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Church celebrates 150 years of service

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

A monumental occasion is coming Oct. 19 and 20 for the Evangel Baptist Church congregation in Springfield. The celebration of their 150th anniversary, and current pastor, the Rev. Frederick Mackey is thrilled as he makes plans for the big event.

"I have been here just nine years but our building has been at 242 Shunpike Road in Springfield since 1967," Mackey said. As part of the anniversary celebration, by his instigation, the church is giving a gift back to the community. "We are starting free classes in the English language, because we have learned there is a real need for it, both here and in Summit."

The classes will be conducted on Monday nights; there are four trained instructors, and refreshments will be served to lighten up the instruction.

"Many Costa Rican immigrants who live in Summit have already signed up, and we are very happy that they have. We have learned many have been exploited with having been charged for filling out forms, such as lease agreements, and other papers," Mackey said the church is committed to helping these people with love and fellowship, and added, "There is never a charge, nor should there be."

The feeling of good will spread. One of the church's members went into a bakery on Springfield Avenue in Summit to purchase pastries for the first sign-up session on Oct. 30, and when she told them what it was for, the manager insisted they would enter

into the spirit and donate the baked goods. "Then they sent the pastries over to us last Monday and they were really wonderful," said the pastor, "and this shows two communities working together in Christian love."

Already over 40 people have registered, and the classes will run once a week for 10 weeks; they will take a break, and start all over again with more people if necessary. Anyone who feels they need help in English should call the church at 973-379-4351. "We will put you on the waiting list if we cannot fit you into the present class." The only purchase necessary will be the textbook which is \$15.

The Baptist church has always believed in giving back to its community. "Our belief is to help people where there is a need, and we know there is a need for this class; we can help these people and we will. What better way to celebrate our 150 years as a church?" the pastor said.

In 1852, the church began as a small group of German immigrants meeting at the home of Evangelist Frederick Hof in his home near West 42nd Street in New York City. It moved to an empty shop on West 4th Street, and to a chapel on Beacon Street in Newark in 1885 as it grew.

Eventually the group of believers, conservative and devout Baptists, were able to build their church in Newark in 1921. Members were from both sides of the Hudson River and were known for close ties among them, like a family.

In 1902, the church celebrated its



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

The Rev. Frederick Mackey is getting ready for the celebration of the 150th Anniversary for The Evangel Baptist Church in Springfield, Oct. 19 through 20. He's happy to mark the occasion with a host of upcoming events for his church.

Golden Jubilee when at that time, a bronze tablet in memory of Frederick Hof was unveiled, which said, "The memory of the righteous is blessed," the text of his last sermon, taken from Acts 20. The current Springfield church is the third church in which this tablet rests; it is located on the wall between the foyer and the front entryway.

As to the forthcoming anniversary weekend, the church plans to bring a large group of members via bus to see

where the previous home of Evangel Baptist Church was in the 1920s, at 18th Avenue and South 20th Street in Newark. The congregation had moved out after the riots in 1967, and it was subsequently sold to Tabernacle Baptist Church, which will welcome the visitors. "It is a black Baptist Church and they are doing very well," said Mackey.

Also on Oct. 19, there will be a festive dinner at Fellowship Hall on Shunpike Road, with more than 200

people already reserving seats. One of the former pastors, the Rev. Warren West, who had been pastor from 1962 to 1969, will be guest speaker at the service following dinner.

It promises to be a very special weekend for the worshippers at Evangel Baptist, and therefore, reservations are necessary because of the dinners being served. Parishioner Cathy Gross is taking the reservations at the church at 973-379-4351.

Beech opening ... December

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

With a handful of parents present at the Mountainside Board of Education meeting Tuesday night, there was another update on the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools building project. Once again, the promised date for the opening of Beechwood, Nov. 12, cannot be met by the contractor.

The task of explaining the whys and wherefores of this news fell to Board of Education member John Perrin, who had technical lists of the outstanding work printed out for all. "We had a meeting on Sept. 26 with Ciro Randazzo contractors who made some promise dates to us for the various jobs still to be completed," said Perrin. "It hasn't happened."

He spoke in detail on the sundry list of items, all behind schedule and some items not even begun. Perrin listed several classroom numbers due to be finished by Oct. 5. Curbs were to be installed by Tuesday but that also has not occurred.

Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller, looking grim, said "He was invited here tonight, and he obviously chose not to appear."

Architect Jim Ruban did, however, have positive comments about one of Randazzo's sub-contractors, Schmidt Company, which was doing the steel work at Beechwood and completed that work ahead of schedule, working steadily on the job.

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In Springfield, no plans in sight for annual Candidates' Night

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

With less than one month to go before the election to decide who will fill one seat on the Springfield Township Committee, there are no plans for a Candidates' Night, where campaign and local government issues can be discussed between Democratic incumbent Sy Mullman and Republican candidate Michael Montanari.

In past years, the Springfield Chapter of the League of Women Voters has hosted a Candidates' Night but has not done so in nearly four years.

"We did attempt to do a Candidates' Night for a number of years when we were fully active," Myrna Wasserman, former president of the Springfield chapter of the League of Women Voters, said. "We did not get the cooperation from the Republican Party."

Springfield Republican Party representatives said they were not treated fairly at past Candidates' Nights because members of Springfield's chapter of the League of Women Voters were predominantly members of the Democratic Par-

ty Republican representatives said the league is supposed to be impartial and not have any affiliation with a specific political party. However, the league's president is married to one of the members of the Township Committee, which is comprised solely of Democrats.

In past debates, Republican Party representatives said, they raised a couple of issues they would like to have debated and those issues were rejected for discussion by the mediator.

"We figured that we were never treated properly by the League of Women Voters and we decided that it would be left up to the candidates if they wanted to appear," said one of the representatives, who did not want his name mentioned. "In 100 percent of the cases they said it's a waste of time and they don't want to go."

Wasserman said the league has a policy that they cannot host a Candidates' Night if there is not at least one person in opposition.

"Since there are only two parties and one chose not to show, we didn't have an opportunity to run a Candidates' Night," said Wasserman.

Since July 1, Springfield's chapter of the League of Women Voters has been dissolved. Instead, they are a member at large unit, which is directly connected to the state League of Women Voters.

As a member at large unit, each female resident of Springfield who wishes to join, in actuality joins the state league and pays dues directly to the state, which also encompasses the national league. A member at large unit can participate in any studies and programs that the state and the national program organizer, but cannot do any studies on the local level.

"We do have the opportunity to do a few things such as a Candidates' Night if that would be the case," said Wasserman.

The league has not been looking into hosting a Candidates' Night for this election because it is still going through the transition of becoming a member at large unit.

"There really wasn't any time to put together a Candidates' Night for the fall," said Wasserman.

According to Wasserman, it is now too late to have a Candidates' Night before this year's election on Nov. 5.

Forum gives lesson in local government

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

With the intent of explaining the intricacies of Springfield's form of government and highlight opportunities for local individual involvement, the township's chapter of Hadassah will conduct a "Know Your Township Government" meeting Oct. 17 at 12:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive.

The forum features guest speakers, representing both the Democratic and Republican parties, who have served on the local government level for many years. They will explain how the system works in Springfield. All program participants are long-time Springfield residents.

"Our intent is to explain our local form of government," said American Affairs Chairwoman Lorraine Seidel.

All New Jersey municipalities have a policy-making body and a mayor, or president, as a formal executive. The relationship between a mayor and policy-making body varies with the form of municipal government. Municipalities may elect officials at large, which Springfield does, or elect officials by the wards they reside in, or by a combination of both.

Springfield's government is known as a Township Committee form, which consists of a three- to five-member Township Committee usually elected at large in partisan elections. At its annual reorganization meeting, the committee selects one of its elected members to be mayor and preside at meetings. In the Township Committee form, residents do not elect representation according to district or ward, and do not elect a mayor. This form of government is used by 27 percent of the state's municipalities.

"When you don't elect from a district, you don't have direct representation," said Seidel.

Under the Optional Municipal Charter Act, also known as the Faulkner Act, which provides many choices for communities with a preference for a strong executive and professional management of municipal affairs, a township form of government is not recommended. The act, which was enacted in 1950 and revised in 1980, also offers initiative, referendum and recall of elected officials to the citizens.

"We've had several campaigns for a change of government, one I was active in 40-something years ago, and they were rejected," said Seidel.

Currently, the Faulkner Act is only used by 21 percent of the state's municipalities. However, the six most populated cities in New Jersey — Newark, Jersey City, Camden, Trenton, Paterson, and Elizabeth — govern under the act.

The act suggests four basic plans:

- The mayor-council plan gives the mayor strong powers. Each municipality under this plan establishes three to 10 executive departments, each headed by a director appointed by the mayor with the consent of the council. It provides for a business administrator to assist the mayor.

- The council-manager plan places complete responsibility for municipal affairs in the council. The council appoints a municipal manager who is the chief executive with broad authority.

- The small municipality plan can be adopted by communities with a population of fewer than 12,000. Springfield's population is more than 14,000. However, under the plan all legislative powers are vested in the



Bill Ruocco

council with the mayor presiding over the council sessions and having both a voice and a vote.

- The mayor-council administrator system has a weak mayor and council system, who appoint a professional administrator. The council performs most legislative and executive functions.

The "Know Your Township Government" forum will not discuss if the residents of Springfield would be better off switching to another form of government.

"We're not advocating a change," said Seidel. "We're just explaining what the situation is."

Ruth Schwartz, a Hadassah member, civic leader and recipient of the 2001 Springfield Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, will serve as moderator.

Bill Cieri will represent the Democratic Party. Cieri served on the Township Committee from 1978 through 1986, including three terms as mayor. Cieri has also served on many other public boards and committees.

"We're a Township Committee



Bill Cieri

form of government and many of the people don't know how it works, who they would have to call, or how they would get involved," said Cieri.

Bill Ruocco, who is chairman of the township's Republican Committee, will represent the Republican Party. He was a member of the Township Committee for 15 years, including two terms as mayor. He is also a member of numerous public and professional committees.

"I'm asking the people to get themselves involved and maybe they can pass it on to their families," said Ruocco.

"They will tell everyone how you can become involved," said Seidel. "You can learn the issues, learn what you'd like to see and they can tell you how to start."

All interested Springfield residents are invited to attend the event.

"We hope that the audience will have questions as to how they can become more effective," said Seidel. "The speakers will explain to them how they can make their feelings and concerns known."

Rat sightings rise in Maple Court area

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

First Springfield. Then Summit. Now, rats are finding a home in the area of Maple Court in Mountainside, according to some local residents.

"We have a rat problem," said Jan Wojtkunski, a Maple Court resident. She said the first sighting was in early July and since then, her neighbors had to exterminate.

She told the Borough Council during its work session Tuesday that the sightings had increased at the end of September and said they've been spotted close to Deerfield during the daytime.

"They're in my yard. They're in the yard on the corner. I don't want to spend the rest of my life paying for exterminators," said Wojtkunski.

After seeing them on her property, she contacted the Westfield Regional Health Department, which covers Mountainside, and Health Inspector Tanya Moon came to her residence on Oct. 1. Although Moon found some holes around Wojtkunski's property, she was told by the Board of Health that the rat problem was caused by the drought.

