The arboretum provides horticultural and environmental education for adulting

For more information about the arboretum's programs, call 908-273-8787 Reeves-Reed Arboretum is a suburban conservacy dedicated to environmental and horticultural education for children and adults and to the enjoyment of nature through the professional care and preservation of a former country estate The grounds of the arboretum are open every day of the year from dawn to dusk. There is no charge for admission to the arboretum.

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and 10 great-grandchildren.

ram. She also has assisted at SAGE headquarters, performing many clerical duties such as answering the phone, filing and helping with bulk mailings. In addition to her service at SAGE, Miles served as a volunteer at Overlook Hospital and donates hundreds of hours to her church, Wallace Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in

"We at SAGE have many wonderful volunteers but Denise is a standout," said Maryanne McGuire, Director of Volunteer Services and Special Events at SAGE. For information about SAGE or to

volunteer, call 908-273-5550, Ext. 22 Local author to appear

The author of the "Spenser" mys tery series will appear in Summit on Nov. 3. Robert B. Parker of Summit whose latest book, "Shrink Rap," will be published in September, will meet the public at the Grand Summit Hotel. 570 Springfield Ave., for a reception from 5 to 7 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will bene Shortly after retiring from Overfit the expansion of the New Provi look Hospital, Miles began volunteerdence Memorial Library. Tickets are ing at SAGE and has been delivering

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'Voices of Architecture,' an exhibit of photographs by Summit resident Sue Zwick, will be on display in the gallery at the Summit Jewish Community Center through Oct. 20.

Artist tells stories with photos

Summit resident Sue Zwick will be mounting a black and white photography exhibit "Voices of Architecture" through Oct. 20 at the gallery in the Summit Jewish Community Center, 67 Kent Place Blvd. An artist's reception will be in the gallery Oct. 6 from 1 to 4 p.m.

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Architecture is everywhere. Everyone is a viewer. As a photographer. Zwick walks us through her own experience. Through her lens she directs us toward the visual aspects of architecture, and away from the functional ones. It is Zwick's hope that an image of hers might capture a building in a fresh way, even for someone who has worked in that building for decades.

"I like to let my subjects speak; to give them a voice. I do not try to look for hidden meaning In my work. What I try to do is to show images that are there all of the time, yet in some sense hidden. My objective is to distance myself Last year, two of Zwick's works appeared in the seventh

annual Juried Photography Exhibit of the New Jersey Photography Forum. Another work has recently been selected for the Merck 2002 Union County Juried Art Show. She also has exhibited work at the Unique Visions Workshop show "Exploring the Edge of Vision" and at the Museum of Modern Art's "Life in the City."

Zwick's career in early childhood education spanned 30 years. "The feelings of unlimited possibilities, freedom, and creativity that were ever present in the classroom working with young chlildren hold true with my use of the camera. In both early childhood education and photography, the powers of observation have to be keen." Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday. For weekend

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Robert Corin Morris — who is a dealing with children's fears, and ference leader, and author of the upcoming "Wrestling with Grace," to be published in February - founded Interweave in 1980 as an offshoot of his ministry at Calvary Church in Summit. Through lectures, courses, seminars, one-day and weekend programs, Interweave instructors offer a wide variety of programs, ranging from body work classes to an ongoing. Journaling seminars on contemporary spiritual companions program to a events, inter-religious approaches to

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day courses and lectures, and will launch a book discussion series with noted author Brad Gooch who will handicapped. For more information, call discuss his most recent book "God-908-918-2500 or access talk: Journeys in Spiritual America." www.stjohnssummit.org. The lecture, co-sponsored by St. Holy Cross has

Kidz Trax program "Interweave's courses are for any-Holy Cross Church, 639 Mountain one who is interested in the physical Ave., Springfield, introduces Kidz and spiritual health of themselves. Trax, a new after-school program for children in grades two through five. said Morris. "You don't need a parti-The students will see and hear clips of cular skill level. But you do need an favorite movies and music, followed

by a discussion of what God's Word For more information about Intersays about the main point. weave, or to order a catalog or register Afterward, they may choose their for a class, call 973-763-8312 or visit favorite activity "trax." Choices will www.interweave.org. Classes begin include sports, cooking, hand bells, in mid-September. Tae-Bo, first aid and dance. Kidz Trax meets alternate Tuesday afternoons

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150th anniversary grade. Kids' Kolnonia also meets Religious Fundamentalism' spon-The Evangel Baptist Church had its Tuesday afternoons for games, smallbeginning in 1852 in New York City group Bible study, music and lots of Temple Beth Ahm. under the leadership of a lay Pastor Fredenck Hof. Now, 150 years later, the church is located at 242 Shunpike Calvary welcomes

Road in Springfield. This year, being the anniversary, the church is planning to celebrate the 150 years of blessing with a weekend of inspiration and celebration. Oct. 19-20 will be the dates of this special anniversary. Three of the former pastors will be with the church - the Rev. Warren West, the Rev. William Schmidt Jr. and the Rev. Joseph Lombardi.

On Saturday afternoon, Evangel Baptist Church will be making arrangements to visit the former church in Newark. At 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, there will be a covered dish dinner, followed by the evening service celebration with West speaking. On Sunday, services begin with a combined Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., when the three pastors will participate in an interview concerning their memories of their ministry period at Evangel.

Lombardi will speak at the 10:30 Play and more structured classes for a.m. worship service. After the serolder children are all taught by volunvice, there will be lunch served in the teer church members. Nursery care is Fellowship Hall. At 2 p.m., the church available for infants and toddlers. will have the final celebration service with Schmidt speaking. All are welcome to attend. For information, cal

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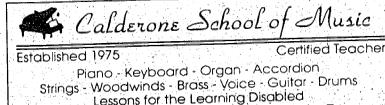
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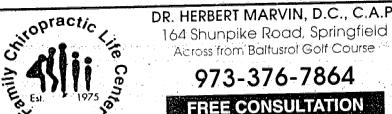
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U.S. troops get helping hand The Westfield/Mountainside Chap- tance of Red Cross Board members ter of the American Red Cross has and the Westfield Fire Department Capt. Dan Kelly," said Kinsella. launched a "Quality of Life" Initiative Donations are now being accepted to help U.S. Troops in Afghanistan. "Quality of Life" items are needed

for U.S. troops in Afghanistan. The thousands of U.S. troops still stationed in Afghanistan are living under harsh conditions, and they are desperate for items from home. These troops are serving the nation on a daily basis, yet have no electricity in their tents, have limited shower facilities. and lack many basic necessities for day to day living. The Westfield/ Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Service unit is stationed in Afghanistan, and with the help of the Westfield Area community, plans to give our troops a much needed and deserved morale boost.

