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Pastor arrives at new site

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

Remo Madsen, the new pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church is full of enthusiasm for his church and its new building going up at 639 Mountain Ave. in Springfield.

Madsen is from Canada, where he was a Jesuit scholar, and a Lutheran pastor for 23 years at the First Lutheran Church in Calgary, Alberta. That was a large, 500-member parish, where he served as pastor for 12 years. His synod, or religious governing body — the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America — was aware that Pastor Joel Yoss was retiring from Holy Cross Church, and felt Madsen would be a good match for this area congregation.

The synod can only make a recommendation; the results are up to the pastor and people of the church. When the pastor and people met, it was a match. The board of the congregation voted unanimously to extend the call to Madsen, and he and his family made the move to Springfield just a few weeks ago.

The church is in a state of flux at this time, with a new building project coming to completion in November. "We believe we are building for people who have yet to be here," Madsen



Photo By Jeff Grant

Remo Madsen, the new pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Springfield enjoys seeing the continued progress of his church, including the expanded sanctuary behind him.

said, adding that the new facility will be able to seat 450 to 500 people." The congregation now is at 225, which is proof of the new pastor's optimism.

Walking around the construction site, the thing that will strike members is the beauty beginning to emerge, especially in the huge sanctuary. White pillars reach to the high ceiling, and several gleaming vertical windows line one side of the sanctuary

each of which are over 16 feet high, marked by a cross in the center of each window.

The place where the pulpit and altar will be has a large screen area, and as the minister explains, that is because they use a Powerpoint presentation. "This is where you will have a message on a screen with background of scenery to be used with the sermons," he said.

Lutheran churches are very big on

music, as Madsen said, and it has always been called "the singing church." "We do a service out of which we play, sing, and celebrate the Lord's Supper — Holy Communion — every week," said Madsen.

The building that is unfolding under the workmen's hands is already beginning to look more like a cathedral than a conservative Protestant church. Even the entrance will be dif-

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Resident dies fatal auto accident

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

A Springfield resident died Friday evening from injuries suffered when he was struck by two vehicles on Mountain Avenue.

Bernard Smilowitz, 77, was coming home from Congregation Israel, 339 Mountain Ave., when he crossed the street and was struck by two vehicles at approximately 7:41 p.m.

"He was crossing the street in between the blocks, where they've been doing construction on Mountain Avenue and apparently somebody said — I don't know if it's true or not — all the dust in the air from the construction, it was hard to see," said Springfield Police Chief William Chisholm. "One vehicle saw him and swerved to avoid him and one right behind him hit him and then he was struck by another one."

Smilowitz was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Springfield Fire Department and First Aid Squad also responded to the accident.

No one else was reported injured.

The names of the drivers who hit Smilowitz were not made available as of press time. Chisholm said police officers will investigate the accident further but he seriously doubts that the drivers could have had any control over what happened.

"This was an unfortunate thing," said Chisholm. "It was the wrong place, wrong time, wrong conditions and unfortunately a horrible result."

Smilowitz was an active member of Congregation Israel.

"He was a person who helped out the community in all ways," said Congregation Israel Rabbi Chaim Marcus. "He was a very active member of the synagogue. His wife is the head of the Sisterhood."

Marcus said Smilowitz was a regular at the daily prayer groups, both in the morning and in the evening. He was also an active member of Congregation Israel's education classes.

"He was always there to help out," said Marcus. "There were programs he and his wife would come down to, help set up and help clean up. They were always caring about others."

Smilowitz and his brother, Herbert, owned the Allied Building Products in East Rutherford.

He was a graduate of Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken.

Opening date for Beechwood School gets delayed once more

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

At Monday night's Mountainside Board of Education meeting, a sprinkling of parents heard the date for the opening of Beechwood School get pushed back once again.

President Richard Kress gave an update on the school building project, and said the opening date of Nov. 12 for Beechwood School will not be met. He said they had had the regular meetings with the contractor, Randazzo Construction, and added, "Hopefully we will be in a better position by the middle of November to know."

Kress was frank as he added that probably did not even make sense to open Beechwood School until after the holiday break, which would bring the opening to January. "This would be better for the children, but we

have not made this decision as yet."

Then he recounted an emergency situation which once again occurred at Deerfield School, where there had been no heat, and the situation forced them to hire another contractor to handle the problem. This was elaborated upon soon as architect Noel Musial came in with his report.

He was not happy. "The contractor did not finish the heat as he had promised," said Musial, "so of course we had to call in another contractor to do this as the temperature was 45 degrees in the building," said Musial. "The contractor we hired for this emergency only is Alna Construction, who put on extra help and worked weekends, and now there is heat and the inspector was here Saturday."

Kress then said the cost of this emergency work would be deducted from Randazzo's fee

because it was another broken promise, and became an emergency when the temperature dropped. "The only place without heat is the gym and this will be on within a week or sooner," said Kress.

"With regard to Beechwood, I do not see any way where Beechwood School is going to be opening in November...he is not making any attempt to put the heat in there, either," Musial said.

Musial did say Randazzo was manning the job better regarding the steel beams, but he also said, "I am greatly concerned about the workmanship and making reports. He avoids our comments and does what he wants to do," adding, "so I have no good news as to timing or when Beechwood may be complete. I hate to say it, but I have no faith in him and I don't

believe a thing he says now. He is just plugging away."

"I can assure the board that we are on top of him. Over 200 memos and letters have been written on Beechwood alone and he ignores them."

One mother asked who does the hiring of the second contractor. Kress said Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller, together with the architect and the board is in charge of hiring them. "Under state law, an emergency is declared and you are allowed to go outside and we used our board attorney as well in declaring the heat emergency."

Kress then said the board attorney had advised them to back-charge Randazzo, because it was work he never did. "I happen to know that the town of Green Brook is experiencing the same thing, and Randazzo is their

contractor," he said. "I want to point out though, that at the time we accepted him at the lowest bid, there was absolutely nothing negative about him for what we were able to find out."

Another mother asked why the board could not declare a state of emergency to have the other contractor come in and finish the job.

"Because a state of emergency can only be declared on something like heating when it is cold," said Kress. "We can't do that on the entire contract yet. The bonding company is involved with the day-to-day decision making. We are doing everything we possibly can, and I can't discuss the legal ramifications as yet."

Schaller said, "Don't forget, we do not want to shortchange Deerfield School, as all our kids are here now."

Round table discussion reveals the government of Springfield

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Hadassah members were treated to a roundtable discussion with high ranking officials from Springfield's Democratic and Republican parties, who answered the audience's questions and explained the intricacies of Springfield's form of government.

"Your vote is both a privilege and a responsibility, particularly at a local level where very small margins decide your outcome," said American Affairs Chairwoman Lorraine Seidel, who arranged the event at Temple Beth Ahm on Oct. 17.

"Our purpose today is to help you assess your knowledge of Springfield's local government and perhaps add to it in a manner that will enable you to play a more active role in township affairs. We all complain, now we're going to learn what we can do with our complaints."

Bill Cieri, the Democratic guest speaker, served on the Township Committee from 1978 through 1986, which included three terms as mayor. He also served five terms as a commissioner on the Union County Utilities Authority.

Bill Ruocco, representing the Republican Party, served 15 years on the Township Committee, including two terms as mayor. He is currently the Springfield Republican chairman, a position he has held for more than 12 years.

Cieri and Ruocco spent time serving on the Township Committee together.

"Our service on the Township Committee kind of pre-dates the current climate in politics," said Cieri. "We may

have disagreed from time to time politically, 98 percent of the time we did agree and we always stood up for one another and never hurt one another where we couldn't speak and couldn't share the good times together."

Ruocco reflected on what made him get involved in local politics.

"My intent was to serve my town because I brought my children to this town and they grew up here," said Ruocco. "I wanted it to be the best place for them to live."

The audience asked about Springfield's form of government and if they thought it worked for Springfield.

Springfield's government is known as a Township Committee form, which consists of a 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.

Ruocco said he found the Township Committee form to be a very viable form of government, especially because there is an election every year. "You have opportunities if you're not satisfied with the government," he said. "You have an opportunity to make some changes every year."

When it comes to other forms of government that elect representation by wards, Ruocco said the wards can become too prudential, where it's almost like a little kingdom has formed, "whereas if you have a Township Com-



As Election Day approaches, local residents get a lesson in the structure of Springfield's municipal government from Hadassah members who organized the event Oct. 17, including, from left, Republican Party Chairman Bill Ruocco, Democratic Party Representative Bill Cieri, Ruth Schwartz, host of the event, and Lorraine Seidel, organizer.

mittee, elected at large, the whole town has a choice."

Cieri also said the Township Committee form of government is right for Springfield. He pointed out that each form has its strengths and weaknesses and that people have to make their own determination as to which form is best for their particular township.

"The problem with the ward concept is then you have the various ward councilmen making deals with other

councilmen to vote for their particular pet projects and you'll support their pet projects in return," Cieri said. "I don't think that's good government."

"I think the way we have it here is fine the way it is. The five Township Committee members all have equal power, all have equal strength, no one can really build up a power base. You're really representing all the people and you're trying to do what's best for the entire community."

Expansion referendum gets pushed back to January

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

The Springfield School District's referendum for school expansion, an estimated \$19-million spending plan with an approximate \$14-million local share funded by taxpayers, has been postponed from a Dec. 10 ballot to Jan. 28, because the school system has not received the preliminary cost estimate from the state Department of Education. The Union County Board of Education needed the estimate by Oct. 12 to guarantee the district that a Dec. 10 referendum would be possible.

Party estimates, without the official state aid numbers, project that homeowners will pay \$165 per year for 20 years for the average home in Springfield assessed at \$157,000, in order to fund the expansion. School officials said they expect the state to provide approximately \$4 million, roughly 27 percent of the total cost of the project.

"There used to be in every county, somebody to review these plans," said Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler, explaining how the state Department of Education is overloaded with requests for state aid and how it now takes longer for the state to review renovation and expansion plans such as Springfield's. "Each

county had their own person. Now the individual who reviews the plans for Union County also reviews them in Middlesex County and half of Monmouth County."

John Gibson, architect for the Springfield school system, said that the state has changed several forms, going from paper submissions to electronic submissions, and several of those forms went through different versions.

"We've done the estimates," said Gibson. "We've refined the estimates. We've submitted them. They have to look at them. They have to look at it on an individual project. They will

then determine how much you will get from the state. Until then the numbers you have are preliminary but we're not going to be off by much."

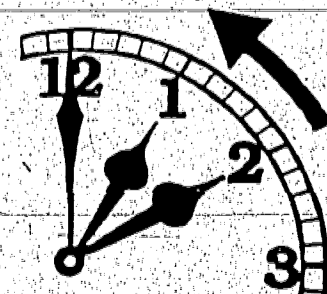
The state considers elementary schools as grades K-5. Springfield's elementary schools qualify for 22,750 square feet of additions, according to the state. The state can fund up to \$138 for each square foot.

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

the state will pay up to 40 percent of the cost.

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

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



Fall back
Don't forget to turn back the clocks one hour Saturday night before retiring for bed. Daylight Savings Time ends this weekend.

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Mulch fire is put out

Springfield. On Oct. 13 at 8:58 a.m., Springfield firefighters extinguished a mulch fire at a Morris Avenue business.

On Oct. 14 at 1:50 a.m., firefighters attended to a motor vehicle accident on Route 22 East.

On Oct. 15 at 7:08 a.m., firefighters responded a pump truck to Union Fire Headquarters on a request from Union County Mutual Aid.

On Oct. 16 at 9:29 a.m., firefighters answered a medical service call at a South Maple Avenue residence.

On Oct. 17 at 10:34 a.m., firefighters answered a medical service call at an Independence Way residence.

On Oct. 18 at 11:18 a.m., firefighters attended to a motor vehicle accident on Route 22 West.