Councilman Paul Mirabelli suggested asking the Board of Health to go to her property and the surrounding area to see if any rat colonies could be found, in an effort to find the source of the infestation.

"You might want to talk to the exterminator to have him go to the surrounding area and see if he finds any on borough property," said Mirabelli. By doing this with an exterminator who has the experience to root out these problems, he said it would be more likely to find the source.

Mayor Robert Vigilanti said he would have the Borough Clerk give the Board of Health a call again in an effort to address the problem further, emphasizing that other towns have been told their rat problems are because of the drought as well.

"It's not unusual," said Councilman Werner Schon. "We have had it happen. It hasn't happened in a while."

He said he remembered an incidence of rats around the area of Old Tote Road. He suggested that in an effort to find the source, the Board of Health should research the area more fully, not just individual properties.

Wojtkunski said she found two dead rats on her property and put their size at about almost a foot long. She said in the house behind hers is a woman with a 4-year-old child and a baby. At night, she said she goes outside with a flashlight because she's afraid of seeing them.

Emma Pomo, another Maple Court resident, emphasized that this is the second time a rat problem has resurfaced on their road. "We'd like you to find the source and alert the other residents," said Pomo. "We've already done it on July 15 and here it is, we're having the same problem."

She said calling for an exterminator hasn't solved the problem, since it appears to be coming up again since July.

When residents see a rat on their property, Borough Clerk Judy Osty said the Board of Health has to go to the site to perform an inspection, then send a letter to the resident stating the problem and what should be done about it.

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Monday

The Mountaineers Club offers the Mommy & Me program at 10:15 a.m. Members can take their children on a hayride and visit the pumpkin patch at Wightman's Farm. RSVP to Jodi Kelleher at 908-789-7688 ASAP.

Tuesday

The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment meet at 8 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building at 400 Mountain Ave.

Wednesday

The Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Sprigfield will host their first monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House on Church Mall.

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Opening delayed again

(Continued from Page 1) "A series of tests have to be done: all steel work needs to be certified by a testing company, but to date, we do not have any of the testing reports on any of the steel that is up," Ruban said.

Ruban added, "The gym is another area, and Mr. Musial suggested that perhaps the board may want to hire their own testing company to make sure the work has been done properly. This would be just to avoid the inevitable, waiting we have been going through."

Schaller said it was not that simple, much had to be discussed and that was the very fact they were holding that special meeting and why they were bringing in the bonding company. "I can't discuss the legal aspect, but we are taking appropriate steps," said Schaller.

Kress said he was being paid for what he had completed and that they were still ahead of him in that respect.

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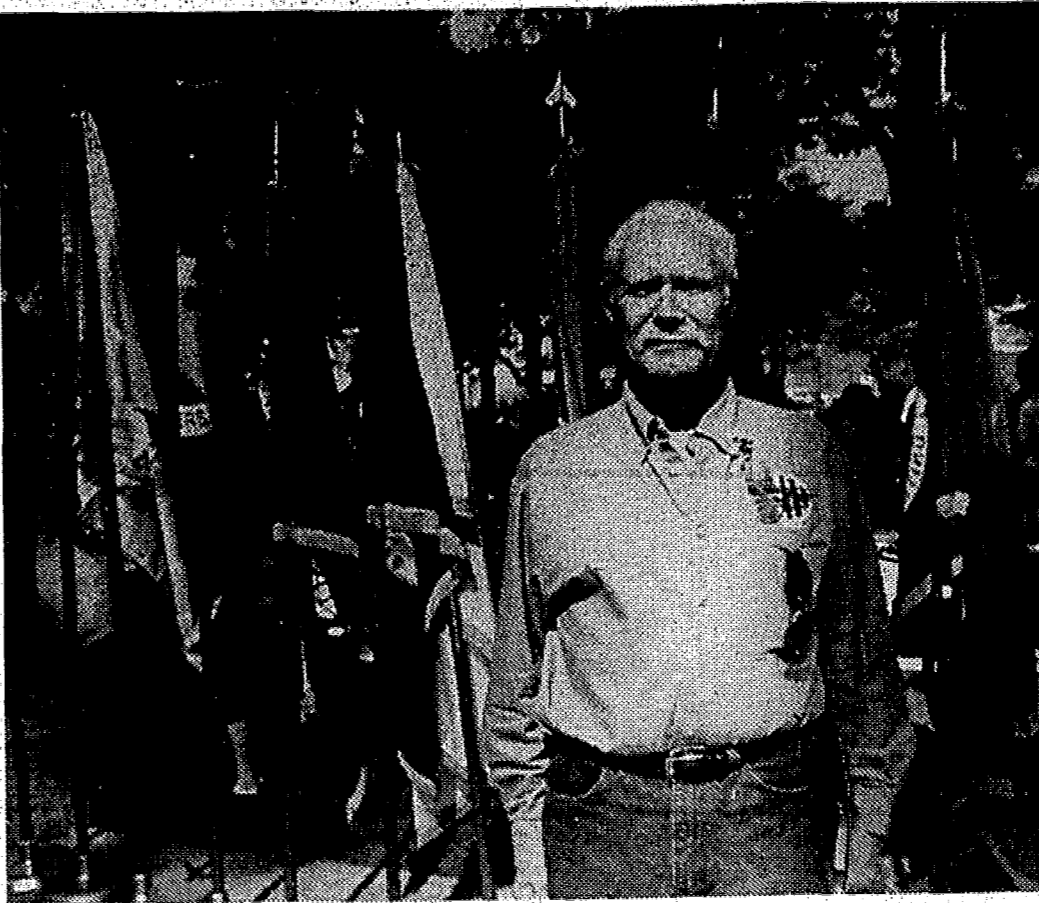
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Three receive medals

Three Springfield residents were among 118 Union County residents who are veterans of the Vietnam War to receive the New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal from Brigadier Gen. William Marshall, deputy state area commander, during a special awards ceremony Oct. 1 at Plainfield City Hall.

Approved by the Legislature Nov. 13, 2000, the medal commemorates the 25th anniversary of the ending of the Vietnam War in January 1973. Receiving medals were Air Force Airman 1st Class, Leonard Condo, Air Force Capt. Donald J. Hartman and Marine Lance Cpl. Kevin M. King.

Anyone interested in applying for the New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal should send a written request together with a copy of the individual's discharge document, DD Form 214, to: NJDMAVA, Attn: Vietnam Service Medal, P.O. Box 340, Trenton, 08625-0340.



Marine Lance Cpl. Kevin M. King of Springfield was one of three Springfield residents who were among the Union County Vietnam veterans to be honored with the New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal. The award ceremony took place at Plainfield City Hall.

Mayor encourages residents to voice their opinions

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

Although he didn't hand out formal invitations, Springfield Mayor Steven Goldstein invited township residents to attend the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting tonight and speak out against reopening the Rahway Valley Railroad line.

"You can step up to their microphone and you can voice your opinion to them regarding the railroad issue because I certainly am going to do it on behalf of the town," said Goldstein in regard to the Freeholder meeting, which is conducted at the County Administration Building on Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth at 7 p.m. "Private citizens are welcome to go up as private citizens of Springfield and voice their opinions."

Last month, Goldstein and Township Administrator Richard Sheola met with Union County officials to discuss township issues, including the railroad line, which would run through residential neighborhoods, major highways and county parks.

Goldstein said that county officials have said repeatedly that if townships do not want the railroad reopened, it will not be reopened. However, he said ominous warnings are starting to come, referring to articles he's been reading in the newspapers.

Last month, the Township Committee adopted a resolution opposing the reactivation of the railroad line. "We passed our resolution and I think now it's time for our voices to be heard," said Goldstein.

A portion of the tracks cross Route 22 in Union, then head into Springfield cutting across Meisel Avenue, leading onto Mountain Avenue and weaving its way through residential properties, and then crossing over Shumpke Road by the Summit border.

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 new rails.

Cop Trot gets day off to a good start

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

If a morning jog makes you feel good, you might even feel better by participating in the third annual "Cop Trot" Saturday, the five-mile run/walk which benefits the Mountaineers Police Athletic League.

"It's a good community event," said Mountaineers Police Captain Richard Osieja. "You have people that are walking with their kids. You have mothers with their strollers. There's a wide range. You have fourth-grade kids all sticking together, jog together."

Registration for the PAL's biggest fund-raiser begins at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave. in Mountaineers, at 8:30 a.m. and the race starts an hour later. "We started out a couple of years ago saying, 'Come out for a run. If you're going to run at home, run here with us. Run with 270 other people. Have a good time,'" said Mountaineers Police Sgt. Scott Worswick.

"It's competitive if you want it to be," said Osieja. "We have some competitive runners that go around to these different events, these running events. But this is also a family-type thing, where families go out and walk or jog it or run it or whatever they want."

Worswick said the "Cop Trot" averages 270 participants each year. He said the 5-mile distance is very popular and manageable. "Anything longer, you tie up the whole town," said Worswick. "People like that distance. It's not too short or too long."

The race also offers mile markers, as well as complimentary pre- and post-race refreshments. Osieja said that participants will also receive tickets which allow them to bid on items in a Chinese auction. The PAL conducts different activities and programs during the course of the year for the youth of the borough.

"The PAL, through programs and events, tries to bring the police and the youth in the community closer together," said Worswick. They take Mountaineers Kids to New Jersey Devils games and New Jersey Jackals games, a minor league baseball team. In past years, the kids have participated in a baseball clinic with some of the Jackals' players.

"The kids will get together and the PAL would offset the price of the tickets," said Osieja. "They'll meet and tailgate before the game and then go in as a group." Checks and application forms for the "Cop Trot" can be dropped off at Mountaineers Police Headquarters at Borough Hall, Route 22 East. An information packet and race number will be distributed on the day of the race.

Annual reports set school testing goals

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

Springfield School Administrators presented their Quality Assurance Annual Reports to the Board of Education, setting two objectives for this coming school year at each of the district's five schools.

Every superintendent within the state must create a QAAR and report on it, specifying the academic activities of this year compared to the previous year. The QAAR is presented in every school district during the fall.

"Every year, every school in the state of New Jersey must set objectives, goals that they want to accomplish that year," said Assistant Superintendent Judy Zimmerman. "They follow through with their staff, meet with the parents, to put these objectives together and monitor the progress."

At the end of the year, based on the progress of those objectives, they set the next year's objectives. Jonathan Dayton High School, which houses students in grades nine through 12, has set its two objectives to deal with students' test scores.

One of the high school's objectives is to increase student PSAT scores by at least three points in the vocabulary section. The PSATs are given to students in grade 10, and help indicate how the students will do on the SATs, which are taken by students in grade 11.

The other high school objective is to have at least 85 percent of the students master the proficiency level of the mathematics section of the High School Proficiency Assessment Test, which is given in the spring to students in grade 11. The results of last year's test indicated that only 77 percent of the students mastered the proficiency level of the mathematics section.

The HSPA is a new test given by the state. It replaces the High School Proficiency Test, which was given to students in grade 11 during the fall. Dayton Principal Charles Serson said that students throughout the county and the state did not fair well on the HSPA.

Each of the Dayton students who were not proficient on the mathematics section have been placed into a remedial prep class and have taken a retest last week.

Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School, which houses grades five through eight, is concerned with its students' math and writing levels. Math scores on the Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment Test were not as high as school administrators would like. One of the school's objectives is to increase those scores, something that should not be too difficult with new math programs being incorporated into the curriculum of elementary school students and younger Gaudineer students.

Last year's grade eight students who took the GEPA had a 94-percent proficiency level when it came to writing. However, only 16 percent of those students placed in the advanced proficiency level. Therefore, Gaudineer's objective is to place more kids into that level.

James Caldwell School and Thelma L. Sandmeier School, the district's two elementary schools which house grades one through four, have similar objectives. "I think there's a gravitational pull for the schools to take the responsibility to once again work with students at a very early age and help them to begin to learn the skills that will help them learn specific writing conventions; the structure, the language that goes into developing a sound, coherent essay," said Caldwell Principal Ken Bernabe.

Grade four students are expected to be proficient writers in every subject, not just subjects that have a more focused look on the language, such as Language Arts and Social Studies. For example, students are expected to be able to put a mathematical equation into sentence form. Students in grade four began this objective when they were in grade two.

Students are judged on a rubric assessment scale based on a five-point system with five as the highest possible score. Eighty-eight percent of the students should be able to score a three or better.

Although the language used in each of the elementary schools' rubric is not identical, the components by which the students' performance is judged is very similar.

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Thomas J. Finneran
and deputy chief. He was a member of the Summit Police Benevolent Association Local 55 and was the recipient of the Stuart Reed Award for his work with the youth in the community.

World War II. Surviving are two sons, Michael and Thomas; a daughter, Kathleen; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
Patrick Fitzgerald
moving to Branchburg in 1985. He was the municipal clerk in Summit for 12 years. He was a former president of the New Jersey Municipal Court Clerks' Association.

Surviving are two sons, Patrick and Brian; sisters, Geraldine Martin and Olive Cestone, and five grandchildren.
Obituary policy
Obituary notices submitted by local funeral homes or families must be in writing. This newspaper cannot accept obituaries by telephone.

RELIGION

Temple Sinai hosts Shabbat Service
The Temple Sinai, 208 Summit Ave., Summit, will host Shabbat Service on Oct. 18 at 8 p.m. Rabbi Gershon and the Rev. Robert Morris will explore how prayer and meditation can reduce stress, promote wellness, and increase one's inner resources in coping with life's challenges.

Evangel Baptist has 150th anniversary
The Evangel Baptist Church had its beginning in 1852 in New York City under the leadership of a lay Pastor Fredrick Hof. Now, 150 years later, the church is located at 242 Shunpike Road in Springfield.

Raising a Jewish baby
Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, has announced a new program for expectant parents. "In the Beginning... Raising a Jewish Baby" is designed to help new parents and grandparents welcome a Jewish baby into their lives.

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Hazak Chapter offers lecture series
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Family Communion Breakfast on Sunday
Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, conducts an annual Family Communion Breakfast, sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society after 9:30 a.m. mass on Sunday.

Why do smart kids fail?
If your child has struggled with schoolwork this year, take action now to make his or her grades better.
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Rosary Altar Society plans bake sale
On Oct. 26 and 27 a bake sale will take place for the Rosary Altar Society at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside.

Jewish Adventure Series
The Summit Jewish Community Center Religious School invites preschoolers to participate in its Jewish Adventure Series. Children 4 years-old, pre-K, will experience an enriching, appropriate program to learn about Jewish holidays and the Bible.

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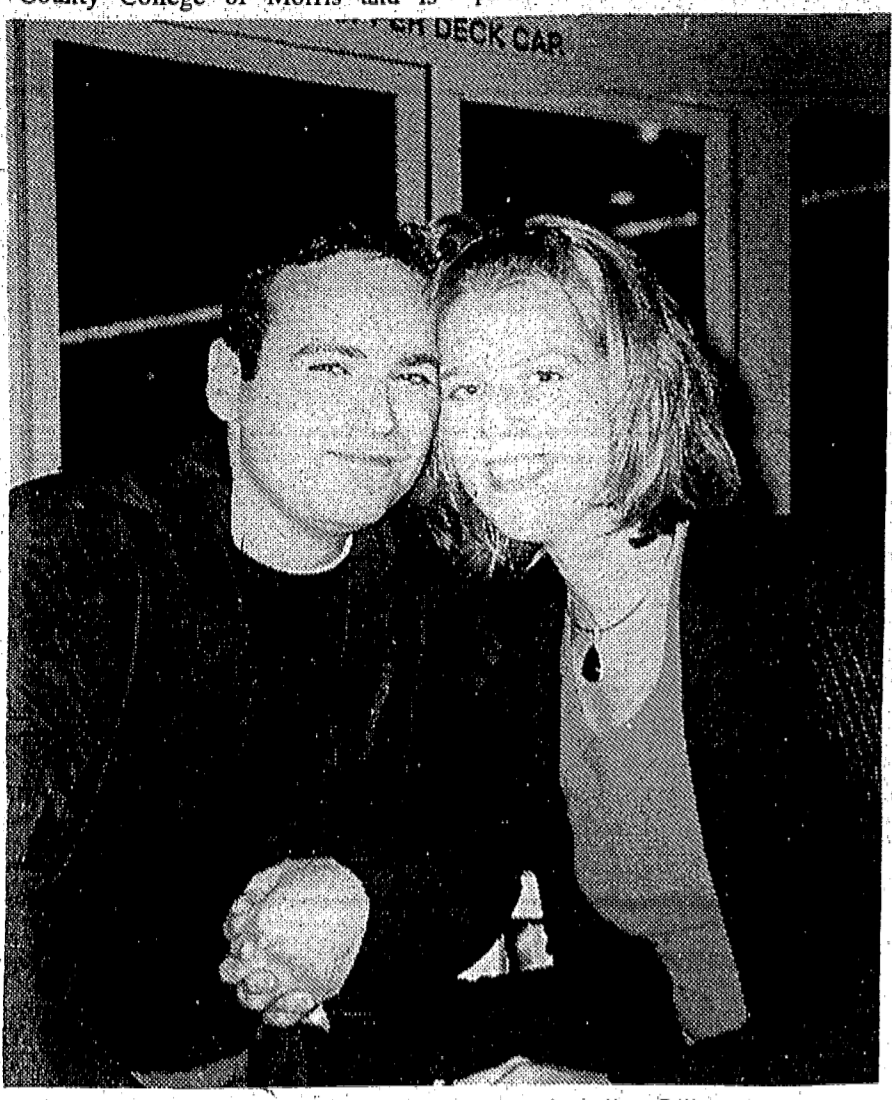
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Binocore, Gill are engaged

Mr. Michael Binocore and Ms. Rosemary Binocore of Edison/Bound Brook announce the engagement of their son, Matthew Binocore, to Julia Gill, daughter of Mr. Richard Gill and Ms. Eugenia Barker of Elizabeth/Chester.



Matthew Binocore and Julia Gill

STUDENT UPDATE

Delbarton names Merit Semifinalists
Delbarton recently named several students National Merit Semifinalists and Commended Students, including Michael Margello of Mountainside.

Pingry students get Merit awards
Nicholas DeAngelis of Springfield was among the students who were recently commended by the 2003 National Merit Scholarship Program at The Pingry School.

DeAngelis earns Merit Award at Pingry
Springfield resident Nicholas DeAngelis is among the students who were recently commended by the 2003 National Merit Scholarship Program at The Pingry School.

These students are recognized for their exceptional academic performance and demonstration of future academic success. A letter of commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, will be presented to these scholastically talented seniors.

CLUBS IN THE NEWS

Evening Group hosts monthly meeting

The Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will host its regular monthly meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House on Church Hill.

Final plans will be made for the Year Sale to be conducted Oct. 18 and 19. Articles are to be brought in to fill boxes for Operation Christmas Child run by Billy Graham's son, Franklin. These boxes are to be sent to children all over the world in war-torn and poor nations.

All women are invited to join in this activity and the group. For information, call the church office at 973-379-4320.

Newcomers Club of Mountainside events

The Mountainside Newcomers Club announces the following activities in the near future:
Monday, 10:15 a.m., The Mommy & Me program will be taking a hayride and visiting the pumpkin patch at Wightman's Farm, R.S.V.P. to Jodi Kelleher at 908-789-7688, as soon as possible.

Oct. 17 at 8 p.m., The Book Club will meet at Kathy Nichols' home. Anjali Mehrotra will be the moderator on the book, "The Lovely Bones" by Alice Sebold. R.S.V.P. to Nichols at 908-789-0497, or for additional details on the meeting.

A progressive Dinner is scheduled for Oct. 19. Come out and celebrate autumn. Enjoy appetizers and cocktails, and then break up into smaller groups for delicious dinners at different members' homes, and then enjoy coffee and desserts from 10 p.m. until midnight. The cost to attend is \$36 a couple. R.S.V.P. to Susan Buchner at 908-928-9291 and also let her know if you are interested in hosting a portion of this event.

Oct. 23 at 12:30 p.m., Lunch Bunch! Join the group at the Brick Oven in Westfield at 117 Quimby St. for a fun time out. R.S.V.P. to Sue Zawody at 908-789-8543.

A Halloween Party takes place Oct. 26, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Community Room on the second floor of Mountainside Borough Hall. The cost is \$6 per child. Come join the group in a costume for a hauntingly fun Halloween party with the Mommy & Me program. There will be pizza, treats, tattoos, games and lots of fun. R.S.V.P. to Kim Moriak, at 908-232-5608 or Oct. 18.

Oct. 30 at 8:30 p.m., Men's Night Out. Come out and enjoy the evening with the guys at the Trap Rock Brewery, located at 279 Springfield Ave. in Berkeley Heights. R.S.V.P. to Prashant Mehrotra at 908-232-7087. Karen Sforza will collect old Halloween costumes and any unwanted Halloween candy after Halloween for

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini Sports Editor

This weekend marks the conclusion of the first half of the regular season, with eight Union County teams having four games under their belts and the other eight three. This weekend is the first of the season that all 16 teams are in action.

Elizabeth and Brearley, both 4-0, are the only unbeaten remaining. Elizabeth, seeking to get back to the North 2, Group 4 final, has won 16 straight regular season games. The Minutemen were last defeated in the regular season in October of 2000 when they fell at Linden 27-6.

Brearley, sparked by athletes from Brearley and Dayton high schools, has been the most dominant team in the county so far. The Bears have outscored the opposition by a whopping 155-15 count that includes two shutouts.

Brearley has qualified for the playoffs twice (1997 and 2000) since last winning North 2, Group 1 in 1991. However, the Bears have not won a playoff game since winning at Johnson and then at Mountain Lakes in 1991.

Game of the Week: Summit at West Essex. Summit handled Parsippany 35-13, while West Essex took care of Mendham 30-14. That sets up Summit (3-1) vs. West Essex (4-0), Saturday at 2 p.m. in North Caldwell, with the Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division lead on the line.

Summit had a lead on West Essex before falling 20-16 at Tatlock Field in the regular season last year. West Essex then handled the visiting Hilltoppers 27-7 in the North 2, Group 2 quarterfinal en route to winning the section.