"The Westfield/Mountainside Red Cross is answering the call for 'Quality of Life' items for our troops," said Red Cross Executive Director Dennis Kinsella. After Sept. 11, Americans' wanted to help but were not sure how. This is an opportunity to show they care. Area residents will be asked to donate basic items as listed below, which the Red Cross will mark as coming from Westfield area people and ship directly from Westfield to designated troops, through the Armed

Forces Emérgency Service unit "We have asked Red Cross Board member Mark Kuehn, a Westfield husiness attorney and experienced business owner, to get our initiative up and running with the close assis-

of new items at the central drop off location of the American Legion Post 3. located at 1003 North Ave., Westfield. Drop off times are Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursdays 4 p.m. to 8

p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Additional drop-off locations include: Westfield Police Department, Westfield Town Hall, Westfield Fire House 1 and 2, Westfield town pool complex, the Windmill, the Leader Store, Westfield Vacuum and Print Tech Westfield and Mountainside. Drop off locations such as houses of worship, government and town community groups will be

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter is grateful for the opportunity to serve their country and the U.S. servicemen and women serving in Afghanistan. The Red Cross is assembling a group of volunteers to collect, sort, pack and ship these items. More volunteers are needed. Those who can offer any time in September can call Linda Johnson at the Red Cross "The Red Cross is very grateful to

announced as they are added.

the American Legion and the New Jersey National Guard for their generous support of our initiative" said Kelly, who arranged for the use of the facility and Christensen for the use of the Guard's equipment to receive and process donations. Organizations wishing to help collect "Quality of Mountainside Chapter at Please note that all donated items

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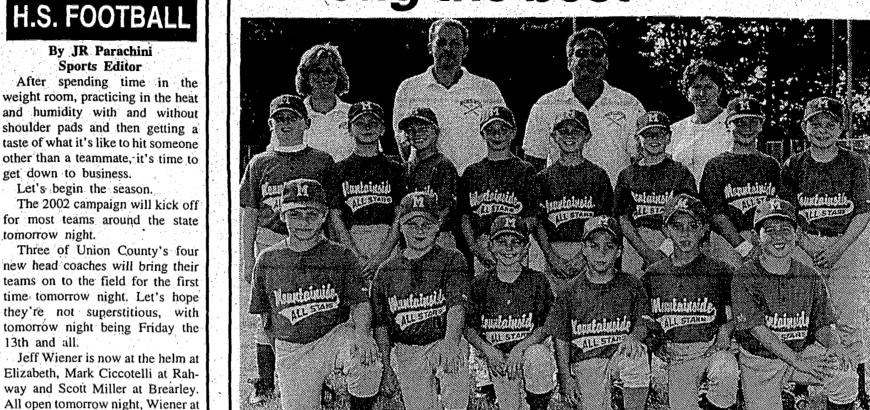
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The Mountainside age 8 All-Star baseball team did well to finish second in this summer's first Union Little League Invitational Baseball Tournament. Bottom row, from left, are TJ Nichols, Jonah Butler, Logan Turner, Jaime Michael Montalvo, Like Mirabelli and Andrew Fresolone. Center row, from left, are Logan Kelley, Kristian Jecmenica, Kelly Goense, Michael McGee, Billy Worswick, Stephanie Scofield, Vinny Bennett and Peter Goggi. Top row, from left, are head coach and manager Carol Worswick, coaches Keith Turner and Paul Mirabelli and manager Susan Kelley.

Cozza will have to wait and see how his team responds

Dayton girls' soccer coming off winning season

Staff Writer

"I don't know what to expect this season," is how Dayton High School girls' soccer coach Joe Cozza described the forecast for his team.

Dayton is coming off a very successful 11-8-1 campaign last year, which included a trip to the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 playoffs.

In the quarterfinals, the fifth-seeded Bulldogs were blanked at fourth-seeded Butler 5-0. "It was the first time in my five years as the girls' head coach that we made the playoffs," Cozza said. "It's been a

long time in general.

Before taking over the girls' program, Cozza was Dayton's boys' soccer coach for 15 years. "I've been around soccer my whole life," Cozza said.

"I've played at Montclair State College and for many local Even though his squad lacks varsity experience, Cozza feels his girls are enthusiastic and motivated. Some of the girls are first-time players that are still

learning the game," Cozza said. "They do seem to have a passion for the game, though." Cozza will have to go at it without the services of the

since-graduated Esther Aizenberg, who is now a student at the University of Michigan. "Esther was an excellent player," Cozza said. "She had great speed and was a real grinder on defense."

Aizenberg was a three-sport standout in soccer, basket ball and softball. Dayton will try to soften the loss of Aizenberg by carry

ing a deep roster that includes 26 girls. This year's roster, obtained Tuesday from coach Cozza,

consists of Bryana Maloney, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Cathy Dymek, Kathryn Stigliano, Rita Huber, Katelyn Viverito, Marisa Proto, Danielle Annunziati, Cassie Title, Cheng Chen, Lyndsay Brahm, Kara Christmas, Amanda DiCocco, Alyson Helfand, Jennifer Karl, Ann Marie Licatese, Marisa Bianco, Staci Max, Chandni Patel, Jayme Sablosky, Lindsay Schuckman, Sara Steinman, Genny Schwarzberg, Cristin Zavocki, Jillian DeAngelis and Alexia "I plan on playing a lot of kids," Cozza said. "I'm hop-

ing that it will help us wear down the opposition."

Springfield Stingers booters give solid effort The Springfield Stingers 9-and-under soccer team play-

ed at Mountain Lakes last Sunday in its first game of the

Although Springfield lost, the Stingers gave a solid

Springfield players include Brian DiFiore, Nico Izzi. Ross Konesky, Sergio Annunziata, Ryan Cutino, Zach Corey, Jack Finnegan, Joey Policastro, Ryan Schweikert,

Besides being in good physical shape, Cozza wants his

"I feel the girls have a lot of grit and determination,"

Cozza said. "That should bode well for us since we have a

Cozza realizes that the only way to have a successful

said. "We only have a recreation program to help us get

Dayton has already scrimmaged Johnson and was sche-

"Johnson is a talented team that was very organized,"

"Being in the Sky Division should help us," Cozza said

"We will not be facing the likes of powers Oak Knoll and

the Summit school 3-0. The Bulldogs were defeated by the

Pioneers 4-0 at New Providence and 2-0 in Springfield.

Dayton is scheduled to open its season tomorrow at

"I'm expecting a very close game in our opener," Cozza

home against Hillside. The Bulldogs are then scheduled to

host Brearley Tuesday and play at Manville two days later.

said. "Hopefully, we can win a few division games to start

Cozza felt that his team had a lot of success last year

"This season. I think the girls will be feeling each other

Cozza's only goal for his team is to be a close knit

"If we have a good attitude the whole year, the wins and

Schedule: Sept. 13 Hillside, 4 p.m.; Sept. 17 Brearley.