On Oct. 19 at 6:36 a.m., firefighters attended to a medical service call at a Willow Court residence.

On Oct. 21 at 12:45 p.m., Estelle Jonas, 56, of Plainfield, was arrested for theft by deception.

On Oct. 22 at 8:20 a.m., Tyronne Ball, 39, of Irvington, was arrested on Route 22 West for driving with a suspended license.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Nov. 2 • The Westfield Regional Health Department will conduct its annual health fair 8:30 a.m. at the Roselle Park High School cafeteria, 185 W. Webster Ave. Admission is free.

Nov. 3 • The Springfield Presbyterian Church host a performance by Watermark, a Christian rock group at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House auditorium at 37 Church Mall. For information, call 973-379-4320.

Nov. 4 • The Rosary Altar Society at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave. in Mountainside, conducts its November meetings with a rosary and novena at 7 p.m. followed by a Mass for deceased members at 7:30 p.m. and a service program at 8 p.m.

Nov. 5 • The Springfield Historical Society presents its annual "Ghost Tour" of the Historic Cannon Ball House at 126 Morris Ave. at 8 p.m. The candlelight tour features a mystery tombstone, burial customs, local graveyards, ghosts and famous murders over the last 200 years in Union County.

Nov. 6 • The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Lunchtime Video Series with "Wonders, Horrors and Heroes" at noon with "2000: Amazing Moments in Time." For information, call 973-376-4930.

Nov. 7 • The Foothill Club luncheon will be at B.G. Fields Restaurant in Westfield at noon. The program will feature Lori Gosyla, a Mountainside resident. New members and guests are welcome, call 908-232-3626 for a reservation.

Nov. 8 • Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive in Springfield hosts "Kristallnacht - Night of Broken Glass" at 8 p.m. a program commemorating the historic attack against Jewish people. For information, call 973-376-0539.

Nov. 9 • Kids between the ages of 2 and 8 can come to the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. for a Halloween Party from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Kids can come in costume and hear scary stories.

Nov. 10 • The Great Pumpkin Sail comes to Echo Lake Park in Mountainside at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5 per family of four and \$5.00 for each additional person. The fee includes a pumpkin float, entertainment, campfire and refreshments.

Nov. 11 • A Hopatcong resident reported that her purse was stolen from her vehicle parked in the ShopRite parking lot on Morris Turnpike Oct. 15.

Nov. 12 • A Newark resident reported that his vehicle was damaged and items were stolen while he was visiting Sixth Avenue Electronics, Route 22 West, Sunday at 6:35 p.m.

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Grant gets put to good use

By Brian Pedersen, Managing Editor

With help from the ExxonMobil Corporation, one Springfield school is taking its second-grade students beyond the textbook and placing them right in the community they are learning about.

At the James Caldwell School in Springfield, second-grade students were recently the recipients of a \$500 grant from the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program.

The money is being used to fund educational, hands-on projects that enhance their understanding of what a community is.

"Children learn by doing," said Kendra Merrell, a second-grade teacher at the school. "This is the best way to get them involved."

So far, students have visited the Springfield Fire Department and various workers have come to the school to talk to students about their occupations, describing what they do each day as they go to work.

A breakfast with Mayor Steven Goldstein also took place Wednesday, where the three second-grade classes will meet the mayor in the Municipal Building.

"We would also like to try to visit Footdown, that would fit in with general services," said Merrell. Other possible field trips include visits to restaurants in the town, as well as the Springfield Police Department.

"This really goes well with teaching them to be good citizens, helping other people," said Merrell. "It really goes well with our character education program."

She said the teachers are hoping to purchase picture books, maps and



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"My Guide to Our Community" is a new workbook that students have been using to enhance their concept of community. The log is maintained all year long. The workbook also covers elements like community facts, maps and location. Special topics that tie everything together include "My Neighbors and Neighborhood," "How We Can Make the Community Better," and "My School and Family."

The students have also received copies of Springfield maps that highlight street names and other important geographical identification, so that they can learn all about the layout of their town and use this knowledge in

developing their geography and map reading skills. Principal Kenneth Bernabe agreed that getting the grant was something that enabled teachers to bring their students' knowledge of community up to a higher level.

"One of the things we would like to do is get local merchants involved in the program," said Bernabe.

Church is unfolding under construction

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ferent; it will face the parking lot, which is around the back of the present building. The front of the building, on Mountain Avenue, will be for the children's classes and Sunday school's entrance.

Madsen said, "Yes, it will be very different; it will be comfortable inside but elegant outside." Two large white pillars with a large glass door face the parking lot, which is to accommodate about 175 cars.

"On Sunday mornings, we have permission from the school next door to use their parking lot if necessary."

The excitement is growing as the completion date of the new sanctuary nears. "After years of holding services at Jonathan Dayton High School and other locations, it will be wonderful to have our very own sanctuary finished," said the pastor. He said the needs of the congregation have been extremely warm and caring to the new family.

He and his wife, JoAnn, have four children: Jen, 22; Anne, 20; Sara, 16, and Paul, 18, who is still in school in Canada. They "all love Springfield," he said. The pastor's wife will be working as a pastoral assistant, focusing on pastoral care, women's issues and study groups.

Both he and his wife are of Danish background and speak Danish; he also speaks French. He studied at the Jesuit School of Theology in Montreal, and has an honor's degree from Loyola University where he went on an academic scholarship; unheard of in Lutheran circles. After graduation, he attended Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, where he earned a master's of theology degree.

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WRC fall programs build skills, offer enriching entertainment

The Women's Resource Center, 31 Woodland Ave., Summit, has many upcoming fall events aimed at helping people achieve mental, physical and emotional well-being. Unless otherwise listed, all programs will be conducted at the center.

For more information on all of these programs, call 908-273-7253 or to www.womenresources.org.

The Women's Resource Center and the Connection for Women and Families host Chatham resident and author Mary McHugh Nov. 5 from noon to 1:30 p.m. as part of the monthly "Wise Wonderful Women" series.

The charge for the lecture and buffet lunch is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

The "Wise Wonderful Women" series was designed for "women of a certain age" whose goal is to make

this next stage of their lives interesting, active and challenging. McHugh will discuss her humorous book, "How Not to Become a Little Old Lady," an amusing look at dieting, family and living life to the fullest, complete with a tap dance at the end of her talk! She is the author of several other books including "Special Siblings: Growing Up With Someone With a Disability" and "The Woman Thing" and has had many articles published in *The New York Times*, *Cosmopolitan* and *Good Housekeeping*. Her books will be available for purchase at the lecture.

"Mean Girls? Wannabes? Losers?" — *Girls Get Bad Press Again!* will be Friday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The fee is \$12 for center members and \$15 for non-members and will be led by Barbara Kennard, who has a private practice in Madison.

In a recent *New York Times* magazine article, middle school girls are given a brand new classification system: they are either mean girls or victims of mean girls. This program will look at the lives of girls are portrayed in this article, and other current media, and how this impacts the way girls are perceived and the way they come to know themselves.

The currently popular language used to describe the girls' lives shapes our perceptions, reinforces stereotypes and invites girls into a very limiting caste system. Daughters can be helped to avoid the pitfalls of the mean girl/loser girl trap and understand the difference between being liked and being "popular." The discussion will help explore the ways to help girls define themselves "outside the box," creating the options girls



Sondra Gash

need to develop healthy relationships with themselves and others.

Sondra Gash will do readings from her new poetry book, "Silk Elegy," Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. The donation will be \$5.

"Silk Elegy" tells the story of a young girl from an immigrant family whose life is disrupted by a mentally ill mother. Gash also teaches creative writing to both children and adults. Her poems have appeared in many editions and she has been the recipient of countless honors, including the first prize in the Passaic County College Allen Ginsberg Poetry Competition. Funding for all poetry programs has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Linda Ellerbee — To the Heart, From the Heart" will take place Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Summit Middle School Auditorium, 272 Morris Ave. Tickets will be \$35 for advance purchase general admission, \$20 for students and senior citizens; and \$40 at the door.

A \$125 ticket to the private reception at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts at 6 p.m. includes a chance to speak with Ellerbee, enjoy appetizers and wine from Elegant Taste of Chatham, and preferred seating stage front for the lecture. To avoid disappointment, call early for tickets and scholarship information.

Young girls will enjoy listening to Ellerbee share her gifts of laughter, strength and inspiration. Her story of spirit and determination and of hope and victory is an important message for girls of all ages. Revered as a pioneer, a breast cancer survivor and role model for young and old, Ellerbee charms audiences all across the country.

In this lively talk she delivers her trademark wit and wisdom on everything from work to family while discussing the importance of girls finding their own unique voices in a society that is not always "female-friendly."

Ellerbee is an outspoken journalist, award-winning television producer, bestselling author, one of the most sought after speakers in America, a breast cancer survivor and a mom. She has earned a reputation over the past three decades as a highly respected and outspoken journalist. Her notability as a network news correspondent, anchor, writer and producer, has positioned her to head



Linda Ellerbee

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Concert has Baroque, classical

Organist George Moser and trumpeter John Pendenza will combine forces to present a concert of Baroque and classical music for organ and trumpet at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave., Sunday at 4 p.m. Included in the program will be trumpet works by George Philip Telemann, Roberto Valentini and Michael Haydn. George Moser will play solo organ works by Jonathan Sebastian Bach and Francois Couperin.

George Moser has been director of music at St. John's since 1996. A graduate of Westminster Choir College, Moser has served churches in Ohio, Michigan and Florida, coming to St. John's after 17 years as director of music at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Clearwater, Fla. Moser is an associate in ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a member of the American Guild of Organists. John Pendenza is a graduate of Rowan University and has played trumpet at St. John's for several years. Pendenza is first trumpeter with the New Jersey Pops Orchestra and also plays in several bands in the area.

The program has been recorded onto compact disc. Discs will be available for purchase at the concert. Tickets are not required. A free-will offering will be received.

St. John's is accessible to the handicapped. For additional information, call the church office at 908-918-2505.

Summit Symphony plans concert Nov. 3

The Summit Symphony will present a concert Nov. 3 at 3 p.m. at the Summit Middle School, located on the corner of Summit and Morris avenues. The concert will be a celebration of Russian composers.

Under the direction of conductor James Sadewhite, the orchestra will perform the overture "Russian and Ludmila" by M.J. Glinka. Also on the program are "Marche Slave" by P. Tchaikovsky and "Capriccio Espagnol" by N. Rimsky-Korsakov. The concert will conclude with the symphony No. 2 — also by Tchaikovsky.

This concert is sponsored in part by the Summit Board of Recreation. Admission to this concert is free.

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Edward G. Hydock

Edward G. Hydock, 78, of Springfield died Sept. 30 in Union Hospital. Born in Hazleton, Pa., Mr. Hydock lived in Springfield for 54 years. He was employed by Transervice Lease Corp., Lake Success, N.Y., for 32 years and most recently as the operations manager.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Rita G.; three sons, Edward P., Michael J. and Robert J.; a brother, Thomas; a sister, Helen Jean, and four grandchildren.

Sidney Fisch

Sidney Fisch of West Orange, formerly of Union and Springfield, died Oct. 3 in the Daughters of Israel Geriatric Center, West Orange.

Born in Newark, Mr. Fisch lived in Union and Springfield before moving to West Orange a year ago. He worked for Bogard Brothers, a furniture business, for 25 years and retired 13 years ago.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Ruth; three sons, Mark, Daniel and Arthur; two brothers, Marvin and Gabriel; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Robert J. Reiner

Robert J. Reiner, 80, of Springfield died Oct. 2 in the Hanover home of his daughter, Christine Higgins.