WEEK FOUR GAMES Friday, Oct. 11 (5) East Side at Union, 7 p.m. Plainfield at Elizabeth, 7 p.m. Immaculata at North Plain, 7 p.m. Montville at Roselle Park, 7 p.m. New Prov. at Newark Central 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 (7) Linden at Westfield, 1 p.m. Hillsdale at Roselle, 1 p.m. Ridge at Johnson, 1 p.m. Brearley at Mt. Beaird, 1:30 p.m. Gov. Livingston at Rahway, 2 p.m. Cranford at Scotch Plains, 2 p.m. Summit at West Essex, 2 p.m.

Rudolph outstanding for Stingers

The Soccer Club of Springfield 9-and-under Stingers, sparked by the outstanding play of Jake Rudolph, posted another victory. Springfield bested Highlands 7-4 for its second consecutive triumph.

In addition to Rudolph, also playing well for the Stingers were Sergio Annunziata, Tyler Schafer, Ryan Rinderman, Jesse DiCocco, Brian DiFiore, Ryan Cutino, Aaron Sauerhoff, Zach Corey, Jack Finnegan, Joey Policastro, Ross Konesky, Nico Izzi and Ryan Schweikert.

Schweikert netted three goals and Konesky and Izzi two. DiFiore and Cutino excelled on defense in front of goalkeeper Sauerhoff, who made several outstanding saves.

Sharp on the attack on offense were Corey, Finnegan and Policastro. Rudolph was tough to score on in goal for the Stingers in their 4-1 win against Caldwell.

The Stingers are scheduled to play Sunday at 2:45 p.m. at Gaudinier School. The opponent was not reported.

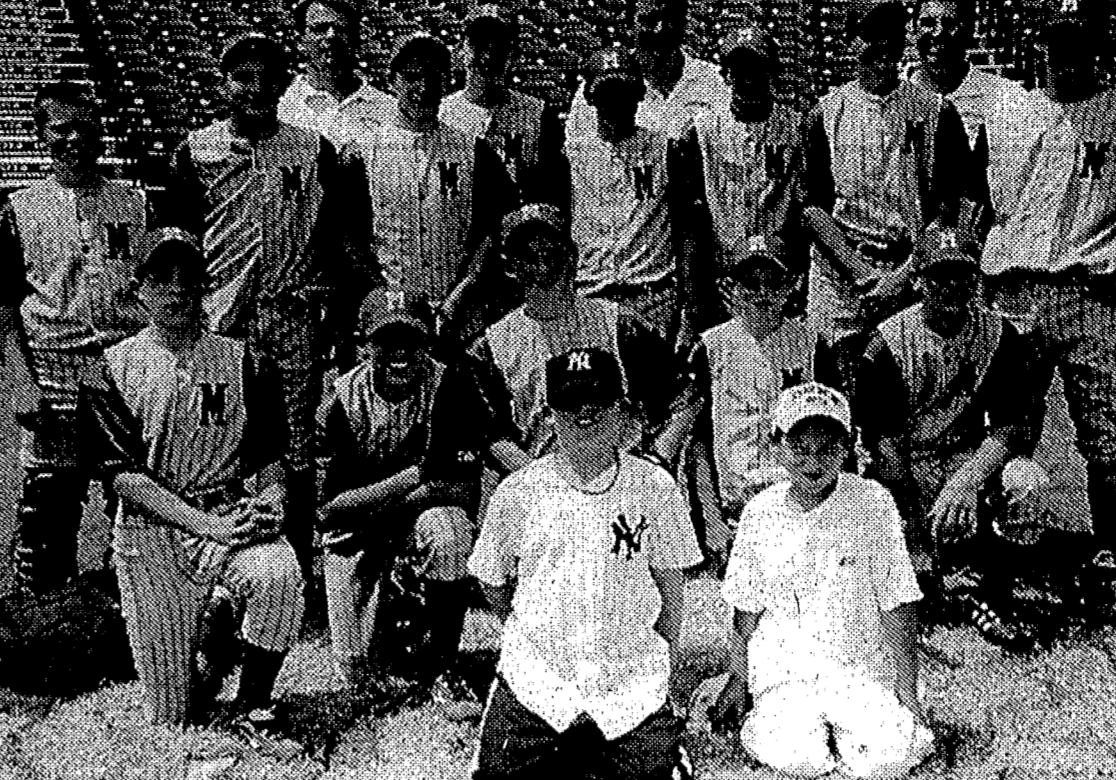
Tornadoes triumph
The 9-and-under Tornadoes won another game, although the opponent and score of the match was not reported.

Playing well were Mike Disko, Evan Krupp, Amar Patel, Johnny Balboni, Christian Schmidt, Eytan Blochin, Matthew Lyna, Brandon Moss, Max Kotler, Nicholas Pearl, Peter Yablonsky, Zachary Haliczek, Andrew Homlish and Brendan O'Reilly.

Disko scored, with Krupp and Patel carrying assists. Balboni scored next off an assist by Schmidt. Blochin had two goals, one of them coming off an unassisted corner kick. Lyna scored with an assist going to Disko.

SPORTS

All-Stars successful



The Mountainside Select ages 13-14 All-Star baseball team had a very successful season, finishing 6-0 in the District 9 Tournament and advancing to the Williamsport Sectional Tournament finals. The squad also defeated Millburn in a game at BlueClaws Stadium in Lakewood, which is the home of the BlueClaws, the Class A affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies. Batboys kneeling, from left, are Logan Kelly and Stephen Amalfi. Behind batter Joseph D'Antonio. Standing, from left, are Kevin Wheaton, Matt Zimmerman, Philip Vitale, Reid Kelley, Rob Gilcrest, Thomas Amalfi, Justin Quaglia and Brendan Smith. Coaches, from left, are Rola Wheaton, manager John Amalfi and Joe D'Antonio. Team member not in picture is Andrew Jakubowski.

Preparation is important to success of any team

Dayton girls' tennis did qualify for states

DAYTON — Off-season preparation. The second singles position is occupied by Jamie Neville, while the third singles spot is held by sophomore Abby Wilkenfeld.

"Abby is our strongest singles player and record-wise," Prisco said. "She did prepare off season, as she took lessons in Mountainside once a week."

"I lost four graduated players from last year's team," Prisco said. "The players that have come up are adequate and working hard."

Dayton did qualify for the upcoming North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 playoffs. The Bulldogs lost at Mountain Lakes 5-0 in last year's semifinals.

Last Thursday, Dayton lost a 5-0 decision to visiting non-conference foe Bernards.

"The girls came to practice on Aug. 26 and did work, but they came in with no prior preparation," Prisco said. "They didn't prepare, like all of the good teams and players do in the off-season."

As of their scheduled match against visiting Roselle Catholic on Monday, the Bulldogs ended the week with a 5-4 record.

"Dayton won at Roselle Catholic 4-1 on Sept. 20."

"If the girls choose to prepare, we will be better than our record," Prisco said. "We could be a 15-5 team."

The second singles position is occupied by Jamie Neville, while the third singles spot is held by sophomore Abby Wilkenfeld.

"That goal seemed to inspire Roselle as it looked to the things up minutes later. However, Nitello was up to the challenge as he made three excellent saves.

The first two came on 30-yard blasts from Wawerm and Claudius Valburn that Nitello snared at the right post.

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Dayton is putting it together nicely

Bulldogs began week at 6-1

By Jeff Wolfrum Staff Writer
SPRINGFIELD — Putting it together nicely. That's what the Dayton High School boys' soccer team has done so far this season.

As of Monday, the Bulldogs sported a 6-1 record and were on a five-match winning streak. Dayton's sixth victory came last Thursday afternoon in the form of a 3-2 triumph over visiting Mountain Valley Conference-Skivy Division opponent Roselle.

"That game was valuable to us," Dayton head coach Felix Fabiano said. "We were counting on this one because it almost assures us a spot in the states."

High School Boys' Soccer

Dayton just missed qualifying for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 playoffs the past two seasons. The cutoff date is two weeks away. Friday, Oct. 15. Playing without leading scorer Carlos Soto, who was out with a leg injury, other Dayton players picked up the offensive slack early in the contest.

Less than 10 minutes into the match, Dayton senior midfielder Brad Shortall received a cross from Dimetry Tareschuk on the right wing and then proceeded to rip a shot into the right corner for a 1-0 lead.

"I didn't want the team to be Carlos-dependent," Fabiano said. "Some guys really stepped up."

At the 25:01 mark, Dayton added to its lead when Matt Schachtel blasted a 20-footer into the top left corner off a loose ball to make it 2-0.

"My teammate crossed the ball and they went up for a header and it bounced toward me," Schachtel said. "I volleyed it in and was able to get in on goal. I was able to go high left on the top shelf."

Five minutes later, Roselle answered back when Ihuma Onwuali scored off an assist from David Osoro.

At the 32nd minute, Dayton made it 3-1 when junior midfielder Luis Soto scored on a penalty shot after a foul was called on a Roselle player in the penalty box.

On the penalty shot, the younger Soto ripped a low liner in the middle of the net that beat Roselle netminder Junior Joseph, who was injured in a diving attempt to stop the shot.

"Luis probably has the strongest kick on our team," Schachtel said. "He totally overpowered his shot and their goalie had no chance."

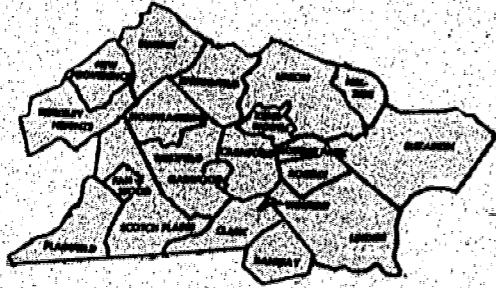
New Roselle goalkeeper Randolph Dorcent kept the score at 3-1 heading into intermission as made a stop at the right post on a shot by Soto.

Roselle came out of the second half with a purpose as it put a lot of pressure on the Dayton defense.

The Rams' persistence paid off with 19 minutes left as David Sanchez talked off an assist from Martin Wawerm. On the play, Wawerm crossed to Sanchez on the right wing, who then just got enough of it to trickle a shot past a taller Mike Nitello.

"It hit the ball, but it spun back into the net," said Nitello. Dayton's senior goalkeeper.

That goal seemed to inspire Roselle as it looked to the things up minutes later. However, Nitello was up to the challenge as he made three excellent saves.



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A sign on Sherman

It is a good bet that Paul Mirabelli is going to be re-elected to his council seat in Mountainside on Election Day. After two successful contests, this time, he has no opposition. But the Republican office holder doesn't let up on the need to keep in touch.

"I will still go out and meet the voters. Being active in volunteer and recreational activities with three kids gives you that chance." Mirabelli looks forward this weekend to the town's Fall Festival as a chance to interact with the locals.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

As with candidates around the county, the discussions usually turn quickly to the two-edged sword of wanting more services and desires for less taxes. Mirabelli likes to point to "our expanded recreational activities and the road improvement program" as examples of his party's accomplishments.

As for the time he puts in, the full-time lawyer and part-time councilman estimates the number can hit 40 hours a month.

Sunday night, at the other end of the county in Roselle Park, Victor Fuzo ran out to place signs on supporters' houses on Sherman Avenue and Berwyn Street. "We just got the signs, and these were good locations for supporters." Fuzo, a Democrat, does have a contest in the 1st Ward which borders Elizabeth and Union. In local races, the candidate often has other responsibilities like hammering in signs in addition to the campaign.