4; Sept. 19 at Manville, 4; Sept. 20 at Bayley-Ellard, 4;

Sept. 24 at Bound Brook, 4; Sept. 25 Mother Seton, 3:45

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Bayley-Ellard, 4; Oct. 9 Manville, 4, Oct. 11 Bound

Brook, 4; Oct. 15 North Plainfield, 4; Oct. 18 Lacordaire

Academy, 4; Oct. 21 Elizabeth, 4; Oct. 25 at Johnson, 3:30

out and working on their skills," Cozza said, "It will be a

growing stage that will help our program in the future."

losses will take off themselves." Cozza said.

p.m.; Oct. 28 Solomon Schechter, 4.

duled to scrimmage Governor Livingston Tuesday.

The Bulldogs will compete in the Mountain

Cozza said. "GL is also a very good squad."

Conference-Sky Division this season.

competing against independents.

program is to build it up from the lower level.

team to be aggressive.

lot of raw skill.'

Tyler Schafer and goalkeeper Jesse DiCoco. Springfield is scheduled to host its next opponent Sun-

Senior leadership a key to success

Hilltoppers have strong nucleus

A lot of senior leadershi That's what Summit High School girls' soccer coach Matt Lachman feels

will be the main ingredient for success this season. "We have a very strong nucleus returning," Lachman said. "The core of the

team is made up of seniors." That group of 11 is headed up by First Team All-County selections Jana Lee and Shante Cofield.

Lee, who led the Hilltoppers in scoring last year, is a forward, while Cofield is the sweeper. Both are captains along with forward Lindsay Lecky. The rest of the seniors include midfielders Liz Dempsey, Aileen Hougham. Karen Jann, Maggie Kelly, Rachel Cianciulli, Daniella Maurizi and fullbacks

High School Girls' Soccer

Calle Gartside and Bridget Higgins.

Juniors include midfielders Ali Ardington and Elisa Stearns: fullbacks Alex Garvey, Kim Sparrow and Sasha Penfur; forward Monica Jones and goalkeeper Beth Dickey. Other varsity members include sophomore fullback Heather Scugellari, a

transfer from Massachusetts, and freshmen Christina Maurizi, a midfielder, and Gina Scioscia, a forward

"It's a long grind during the season," Lachman said. "I expect all 21 girls to help out in one way or another Last season; Summit posted a 13-2-5 record, which included a trip to the

North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 semifinals There, the top-seeded Hilltoppers lost at home to fourth-seeded and eventual

champion Chatham 2-1. Jann scored the lone Summit goal, while Dickey made "We've done well to make the playoffs the last few years." Lachman said. "It just seems that we haven't been able to get to that elusive big game."

Competing in the Iron Hills Conference, Summit faces a very tough schedule "We have West Essex twice," Lachman said of the North 2, Group 2 finalist. "We also added out-of-conference Group 4 schools in Union and Westfield to

Lachman is also excited about the scheduled non-conference matches against "Oak Knoll always has a good team," Lachman said, "New Providence is our

biggest rivalry. In last year's first meeting. Summit won at West Essex 2-1. Daniella Maurizi scored in the first half and Ardington in the second. Dickey made seven saves

The Hilltoppers then blanked visiting West Essex 3-0. Lee had a goal and two assists, while Daniella Maurizi scored one goal. Dickey made six saves for the

shutout, one of 10 she posted last season. Summit also defeated visiting Union 1-0 on a goal by Jones. Dickey made 11 "Most schools have a middle school program." Cozza

In the Union County Tournament semifinals at Union, the Hilltoppers lost a

3-0 decision to eventual champion Westfield. Summit has already scrimmaged the likes of Governor Livingston and But-

ler. The Hilltoppers were scheduled to scrimmage Scotch Plains Monday and Summit is slated to open its 19-game schedule tomorrow at Morris Hills. The

Mountainside residents play a key role for GL football Last year, Dayton lost at Oak Knoll 2-0 and at home to

Sports Editor

No longer does the Governor Livingston High School football team want to be thought of as an average or below-average team. "We're a little bit stronger, a lot faster and a little more physical," veteran

GL opens at Roselle Park tomorrow night at 7:30, facing the Panthers at Herm Shaw Field. Roselle Park was 5-5 last season and qualified for the North

. Group 1 playoffs. GL last played Roselle Park in 1997 and won a 9-0 game in Berkeley

Mountainside residents play a key role for the Highlanders. They include senior fullback-linebacker Pete Klebaur, senior two-way lineman Joe King placekicker-punter Chuck Orlando, junior linebacker Justin Polce, junior split ends Chris DiVito and Eric Csaszar and junior special teams performer Steve

"Klebaur is a returning outside linebacker and he definitely makes us a whole of better on defense." Hubert said. "He gof experience as a two-way player last

According to Hubert. King received a lot of playing time on defense last year and was having a good pre-season playing offensive tackle.

"Polce worked real hard in the off-season," Hubert said. "He's not real big

Orlando was the placekicker last season and has worked hard to improve his "He was sporadic for us," Hubert said. "He went to a couple of camps to

DiVito will be one of Sheppard's targets at wideout.

"He can catch the ball," Hubert said, "He has great hands and is a good back-

Bobko was a fullback last year and may see some time on the offensive line

this year because that is where GL lost a lot of depth. "He's getting better every day," Hubert said of his all-purpose performer who day at 2:45 p.m. at the field behind Gaudineer School. also excels on special teams.



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gathered for an interfaith service at

the park following the Sept. 11

(Continued from Page B1) moving forward," Mirabella said, solidifying details on designs of the memorial, which he expects might be completed by the new year. "We didn't want to rush something like

The WTC memorial is planned at Echo Lake Park, where last night's candlelight vigil was to take place. "It's a real nice place in our county. I think this is a real fitting tribute to the

"It's one of the most used areas,"

United Way merges to 'move forward

Discussions about a merger started before local boards in August 2001. The climate of the county, like many other things, changed since the Sept. 11 attacks, Glennon said. "The only way we could move forward was to

come toegther." There often was talk about the various United Ways merging, but it was not until the concept of Community Councils was raised that made it happen. There always was a concern that if United Way lost the local connection to its community, it would lose

Wave of unity has swept up the nation

Editor's note: We recently came across a book titled "Freedom Tide," which leapt out of the heart and mind of its author, Chad Connelly, in response to the Sept. 11, 2001 attack on the United States. We are reprinting it in serialized form, with permission, beginning with this edition. In 1992, William J. Bennett, secret-

ary of education under Ronald Reagan, wrote "The Index of Leading Cultural Indicators," the most comprehensive statistical picture available of trends from 1960 through 1990. In this 30-year span, according to the "Index." "...there has been a 560-percent increase in violent crime, more than a 400-percent increase in illegitimate births, a quadrupling in divorces, a tripling of percentages of children living in single-parent homes, more than a 200-percent increase in the teenage suicide rate and a drop of almost 80 points in the average SAT scores of high school students. The empirical evidence is clear. During the last three decades. American society has experienced substantial social

added that "the number of prisoners in state and federal prisons is up 463 perwedlock births now account for 32 percent of births nationally, 26 percent of all pregnancies are aborted, and the television is now on in the American household for an average of seven hours and 12 minutes per day." What has happened to us? What could possibly cause such sharp and dangerous declines in key areas of American society? This book may not have all of the answers, but it points out some likely culprits, and one in particular: an amazing lack of recognition of God's providential hand on our country. We no longer have knowledge of, or respect for, the history and beliefs that made America the envy of the world. Worse, our

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After all, she said, needs are different in spring 2001 with a proposal coming from one end of the county to the

"This set-up will achieve results 'from every angle."