Born in Newark, Mr. Reiner lived in Irvington before moving to Springfield 25 years ago. He was an officer with the Irvington Police Department from 1950 until 1983, when he retired as a detective sergeant. Mr. Reiner was a Navy veteran of World War II. He served as quartermaster second class. Mr. Reiner attended Rutgers University, Newark. He was a mem-

ber of the Springfield Senior Citizens. Mr. Reiner played harmonica in the Senior Citizens' Band. He also was a member of the Policemen's Benevolent Association, Local 29.

Also surviving are a son, James; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Ronald DeSantis Sr.

Ronald J. DeSantis Sr., 59, of Toms River, formerly of Springfield, died Oct. 2 in Community Medical Center, Toms River.

Born in Summit, Mr. DeSantis lived in Springfield before moving to Toms River 30 years ago. He was a communications technician, and he and his wife, Joan, owned and operated Alcom Services Inc., Toms River, for the past several years.

Also surviving are a son, Ronald Jr.; a daughter, Donna Heyer; his father, Anthony DeSantis, and a grandchild.

Edna M. Heyeck

Edna M. Heyeck, 91, of Little Egg Harbor, formerly of Springfield, died Oct. 3 at home.

Born in Belleville, Mrs. Heyeck lived in Springfield before moving to Little Egg Harbor four years ago. She was a past vice president of the Springfield Senior Citizens Group 1 and a former member of the Springfield First Aid Squad Ladies Auxiliary.

Surviving are three sons, Frederick F. Jr., Dennis and Edward, and four grandchildren.

Gertrude Moskowitz

Gertrude Moskowitz, 88, of Mendham, formerly of Hillside and Springfield, died Oct. 3 in Holly Manor

Nursing Home, Mendham. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mrs. Moskowitz lived in Hillside and Springfield before moving to Mendham recently. She was a member of Hadassah, B'nai B'rith Women and Jewish Women International, all in Springfield.

Surviving are a brother, Max Scher; five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Michael P. Stoffer

Michael P. Stoffer, 66, of Mountaintide, formerly of Hillside, died Oct. 5 in Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Stoffer lived in Hillside before moving to Mountaintide in 1969. He was an accountant for Montclair State University for seven years. Earlier, Mr. Stoffer had been an accounting manager with AT&T, where he worked for 35 years. He received a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University and a master's degree in business administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Mr. Stoffer served in the Army during peacetime as a specialist fourth class. He was active with the Little League and Pop Warner football league, both in Mountaintide. Mr. Stoffer also was active with the New Jersey Right-to-Live.

Surviving are his wife of 39 years, Clara; two daughters, Lori Ann Sangregorio and Kris Ann; three sons, Michael A., Jeffrey A. and Douglas A.; a sister, Lillian Donaway, and two grandchildren.

Richard Lalevee

Richard Lalevee, 64, of Springfield, formerly of Union, died Oct. 9 at home.

Born in East Orange, Mr. Lalevee lived in Irvington and Union before moving to Springfield 38 years ago. He was an operating engineer with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 825, Springfield, for 48 years. Mr. Lalevee became a lead engineer in 1979 and was elected to the union's executive board in 1992. He also taught classes for Local 825's training school. Mr. Lalevee attended Oceanic College in California. He was a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Father McVeigh's Council, Kenilworth, and he served on the parish council of St. James the Apostle Church and was active with the Boy Scout Troop 73, both of Springfield.

Mr. Lalevee was a member of the Political Action Committee, the Welfare Committee and Human Resources Committee, all of Union County. He also was a member of the Union County Central Labor Council and chairman of the Central Jersey Picnic Committee.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia; three sons, Gregory R., Gary T. and Christopher L.; and two grandchildren.

Mary Lou Morgan

Mary Lou Morgan, 75, of Spring-

field died Oct. 9 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Irvington, Mrs. Morgan moved to Springfield 52 years ago. She was a claims examiner with Chubb and Son Insurance Co., Short Hills, and retired in 1988. Mrs. Morgan was a member of the Quarter Century Club of Chubb and Son.

Surviving are a daughter, Charlotte Cook; two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Ernest E. Liguori

Ernest E. Liguori, 77, of Springfield died Oct. 9 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Liguori lived in Irvington before moving to Springfield in 1953. He was a contractor and president of the Liguori Construction Co., Mountaintide, for many years before retiring. Mr. Liguori was a Navy veteran of World War II. He served aboard the USS Achernar and saw action in the Asiatic-Pacific, European, African and Middle Eastern campaigns. Mr. Liguori was the recipient of the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with One Star, Amphibious Insignia, the Eastern Ribbon with Two Bronze stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon and a medal from the French Consulate for his service in

Normandy. He was president of the Springfield chapter of UNICO. Surviving are his wife, Winifred; two sons, Frank and Ernest; a daughter, Elizabeth Arango; a brother, Frank; two sisters, Rose Wheeler and Lee Planko, and five grandchildren.

Helen De Santis

Helen J. De Santis, 81, of Springfield died Oct. 18 in Union Hospital.

Born in Bayonne, Mrs. De Santis moved to Springfield in 1958. Surviving are two sisters, Jean Palaski and Stella De Santis.

Owen E. Morrison

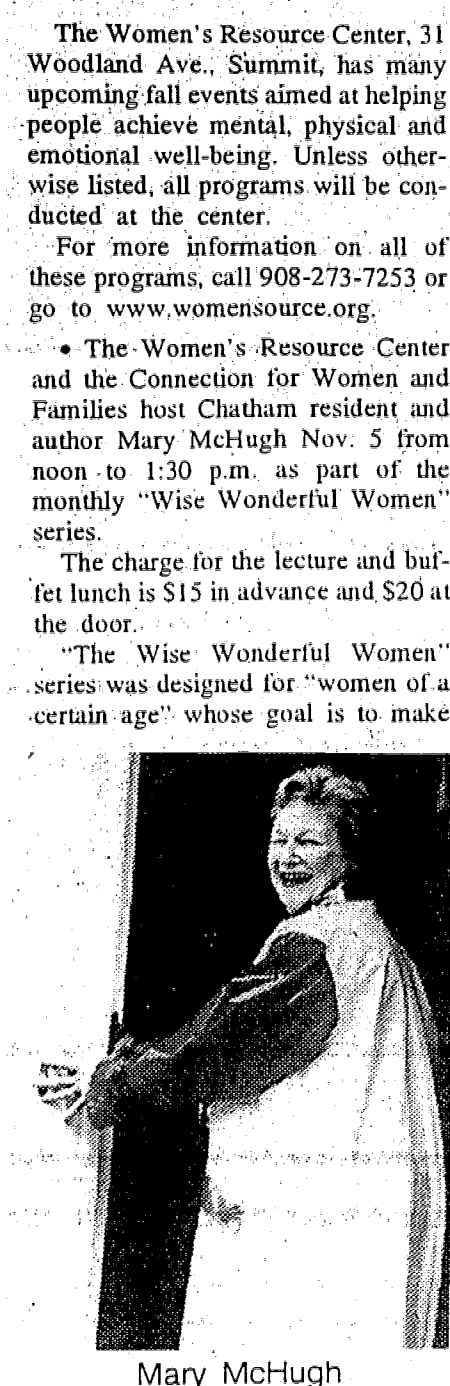
Owen E. Morrison, 77, of Bayville, formerly of Kenilworth, postmaster in Springfield, died Oct. 19 in the Tallwoods Nursing Facility, Bayville.

Born in Newark, Mr. Morrison lived in Kenilworth before moving to Bayville. He was postmaster of the Springfield Post Office, where he worked for 42 years before retiring. Mr. Morrison served in the Army during World War II. He was a member of the Springfield Rotary Club.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred; two daughters, Patricia Cooper and Debra Hinson; a son, James, and three grandchildren.

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Hazak Chapter has lecture series

The Hazak Chapter of Temple Beth Ahm, will sponsor the second lecture in the series "The Challenge of Religious Fundamentalism," Monday at 8 p.m. at the Temple, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield. Charles Selungut, professor of religious studies at Drew University, Madison, will speak on "The Challenge of Christian Fundamentalism." Selungut is an expert on religious fundamentalism and author of many scholarly works on the sociology, psychology and politics of contemporary religion. He is a member of the McArthur Foundation-sponsored Project of Fundamentalism. His current research project on the study of religion and violence will be reported in his forthcoming book, "Sacred Fury: Perspectives on Religious Violence."

This series is supported in part by a HEART grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The program is open to the public and there is no admission charge. For information and driving directions, call 973-376-0539 Ext. 11.

Christian group rocks the house

Springfield Presbyterian Church... all embracing and caring since 1745... is proud to be hosting a Friday family night featuring the Christian rock and roll group, Watermark.

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ministry. The church is happy to have them sharing their mission with members and guests Friday at 7:30 in the Parish House auditorium at 37 Church Mall.

They are highly in demand and perform across the country and in Denmark. Team members reach out to people of all ages with a message of Christian hope using powerful music, thought-provoking dramas, hilarious puppets, fun sing-alongs and life-changing testimonies. Guests and members can come in costume and be prepared for an exciting and uplifting evening. For those that are coming or have questions concerning this concert, call 973-379-4320.

Immediately following the program, refreshments will be served. A free-will offering will be taken following the concert.

Guests get a 'Taste of Springfield'

Congregation Israel of Springfield, located at 339 Mountain Ave., invites the general community to "A Taste of Springfield Brunch" at the shul Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Experience a warm, welcoming Orthodox community. Guests can join them for a delicious brunch; children's activities; babysitting and some learning with Rabbi Chaim Marcus. There is no charge. For information, call the synagogue at 973-467-9666.

Rosary Altar Society has next meeting

The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave. in Mountaintide, offers the November meeting, open to the public.

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On Nov. 4 at 7 p.m., a rosary and novena will be conducted followed by a 7:30 p.m. Mass for deceased members, led by Rev. P.J. Leonard. At 8 p.m., a service program on packing Halloween candy will be presented by Mary Greeley.

Rosary Altar Society plans bake sale

On Saturday and Sunday, a bake sale will take place for the Rosary Altar Society at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountaintide. The bake sale will take place in the auditorium after all Masses. All are welcome. For information, call 908-232-1162.

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. Activities will consist of music, Torah and holiday stories, arts and crafts, dance and cooking.

Upcoming Sunday events include: "Hanukkah Fun," Nov. 17; "Happy Birthday Trees," Jan. 12; "Parim Costume Party," March 9; "Passover Celebration," April 6, and "Israel's Birthday," May 11. Each session will take place from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the SICC, 67 Kent Place Blvd. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$15 per session, per child for members, \$18 for non-members. For information, call Stacey David at 908-273-2800 or stacey@bavelle.com

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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
October 24, 2002
The Township of Springfield Board of Adjustment has scheduled a special meeting...

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that decisions were made at a public meeting by the Borough of Mountainside Planning Board on September 12, 2002...

APPROVED
Glen Gelband, 285 Old Tote Road, Block 15N, Lot 11 - Garage addition and renovations

APPROVED
Ciro Perrone/Ciro's Trattoria, 899 Mountain Avenue, Block 13, Lots 4-8 & 9 - Execution of hours of operation - APPROVED. Wall sign - APPROVED. An outside freestanding refrigerator - DENIED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of LORE HENSON, deceased
Pursuant to the order of James S. LaCorte, Surrogate of the County of Union, New Jersey, in the 181st day of OCTOBER, A.D. 2002, upon the application of the executor of said estate, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said decedent to exhibit to the executor...

NOTICE OF PASSED ORDINANCE
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following ordinance was passed and adopted on second and final reading at a Regular Meeting held by the Board of the Borough of Mountainside...

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11, ADDING A DEFINITION FOR RESIDENTIAL ZONING UNIT TO SECTION 11-2.1

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY
Sealed Proposals will be received in the office of the Township Clerk of the Township of Springfield, New Jersey, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, 07081, on Thursday, December 26, 2002...