The talk on Sherman Avenue, according to Fuzo, centers on "taxes and the concern over proposed school construction." While the school construction costs are outside of Fuzo's role, candidates find quickly that voters are not always disciplined in terms of discussion on taxes. But it is still a subject they prefer to discuss.

Fuzo knows something about voters' preference. In 1984, when there was a landslide for President Reagan, as a candidate for the at large seat he won the machine tally. A final count of the absentees left him six votes short. After a two-year appointment as a substitute councilman a few years later, Fuzo took time off to raise his family and build a business. He is back this year.

Both Mirabelli and Fuzo say the voters are interested in their communities. The recently published "Vanishing Voter" by Professor Thomas Patterson paints a different picture. The Harvard professor concludes that the "consistent ebb" since 1960, leaves a dwindling minority who go to the polls. He actually calls it a crisis. Since a majority won't "take the same time to vote as it takes to go to the video store," he concludes the higher income, who do vote more are "greatly over-represented."

Troubling as non-voting is, Patterson's call to "excite, inform and energize the voters" actually angers me more. David Broder, the national columnist, blamed it Monday on the offensive television commercials which trivialize politics and turn off voters.

Voters shouldn't have to be enticed to vote, like watching the fall television schedule. It really is a responsibility. I even thought about publishing the names of the non-voters. That's impractical because there are just too many of them.

Still, people like Mirabelli and Fuzo go out, offer themselves to the voters, and commendably provide civic service to their community. Maybe, we will just have to move the polling places inside the local Blockbuster. Wouldn't that be an interesting sign of the times.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

Church outraged over decision on property

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Members of Fountain Baptist Church in Summit plan to attend tonight's meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders to voice displeasure in the board's decision not to auction part of a 63-acre tract adjacent to the church.

"We plan on attending in good numbers," Phil Hill, president of the church's Board of Trustees, said of tonight's meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building in Elizabeth.

Outraged by the decision and feeling "abandoned" by the county, Hill said he did not believe there were any issues in the environmental report that could not have been mitigated or managed through the local zoning board or planning board process. The church had hoped to bid on seven of the 63 acres for auction to expand its facilities.

The freeholders "should have chosen to auction the entire seven acres of land; the issue of land development should have been decided by the local Planning Board, which is the proper venue for deciding such matters," Hill said.

"We were exploring the possibility, but the overall impact was too great. That's what the board made its decision on," County Manager George Devanney said. "In the end, it's the county's decision. The area was too sensitive for us to develop."

County officials compared the situation to one several years ago in Scotch Plains. Township officials had approached the county about developing part of Ash Brook Reservation for use as athletic fields, but because of the impact on the environment, the county declined.

"A whole lot is different" since initial discussions with the church first began," Devanney said. "We made every attempt to help the church."

"If you did not have the intestinal fortitude to stay the course and allow the

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Dredging of lake planned

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

By this time next year, Upper Echo Lake at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside could have a whole new look if a county project goes according to plan.

Director of Parks and Recreation Charles Sigmund said it should take three to six months to develop bid documents and engineering plans for the dredging of Upper Echo Lake. He expects construction to begin by the summer, with another three to six months for completion.

If "all things fall into place," he said, the project could be finished by next fall; by the end of 2003 for sure.

Upper Echo Lake reaches a maximum depth of 4.3 feet and encompasses 9.6 acres, including a boat house. A popular fishing area, the lake is home to all sorts of wildlife including Canada geese, ducks, heron and osprey.

FX Browne and Co., which completed dredging of Surprise Lake two years ago, was awarded the \$138,000



Photo By Joseph Sorrentino

Upper Echo Lake in Mountainside will be dredged next summer if all goes according to the county's plans.

contract for planning and engineering of Upper Echo Lake.

A dredge can be floated in the lake or the lake can be slowly drained before entering to remove the soil, John Salerno, a spokesman for the county, said. The second option can be used at Upper Echo Lake, he said, because any aquatic life can use Lower Echo Lake.

Once the water gates are opened, it would take two to three months for the lake the dry and another two to three months to remove all the soil, Salerno said.

A boathouse at the park has not been in use for several years, but

Salerno said the county plans to eventually hire someone to run the facility.

The county has plans to dredge 11 of its 30 lakes. Cedar Brook Lake at Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield is next on the list.

Other lakes identified as in need of dredging are Warinanco Park Lake in Roselle, Briant Pond in Summit, Green Brook Lagoon in Plainfield, Nomahegan Lake in Cranford, Lower Echo Lake in Mountainside, Meisel Pond in Springfield, Rahway River Park lake, Milton Lake in Rahway and Seeley's Pond in Berkeley Heights.

Young offers alternative choice

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Editor's note: This is the second part in a series about candidates in the 7th Congressional District.

Darren Young has never served in government. That's what makes him most qualified to be a member of Congress, he says.

"If you've spent your whole life in government, you tend to look for a government solution," the Summit resident said.

Young, a native of Mountainside, is the Libertarian candidate for Congress in the 7th District, taking on incumbent Republican Mike Ferguson, R-Warren, and Democrat Tim Carden, D-Peapack.

He has run for Congress twice before, in 1998 and 2000. Each time he received about 1 to 2 percent of the overall vote.

"Every time I run I grow, and become a better candidate," Young said. He eventually believes he will win a seat in Congress, but for the time being, his goal is to expose citizens to the ideas "our Founding Fathers espoused" and "plant the seeds," while offering another perspective.

"I want to give people an opportunity to vote for less government. Now they have a choice."

People sometimes tell him voting for a third party is a wasted vote, to which Young replies, in voting Democrat or Republican people are "voting for the same thing anyway."

"The only way to get something changed is to vote for someone else."

Young, who writes software for a trucking company for a living, said he's been a Libertarian ever since he

started following politics some 10 years ago.

The Libertarian Party seeks less government in people's lives. "It's gotten out of hand," Young said.

A lot of the ideas seem extremely radical, he said, but one does not have to go that far back into the nation's history to see how things were with less government, adding that there was no government welfare even during Depression years of the 1930s.

Young would like to see Social Security privatized, or abolished altogether, and scale back social welfare programs, as many countries have done successfully. "If Chile 16 years ago can privatize Social Security, why can't we?" He said privatization raised the standard of living in that nation.

Social Security in its current form is "a ticking time bomb the politicians are just playing with."

Young advocates individually controlled retirement funds, not necessarily invested in the stock market. These funds should not "vanish when people die," as Social Security does.

"Give people control back." He also does not see a need for a federal Department of Education, which collects tax money, only to spend it on bureaucracy and send some funds back to school districts with strings attached. "Education is a local decision."

But there is "too much power and inertia to break up the bureaucracy." The GOP's Contract with America in 1994 "should have been a wakeup call," Young said. The plan to eliminate several federal agencies, including the departments of education and energy, never materialized, and government has not gotten smaller.

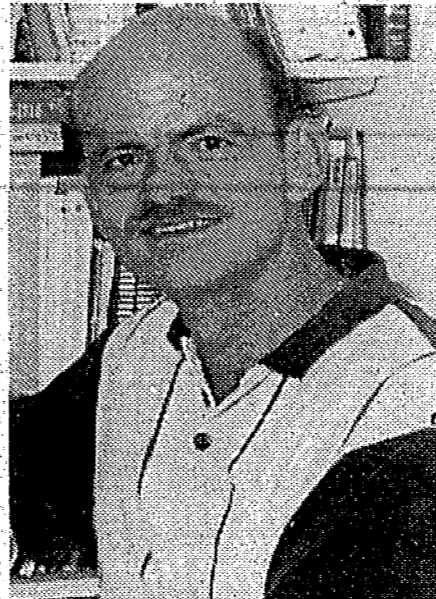


Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Summit resident Darren Young is the Libertarian Party candidate in the 7th Congressional District.

"That's really not true anymore; 40 to 50 years ago, maybe, but they completely abandoned Contract with America," Young said of the Republicans who took over control of the House of Representatives during the mid-1990s.

They did the same thing all politicians wanted to do: increase the size of government, Young said. "The GOP really doesn't stand for what it used to."

Now, everyone is an opportunistic politician who will do or say anything to get elected, he said, and political ads have no meaning whatsoever. "There's no sincerity in politics anymore."

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Ballots reprinted

State Democrats to pay for cost

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Union County has started the process of reprinting 270,000 ballots for the Nov. 5 General Election after the state Supreme Court decided Frank Lautenberg can replace Robert Torricelli as the Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate.

As part of its ruling last week, the state Supreme Court directed the plaintiffs in the case — the state Democratic Committee — to pay for the cost of reprinting any ballots in New Jersey, estimated to be \$800,000 statewide. Several county clerks already had begun printing ballots.

The U.S. Supreme Court Monday declined to hear the Republicans' appeal of the state court's decision. Lautenberg now will face Republican Douglas Forrester of West Windsor for U.S. Senate, as well as several third-party candidates.

Printing the approximately 270,000 ballots for Union County voters usually costs between \$150,000 and \$175,000. Although not all the costs of reprinting Union County's ballots are tabulated yet, Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi expects it to be cheaper than the initial printing since the

layout is basically the same, with the exception of the one name.

Rajoppi said her office began reprinting ballots Friday and sent 24 overseas ballots and 32 civilian ballots that day. Approximately 1,146 civilian absentee ballots had been mailed as of Monday morning. The first round of ballots were printed but not mailed.

"It's very unfortunate because it's rewarding people for doing inappropriate things," Union County Republican Ronald Frigerio said of the U.S. Supreme Court decision not to hear the GOP's appeal. The deadline to drop out of the election was Sept. 16 but Torricelli decided Sept. 30 to terminate his campaign.

A candidate voluntarily leaves a race because he's behind in the polls and is allowed to replace himself with another candidate sets a precedent, Frigerio said. "I had local candidates who wanted to change for valid reasons but couldn't because it was after the deadline. Where does it stop and where does it start? It's a terrible precedent."

Two local Democratic chairmen did not return phone calls seeking comment by presstime Tuesday.