There still are two organizations -United Fund of Westfield and United Way of Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights — that did not participate in the merger. "We decided those communities were better suited at this time in retaining their status." Glennon said.

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Poin: View By Chad Connelly

> ignorance and inaction have actually enabled our freedoms to erode — and freedoms, once lost, are not easily

But more importantly, this book is a call to action; a challenge to blaze a is returning to some of the basic roots trail that will return our country to its founding principles before it's too late. Rabbi Daniel Lapin said it best in his book, "America's Real War:" "I seek to encourage those Americans similarly inclined to help return America to its founding moral imperative. This is neither a cry for reli- even saw Massachusetts Department gious revolution nor a crusade; it is of Transportation signs with the flashsomething else entirely. It is a remining message, "God Bless America!" der that we have lost our way. It is a suggestion that we return home tion. Now is the time for asking

We are looking for those of you out there who know you feel this way but never thought that your efforts could. life of plain existence does not benefit matter. They do. Change has always many people. Pictures of ordinary begun with a groundswell from the Americans pitching in to help in so. people. Grass roots involvement and activism have always made a difference. We can put our hearts and minds together and restore our nation to its greatest glory. Let there be no doubt: the tide of the future is a "Freedom

Why am I here? With the exception of the 1941 1985. attack on Pearl Harbor, Americans had enjoyed almost 189 years of peace from foreign attack on their own soil until Sept. 11, 2001. Just as Pearl Harbor left an indelible impression on our forefathers, we will never forget the nightmarish scenes of terrorists using our own jumbo jets as missiles to demolish some of the most

response to Sept. 11, Glennon said United Way has reached out to each affected family in Union County, providing information and services, and assigning each an advocate.

ment would receive the attention it

The monument is expected to be

funded through donations from the

public and business community, Mir-

abella said, and not by tax dollars.

Cost esimates are still not known

since the design is not completed,

however. "I expect the public and

business community to be generous

with this kind of thing," he said.

deserves at that location.

United Way of Greater Union County has three major initiatives for the county this year: improving child care, decreasing hunger and improving transportation.

Dubbed "A New Era of Caring," United Way will celebrate its merger Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Costa del Sol in Union. For information, call

Cross and other charities saw unpre-

cedented levels of giving. Ordinary

people became heores as they sacrif-

iced their safety to help others as

The attacks left many Americans

scratching their heads and wondering,

"What happened? How could this

have happened to us?" Now, as we

face a new war like none we have ever

experienced, it appears that our nation

of its greatness. A patriotic wave of

unity has swept through the country.

American flags have become the hot-

test commodity in the land, and "God

Bless America" is being sung with a

new depth of emotion. On a fall trip

through the Northeast, our family

This is the perfect time for reflec-

ourselves some hard questions. Peo-

ple everywhere have discovered that

they can make a difference and that a

many different ways has motivated

even more people to get involved.

What if we could all make a decision

through life? That was the question I

asked myself as I began my career

Chad Connelly is founder and

president of Freedom Tide Founda-

tion, an organization committed to

educating Americans about the

foundational principles that have

made America great. More infor-

mation can be obtained at

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buildings crumbled around them.

cherished monuments to our nation's success. As always, Americans rose to the occasion: blood banks were swamped with donations; the Red

> Friends of Lenape Park include spring, summer, fall and winter bird walks, National Trails Day clean up, nature garden project with the Greater Watchung Nature Club, and the Blue-

For more information, visit http://members.aol.com/lenapepark1/

Mothers and more talk about money

Looking for creative ways to handle living on one salary? Want to keep more money in your pocket? On Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., the Union County chapter of Mothers and More will host former member Karyn Ellwood who will be discussing ideas for budgeting, cost cutting and money

and tot outings and more.

to make more of a difference in the organization dedicated to improving lives of others instead of just rolling education and advocacy. right out of Clemson University in

always welcome.

Hawk watch Saturday

The Friends of Lenape Park, in cooperation with the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, will sponsor its third annual hawk watch on Saturday at Lenape Park in Kenilworth. The program will begin at 8 a.m. with a one-hour bird walk along the east and west dikes, followed by the hawk watch at 9 a.m.

September is a prime month fo the southern hawk migration with large numbers of broad-winged hawks expected along the eastern flyway. Broad-winged hawks are the smallest of the Buteos or Buzzard Hawks and often migrate in large numbers. It is not unusual to see from 25 to several hundred of these hawks circling above on thermals of air as they head toward their wintering areas in Mex-

ico and Central America. Members of the Friends of Lenape Park will be on hand to explain various aspects of hawks and their migration. Meet in the parking lot by the Trap and Skeet Range. Rain date will be Sunday at the same time and place. For those interested in the early morning bird walk the starting time will be 8 a.m. Call Frank V. Budney at 908-687-2169 to pre-register or just stop by at the park and join the crowd.

The program is free and literature on raptors and bird life in the park will be available. No special skills are required, only an interest to learn about birds in Lenape Park. Equipment needed include a pair of binoculars, a comfortable chair, and a willingness to learn Other activities sponsored by the

Mothers can find out more about the group's activities, which include evening discussion groups, guest speakers. Mom's night out, playgroups, book club, craft club, mom Mothers and More is a non-profit

the lives of mothers through support, The Union County chapter has meetings the first and third Wednes-

day of each month. New members are For more information, call Patty 908-497-1285 or Lynda

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viewed by the media, one's public

presence makes a difference. With this in mind, the Women's Political Caucus of Union County will offer a special presentation to "Build Your Public Presence" on Sept. 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. In addition to a mini-public speaking workshop given by Toastmaster Barbara Frank, 10 women will have the opportunity to be taped by prominent media consultant, George Stafford. For more information, call Ellen Steinberg at 908-686-0500.