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(3) The fees set forth therein shall be amended as follows (subparagraph 3. shall remain unchanged):
1. Day Towing
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Each additional mile \$75.00

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BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearings will be held by the Board of the Borough of Mountainside in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ on November 22, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. on the following applications:

SECTION II - RATIFICATION
Except as expressly modified herein, all other provisions and terms of the Code of the Township of Springfield shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III - SEVERABILITY
In case any subsection, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance...

SECTION IV - REPAL
Louis Salamone, 11325 Pacifico Lane, Block 10, Lot 20-B - Fence on corner lot, adjoining to Sections 1009 (c) (6) & (7)

SECTION V - EFFECTIVE DATE
This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor
With three weekends to go before playoff berths are finalized, there are only three undefeated teams remaining in North Jersey...

Two of them reside right here in Union County. Those schools are Elizabeth (5-0) in Group 4 and Brearley (6-0) in Group 1.

The other undefeated team in the section is Mountain Lakes (5-0) in Group 1. Montville (5-1) lost at home to Butler (3-2) by a 30-19 score last Friday night in Northern Hills Conference play.

Brearley defeated New Providence 8-0 last Saturday in New Providence as senior running back Dan Zika reached the end zone from 13 yards out in the fourth quarter and then ran in the two-point conversion.

Brearley defeated New Providence for the first time since the 1991 season when it won 21-0 in New Providence. The Bears snapped a five-game losing streak against the Pioneers.

With Brearley and Mountain Lakes the only undefeated teams remaining in their section, wouldn't it be something if they were on a collision course to meet in the state playoffs. Brearley's last playoff win was a come-from-behind 14-13 triumph at Mountain Lakes in the 1991 North 2, Group 1 final.

Brearley seeks to go 7-0 this weekend as it's preparing for a tough Mountain Valley Conference Valley Division game vs. Roselle Park tomorrow night at 7:30 at Herm Shaw Field. The Panthers blanked the Bears 20-0 in Roselle Park last year for their first victory of the season.

Roselle Park also defeated Brearley 25-15 in Roselle Park in 1991, which was the last year the Bears won a state championship.

Elizabeth, which was off last weekend, takes a 17-game regular-season winning streak into Saturday's Watching Conference American Division game against Irvington at Matthews Field.

WEEK SIX GAMES
Friday, Oct. 25 (5)
Summit at Hanover Park, 7 p.m. JFK Iselin at Cranford, 7 p.m. Rahway at North Plainfield, 7 Hillsdale at Immaculate, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 (7)
Elizabeth at Irvington, 1 p.m. Linden at Scotch Plains, 1 Shabazz at Plainfield, 1 Morristown at Westfield, 1 Johnson at Gov. Livingston, 1 Ridge at Roselle, 1

WEEK FIVE SCORES
Friday, Oct. 18 (5)
Shabazz 35, Union 13 Cranford 27, East Side 0 Immaculate 36, Roselle 0 R. Park 30, Newark Central 6 Linden 44, Kearny 3 Saturday, Oct. 19 (5)
Scotch Plains 8, Irvington 0 Brearley 8, New Providence 0 Summit 35, Weequahic 0 Elizabeth, Westfield and Plainfield were off.

Week five picks
Summit over Hanover Park Cranford over JFK Iselin North Plainfield over Rahway Brearley over Roselle Park Elizabeth over Irvington Scotch Plains over Linden Shabazz over Plainfield Morristown over Westfield Gov. Livingston over Johnson Ridge over Roselle New Providence over Manville

First Downs: Brearley 10, New Providence 10 RUSHES-YARDS: Brearley 36-182, New Providence 27-85 PASSES: Brearley 3-6-1, New Providence 7-16-0 PASSING YARDS: Brearley 8, New Providence 5 FUMBLES-LOST: Brearley 1-0, New Providence 1-0 PUNTS-AVG.: Brearley 3-28, New Providence 5-22 SHABAZZ: Brearley 6-60, New Providence 1-15

Brearley (6-0) 0 0 0 8 - 8 New Providence (3-2) 0 0 0 0 - 0
Brearley — Zika 13 run, Zika run (B 3-0) (Fourth quarter: 16 plays, 79 yards, 10:43 used)

RUSHING: Brearley — Dan Zika 21-130, one touchdown. Steve Washuta 6-28. Joe Kahooni 5-15. Amir Bethea 4-9. Totals: 36-182, one touchdown. New Providence — Amr Rafanello 4-19. Tyler Woodruff 4-18. Ryan Sullivan 4-16. Chris Molinaro 1-(-2). Totals: 27-85.

PASSING: Brearley — Steve Washuta 3-6-1, 8 yards. New Providence — Tyler Woodruff 7-16-0, 32 yards. RECEIVING: Brearley — Amir Bethea 2-3-Dave Sweigart-1-5. Totals: 3-8. New Providence — Evan Rafanello 4-45. Michael Conte 1-11. Joe Kretschmer 1-1. Chris Molinaro 1-(-5). Totals: 7-52. INTERCEPTIONS: Brearley — None. New Providence — James Muench. FUMBLE RECOVERIES: Brearley — Dan Zika. New Providence — Shane Mallory. SACKS: Brearley — Mike Rothery. New Providence — None. — JEFF WOLFRUM



The Brearley High School football team is sparked by the play of senior running back Amir Bethea (No. 15), here taking the handoff from senior quarterback Steve Washuta during last Saturday's game at New Providence. The Bears beat the Pioneers for the first time since 1991, winning 8-0 to improve to 6-0.

Brearley earns respect by blanking New Providence

Bears beat Pioneers for first time since 1991

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer
NEW PROVIDENCE — A matter of respect. Entering its game against New Providence last Saturday afternoon, the Brearley High School football team felt that it wasn't getting the respect it deserved.

After leaving the field with an 8-0 victory, the Bears now feel that other Union County teams will keep them in high regard. "One of the things we have up on the locker room wall is a sign that reads 'no respect,'" first-year Brearley head coach Scott Miller said. "If this win is what it takes, I guess we got it now."

The win snapped a five-game losing streak against New Providence and was Brearley's first over the Pioneers since 1991. More importantly as far as this year is concerned, it put Brearley in the lead in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference and kept the Bears undefeated at 6-0 and in

first place in the power point standings in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1. "The win was huge for the seniors because they came through this program and were really the whipping boy for New Providence the last couple of years," Miller said. "They really wanted this game to be the worst way."

Showing themselves in the foot for most of the contest, the Bears did what they do best in their 16-play, 79-yard game-winning drive. They ran the ball! With 4:20 remaining in the third quarter, Brearley took over on its own 21 after a fair catch by senior wide receiver Mike Hoag. Two runs by senior tailback Dan Zika netted 13 yards to bring the ball to the 34.

Betha picked up two, Zika gained four to bring up a third-and-four at the 40. Betha picked up the first down with a four-yard carry and then gained three more to bring the quarter to an end. The fourth quarter opened with

senior quarterback Steve Washuta running for eight yards and then connecting with Betha for a yard on a swing pass. Brearley then went back to the run with senior fullback Joe Kahooni gaining five and three yards sandwiched between runs of five and two yards.

Zika then carried the next three times for 16 yards to bring the ball to the New Providence 13. The Bears went to Zika again and this time he took an inside handoff, cut through a seam in the middle after breaking a tackle, and raced for a touchdown. "I worked too hard to be stopped from scoring," Zika said. "I wanted it bad."

Zika entered the game as the state's leading scorer with 114 points. "That last drive typifies what this team is all about," Miller said. Along with the six points gained from the touchdown, Zika added to his total when he took a direct snap from center and scored on the two-point conversion to make it 8-0.

On the unusually designed play, Zika lined up in the quarterback position behind only his center and guard. The rest of the line was situated on the left side of the field. "The last couple of weeks, we've shown some different formations on the extra point," Miller said. "If New Providence was milling around we were going to snap the ball to Dan. That's what they did and we snapped it and got the two."

On the ensuing kickoff, New Providence took over on its own 33 and drove to the Brearley 10, picking up three first downs in the process. The Pioneers were also aided by a 15-yard pass interference call on Brearley. Facing a second-and-six from the 10, New Providence quarterback Tyler Woodruff rolled left and fired to the end zone where sophomore tight end Michael Conte was open. Conte had control of the ball briefly before Kahooni knocked the ball away, resulting in an incomplete pass. After a three-yard run by senior fullback Joe Kretschmer, New Providence faced a fourth-and-three from the Brearley eight-yard line. Woodruff threw a screen pass to senior halfback Evan Rafanello, but Brearley senior defensive lineman Rich Forfa was waiting from him as he stopped him for only a two-yard gain. "I just did what I had to do to stop him," Forfa said. After forcing Brearley to a three-and-out, New Providence took over at the Brearley 30 with 30 seconds remaining. Brearley's defense was again up to the challenge as the Pioneers couldn't reach the end zone on their final play. Brearley took the opening kickoff and held the ball for 9:24 before turning it over on an interception. On the drive, the Bears were plagued by two costly 10-yard holding penalties. The latter penalty negated an 11-yard reception by Zika. Midway through the second quarter, Brearley was going to attempt a 30-yard field goal, but the snap from center sailed high as Zika picked the ball up and was tackled, thus giving the ball back on downs.

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Both teams played with a lot of heart
GL wins second singles

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer
NEW PROVIDENCE — "I think the kids from both schools played very well and showed a lot of heart," is what Governor Livingston High School girls' tennis coach Bob McNutt said moments after his team dropped a 4-1 decision to Summit in last Thursday's North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 championship match.

"It was one of those nice quality matches where high school kids went out, competed and had fun," McNutt said. "I felt very good about it." McNutt also serves as the Summit boys' tennis coach in the spring.

Quality competition was displayed throughout, including two matches that went three sets. High School Girls' Tennis

The Highlanders' second doubles match of Michelle Rosenthal and Ashley Ferrell lost a hard-fought 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 decision to the Summit pair of Maria Bennett and Amy DeSantis. "In the first set, we really got down on ourselves and knew we had to pick it up in the second set," Ferrell said. "We then went out and played extremely well."

Ferrell, a Mountainside resident, felt the difference was in the improvement of their serves and the taking of aggressive shots. After trailing 4-1 in the third set, the duo cut the deficit to 5-2 before being served out in the last game. Another exciting finish came at first singles where GL senior Kristin Turturiello battled Summit's Erika Miry in a 2-6, 6-4, 6-3 setback. Turturiello, the Union County Tournament first singles champion, came out on fire in taking the first set. After trailing 4-1 in the second set, Turturiello charged back to close to within 4-3 before dropping two out of the next three games. In the third set, Turturiello closed to within 4-3 before dropping the next two games.

GL's victory came in second singles play as Stephanie Rude defeated Julie Matheny 6-2, 6-3. "I knew she hit well, so I just wanted to keep the ball in play," Rude said. "I tried to let her make the mistakes instead of me." Rude felt another reason for her success was that she didn't double fault once on her serve. "I was proud of some of my points by passing her at the net," Rude said. "I came into the match kind of nervous, but left happy with my performance."

At third singles, GL's Sabrina Govindarajan dropped a 6-2, 6-2 decision to Emily Moore. Govindarajan had defeated Moore in the semifinals of the UCT. GL's first doubles team of Katie Freda and Connie Souder was bested by the Summit duo of Alissa Bush and Nicole Landi, dropping a 6-1, 6-1 decision. "They hit with a lot of spin and had powerful serves," Freda said. Souder, also a Mountainside resident, agreed with her partner. "They had a lot of good speed and spin on their serves," Souder said. "We had a lot of unforced errors."

McNutt felt the difference was in the doubles play because Summit finally had the services of Landi, a transfer from Newark Academy, who sat out her mandatory 30 days. "It's fun to see the kids giving their all," McNutt said. "They can feel good about themselves."