Top dog

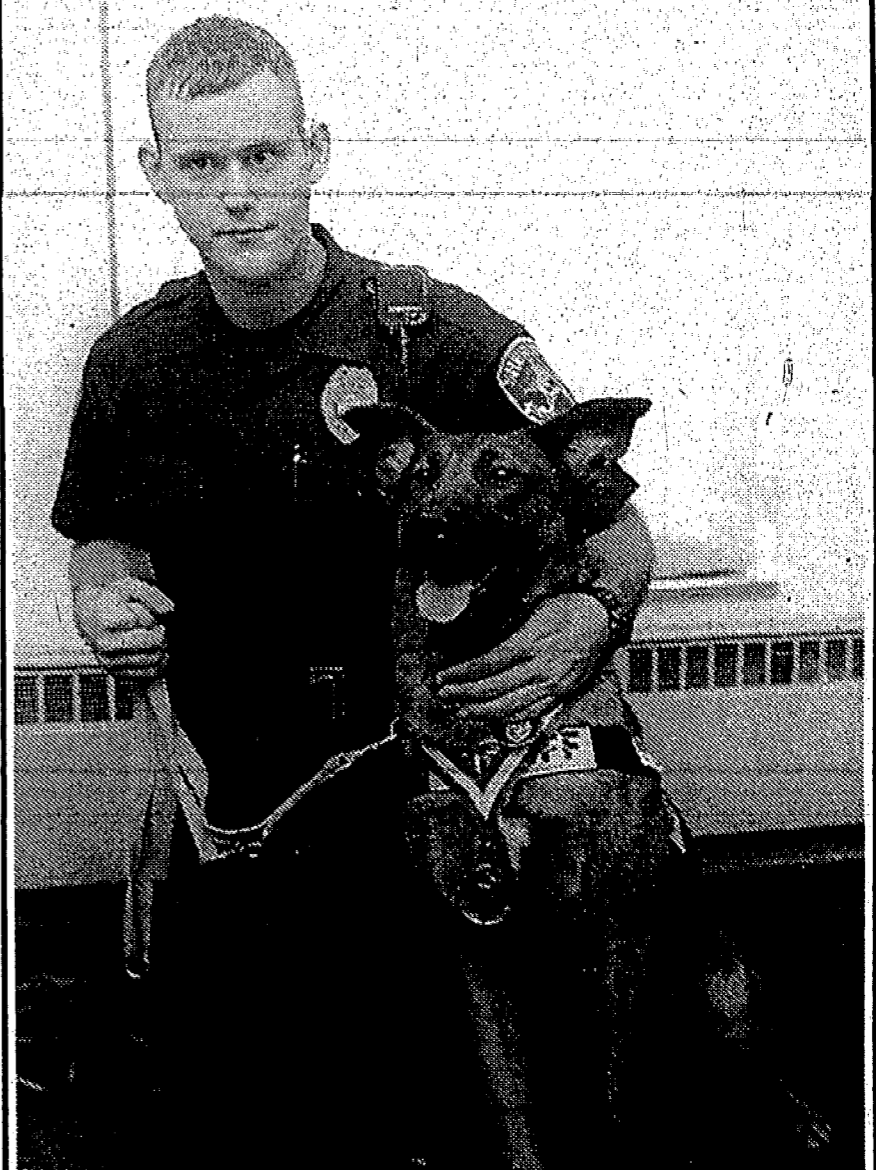


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Tarkan, who was awarded a medal of commendation for his apprehension of a kidnapping suspect, with his handler, Sheriff's Officer John Neiman. The 2-year-old Belgian Malinois apprehended a kidnapping suspect in Linden last month.

COUNTY NEWS

Internet safety course
More and more parents are discovering that they don't know what dangers are lurking for their children when they use the computer, according to law enforcement officials in Union County.

There are sexual predators, thieves looking to steal credit information and criminals using the computer to commit sophisticated fraud schemes. To help families learn about these problems, the Union County Prosecutor's Office is again offering a popular Internet education and safety course for parents.

Using a "hands-on" approach offered in a special computer training laboratory, detectives and assistant prosecutors will present "The Internet and Your Child" once again on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the John H. Stumler Police Academy in Scotch Plains.

The course was filled to capacity last year after detectives from the Prosecutor's Office High Tech Task Force gave parents a live demonstration of how criminals use the computer and offered practical working tips on ways to safeguard families.

Parents need to be able to spot signs and arm themselves with knowledge in this area," said Prosecutor Theodore Romankow. "A simple web site or Internet address may not always be what it appears."

Authorities said it is important, location of the family computer and common sense are part of the arsenal used in preventing the risk of harm, said Lt. Patricia Leonard of the Special Prosecutions Unit.

Officials from Merck have urged their employees to attend the special presentation, which is free and open to the public. To reserve a seat, residents can call Joan Marino at 908-527-4517.

Columbus Parade Association celebrates

The Columbus Parade Association of Union County continues Italian-American Heritage Week with the annual celebration honoring the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' discovery of America, on Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Peterstown Community Center, 408 Palmer St. off Fourth Avenue, Elizabeth.

This year, Oct. 14 is the nationally recognized holiday. The Columbus celebration will include a tribute to Columbus: traditional parade, procession and feast concert music; Italian-American buffet; Italian souvenirs; nostalgic displays and more.

A special first anniversary memorial, dedicated to the victims and rescue workers of Sept. 11 and a congratulatory to the Elizabeth Fire Department on its centennial anniversary, will be included in the ceremonies.

Guests are Chief Louis Kelly of the Elizabeth Fire Department, the Elizabeth Chapter of Vietnam Veterans 779, Firefighter Alexander Mirabella and Mayor J. Christian Bollweaver. Donations are \$22 per ticket. For information, call Lucille Disano at 908-486-1949; Lillian Uliano at 908-355-5274; Carl Zarro at 908-351-3460 or Mike Gaetano at 908-289-4640.

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, 2 to 7:30 p.m., Red Cross chapter house, 203 W. Jersey St., Elizabeth.
• Friday, 5 to 9 p.m., ShopRite, 76 Central Ave., Clark.
• Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., Cranford.

• Monday, 4 to 8 p.m., Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Park Avenue and Randolph Road, Plainfield.
• Oct. 24, 3 to 8:30 p.m., Clark Rescue Squad, 875 Raritan Road, Clark.

For more information, call the Blood Center of New Jersey 1-800-BLOOD-NJ, or 1-800-652-5663, Ext. 140, or the American Red Cross at 1-800-933-BLOOD or 908-353-2500, Ext. 11.

Barn dance for people with disabilities Sunday

Enjoy an autumn evening hayride through the Watchung Reservation, visit the horses on a tour of the stables, or paint a pumpkin in the craft tent at the annual barn dance for people with disabilities at the Watchung Stables on Sunday from 4 to 7 p.m., sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Admission is \$7 per person. Pre-registration is required. The Watchung Stables, an accessible facility, is located in the Watchung Reservation, 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside. The freeholders present the Barn Dance for People with Disabilities in cooperation with the county's Department of Parks and Recreation. Anyone who would like to know more about Union County's recreational programs for people with disabilities should call the Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4900.

Skating registration

The Warinanco Park Ice Skating Center on Thompson Avenue in Roselle will open for the season on Oct. 21. This is a slightly later opening than usual. During routine pre-season maintenance and preparation, a major problem was encountered with the refrigeration system which is responsible for creating the ice.

County officials have been working to identify ways to bypass the existing system to open the facility for the season.

A replacement system has been brought in and is currently working to create the conditions needed to make ice. This system will sustain the facility for the 2002-03 season. Simultaneously, a diagnostic study of the old system will be conducted to determine how to repair it.

When the skating center opens on Oct. 21, it will offer the full complement of programs it always has.

Registration for ice skating lessons and hockey clinics will be Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Classes will begin the week of Oct. 21 as originally planned.

Admission to public ice skating sessions is \$4 for youth, 17 and younger, \$4.25 for seniors, 62 and older, and \$5 for all other adults. Skate rentals are \$3 per person. Discount cards may be purchased for Union County residents at the cost of \$40 for 10 visits, both for adults, or \$30 for 10 visits and senior citizens.

For more information call 908-298-7850.

Red Ribbon Awareness

Union County residents will band together when they "Unite For a Drug Free Millennium" at the fourth annual Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Day at Nomaghen Park in Cranford Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rain date is Oct. 20.

For more information about the March Against Drugs, activities or to volunteer to help, call the Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse at 732-381-4100.

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Local Mothers & More marks 15th anniversary

The Union County chapter of Mothers & More is proud to commemorate the organization's 15th anniversary.

"For 15 years Mothers & More has been offering a sense of community to women altering their careers over the course of their active parenting years through its local chapters," said Patty Kosty, co-leader of the Union County chapter. "The Union County chapter is pleased to be an important part of this unique organization supporting mothers."

The Union County chapter has been serving local mothers for 10 years and consists of 59 members. It offers two meetings a month with topical discussions and/or guest speakers in addition to mom's night outs, playgroups, book club, craft club, mom and tot outings and more.

"We are active participants in our community, and a growing force across the country," says Kosty. "Mothers & More is the only women's organization that addresses mothers' transitions into and out of the paid workforce and nurtures the 'other than mother' needs and interests of its members."

Serving more than 7,500 members in the U.S. and beyond, Mothers & More is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of mothers through support, education and advocacy. It addresses mothers' needs as individuals and members of society, and promotes the value of all the work mothers do. For more information, log onto www.mothersandmore.org.

To learn more about the Union County chapter of Mothers & More, call 908-497-1286.

Point Of View

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So, what has made America special about the idea called "freedom" so different?

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When the government makes drugs illegal, it increases the price of drugs, and so those who use them are either extremely wealthy or commit crimes to support their habit, Yonnet said. If drugs were treated the same way as alcohol — age restricted and regulated at a reasonable price — it could solve many of the problems they created, he said, adding that he does not use drugs.

Liberally peppering her performance with scorching scats and red-hot blue notes, VerPlanck offered songs both old and new in a timeless tradition and style. Her jazz interpretations beautifully supported the compositions without overshadowing them, never straying so far afield that it was hard to identify the song itself. Whether simply and expressively singing the tune, as she did with a silky voice on "My Love Went to

London," or improvising her way through a vocal break, such as the soprano scat woven through "Little Jazz Bird," it was a beautiful marriage of material and singer.

Among the new material VerPlanck interpreted was a Benny Carter-Blossom Dearie-Duncan Lambert number, "Make Some Magic." On VerPlanck's voice, it could easily have been a well-loved standard long sung by the greats.

VerPlanck's husband, Billy VerPlanck, provided a few numbers to his wife's repertoire: "What Comes After the Rainbow?," which featured a hot piano arrangement and solo by Ted Firth, and "Speaking of Love," also beautifully showcasing Firth's virtuosity at the keyboard.

"VerPlanck brought an effectively lazy and dragging jazz tempo to Gershwin's "But Not for Me," lending a plaintive quality to the sound and underscoring the longing in the lyrics.

In the truest sense of "the show must go on," neither an autumn deluge nor a recent fall kept VerPlanck from doing what she does best — interpreting the Great American Songbook with a panache and jazzy style few can achieve with such flair.

Prior to VerPlanck's performance, I dined in the Terrace Lounge to the always-welcome accompaniment of pianist Bobby Richards. As usual, his vast repertoire had something for all tastes: from Beethoven to Duke Ellington, from Scott Joplin to George Gershwin. Perhaps the most appropriate selection was "September in the Rain," as Lill's raindrops glistened like jewels on the dining room windows.

My meal began with a complimentary appetizer: a braised chipolino onion with sauerkraut greens and a Japanese oyster in lime vinaigrette. The onion was supple, tender yet crunchy, and deliciously flavorful, offset perfectly by the bite of the

greens. The oyster was firm yet delicate, precisely balanced by the tangy flavor of lime.

My appetizer course consisted of carpaccio of beef tenderloin with porcini salad, mustard vinaigrette and shaved Pecorino. The carpaccio was paper-thin and was easily torn with the side of my fork. The porcini was robustly flavorful, with the unique mushroom texture never losing its identity in the salad composition. Both the Pecorino and vinaigrette added further tang to the plate, leaving the delicate tenderloin almost blank by comparison.

The salad of mixed baby greens had a tangy bite and was nicely offset by the intriguing bacon dressing. The dressing's flavor actually evolved on the palate, with a "beginning," "middle" and "end" to the taste.