NJABWO meets Sept. 19

The New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners will present "organization for everyday," by Sunny Schlenger at its Sept. 19 meeting at L'Affaire, 1099 Route 22 East, Mountainside. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., preceded by networking Schlenger has been a professional

organizer for the past 20 years, working with large and small corporations, non-profit agencies and individuals to help them manage their time and space more creatively and effectively. The co-author of "How To Be Organized in Spite of Yourself," Schlenger has been featured on national television broadcasts including ABC's "Live with Regis & Kathie Lee." CNN's "Sonya — Life in LA,"FNN's "Money Talk" and Lifetime Cable's Working Women's Survival Hour." For information or reservations,

UCLSA meets Sept. 24 UCLSA, the association for legal professionals, will meet Sept. 24 at BG Fields Restaurant, 560 Spring-

call 908 688-0707.

field Ave., Westfield.

Following a social gathering at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m., the guest speaker will be Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich. Cost is \$23 for

All legal professionals, secretaries and other support staff employed anywhere inthe legal field - private practice, corporate practice, federal, county, state or municipal government, police departments, etc. — are welcome to attend. Prospective members and guests are also welcome; you do not have to be a member. The association offers educational

opportunities to legal professionals and members are eligible to receive nationwide discounts on products and services from NALS, the national affiliate. For more information regarding reservations, call Reservations Chairwoman Mary Lou Eighorn at 908-558-2369 or 908-241-0611. For information on membership, call UCLSA Vice President Christine

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Fall fishing derby

908-527-4555.

One of the most anticipated activities in Union County is the fall fishing derby for people with disabilities, sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Newark Bait and Flycasting Club, which will take place Saturday from

speaking to a group or being inter- off St. Georges Avenue in Roselle. More than 100 amateurs as well as experienced fishermen come together at the derby each year for a fun-filled day and an experience to remember They enjoy fishing with their own

uipment, or they can borrow a pole Equipment will be provided for those who need it. All those who are pre-registered will be treated to lunch. Each pre-registered participant will also receive a gift to take home with them. The fishing derby is free. but pre-registration is required. In the event of rain, the derby will be the next Saturday, Sept. 21.

Information and registration materials may be obtained by calling the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4900.

Golf classic Oct. 10

The Arc of County of Union Counwill hold its Arc Golf Classic on Oct. 10. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. at Shackamaxon Golf & Country Club in Scotch Plains. Proceeds will benefit the programs and services for individuals with developmental disabilities throughout Union County. Michael J. Bonner will be the chairman of this year's event for the second year in a row. Last year's event attracted more than 80 golfers.

For more information regarding The Arc Golf Classic registration or sponsorship opportunities, or the spectrum of services offered by The Arc, call The Arc of Union County's Resource Development and Community Outreach Office at 908-754-7422 or 908-754-7826.

Community blood drives The Blood Center of New Jersey and the Tri-County Chapter of the

American Red Cross will sponsor the following blood drives: • Today, 1 to 6:30 p.m., ARC Chapter House, 203 W. Jersey St.,

• Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Masonic Lafayette Lodge, 1550 Irv-

ing St., Rahway. • Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Mary's of the Assumption Church 155 Washington Ave., Elizabeth.

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Agnes Church, 332 Madison Hill • Sept. 24, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bed, Bath and Beyond, 650 Liberty Ave., Union: 6 to 9 p.m., Masonic Atlas

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• Sept. 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Kenilworth Public Library, 548 Boulevard, Kenilworth; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Autoland, Route 22 West, Union.

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• Sept. 29, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church, Stuyvesant and Chestnut avenues, Union; 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Michael's Parish, 1212 Kelly St., Union: 1 to 4 p.m., Westfield First Street Block Association, 539 First St., Westfield. • Sept. 30, 3:30 to 9 p.m., Kenil-

odious smugness to the role of Thuy, Kim's turn-coat cousin. As bargirl Gigi, Adrienne Sam turns this rather worth Gospel Chapel, Newark and small role into a showcase perfor-23rd streets, Kenilworth. mance, utilizing limited stage time to inform us of her character's turmoil Worrall Community and conflict. Kate Baldwin, as Chris'

On the Boards

"Miss Saigon" is a love story of inti-

mate tenderness, and the current pro-

duction at Paper Mill: The State Thea-

ter of New Jersey honors both ends of

this spectrum, resulting in a truly

the ensuing three years, "Miss Sai-

gon" is an updated version of Puccin-

i's "Madama Butterfly" that utilizes

latter-20th-century incidents to tell a

Sharing the title role of Kim, Dina

Lynne Morishita and Roxanne Taga,

who serves as the alternate for Satur-

a different touch to their perfor-

mances. Both women do equal justice

to the demanding and complex role,

tive acting and singing prowess; but

where Morishita's Kim is a flower,

rent flaws written into the role, deliv-

ering a powerful and moving perfor-

mance, nuanced with the conflict this

man feels. His gorgeous voice soars

into the stratosphere, but is equally

effective when the score ventures into

the lower registers of his range. His

screamed "Kim!" during the fall of

Saigon is gut-wrenching in its

In supporting roles, Alan H. Green

is effective as John, Chris' buddy,

most notably on the Act II opener,

"Bui-Doi," and Steven Eng brings an

American wife, Ellen, fails to imbue a

completely shattering.

heartbreak.

Set against the fall of Saigon and

stunning achievement.

timeless tale.

Chris, Dina Lynne Morishita as Kim and Kevin Gray as The Engineer.

'Saigon' scores direct hit

By Bill VanSant Associate Editor

tragedy rather than another innocent victim of it. Her singing voice, though, is vibrant and effectively used on "Now That I've Seen Her." However, for the wealth of talent

Setting the stage for romance and tragedy, an American GI, Chris, is introduced to bar-

girl Kim in the opening scene of 'Miss Saigon,' on stage at Paper Mill: The State Theater

of New Jersey through Oct. 20. From left are Alan H. Green as John, Aaron Ramey as

on the stage, Kevin Gray is truly astounding as The Engineer and is the day and Sunday matinees, each bring centerpiece of this show. Gray's characterization is richly textured and subtly layered, turning a morally bankrupt man into the accessible thread each exhibiting beautiful and evocathat binds this story together. He admirably uses "If You Want to Die in Bed" and, more notably, "The Taga's is a tigress. Both, however, American Dream" to let us inside The turn in effective and touching perfor-Engineer's inner heart, at once justifymances, and fully capture the scope of ing his questionable actions without this tragic heroine. The scream Taga ever making apologies or excuses for emits at having killed her cousin is them. Rarely does one get to see such As Kim's American GI. Chris, Aar- a powerhouse performance. on Ramey ably rises above the inhe-

varied and serves each moment well, whether the sinuous writhing of bargirls or the powerful. The Morning of the Dragon," which showcases Whitnev Osentoski and Bobby Pestka very Michael Anania's scenic design

makes beautiful use of unit sets and stunning backdrops to transport the characters and the audience throughout the locales of Saigon, Bangkok. and Atlanta. The revolving fence units - not to mention the famous helicop-

ter landing - in "The Fall of Saigon" are breathtaking, subtly placing the audience in various "emotional

Mark S. Hoebee's direction is briskly paced and fully evolved, balancing the spectacle with the intimacy, using each to beautifully offset balance into her performance, coming the other. His re-invention of "The across as more a selfish agent of the Morning of the Dragon" is brilliant in



Alternate for Kim its pageantry and ability to propel the

Lighting and costume design by F Mitchell Dana and Gail Baldoni, respectively, serve the production well, but the sound design by Duncan Robert Edwards and David F. Shapiro prompts my only negative comment: this show is too loud. The consistently high volume level leaves no room for the truly loud moments — the bar in the opening scene, the fall of Saigon - to stand apart from the rest of the

Paper Mill marks two milestones in the saga of "Miss Saigon." presenting the show's premiere in both New Jersey and on a regional stage. However, such details become mere trivia when one experiences this powerful, moving and stunning show. Get out your handkerchiefs and

say, "Good morning, Vietnam" - the helicopter has landed!