GL stood at 9-2 as of its scheduled regular-season match at non-conference foe Bernards last Friday. GL's only other loss came in its season-opener at Immaculate, a 4-1 Mountain Valley Conference Mountain Division setback. GL went on to win nine in a row, including a victory at home over Immaculate, before falling to Summit. The Highlanders defeated Immaculate 3-2 in Berkeley Heights Oct. 3 to improve to 7-1 in the Mountain Division. NOTES: GL improved to 10-2 on Monday after beating Johnson 3-2 in Clark. The Highlanders previously defeated the Crusaders 5-0 in Berkeley Heights back on Sept. 19.

What a roll Dayton soccer teams were on
What a roll the Dayton boys' and girls' soccer teams were on. Both had long winning streaks come to an end at home on Monday as the boys' fell to Governor Livingston 2-0 in first-round Union County Tournament play and the girls' were edged by Elizabeth 3-2 in non-conference action. Senior goalkeeper Michael Nitello made 10 saves against ninth-seeded GL, which received two goals from Matt Siddle and a seven-save shutout performance from junior goalie Jonathan Moss. GL will play top-seeded Scotch Plains at 4 p.m. in Sunday's fourth quarterfinal at Keam. Nitello made three saves for his third shutout when Dayton stopped Oratory Prep 2-0 in conference play last Thursday. Dayton was 7-2-1 as of Tuesday and was 6-0-1 in seven matches prior to falling to GL. Dayton's girls' team was 6-3-4 as of Tuesday and was 5-0-3 in its eight matches prior to Elizabeth. Cristina Zavocki and Alexia Moriello netted goals against the Minutemen.

Goalkeeper Sara Steinman had 11 saves for her fifth shutout when Dayton downed North Plainfield 2-0 at home Oct. 15 in conference play. Jill DeAngelis netted both goals, Zavocki assisting on one. Youth soccer teams excel
The following are Springfield youth soccer results from last week:

10-and-under
Fire 6, Kenilworth 0: Martin Gimenez, Max Webb and Justin Grant scored to spark the Fire. Also playing well for Springfield were goalkeepers Carl Koriocho and Justin Grant and Salvatore Basile, Jason Berke, John Chabanon, Steven Dombrowski, Ryan Doremus, Johnny Ferreira, Ben Miller and Jeffrey Sommer. The team is coached by Steve Dombrowski and John Ferreira.

Thunder 2, Summit Metro Stars 0: Ronnie Herman scored both goals on assists from Nicky Pluta and Elias Zouk. Also playing well for Springfield were Stephen Karas, Jeffrey Sablosky, Scott Sandler, David Wasserman, Sean Brinkman, Jesse DiCoco, Aaron Sauerhoff and goalkeeper Jake Rudolph, who made several outstanding saves. Springfield's next scheduled game is Sunday at Roxbury.

8-and-under
Storm 4, Kinnelon 0: Dylan Curry scored all four goals, bringing his season total to seven, to lift the Storm to their first victory of the season. Also playing well on offense for Springfield were Casey Sheehy, Jessica Condon, Katelyn Condon, Cara Bibo and midfielders Connor McTernan, Deidre McElroy and David Yablonsky. Playing well on defense were Tristen Feikre and Michael Masi in front of goalies Adam Kennedy and Romy El-Daly, who combined for the shutout.

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CANDIDATES



Republican

Anira Clericuzio

Every resident of Union County dreams the American dream. One of those dreams is home ownership. Home ownership creates stronger families and strengthens neighborhoods and our communities.

President George W. Bush has indicated that home ownership must be broadened especially with regard to African-Americans and Hispanic-Americans. He wants to do away with the barriers that prevent Americans and especially minorities from home ownership.

Home ownership can help to create and provide opportunities for jobs and income. It is a sound financial investment and it is probably the most important investment any American makes.

The barriers faced by many Americans, especially African-Americans and Hispanics are having to come up with a down payment. Another problem often is the high cost of houses in this area. These are not affordable to the family that is trying to put food on the table. The public also has to be educated as to the process of purchasing a home. It is clear that there are rights as well as responsibilities involved.

Credit is another problem at this time when job security is a concern. Loan points and insurance are barriers.

Job growth or creation is a tremendous concern for there cannot be any thoughts of home purchase or that of a business if one is not employed. Everyone wants to own a home some day and some even dream of owning a business. Business ownership faces the same obstacles already described in purchasing a home.

We need to exercise fiscal responsibility. We cannot spend more money than we have and we cannot take away necessary programs for our citizens. Taxes cannot continue to rise due to lack of better management. Taxes must not go above the cost of living index. Taxes were recently raised in Union County disregarding a bad economy. This should not be done. Tax relief is necessary.

Another concern of mine is the need to educate, counsel and advise women, children and the elderly as well as all residents of Union County as to available programs at times of need. There must be available programs which are readily accessible and can assist them through tough times. There should be no need to suffer in silence. Yet, education and awareness is necessary. If programs are in place, but they are unknown, they serve no purpose to our residents who work hard to be part of our communities.

The elderly are in desperate need of assistance and knowledge of available programs that can benefit them without feeling as though they are receiving hand outs after many years of serving our country, working hard, raising their children, being good citizens and now arriving at their golden years to be lacking, alone, with no one to turn to and feeling somewhat ashamed to ask for help. We need to see the change of the Medicare system to one which better serves and meets the needs of seniors. Our seniors are receiving difficulty paying for their prescriptions.

We have a responsibility to ascertain that our children be properly educated and that no child is left behind as President Bush has been saying in many of his speeches. Children must be encouraged to stay in school and not drop out, to go to college. College is another dream that can be realized.

Open land must not be sold. On the contrary, instead of taking away land, we must add to parks and preserve our open space in Union County for the enjoyment of our citizens in the present and future.



Republican

Elyse Bochicchio Medved

I have resided in Rahway for nine years. I am a graduate of Hunter College, CUNY and did graduate level social work at SUNY Stony Brook. I have worked in sales for Bear Stearns on Wall Street and designed stained glass and kaleidoscopes. Currently I am a Rahway City Council member and work as a substitute teacher for Rahway Board of Education. I have been active in environmental causes, breast cancer, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the Vestry at St. John's Church in Elizabeth.

I am running for Union County freholder to give a greater voice to the concerns of all Union County residents. I have attended freholder meetings for many years and saw only the political allies of the freholders listened to. Please support me and I will reach out to all the residents of Union County and work to protect their environmental and financial health.

I have many years of community involvement relating to the environment as a member of Concerned Citizens of Union County and the national organization, Health Care Without Harm. With Concerned Citizens, I visited the neighborhoods affected by county environmental and business policies, organized the citizens, and represented them at the local, county and state level. I am now in the middle of my term as a ward council member in Rahway. I have worked on residential problems with city services, utilities that affect their lives, and seeking county services for their neighborhoods.

An example of the poor management of the park lands is the problem of algae-covered, stagnant, shallow water at lakes, such as Milton Lake in Rahway, Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield and an admitted nine others needing restoration. Regular, routine maintenance would improve our parks while actually lowering costs. This could have been achieved by scheduled maintenance, regular monitoring by workers, reaching out to the community around the parks — usually the first people to notice negative changes — and not waiting for a crisis such as the hundreds of dead fish found in Plainfield.

Taxes should not be higher than the rate of inflation and large increases in population. How do you cut taxes without sacrificing services? Increase shared services, overlapping of agencies, asking the frontline workers, where the bureaucratic waste is, streamlining administration, and eliminating many of the perks that the county managers and freholders have such as foreign trips.

While I will always disagree with the state and county decision to build an incinerator, the freholder board has increased the financial and health risks associated with the operating the Union County incinerator.

The approval of Union County as the site of largest medical waste plant in the state is another example of letting private industry run an environmentally sensitive facility while using only industry connected experts to make this decision. When consultants work in the private industry they evaluate and local government allows a profit-driven company to run the facility, the public isn't listened to and the safeguards to their safety are compromised.

The latest toxic project to be approved by the freholders was a plan to import a large percentage of New York City's garbage to Linden's waterfront. The garbage was to be covered only by netting instead of being completely sealed. Only New York State's investigation into the ethics of the financial deal stopped this plan. The mayor of Linden's son-in-law being a part-owner in the land selected for this project did not bother the freholders. As a freholder I will use truly independent expert witnesses to evaluate any major proposal and listen to community input. As a freholder and a cancer survivor I will never sell our clean air and water for a quick buck. Tell the freholders you are tired of paying it.



Democrat

Angel Estrada

For the past three years, I have represented the 522,000 residents of Union County on the Board of Chosen Freholders. I am proud of what my colleagues and I have accomplished, and I know there is much more we can do. We have reached into communities and delivered the most innovative and progressive programs in the history of Union County government.

Before my election to the freholder board in 1999, I was elected to two terms on the Elizabeth Board of Education, where I fought overcrowding in the city's classrooms by securing state funding for school expansion and renovation. I also brought college recruiters to the city's schools to encourage students to pursue higher education.

I have more than 25 years of business and public service experience, having worked in management, strategic planning, budgeting and human resources for large and small organizations.

As elected officials, the Union County freholders are obligated to prepare our youth to meet the challenges of a career in a global marketplace. We are committed to accomplish this important task by continuing our strong support of Union County College and by enacting the expansion of the Vocational-Technical Schools to offer students a full-time schedule of classes there in accordance with state regulations.

I am a strong advocate for educational improvements in our schools. As such, I helped implement the Access 2000 initiative, which provided each school district in Union County with funds for new computers in our classrooms and Internet access in our schools, along with training in technology education for teachers. We took this program even further by linking our schools to community libraries for enhanced learning opportunities. There is no greater service we can provide than the education of tomorrow's leaders.

During my years as a freholder, I've also worked on initiatives that serve the senior community, including Senior Focus, which helped to expand existing facilities and build new senior citizen centers, and Seniors in Motion, which provides van to municipalities to increase senior mobility. I'm proud of the Senior Scholars program that brought individuals back into the classroom, underscoring the fact that learning can be a lifelong process. Identifying ways to improve the quality of life for our valued seniors must then be followed with relevant, cost-effective programs that meet their needs.

Among the other initiatives created by the current freholder board are the Freholder Scholars Program, which gives middle-income students an affordable way to gain an associate's degree at Union County College. Our YES Program — Youth Employment Strategies — is a program that provides summer job employment and learning opportunities with local business partners for Union County youth. Strengthening and augmenting these key programs is an immediate priority for the freholder board.

The freholder board saved 63 acres of open space adjacent to the Watchung Reservation from development and is in the process of acquiring another 13 acres of farmland in Clark. We recognize our responsibility to preserve our valuable natural resources so those generations that follow will enjoy a high quality of life. Government is about dealing with the problems that face us today, but always with an eye toward the future.

I immigrated to the United States as a 10-year-old boy from Cuba and have made Elizabeth my home ever since. I earned two degrees from Kean College — now Kean University — and have worked hard, with my wife, to provide for our three children. It is an honor to be a freholder in Union County and I consider it to be a great responsibility.

My fellow freholders and I are determined to continue on our mission of making Union County an even better place to live, work and raise our families.



Democrat

Rick Proctor

In these uncertain times, it is important that we remain united on the course to progress that the Democratic Union County freholder board has set.

Sept. 11, 2001 taught us in no uncertain terms that life can change in an instant. Union County must be prepared for any situation. As a health officer for the City of Rahway, and the townships of Hillside, Winfield and Scotch Plains, I am aware of the risks faced by the residents of Union County and familiar with the fine emergency personnel in whose hands we entrust our safety.

Prior to becoming a freholder in January of this year, I was director of Health and Human Services in Bloomfield for 18 years. I have developed and implemented senior health services programs and I currently serve on the New Jersey State Task Force on Public Health Preparedness and Response for Bioterrorism. I am committed to continue in my role of coordinating the emergency services in county government with local, state and federal agencies to ensure that the County of Union is thoroughly prepared for any possibility.