For my main course, I selected the roasted rack of lamb, accompanied by lamb shank meat with herb crust, grilled focaccia and goat cheese-filled pattypans and rosemary jus.

The lamb meat was succulent, with the lighter and darker meats on the plate complementing each other beautifully. The meat of the rack was very tender, as was the shank meat, which was also quite rich. A traditionally fatty meat, the lamb was marbled with just enough fat to add flavor, but wasn't even visible on the plate.

Its accompaniments balanced the course nicely, especially the pattypans filled with a deliciously tangy goat cheese. The flavor of the rosemary jus was carried over in the herb crust on the shank meat. Offering a delicately subtle counterpart was the focaccia.

Dessert was a rich and intriguing experience. Accompanied by coffee and the traditional petit fours, this last stop on the culinary journey was a heavenly Tahitian vanilla cream brulee with sugar snaps and tonka bean ice cream. The cream was subtly yet rich, with a surface crust that one could tap without breaking but which crunched delicately in the mouth. The ice cream was an almost indescribable marriage of flavors, most notably saffron, honey and vanilla.

As always, the Manor proved that very few establishments can offer what's to be found there: a completely elegant experience from beginning to end.

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When the government makes drugs illegal, it increases the price of drugs, and so those who use them are either extremely wealthy or commit crimes to support their habit, Yonnet said. If drugs were treated the same way as alcohol — age restricted and regulated at a reasonable price — it could solve many of the problems they created, he said, adding that he does not use drugs.

Liberally peppering her performance with scorching scats and red-hot blue notes, VerPlanck offered songs both old and new in a timeless tradition and style. Her jazz interpretations beautifully supported the compositions without overshadowing them, never straying so far afield that it was hard to identify the song itself. Whether simply and expressively singing the tune, as she did with a silky voice on "My Love Went to

London," or improvising her way through a vocal break, such as the soprano scat woven through "Little Jazz Bird," it was a beautiful marriage of material and singer.

Among the new material VerPlanck interpreted was a Benny Carter-Blossom Dearie-Duncan Lambert number, "Make Some Magic." On VerPlanck's voice, it could easily have been a well-loved standard long sung by the greats.

VerPlanck's husband, Billy VerPlanck, provided a few numbers to his wife's repertoire: "What Comes After the Rainbow?," which featured a hot piano arrangement and solo by Ted Firth, and "Speaking of Love," also beautifully showcasing Firth's virtuosity at the keyboard.

"VerPlanck brought an effectively lazy and dragging jazz tempo to Gershwin's "But Not for Me," lending a plaintive quality to the sound and underscoring the longing in the lyrics.

In the truest sense of "the show must go on," neither an autumn deluge nor a recent fall kept VerPlanck from doing what she does best — interpreting the Great American Songbook with a panache and jazzy style few can achieve with such flair.

Prior to VerPlanck's performance, I dined in the Terrace Lounge to the always-welcome accompaniment of pianist Bobby Richards. As usual, his vast repertoire had something for all tastes: from Beethoven to Duke Ellington, from Scott Joplin to George Gershwin. Perhaps the most appropriate selection was "September in the Rain," as Lill's raindrops glistened like jewels on the dining room windows.

Actress' second career may not be necessary

By Bea Smith Staff Writer

It is most unusual to find a young, successful person, already established in her field, to be so practical about her future.

Take Dina Lynne Morishita, who is superb in her difficult role of Kim in "Miss Saigon" at Paper Mill. The State Theater of New Jersey, Morishita, who is in her early 20s and has a vast supply of talent, musically and dramatically, has planned a second career on which she can fall back. That is, if it is absolutely necessary.

Right now, Morishita is working on a bachelor's degree in business administration. And before she contemplated a career on stage, she was a mortgage specialist for a bank in California and a business development associate for an Internet company.

"I know that the role of Kim is my absolutely favorite role, my all-time favorite role," she explained during a recent chat. "By asking classes online at the University of Phoenix, I have more options in my life. I'll be done by June of next year." The beautiful actress mused, "I definitely prefer performing; it is my first love, but it's not conducive to settling down. I know lots of people who have to make sacrifices, who have to take jobs on the road because they have to provide for their families."

At the moment, it doesn't appear that Dina Lynne Morishita ever will have to make these kind of sacrifices. If the accolades she's received as Kim at Paper Mill are any indication, "I'm familiar with the role," she said. "I played the role in the national touring company. I understood Kim for eight months, and then I actually was cast as Kim for the Northshore Production in Massachusetts. But I couldn't do it, because I ended up getting another acting job."

Morishita admitted that it's a very difficult role to do. It's vocally challenging. It's very emotional. It's just an overall demanding role.

She explained that prior to beginning rehearsals for "Miss Saigon," Morishita was in Seoul, Korea, doing "Les Miz" trying to get the music back into my

voice. I speak a lot of lines, challenging lines and the words that I was singing prepared me for the role. You know," Morishita sighed, "it's such a journey to get from being a shy, still strong, but naive person to surviving single motherhood during a war — basically with the enemy's child. And how Kim, as a woman and a mother, has to sacrifice her love for her child."

"I can understand all of this," she admitted, "because I have always loved children. I always was close to my cousins and my friends' children. I've always been great with children, and I've always wanted children. And, I know what it's like to fall in love. I've brought that experience to my role."

Morishita mentioned that "my boyfriend, Steven Gannon, also is an actor. He tours with 'Les Miz,' and has been an actor for 17 years. I met him when I was doing 'Miss Saigon' and he was doing 'Civil War.' We overlapped for a week. We've been together for more than two years."

Concerning her alternate, Roxanne Taga, who performs Kim at Saturday and Sunday matinees, Morishita said, "she's wonderful. Roxanne has a beautiful voice, and she's very good. But we are very, very different. And we both are not trying to make a cookie cutter out of each other."

Morishita has appeared as Epione in the national touring company of "Les Miserables." She understood the role of Ellen in a regional production of "Miss Saigon," played the Shimmy Girl in "Smookey Joe's Cafe," Tiana in "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Liat in "South Pacific." She also appeared in "The King and I."

She is exceptionally impressed with the Paper Mill, she said. "It's a great and beautiful place in which to perform. The people are wonderful," she said, "and this stage production is fantastic."

With her lovely voice, her fine talent and so many unique roles coming her way, Morishita gives one the impression that there may never be a reason to consider a second career.

"You may be right," she declared. "That's a real possibility."



Dina Lynne Morishita takes on the demanding role of Kim in "Miss Saigon" at Paper Mill. The State Theater of New Jersey. The musical runs through Oct. 20. For information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B12.

Folk singer will kick off Second Saturdays this weekend

Second Saturdays Coffee House — the only venue for live music in Summit — will present Dan Pelletier as the first of three concert events this season.

The concert will take place Saturday in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Unitarian Church at Waldron Avenue, corner of Springfield Avenue, in Summit. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$12 and all net proceeds from this concert will be donated to a Special Needs Trust.

Dan Pelletier, the featured artist, was trained for writing some of the clearest, most insightful music on the contemporary folk scene today. His soulful voice can be powerful and gritty at times, or tender and emotive. He never fails to delight audiences with his wit and tenderness. His shows feature just the right touch of sarcasm tempered by warmth, realistic idealism and a passion for life, love and the pursuit of happiness.



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Pelletier once said, "The world strikes me as funny... Not 'ha-ha funny,' but 'ironic funny' which is somehow funnier than 'ha-ha funny.'" Spend a few hours with him and you'll know what he means. His songs cut pioneer trails across the emotional landscape; they take you to the far corners then back again to the closest, most personal terrain.

For more info about Dan Pelletier, go to www.hudsonvalleyrecords.com.

Second Saturdays Coffee House take place on the second Saturday of each month, year round. It is a "series within a series" — two consecutive "Open Mic" months are always followed by a "Concert" month featuring a singer/songwriter who is professional and touring but not yet nationally known. Three concert events are planned for this season. Dan Pelletier will kick off the season Saturday, Jessica Owen and Bob Malone will share the stage Jan. 11, and Kim and Reggie Harris will close out the season April 12. All other months are reserved for "Open Mic."

All proceeds from Second Saturdays Coffee House will be donated to the Keith Knost Special Needs Trust. Keith Knost is a former Summit resident who survived a horrific automobile accident two years ago and is left paralyzed from the chest down.

For more information about Second Saturdays Coffee House, the upcoming concert, the "Open Mic" nights, directions to the event, the Keith Knost Special Needs Trust or ways in which to get involved with series, call Jennifer DiOrto at 908-928-0127 or send e-mail to info@secondaturdays.org. You can also go to www.secondaturdays.org.

Submissions are being sought from teen playwrights by UCC Theater Project

The Union County College Theater Project is launching a New Artists Showcase, a competition which invites high school-age playwrights to submit an original script for a play. To qualify, one must be a Union County resident in high school during the 2002-03 academic year. Only original works will be considered, no adaptations will qualify for the competition and the play must not have been previously produced or workshopped. All submissions must be at least 10 pages, but no more than 30 pages long, and excerpts from longer works will be considered. The scripts must

playwrights by UCC Theater Project

be typed in play format, including contact information, and \$5 entry fee. Only one entry per author.

All entries must be postmarked by Dec. 1 and sent to The Theater Project, Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 07016. All entries must include a self-addressed stamped envelope, a 50-word biography of the author

Crafters can participate in annual holiday fair

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced that Trailside Nature and Science Center is looking for crafters and artisans to sell quality crafts and gifts at its 19th annual Holiday Nature Craft Show. Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Items to be sold must be handmade from natural materials or be based on a natural-history theme. Crafts being sought include hand-woven baskets, stenciled work, unique children's toys, stained glass, original nature stationery or photography, and arrangements of live greens or dried plants. Decorative and gift items with wildlife, gardening or nature themes are also appropriate.

Registration is \$15 to \$25 per space on a first come, first served basis. The Holiday Nature Craft Show draws a large, loyal crowd. Admission to the event is free. Door-prize tickets afford the opportunity to win unique, handmade items provided by the crafters.

Crafters and artisans should call Susan Day at 908-789-3670 or send color photographs of craft items with a self-addressed stamped envelope to Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, 07092. Trailside is a facility of the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation.

Healthy Living

Ribbon is cut on Carteret Assisted Living

Representatives from Colbrook Development Corp. of New York and The Wallick Companies of Ohio joined with honored guests Oct. 2 to celebrate the grand opening of Carteret Senior Living, an affordable assisted living community.

The former Elizabeth Carteret Hotel, a 1927 landmark in midtown Elizabeth with a spectacular rooftop view, offers the comforts of assisted living with fees significantly lower than its suburban counterparts. "I think the people that we're going to be attracting are not being served," said developer Howard N. Wallick, who expects to draw occupants from Elizabeth and its surrounding area. Carteret Senior Living is a gracious residential and administrative background ranging from acute care to long-term care. Beato is a registered professional nurse, a licensed nursing home administrator and a surveyor for the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. He has been a supporter of the city of Elizabeth for more than 30 years as a resident and as a key staff member in several local healthcare organizations.