"Miss Saigon" runs at Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey through Oct. 20. For information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page

when Rose, 48, was a film student on the west coast. "I was a graduate film student at the University of Southern California many years ago and I had a professor there, Arthur Knight, and he did this for many years," Rose said. "I give him credit for inventing it; he probably started it in the early '50s. He was the chief critic for the Hollywood Reporter for many years, he was the head of the Cinema History, Criticism and Aesthetics at USC. That's what I have my master's degree in." In his film classes, Knight would often invite guests associated with the film being viewed. It was one such guest that truly inspired Rose to explore the far-reaching feasibility of such a venture.

By Bill VanSant

Associate Editor

However, Chuck Rose sees no reason to limit such a

Rose, a former Maplewood resident, is the founder and

director of the Filmmakers Symposium, a semi-annual

film series now in its 12th year. Presented at two locations

in New Jersey, local moviegoers can catch the next sympo-

sium Sept. 23 to Dec. 9 at the Loews Mountainside, its

North Jersey home for the past five years. For information,

call 800-531-9416. The fee is \$131 for six weeks, \$249 for

While the symposium has been a fixture at New Jersey

cinemas for more than a decade, the event had its origins

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play a game.

"We had a very special night once when the guest was : Alfred Hitchcock," Rose recalled. "That's what made me realize the potential of the whole enterprise, when you have an interesting guest, after you see a movie you're interested in ... if you see a movie you love and the director is there talking about it with passion and enthusiasm and excitement — you're really being entertained by this wonderful artist and you're the first one to see it -- and to have that person there in the room with you is really exciting. That's where the education comes in, because you're there with the person who made this film."

Following Knight's lead, Rose eventually launched what is now a very successful series, not only in Mountainside, but in the southern reaches of New Jersey as well. In both cases. Rose schedules new, as-yet-unreleased films to be screened before symposium audiences, with a member of the production company on hand to address the crowd Some of his past guests have included "Amelie" film-

maker Jean-Pierre Jeunet, whom Rose described as "a really crazy, wild man — it was a lot of fun;" playwright Wenly Wasserstein; actor Danny Aiello, who has been a guest many times; Ethan Hawke; James Cromwell; Delroy Lindo; Viggo Mortensen, and New Jersey filmmakers Kevin Smith and John Sayles. "That was a wonderful night," Rose said of Sayles'

appearance. "That was one of the real stand-out nights of the past 12 years. Another milestone came when Rose screened a film

adaptation of a Stephen King story. "We were the first audience to see 'The Shawshank Redemption,' "he said of that particular night. In attendance were actor Gil Bellows and director-screenwriter Frank Darabont "Another real favorite of mine who's not real well-

known by a lot of people is David Straithairn." Rose continued. Incindentally, Straitharn, who will soon appear in "Blue Car," is among the potential symposium speakers for the upcoming session, should that film make the lineup. Rose feels that, like his experience with Hitchcock. moviegoers gain a wealth of insight into a given film by having a member of the production on hand to speak, especially in the case of the director or screenwriter who originally came up with the concept. He discussed the whole evolution of any given film pro-

ject — from story to screenplay to a deal being made to casting — "and now you're seeing it and this is a person.

Film series organizer finds diverse rewards in venture they are talking to you. That's when it gets way beyond

'just going to the movies.' The term "edutainment" is mostly used to describe software, programs that teach the user something while they As the series has evolved, the educational aspects of the

Filmmakers Symposium reach beyond the edification of the average movie fan. "I used to teach academic courses at Seton Hall and Adelphi," he said, "We have a program for Kean University where undergraduate students can take my 'class' for one credit of independent studies." He specified that the

symposium is not a college course per se — "this is more

for entertainment. "The things I've done career-wise and have been fairly successful at is to find ways to combine entertainment and education. That keeps me going; I love when people get excited about learning."

Making the cut from Rose's initial "wish list" to finally appearing on the Mountainside movie screen is an often bumpy process. While Rose hopes to offer his audiences films which may receive critical acclaim down the road, he often doesn't know which movies will be on the roster until the last minute. "I go through periods of elation and depression," Rose

said with a laugh. In obtaining the screening rights, Rose will take various avenues, depending on the individual title — be the avenue

studios, distributors, producers, writers or actors, "Every film is different," he said. "What I do is I tollow every project in the world, literally thousands of films, from development to screenplay to production to postporduction. And I look at those 10,000 films, and the ones that make it to festivals and the ones that get finished and have a really good buzz — I really try to keep track of everything — and then I take everything that's out there and divide it up and decide what would be good for the series, and then I look at what would be gettable." Rose, who is a screenwriter himself, said he's had a 75-percent success rate, but admits he has also secured "some turkeys."

His success rate also extends to the series' popularity with local audiences

"It's filling up fast," he said of the upcoming series. Traditionally, he says, the fall session sells out. "In fact, last year, it sold out weeks in advance.' Rose said his average demographic is 53 percent female.

47 percent male, and encompasses all ages. "In fact," hesaid, "of the 47 percent males, a lot of them were brought "Probably one of the appeals to the high percentage of

female audiences is that I very rarely show things like action or violence or things that don't usually appeal to women," he said. "Most genre pictures, most action pictures, most pictures with graphic violence are not worth seeing. I'm not putting them down, but they're derivative, formulaic vehicles. Whether you can watch violence or not, they're just not worth watching - period."

That's the bottom line for Rose — that a film be worth watching, a maxim that has shifted his focus in planning a

"I used to show more than half Hollywood films," he continued. "Now I show a a third at the most." Rose feels Hollywood gets "5 percent dumber every year — I'm looking for an 'Amelie' or a 'Monster's Ball.' I'm looking for intelligent movies. The artistry of the film is more important to me than who the star is or how many tickets it might

But beyond artistic merit, beyond the educational possi bilities lies one basic concept: sharing his love of the silverscreen with as many people as possible.