The freholders must also continue the work being done to assist those who were adversely affected by the terror attacks of Sept. 11. The County of Union obtained a \$3.2 million federal grant and opened the STAR Opportunity Center, which is the first of its kind in the state and specializes in providing job assistance and training to workers who lost their jobs due to Sept. 11.

On Oct. 17, the county broke ground on a new police headquarters and forensics lab in Westfield, designed to give our law enforcement and emergency management departments the resources they need to safeguard our families.

Mindful of our prime location in the greater metropolitan area and the importance of our place in the international economy, we must also continue to upgrade our transportation infrastructure. Transportation is a key to our local economy and the County of Union has worked diligently to secure millions in state and federal investments for mass transit and high-way improvements.

Union County has become a center of global transportation, as Port Elizabeth and Newark Liberty International Airport have become important international cargo hubs. We must ensure that the transportation network of rail, air, maritime and road systems meets the growing needs of not only the regional economy but also the international marketplace.

We've taken care of some priorities, like restoring the Milton and Lawrence Avenue bridges in Rahway, and paved miles and miles of roadways from in our 21 municipalities. We've accomplished a great deal, but we see that there's so much more that needs to be done.

As a parent and a former member of the Rahway Board of Education, I know first hand how important Union County's unique quality of life is to our hard-working families. I will work to improve our natural environment as well as our business climate. We will work to strengthen our educational system and the job-training efforts of our newly expanded Vocational-Technical Schools in Scotch Plains and our retail skills training centers in Elizabeth and Plainfield; and to preserve our valuable open spaces while we maintain and develop recreational opportunities for residents of all ages and capabilities.

The freholder board works hard to balance all the pieces that make up the big picture in Union County. I will continue to work with leaders from the business, government, academic and non-profit sectors as I have for more than 30 years in municipal and county government.

With your help, and your support for the Democratic candidates on Nov. 5, I look forward to finding cooperative solutions to the challenges that lay ahead.



Democrat

Nicholas Scutari

The economy of Union County is a top priority for me and for my colleagues on the Union County Board of Chosen Freholders. Our board works hard to maintain and improve our economic climate and I am determined to continue the efforts already in progress.

In recent years, the County of Union has been a partner with our cities and towns on some significant economic development projects, including the Linden Aviation Plaza and the Jersey Gardens Mall. These efforts bring ratables into the county to keep taxes down while building for the future. We have focused attention on infrastructure improvements to our roads and bridges, including renovations to the Lawrence Street and Milton Avenue bridges over the Rahway River. And now we are anticipating the opening of the Global Freight Village in my home city of Linden, which will bring more than 3,000 new jobs into Union County.

One of the key factors in the economic health of Union County is our focus on education and job training. The presence of a skilled workforce cannot be taken for granted. We must ensure that our workers meet the growing needs of not only the regional economy but also the international economy. That is why we focused so much attention on maintaining and improving our educational system and our job training efforts.

One important recent development is the groundbreaking on a new 80,000-square-foot addition to the campus of our Vocational-Technical Schools. The vo-tech schools are a little known success story in Union County, though more than 3,500 residents utilize a variety of programs and services there each year.

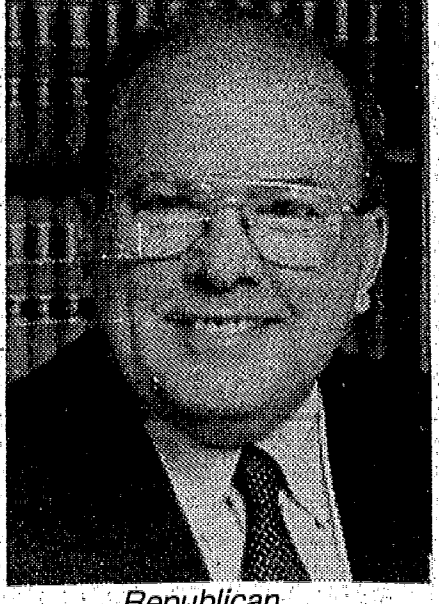
The vo-tech schools are now the registered apprenticeship agent for the construction trades in Union County, working with more than 1,800 registered apprentices; the highest total for any county program in New Jersey. This is a very important program, particularly in the construction trades, where figures show many older workers are nearing retirement age and many fewer young people joining their ranks to replace them.

The Scotch Plains campus of vo-tech is a microcosm of Union County, and it's one that gives us hope. It gives us hope for our quality of life that attracts workers and their families to stay here. This stable work force is good for business.

There are more than 500,000 people living in just over 100 square miles in Union County, which means that green space is rare and must be preserved. Working through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, we must continue to identify and protect our valuable natural resources, as we did in acquiring 63 acres near the Watchung Reservation from the New Jersey-American Water Company, protecting the land from development.

While we make strides to improve the quality of life in Union County, we are also working to protect our families. The County's Hazardous Materials officials provided services in 408 emergency situations in the past year and held four household and electronics waste collection days throughout the county to remove items detrimental to our homes and environment. These efforts must be continued and strengthened, along with the highly successful child safety seat program run by the Union County Police, which is recognized nationally for inspecting and education parents on the correct installation and use of child safety seats.

These are some of the reasons why I am proud to have served on the freholder board for the past six years. I trust that my hard work will earn your support for a new term on the board. Please vote Democratic in the Nov. 5 General Election.



Republican

Joel Whitaker

In the face of the worst recession since World War II, at a time when thousands of Union County residents are losing their jobs, or living in fear that they will lose their jobs, the incumbent Democrat freholders raised county property taxes \$14 million.

This is wrong. When times are tight, government should do everything it can to avoid raising taxes. The incumbent freholders voted to use the open space tax to buy more land in Watchung Reservation. Then they voted to sell six acres to a church for a parking lot and banquet hall. This, too, is wrong. Parkland should never be sold.

The incumbent freholders voted to make Union County the dumping ground for New Jersey's garbage. I think it's a bad idea. New York's mayor thinks it's a bad idea, the state had serious questions, but the freholders continue to support it.

All of this happened because there is just one party on the Union County Board of Chosen Freholders.

I have a plan and a commitment to ending property tax increases in Union County. I wouldn't sell an inch of parkland. And I think New York should take care of its own garbage. Most towns in Union County managed to hold their local tax increase to roughly half of what the incumbent freholders imposed.

It didn't have to be that way. With the economy plainly in shock after 9/11, the freholders could have done what every town did: Scrutinize every line of every department's budget, deciding what had to be done this year and what could wait.

They could have tapped a \$47 million rainy day fund, called the surplus, that their Republican predecessors had left them. But there was no rainy fund to tap, because they squandered it two or three years ago, when the economy was booming.

When the state took over the court system and the welfare system — in a move Gov. Christine Whitman and the Republican Legislature hoped would reduce property taxes — the incumbent Democrat freholders squandered the savings.

believe, the county's budget should grow no faster than the cost of living. If the cost of living for the average family goes up 2 percent, I believe the county budget should go up more than 2 percent.

A cost-of-living increase in the county's spending plan is enough to ensure every worthwhile program is funded at an adequate level, and that county workers continue to receive appropriate raises.

My plan to control property taxes has these other components:

- Encourage county employees to submit cost-saving recommendations, and receive 25 percent of the first year savings, if implemented.
- A blue-ribbon commission, aided by a consultant, should be appointed to examine county government functions, to reduce redundancies.
- Increase "shared services" between the county and the municipalities. This would include a centralized 9-1-1 function, for communities that wish to use it on a reimbursable basis, and a countywide animal control shelter.
- My plan would result in a realistic reduction in property taxes.
- The incumbent freholders say — on their letterheads, on their envelopes, on county vehicles — that they are "connected to you."
- But people who go to freholder meetings find incumbents don't want to hear them, and that they don't listen.
- More often than not, someone who shows up for a freholder meeting finds he must wait two or more hours before the public is allowed to speak. And when the public speaks, the freholders often don't listen.
- If elected, I will do everything possible to restore fiscal prudence, competitiveness and open government to Union County.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Kids' novelist to appear

Children's writer Constance Foland, author of the new AG Fiction novel "Flying High, Pogo!" from American Girl, will visit Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, at 2 p.m. Saturday to sign books and discuss her experience writing her new book.

"Flying High, Pogo!" Foland tackles the tough themes of adjusting to divorce, coping with a new baby half-sister, and overcoming family money problems. The book, written in diary format, introduces girls to 10-year-old Patricia Winston — aka Pogo — a bouncy gymnast who is thrilled when she's selected to attend summer gymnastics camp. But excitement turns to disappointment when she realizes the \$300 fee for the camp is too expensive for either of her divorced parents to afford. To make matters worse, her dad's new baby daughter takes up all of his time and her mom's business is failing. But Pogo finds the solution to her problems when her new sister helps spark a brilliant new business venture.

Designed to address the diverse interest of girls age 10 and older, AG Fiction novels sensitively explore significant issues facing preadolescent girls today. Told in a frank and compelling way, the novels will resonate with girls who are ready to face the complex issues of today's world. Other books in the AG Fiction line include "The Secret Voice of Gina Zhang," "Nowhere, Now Here," "Stolen Words;" and "Sister Split."

A New York City resident, Constance Foland has written one previous children's novel, the AG Fiction title, "A Song for Jeffrey." "Flying High, Pogo!" was inspired by Foland's childhood love of gymnastics and her daily journal writing.

More than 82 million American Girl Books have been sold since 1986, including The American Girls Collections of historical fiction, American Girl Library advice and activity books, the Amelia notebooks, Angelina Ballerina picture books, and History Mysteries, Wild at Heart, and AG Fiction novels. Pleasant Company was founded in 1985 and was acquired by Mattel Inc. in 1998. Deeply committed to its mission to educate and entertain, the American Girl brand has earned the loyal following of millions of girls and the praise and trust of parents and educators.

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'Charlie Brown' offers potpourri

When it first opened Off-Broadway in 1967, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" had a run of four years and lasted 1,597 performances.

The show was revived on Broadway in 1999 as a production that garnered two Tony Awards and that featured new material by "Peanuts" creator Charles M. Schulz, as well as two new musical numbers.

Drawing heavily from original "Peanuts" comic strips by Schulz and featuring original music and lyrics by Clark M. Gesner and Andres Lipka, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" is a day in the life of everyone's favorite round-headed kid and features appearances by "Peanuts" stand-bys Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus, Schroeder and Sally. The Red Baron and the little red-haired girl also figure prominently.

Now in performance at the Cranford Dramatic Club, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" features F.J. DeRobertis as Charlie Brown, Hope Weinstein as Lucy, Carl Barber-Steele as Snoopy, Shayne Austin Miller as Schroeder, Ken Webb as Linus and Melissa Loderstedt as Sally Brown.

David: This isn't as difficult as something like Stephen Sondheim's "Sunday in the Park With George," but "Charlie Brown" still poses several challenges. It lacks any coherent plot or even character development. Rather than building toward and resolving any inherent conflict — the essence of drama — the musical is essentially a mish-mash of dialogue culled from "Peanuts" comic strips over the strip's decades-long life.

On top of that, because the musical's characters are all cultural icons we have firmly burned into our minds, the performers have to overcome their audience's resistance not only to adults playing children, but to live people playing comic-strip characters. That's a tough call, and it's not surprising that the actors have difficulty pulling it off for the entire show.

Niki: It may not have a particular plot, but the play showcases Schulz's characters and a number of his most famous scenes or recurring scenarios, such as Snoopy fighting the Red Baron or Charlie Brown getting no Valentines. One of the best scenes was when Lucy offered psychiatric advice to Charlie Brown. She began by helping pinpoint all the areas where he was a failure, but then pointed out that he had strengths too.

Rehearsals will begin in early November; show dates are Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 4 to 25.