Carteret Senior Living in Elizabeth with its 99 apartment units consisting of studio and one-bedroom floor plans, is close to convenient shopping, public transportation and places of worship. Standard fees include

three meals a day, wellness monitoring, scheduled transportation to doctors' offices, 24-hour professional staffing, personal laundry and basic housekeeping and utilities and cable television. Advanced support also can be arranged on-site.

Thirty apartments are designated for individual residents experiencing Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, who can choose to live in "Enrichment Place" at Carteret Senior Living, where their days will include socialization, a sense of purpose and things that trigger memories. Individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other memory-related disorders, who reside in an assisted living community such as Carteret Senior Living, require closer supervision, more personal care and structured socialization activities.

For information, contact the Carteret Senior Living marketing office at 908-352-9200.

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TV chef Batali to add flavor to Elizabeth's 'Taste of the Towns'

Event is scheduled for Oct. 21

Television chef Molto Mario Batali will join the Rotary Club of Elizabeth's 10th annual "Taste of the Towns" food tasting event Oct. 21 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Panatigis Renaissance, Route 22 East, Scotch Plains.

Batali is known to Food Network viewers as the host of "Molto Mario" and "Eats Italy." He will autograph copies of his cookbooks, which will be on sale during the event. "We are thrilled and honored to welcome Mario Batali to Taste of the Towns," stated Rotary Club President Tom Wacaster, who described the event as "a unique dining experience that features more than 40 of the area's finest restaurants, bakeries and wine merchants." Proceeds from the event provide scholarships and grants to area charities. In addition to the Rotary Club of Elizabeth, "Taste of the Towns" is co-sponsored by the Union County Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce.

This year's "Taste of the Towns" vendors include Ahrr's Coffee Roastery, Westfield; Allied Beverage Group Inc., Carlstadt; Beana's, Rahway; Bella Palermo Pastry Shop, Elizabeth; Casa di Trevi, Roselle Park; Civile Ristorante Italiano, Kenilworth; Climax Brewing Company, Roselle Park; The Crossroads, Garwood; DiCosmo's Restaurant and Italian Deli, Linden; Domantis, Roselle Park; Gallo Wine Sales of New Jersey, Elizabeth; Garden Restaurant, Union; Giovanni's, Plainfield; Great Expectations Catering, Plainfield;

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Each of the five ballrooms on the upper floor of the Panatigis Renaissance Restaurant will feature food/beverage vendors and entertainment. The following have donated entertainment services for the event: New Image Entertainment, Elizabeth/West Orange; Charles Liss, jazz guitar, Springfield; Frank A. McGlynn, keyboard artist, Elizabeth; Saave's romantic Hispanic guitar, Cranford; and the Joshua Webb Jazz Quartet.

Tickets to "Taste of the Town" are \$35 each in advance and \$45 at the door. Tickets can be purchased through the Elizabeth Rotary web site at www.elizabethrotary.org, or by calling 908-355-9622. "Taste of the Towns" will also feature door prizes and a 50-50 drawing.

HOROSCOPE

Oct. 14-20
ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may feel like you are walking an emotional tightrope with a partner or mate. Maintain your balance, and get to the end without a hitch.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stop spinning your wheels in so many directions. Let moderation be your key word this week, and put your time and energy to constructive use.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Don't be so quick to give up on a new romance or social outlet. Allow for one or two mistakes that were caused by nervousness or unfamiliarity.
CANCER (June 22-July 22): Selfless service is the most rewarding. Offer your assistance to a friend without giving thought to what you might receive in return.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Staying mentally centered could be a real challenge. Focus on one subject or interest at a time, and complete each task before starting another.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Use care regarding personal financial matters. Be sure to get your money's worth out of an investment that you have held on to for a long time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Sometimes you can be too close to a situation to see it clearly. Get your ego out of the way, and heed the advice of a friend or associate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Let go of the memory of something negative that happened in the past and start the healing and rebuilding process. Forgiveness is key.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Networking in the right places could really pay off. Mingle with a group of your professional peers, and make some valuable connections.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There's room at the top in your chosen profession. Keep climbing and reaching for perfection, and you will surely make the grade.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Open the doors of adventure. Take advantage of a last-minute opportunity to travel or to get away from your normal routine.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): This appears to be a great time to expand your financial base. Don't be afraid to take a chance on an unusual investment or speculative venture.

If your birthday is this week, seek to find or establish balance and harmony in your important relationships during the coming year. Artistic endeavors are highlighted. Plan special trips that will allow you to explore the theaters, museums or art galleries of the world. You have something very special to offer to a creative project. Go along with the unique and unusual and prosper beyond expectations.

Also born this week: e.g. Cummings, Sarah Ferguson, Eugene O'Neill, Eminem, Laura Nyro, John Le Carre and Mickey Mantel.

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University of Oregon for five years, as well as a graduate teaching fellow at Pacific Lutheran University. Vocally, DeBusman was a finalist.

DeBusman is the coordinator for vocal techniques for the Barbershop Harmony Society and oversees the collegiate barbershop quartet program. His enthusiastic presentations include basic vocal production and warm up techniques; learning about the younger singer's unchanged, changing and changed voices; coaching choirs using their own literature to transfer the vocal concepts demonstrated; learning about the importance of keeping music in your life; all of your life.

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Renowned jazz pianist Dave Brubeck, seated, is joined by, from left, drummer Randy Jones, bassist Michael Moore and Bobby Militello on sax and flute. Brubeck makes his New Jersey Performing Arts Center debut Sunday.

Brubeck to bow at NJPAC Sunday

Distinguished pianist and composer Dave Brubeck makes his New Jersey Performing Arts Center debut Sunday at 3 p.m. in Prudential Hall.

His quartet is rounded out by Michael Moore on bass, Bobby Militello on sax and flute, and Randy Jones on drums. Tickets are \$13, \$21, \$29, \$37 and \$49. Tickets may be purchased by telephone at 888-466-5722, at the NJPAC Box Office at 1 Center St. in downtown Newark, or by visiting the NJPAC web site at www.njpac.org. This performance is presented in cooperation with Jazz 88, WBGO/88.3FM. The presenting sponsor is Smirnoff.

Eighty-one-year-old Dave Brubeck's career spans six decades. In 1999, in recognition of his ongoing contribution to jazz, a Jazz Master's Award was presented to him by the National Endowment for the Arts. He also received the National Medal of the Arts from President Clinton in a White House ceremony. His musical contributions as both pianist and composer have been honored by a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, The International Association of Jazz Educators inducted Brubeck into the Jazz Hall of Fame at the annual conference early this year. Brubeck and his trio with Cal Tjader and Ron Croty cut their first record in San Francisco in 1949 and won Best Small Combo awards in both the Critics' and Readers' Polls in Down Beat Magazine. The Dave Brubeck Quartet with Paul Desmond and their improved contrapuntal choruses caused a stir in the jazz world. The quartet's recordings and concert appearances on college campuses introduced this new sound to thousands of students, launching what later became known as "West Coast" or "cool" jazz. Their audience was not limited to campuses, however. The Dave Brubeck Quartet played in jazz clubs in major cities and toured with "package shows" featuring such artists as Duke Ellington, Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Stan Getz and Gerry Mulligan. By 1954, Brubeck's popularity was such that his picture appeared on the cover of Time magazine, and his recordings were being played throughout the world. His album "Time Out" and the hits "Take Five" and "Blue Rondo a la Turk" went gold, a rare feat for an instrumental jazz recording.

REUNIONS

The following reunions have been registered with Reunions Unlimited. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at 732-617-1000.
• Union High School Class of 1977, 25th reunion, Nov. 30.
• Union High School Class of 1983, 20th reunion, 2003.
• Union High School Class of 1993, 10th reunion, 2003.
• Westfield High School Class of 1992, 10th reunion, May 4.
• Abraham Clark High School, Roselle, Class of 1950 is searching for classmates in preparation for its 52nd reunion. For information, call Jerry Bieler 954-360-0666 or send e-mail to joanjer@aol.com.
• Elizabeth High School Class of 1982 is organizing a class reunion. For information, or to volunteer for the planning committee, call Kim Troutman-Lewter 973-623-3314 and Sandra Holmes at 732-381-2541.
• Rahway High School Class of 1977 is searching for classmates in preparation for the 25th reunion. Members of this class are asked to call Charlene Rankins-Jackson at 908-490-1543 or Bob Brandner at 732-821-5774.
• St. Mary High School, Jersey

City, Classes of 1960, '61, '62 and '63 are planning a reunion. For information, call Ken Giordano at 732-549-6600 or 732-946-7075.
• Battin High School, Elizabeth, Class of 1952 will conduct its 50th reunion Saturday with a luncheon at the Clarion Hotel in Edison. For information, call Janet Greve at 732-574-1653.
• Union High School Class of 1962 will conduct its 40th reunion Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Union Elks club, 281 Chestnut St., Union. For information, call Linda Potter-Petkov at 908-964-7120.
• Jonathan Dayton Regional High School Class of 1947 will conduct its 55th reunion Oct. 18 at the Grand Centurions in Clark. For information, call Anne Greve at 908-272-8796 or Harry Kundrat at 908-665-1873.
• Linden High School Class of 1952 will conduct its 50th reunion Oct. 18 at The Westwood in Garwood. For information, call Vera Beruck Novak at 908-245-5591 or Wilma Spanjerberg Villani at 908-862-8748.
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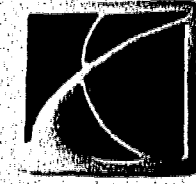
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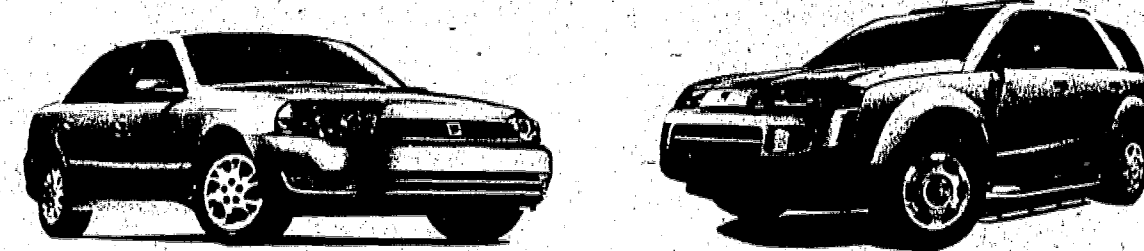
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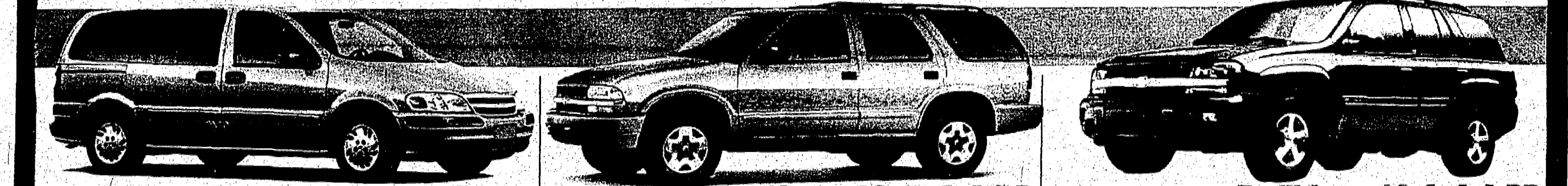
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