"There's nothing like this outside of New York or Los Angeles in the world," he concluded, "and yet you've got it right here in suburban New Jersey, in your own backyard."

On Sept. 11, "9/11: The Artists Respond," a juried exhibit of new art, referring to the tragic events of last year, opened at the Arts Guild of Rahway, 1670 Irving St., Rahway. There will be a reception with the artists Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

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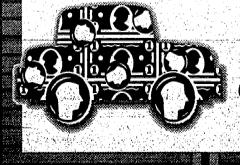
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"Our school makes the difference." states director Michele Selvanto- Combination classes of ballet and tap Kowalski. "Our students find that once they begin lessons, the enthu- adding jazz at age 7. A one-hour acrosiasm and interest along with our gymnastics class begins at age 5, modern technique and original ideas make their desire to dance even greater. Great care and individual attention is focused during class, nurturing the abilities of our students to their fullest potential. They feel confident not only in the dance room but in. school, sports and social acityities.

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and coordination all add to the found-Located at 969 Stuyvesant Ave. in ation of a healthy and strong body elf confidence, all of which are hop in close second, not only mportant in the nurturing of a well- increases their rhythm and coordination but allows their muscles to move more freely with less injury in sports. are offered to children ages 5 and 6.

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The studio is home base for the A. F.D. Dancers International Show ing in an elementary form. During who have been showcasing their these years, the child will learn how to talents to thousands in the United take instruction, interact with other. States, Europe and the Caribbean, children and be part of a group while. They are currently working on a enjoying creative activity and learn- program for the summer of 2003 and

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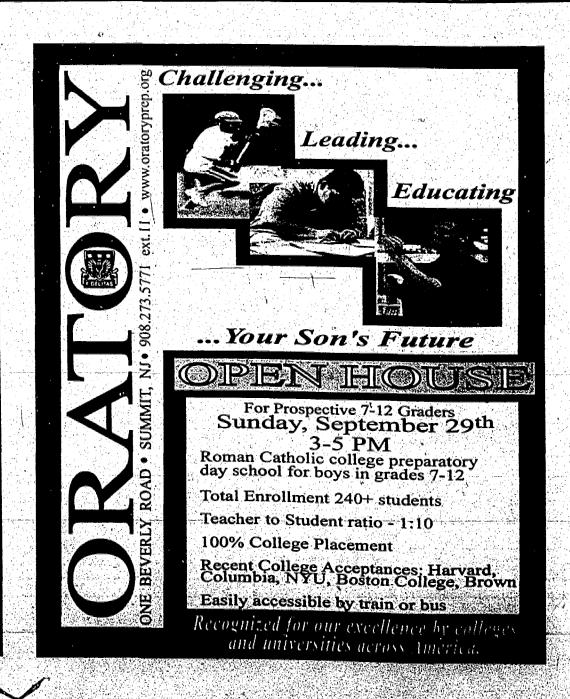
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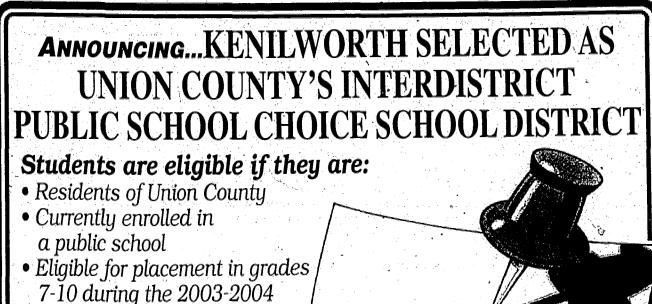
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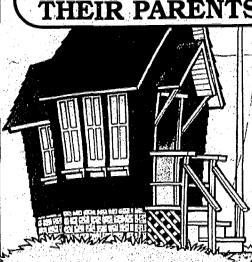
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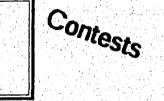
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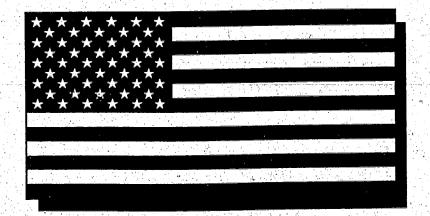
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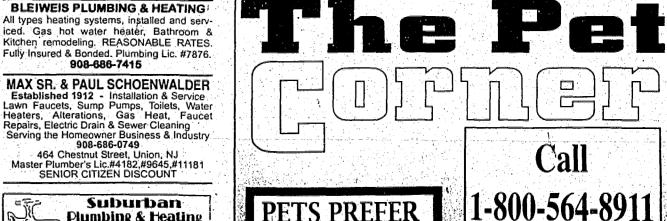
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Imagine that you wake up one morning with a toothache. The pain is annoying so you drop everything and rush over to your dentist.

Your dentist agrees to add your set of teeth to all the other sets he is servicing that day. A couple hours later he has examined your teeth and determined that you have a bad cavity ... and there is a list of options. Your dentist can drill and fill the cavity with amalgam for about \$200 or he can put a gold crown on the tooth for about \$700, which is better than the other but, of course, it costs much more. Then again you may decide to tell your dentist to do nothing and take your teeth to another dentist for a second opinion. You have to decide because it's your mouth and

Your dentist has one big problem though. He can't get ahold of you. He's tried your home phone and your work phone and you are nowhere to be found. This is really putting him in a pickle.

He knows what he would do if it were his teeth. He would do the gold crown. But he's not about to do \$700 worth of work on your mouth only to have you refuse to pay because you didn't authorize it. On the other hand, he knows that you are going on a trip

first thing the next morning and you need your teeth. And it gets worse. Mrs. Smith just called and wants him to squeeze her in for a tooth problem. If he tells her to come on in, and then you finally call and authorize the work on your teeth, then he will have more work then he can get done that day. On the other hand, if he doesn't take her in and you never call he will not have enough work that day. And guess what? He needs work. He needs to work on someone's teeth because that is how he makes a living. Of course, the above scenario would never take place because we all know that doctors and dentists long ago made a rule. When any patient brings any part of their

job is completely finished. They made this rule precisely to avoid the above situation. As an auto mechanic, I sure wish I could make the same rule, but I can't. People insist on dropping their cars off for service and then going off to work or play and we get into

bodies in for service, the patient must stick around until the

the same predicament as the dentist. Folks, you must make yourself available for decisionmaking. Otherwise, the problem for which you left your car may not get fixed. In some instances, your car can end up in worse shape than when you brought it in.

Take for example a drivability problem. Mr. Bob takes business his car in to find out what's causing a faint noise. The car is running fine, but Bob is concerned. When he drops off the car, his mechanic decides that he's going to have to remove a bunch of stuff from the engine to get closer to the source of the noise so that he can pinpoint the exact cause.