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On the Boards

By David Leorn and Niki Leorn

and that nobody else could be Charlie Brown. This actually seemed to be helping cheer the poor kid up, at least until Lucy asked for a nickel in return for the help.

I particularly liked the interaction between Charlie Brown and Lucy overall, which culminated in her shaking his hand at the end of the show and telling him, "You're a good man, Charlie Brown." The show was well done overall and certainly enjoyable. David: The show's chief strengths are Charles Schulz's dialogue — I recognized dozens of individual strips in the scenes we saw — and the musical numbers, particularly the ensemble pieces like the Schroeder-driven numbers "Beethoven Day" and "Glee Club Rehearsal," and the interaction between Charles, Linus, Lucy and Charlie Brown in "Little Known Facts."

The chemistry among the cast was so strong for those numbers that you could tell they enjoyed what they were doing.

The songs were strong enough that they came through almost unscathed by the on-again, off-again problems with the theater's sound system, but I was a little disappointed by some of the acting. DeRobertis did an excellent job of capturing Charlie Brown's angst and self-doubt, but I never felt I saw the perseverance and optimism that also pervade the character and drive him continually to try to kick Lucy's football and to win the baseball game. And Miller's strength lied in his nonverbal acting, particularly the reactions he has to Lucy's flirting while he's playing his piano. Two of my chief disappointments were Barber-Steele's Snoopy and Webb's Linus. Barber-Steele incorporated plenty of doglike actions into his behavior, from panting to growling, to even kicking his legs in his sleep, but it was only during his stand-out performance of "Supper Time" that I recall felt I was watching Snoopy on stage.

In the case of Webb, I thought he did a decent job acting, but I was never able to get past his age or the height advantage he had on everyone else, especially Lucy, his big sister.

Niki: It didn't bother me that Linus was played by an older actor. If anything, his height relative to the other "kids" bothered me more. Sally's nasally voice bothered me too, and Loderstedt didn't maintain the child aspect of it while singing, or the annoying nasally aspect either. The nasal quality of Lucy's voice, however, worked since it fit her character. David: I wasn't wild about it in either case, but I agree that it did fit Weinstein's portrayal of Lucy.

Niki: Snoopy sang well, but was the most difficult for me to reconcile with my view of him from the comics or cartoons. Much of the costuming was just random but simplistic costume didn't help there either as he didn't look much like Snoopy.

David: That wasn't the problem, me. Snoopy has never really been dog, even when Schulz was drawing him 30 and 40 years ago. Just as judgments of "Sylvia" don't usually, bother with a dog costume, I thought it was fine to anthropomorphize Snoopy here as well.

Niki: Snoopy's general laziness and disinterest in the humans came through well, however, along with his great love of food.

David: All true. I would have preferred if Mary Webb had directed her actors to speak to one another more than to the audience, particularly when their lines would have worked better as dialogue than asides, like in the Lucy-Charlie Brown number, "The Doctor is In." Behind the scenes, Midge Witte's set design was simple but effective, and musicians Mary Beth McFall on piano, Mitch Kolears on bass and Sheryl Caswell on percussion had as much to do with the success of this production as anyone else.

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" runs through Saturday at the Cranford Dramatic Club, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford. For information, see the Theater listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B14.

Tall tales on tap at Miller-Cory

You can make up your own mind whether or not to believe the tall tales that will be told by storyteller Yera Lough of Westfield Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Miller-Cory House Museum.

The museum is located at 614 Mountain Ave. in Westfield. For more than 250 years, folklore has been an interesting regarding the New Jersey Devil, who roams the Pine Barrens in South Jersey. Some people say he has a gross appearance, others say he is downright ugly! People who claim to have seen this gross figure have told their experiences. The storyteller at Miller-Cory has many tales about the New Jersey Devil and will share them with visitors to the museum. The stories will be from people who live in the area of Leeds Point. After visitors hear these tales about the New Jersey Devil, they can decide for themselves whether he is real or just a myth.

Arlene Kendall of Plainfield and Sherri Lange of Cranford, members of the Cooking Committee, will prepare foods over the open hearth in the Frazee Building. The cooks will use colonial recipes while demonstrating cooking methods and utensils of the period. Taste treats will be available for visitors to try, including a sampling of New Jersey Devil Cake.

Costumed docents will conduct tours of the historic 1740 farmhouse. The last tour of the house begins at 4 p.m. On Nov. 3, Sherry Lange of Cranford and Janet Murphy of Kenilworth, will present a program on Lenape-Indian Lore. Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students; children younger than 6 years of age are admitted free. For information about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, call the museum office at 908-232-1776.

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The sun'll come out next week at Paper Mill's 'Annie'

Leapin' lizards! Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey, under Executive Producer Angelo Del Rossi and Associate Producer Roy Miller, will present the 25th anniversary production of "Annie" for a six-week run from Wednesday through Dec. 8.

"Annie," the delightful family favorite and winner of seven Tony Awards including Best Musical, is a marvelous mix of rambunctious orphans, a president, a villainess, a billionaire, and, of course, a lovable mutt named Sandy. Set against 1933 New York City, "Annie" tells the heartwarming tale of an 11-year-old orphan who is adopted by a wealthy family.

Sarah Hayland, who will play the title role, is an 11-year-old from New York City. Fans of "Annie" will remember Sarah as the youngest orphan, Molly, from the acclaimed 1999 Disney television movie. Hayland's other television appearances include "Touched by an Angel," "Law and Order: SVU," "Falcone," "As the World Turns," "All My Children," "Another World," and young Audrey Hepburn in ABC's "Audrey Hepburn." Film credits include "Joe Gould's Secret," "The Cradle Will Rock," "Private Parts" and "Object of My Affection."

Rich Herbert, who will play Daddy Warbucks, was most recently seen in "Damm Yankees" at Philadelphia's Walnut Street Theater. Before that, he spent a couple years touring on Broadway and across the country in "Saturday Night Fever." Other Broadway credits include "The Life," "Sunset Blvd.," "Les Miserables," "Cats" and "Rock n' Roll: The First 5,000 Years." Herbert received the Bay Area Critics Award for his portrayal of Jean Valjean in the San Francisco production of "Les Miserables." Film and TV credits include "Law and Order: SVU," "Deadline," "21 Jump Street," "The Oldest Rookie," "Conspiracy Theory" and "Borough of Kings."

Catherine Cox, who will portray Miss Hannigan, was last seen on Broadway in "Footloose." She received a Tony nomination for her work in "Oh, Coward!" and a Drama Desk Award for her portrayal of Pam in "Baby." Her other Broadway credits include leading roles in Neil Simon's "Rumors," "Music Is," "Whoopee!" "Barnum" and "One Night Stand."

Jim Walton returns to Paper Mill to play Rooster Hannigan, where he played Baby Child in "Crazy for You," which aired on PBS, and Bob Hale in last season's "Red Hot and Blue." He was recently in a one-night original-cast benefit performance of "Merrily We Roll Along," recreating the role he originated in Stephen Sondheim's 1981 musical. Walton has appeared in the Broadway revival of "The Music Man," the City Center Encores' presentation of "The Ziegfeld Follies of 1936" and Broadway productions of "Sweeney Todd," "Stardust," "42nd Street," "Perfectly Frank" and "Follies in Concert."

Crista Moore made her Broadway debut in the title role of Gypsy opposite Tyne Daly and received Tony, Outer Critics Circle and Drama Desk nominations for Best Actress, and played Zeldia in Noel Coward's "Waiting for the Wings." At New York City Opera, Moore played Cinderella in the New York premiere of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella," Snookie in "110 in the Shade" and Eileen in "Wonderful Town."

Buster, the pooch set to play Sandy, was rescued by his guardian/trainer William Berloni from the Municipal Dog Pound in Middletown, Conn. in 1997. Soon he was standing by as the understudy to Sandy in the Broadway 20th anniversary production of "Annie." When the show went on the road, he took over the role of Sandy and traveled for two and a half years covering more than 90,000 miles.

Playing the orphans will be Ivana Grace of Edison as Duffy, Molly Jojo as Pepper, Ashlee Keating of Lindwood as Tessi, Chiara Navarra of Montvale as Kate, Jacklyn Neidhanal as Molly, and Addison Timlin as July. Singing orphans will be Stacey Rose Richman of Rockaway and Brynn Williams of Morris Plains.

Also featured in the cast of "Annie" are John Paul Almon, Colin Cunliffe, Card, Discover and American Express.

"Annie" is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner agency for the National Endowment for the Arts, and by funds from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Paper Mill Conversation Series is free and open to the public. Meet in the theater's mezzanine on the following Thursday evenings — Nov. 7, 14 and 21, and Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 7 p.m., where audiences meet and ask questions with members of the cast and staff. The series is an ideal way to further enjoy the Paper Mill experience.

Paper Mill's audio-described performances, with sensory seminar 90 minutes prior to curtain, are scheduled for Nov. 27 at 2 p.m., Nov. 30 at 2:30 p.m., and Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Paper Mill's sign-interpreted/open-captioned performances are scheduled for Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 6 at 8 p.m.

Paper Mill Playhouse is barrier-free and completely accessible to people with disabilities; TTY box office number is 973-376-2181 for patrons who are hearing-impaired. For each production, Paper Mill offers audio-described performances for the visually impaired, as well as sign-interpreted and open-captioned performances for the hearing-impaired. Braille and large-print programs, as well as infrared listening systems, also are available for selected performances.

Tickets \$30 to \$62. Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express are accepted. On the day of the performance, \$15 students rush tickets are available with current ID. The box office phone number is 973-376-4343; for group sales of 20 or more, call 973-376-3636, Ext. 2438.

Fun Facts
 • Other musicals based on comic strip characters include "Lil' Abner," 1956; "It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's Superman," 1966; "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," 1967; "Snoopy," 1982, and "Doonesbury," 1983.
 • Is there life after "Annie"? You bet! Annie's orphans who have gone on to successful acting careers include Sarah Jessica Parker, Molly Ringwald, Alyssa Milano, Danielle Brisebois, Allison Smith and Andrea McArdle.

Theater Project in search of scripts from teen playwrights

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 workshoped. 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 be typed in play format.

There will be three awards given: the first-place winner receives a \$300 savings bond, second-place receives a \$200 bond, and third-place receives a \$100 bond. All three winning scripts will have the opportunity to have a script-hand performance in February 2003, when the prizes and certificates are awarded.

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 including contact information, and the \$5 entry fee.

Healthy Living

Make-a-Wish Foundation gets ready to take to the airwaves

In a first effort for the Make-a-Wish Foundation of New Jersey, the 20-year-old wish-granting organization will take to the airwaves to raise awareness and funds.

Partnering with WMTR 1250 AM radio, a smooth sounds station, and assisted by WMTR's affiliate rock station, WDMA 105.5 FM, the Make-a-Wish Foundation will promote its mission and invite contributions in a 14-hour Radiothon to be held Dec. 9.

Beginning at 5:30 a.m. and carried out through the morning, live interviews with AA/WNJ's wish families, volunteers and supporters will focus on how this chapter of the oldest and largest wish-granting organization in the world helps children with life-threatening illnesses. Throughout the day — and for weeks preceding the event — the station will air recorded announcements from those who have been touched by the foundation's work.

According to the New Jersey chapter President and CEO, Paul Huegel, the Radiothon comes at a particularly important time in the chapter's history. "We recently granted our 3,000th wish and are about to celebrate our 20th anniversary. This public effort to make WMTR's listeners more aware of our work with the children of New Jersey will also provide us an opportunity to invite donors and volunteers to actively participate in our mission."

WMTR upon hearing of Make-a-Wish's desire for greater visibility was quick to offer the station as a venue for publicity and fund-raising. Station manager Ed Silver stated that "WMTR is a heritage station founded on good community values. It's a natural partner for an organization like Make-a-Wish and we believe our listening audience will both enjoy and respond to the stories the foundation has to tell."