The mechanic gives Bob an estimate of \$250 to take the engine apart, diagnose what's wrong and includes the cost to reassemble the engine in the event that Bob decides not to have the problem fixed once he knows exactly what's the decisions for you up to a certain limit. You really have wrong and what the final cost will be. Including the cost of to trust your mechanic for this.

After the mechanic gets the belts and timing cover off. he finds that Bob's water pump is the culprit. Bob needs a new water pump. Now that he's ready to fix it, he can't get ahold of Bob for a decision. And there's more, While taking things apart, he discovered that some oil seals are beginning to leak, and the timing belt is badly in need of replacement. The time to fix all of these things is now. while everything is apart, because the customer will save a lot of duplication labor. The cost to fix everything is going to be around \$700.

It gets worse. If he's going to be able to get all this stuff done by the end of the day, he has to send a driver across town to get one of the seals. But if Bob decides not to have the seals replaced - \$100 extra if done concurrently with the water pump, \$350 if done after everything is put back together — it will have been a wasted trip.

Now, it's been an hour since he left messages and Bob hasn't called back. And guess what? Mrs. Smith just called and wants to bring her car in. If he says no to Mrs. Smith and Bob doesn't call back until the end of the day, then no one gets their car fixed and the mechanic doesn't make any money, because he was just sitting on his hands all day waiting for Bob's call.

On the other hand, if he says yes to Mrs. Smith and then Bob finally calls and wants him to do any or all the stuff to his car, the mechanic doesn't have enough time to do Bob's car and Mrs. Smith's, too. On top of that, if he takes on Mrs. Smith's car while waiting for Bob to call back, he won't even have time to put Bob's car back together and Bob won't have his car for the weekend. In fact, he won't get it back until next Wednesday, because the shop's schedule is full Monday and Tuesday

If the mechanic chooses to just put Bob's car back together, without replacing the water pump that Bob has not authorized yet, and reschedule Bob for all the work once he finally calls back, Mrs. Smith will have to go elsewhere and Bob will be out the \$250 original estimate for diagnosis and reassembly - money that could have gone toward the cost of replacing the water pump and other

What a dilemma! I believe it is just plain inconsiderate to put your mechanic in such a predicament. People who do this must think that theirs is the only car the shop is servicing that day. It's very stressful because it's forcing your mechanic to choose which of the players is to be disappointed and upset and it affects the viability of his

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So make sure your mechanic can get ahold of you while he has your car. If you are not going to be near one of your regular numbers, confirm a time with your mechanic for you to call in. If your mechanic is on a test drive when you call — 10 minutes later than you promised — remember, yours is not the only car he is working on that day. If you're going to be on the bottom of the ocean or on a desert island, pre-authorize in writing for your mechanic to make

Mechanics are human, too

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Has an auto repair facility ever accidentally screwed up your car? says, "So what?" What did you do? What should you have done? I'd like to present two auto mechanics are human and, from possible scenarios for your time to time, even the best of us will

In the first scenario, you drive out you that it's also very important how of the auto shop that just did an oil you, the customer, handle your change to your car and, within five mechanic's mistakes as well. minutes, the car is bucking and the warning lights are flashing. You pull ticular mechanic has been servicing over and notice tons of oil pouring out your cars for more than 10 years and of your engine. You call the shop that even serviced your parents' cars iust serviced your car and get it towed before you got your driver's license.

same, except you leave the car at the are that your mechanic will give you shop for a routine oil change and what you demand - remember, he when you go to pick it up, you are values his reputation — and, the next informed that a "mistake" was made day, you'll be looking for a new while performing the oil change and a mechanic. further repair will be necessary before Or let's say that the shop that just your car is driveable again.

performed until tomorrow and you have to wait while they put a free new will have to leave the car until then. In engine in your car. Count your blesseach case, the repair facility apolog- ings. You may just have stumbled izes, admits its responsibility and, of upon an honest shop. Granted, it's not course, is willing to perform any a great first visit, but hey, he's honest. repairs to correct its mistake at no cost Contemplate carefully how valuable to you - steam clean the engine, even an honest mechanic is before you replace the engine if there was dam- push too hard for compensation for age due to lack of oil. Is that enough? "pain and suffering." Is that all it should be accountable for? How about a little money in your pocket for your pain and suffering? A limo ride home perhaps?

Well, having been in the auto repair business for longer than I care to ponder, I wish to confess right now — in print — that over the years, I (and by "I" I mean, me, personally and the mechanics that work with me) have made a mistake or two — or more? while performing repairs on my customer's cars. Yes indeed. I have accidentally screwed up a customer's car

... made things worse, botched a job, embarrassed myself, and once even forgot to tighten a crucial bolt. What a moron! I shouldn't hire me if I was the last mechanic on Earth.

OK, I won't go on and on, because obviously I do not consider myself a mutant or an imbecile. I do, however, consider myself a human being. My philosophy has always been that everyone is human and, as humans, we are not perfect. Therefore, we will make mistakes. The difference between a good human - in this case "auto mechanic-human" - and a not-

admits his/her mistakes and tries to

OK, I think we now all agree that make a mistake. But I wish to put to For instance, let's say that this par-

If you fly off the handle and start mak-The second scenario is about the ing unreasonable demands, chances

screwed up your car is new to you and Unfortunately, the repair can't be now, because of this mistake, you

that, since there are no "perfect" mechanics, you should resolve to yourself that your mechanic might, from time to time, make a mistake. Unless you want to keep flitting from shop to shop — absolutely a very bad and expensive practice — you will have to learn to deal with your mechanic's human weaknesses. Hopefully not too often. I am realistic,

Perhaps the best way to handle these situations when they occur is to consider your own mistakes in your own profession as of late. Of course, you wanted to make amends and correct your mistakes and you would never, ever consider trying to hide any such mistakes. But, at the same time, the party that is injured or inconvenienced by your mistakes has no right to expect you to be "super human" nor is it nice for them to ask for a "pound

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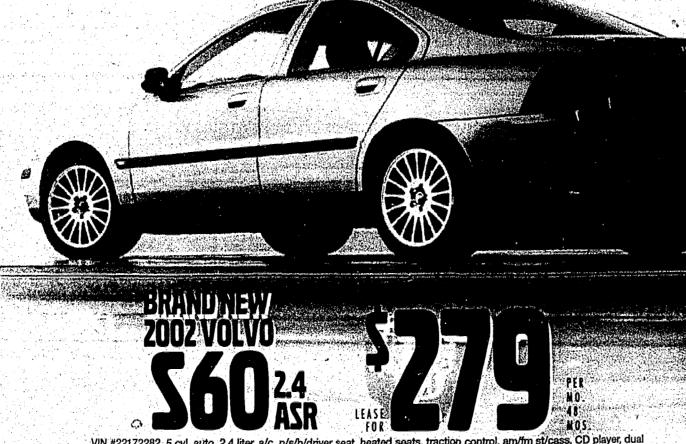
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