With 3,000 wishes behind them, there are many stories the foundation can relate as it spread smiles through the years and over the miles — miles, not just in New Jersey, but around the country and the world. Wish children have traveled the traditional and beloved road to Disney World in Florida. But there have also been wishes granted to visit such exotic locales as Australia, Hawaii and Italy. Children have wished for computers and shopping sprees and sat side-by-side with such celebrities as Derek Jeter, Madonna, the cast of "Friends" and Aaron Carter.

"Our mission is driven by his or her imagination," Huegel said. "In addition to traveling to far-away places, meeting celebrities and realizing their wildest dreams, we also have had children who wanted simple things, but things that meant a great deal to them. There was a little girl who wanted Snow White to read her a bedtime story, a little boy who wanted an air-conditioner, and another little girl who wanted a swing set with two swings. When we asked her why two swings, she explained that she had been too sick to make friends, so if she had a two swings maybe she would have a friend."

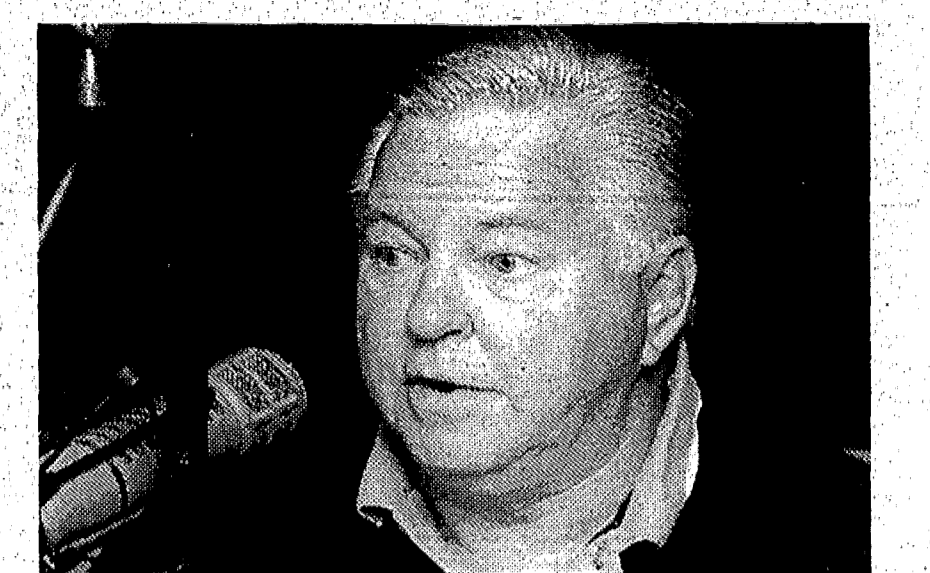
According to Huegel, "The wishes that we grant really underline the power of a wish come true. We hope that people tune into WMTR to hear some of these magical stories and want to share the power of a wish."

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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 residence providing an opportunity for all area residents including low- and moderate-income elderly to choose the option of assisted living. Wallick noted that the successful development of the Carteret Senior Living property was made possible through the support of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency as the permanent lender and through Bank One as the construction lender. Wallick also expressed gratitude to the city of Elizabeth whose Mayor J. Christian Bollwage and his administration which has supported the development of the property.

In an assisted living community such as Carteret, individuals can maintain their independence, privacy and dignity. Making the selection of an assisted living community is important. The Carteret residence will address the specific needs and demands of the culturally diverse populations within the greater Elizabeth area. Services such as dining, worship and recreation will be provided with sensitivity to the beliefs, values and practices of the residents.

At the Oct. 2 gala event, the Rev. Michael Granzen, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth, offered the invocation and Rabbi E. M. Teitz of the Jewish Education Center on Elmora Avenue provided the benediction. Brief remarks were given by several of the honored guests attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony. The keynote luncheon speaker was Carlos Beato, chief operating officer and founder of Accreditation Plus, consultants specializing in the healthcare industry. He has an extensive clinical 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 per-

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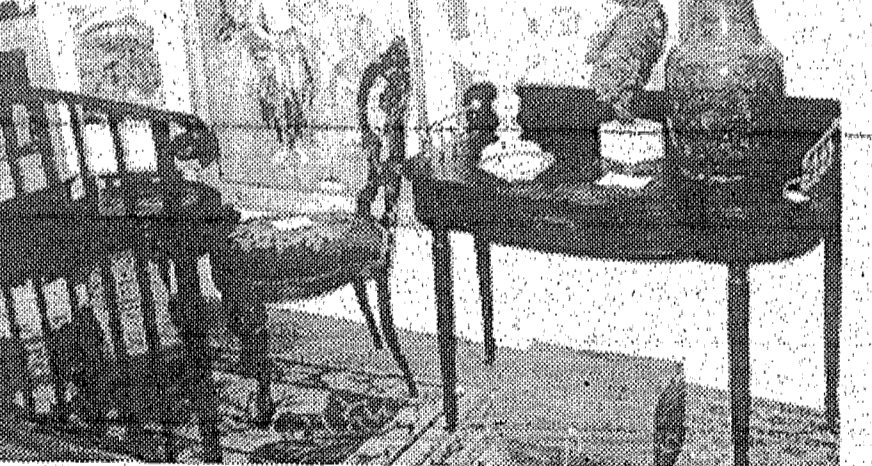
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- Belcher-Ogden Mansion, 1046 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. By appointment only. Call 908-351-2500.
- Boxwood Hall, 1073 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 908-648-4540.
- Woodruff House/Easton Store Museum, 111 Conant St., Hillside. Open 2 to 4 p.m. the third Sunday of each month or by appointment. Call 908-353-8828.
- Deacon Andrew Heffield House, Constitution Plaza, opposite the Mountaineer Library, Mountaineer. Open 1 to 3 p.m. the third Sunday of the month from March to May and September to

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- Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineer. Open 1 to 5 p.m. daily. Call 908-789-3670.
- The Saltbox Museum, 1350 Springfield Ave., New Providence. Open 1 to 3 p.m. the first and third Sundays of the month, and 10 a.m. to noon on each Thursday of the month.
- Drake House Museum, 602 W. Front St., Plainfield. Open 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays September to June. Call 908-755-5831.
- Merchants and Drivers Tavern, 1632 St. Georges Ave., Rahway. Open Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the first and third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the second and fourth Sunday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m., and Tues-

days by appointment. Call 732-381-0441 or visit www.merchantsanddrivers.org.

- Abraham Clark House, 101 W. Ninth Ave. at Chestnut Street, Roselle. By appointment only. Call 908-486-1783.
- Roselle Park Museum, 9 W. Grant Ave. at Chestnut Street, Roselle Park. Open Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 908-245-1776.
- Osborn Cannonball House, 1840 Front St., Scotch Plains. Open 2 to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of the month. Call 908-233-9165.
- The Cannonball House, 126 Morris Ave., Springfield. By appointment only. Call 973-379-2634.
- Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Open 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mondays,

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- Benjamin Carter House, 90 Butler Parkway, Summit. Open 9:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays; 1:30 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays; 2 to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of the month, and by appointment. Call 908-277-1747.
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- Deserted Village of Feltsville-Glenside Park. By appointment only during daylight hours. Call 908-527-4911.

'Ghosts' will haunt Rahway Cemetery in annual walking tour

The overlooked story of 16-year-old Elmer Elsworth Bogart, killed along with other juvenile workers in a major industrial accident at a Newark tin-plating factory more a century ago, connected to a web of events leading to the plastics industry of the 20th century.

Bogart's ghost will come to life in the final act of a play, "Ghosts of the Past," at the Rahway Cemetery, adjacent to the historic Merchants and Drivers Tavern.

The self-guided tour, sponsored by the Merchants and Drivers Tavern Museum Association, will feature the "ghosts" of 18 people, buried in the Rahway Cemetery, whose lives help to interpret New Jersey history from the early 1700s to the mid-1900s. The tour is also designed to provide a better understanding of early attitudes toward death, and the funeral practices of the colonial and Victorian periods.

"The ghosts, portrayed by costumed re-enactors, will range from the famous to the obscure," said Ted Novits, "significant association president." Abraham Clark, signer of the Declaration of Independence, will be joined by a 1913 Boy Scout who, along with his scout leader, met his fate on a Delaware River camping trip; a Civil War soldier who died from wounds suffered at Gettysburg; an African-American town crier, buried in a plot devoted to the United States Colored Troops; a World War II casualty, and an early New York City commuter, who was a partner in a 19th-century sugar importing firm.

Other ghosts include wallpaper and

carriage manufacturers, early tavern keepers, a firebrand clergyman of the Revolutionary War, the 1860s founder of a free public library, a clockmaker and a nationally famous sculptor. The tour also includes the Unknown Woman, whose murder in the late 19th century attracted much national attention. On hand to "tell visitors about the case will be former Police Chief William Tooker.

Rahway Cemetery, originally an 18th-century church graveyard, was modified during the Victorian "rural" cemetery movement to include winding tree-lined roads. Some of its earliest gravestones were carved by John Frazee. Although raised in Rahway, Frazee's likenesses of statesmen are displayed in the halls of the United States Capitol.

Throughout the cemetery, additional graves will be marked with descriptive placards. Of note are the graves of Ambo, a 100-year-old former slave,

John Lawrence, a Londoner who was a witness to the French and Indian Wars, and Daniel Brower, a Civil War drummer boy, who was surprised when President Lincoln visited his regiment's camp.

"Painting research has gone into the development of this year's tour program," said Linda McTeague, executive director of the Merchants and Drivers Tavern Museum Association, the nonprofit organization that owns the tavern. "Each visitor will receive a descriptive tour guide that will provide historical background and a tour map."

The program will also include a tour of the circa 1795/1820 Merchants and Drivers Tavern, a 25-room hotel that stands adjacent to the cemetery. Visitors will be treated to refreshments in the authentically furnished tavern taproom. The museum shop, housed in the 18th-century Terrill Tavern, will be open on both days.

Tours will begin at 1:15-minute intervals starting at 2 p.m. both days. The first tour will start at 4:30 p.m. Saturday and at 4 p.m. Sunday. Accommodations can be made for school and scout groups. For information, call Andrea Krest, program coordinator, at 732-381-0441. Tickets are priced at \$12 for adults and \$5 for students. Free parking will be available at Parkside Plaza on St. Georges Avenue/Route 27 at Westfield Avenue, immediately south of the tavern. The museum is easily accessible from Exit 135 of the Garden State Parkway and from the Grand Avenue exit of U.S. Routes 1&9.

Fun abounds for families in Union this weekend

There is a fun-filled weekend to be enjoyed in Union, across from Kean University, at the historic National Historic site, first opened to the public in 1922. The site offers families an opportunity to travel back in time to the early 19th century.

Union County's first governor, William Livingston, this weekend will be the focus of the site's second generation of its family until 1995. The site is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The site is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

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Storyteller Oct. 28 in Linden's library

Storyteller Kathy Pierce will tell scary tales Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Linden Public Library's Main Branch, 31 E. Henry St.

Children of all ages are invited and are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes. The event will include refreshments and prizes.

Registration is required in the Children's Department by Oct. 26. Funding for this program has been provided by the New Jersey Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Call Children's Librarian Catherine Chodak at 908-298-3830 for more information.

26th annual parade set for Halloween in Union

The 26th annual Halloween Parade and Costume Contest sponsored by the Union Recreation Department will be held Oct. 27.

The parade will start at 1:30 p.m. at the corner of Axton and Stuyvesant avenues and proceed south to Roosevelt Avenue and Connecticut Farms School. Costume judging will take place in the Connecticut Farms School auditorium at approximately 2 p.m.

The four parade divisions will be toddler to age 3; pre-school to kindergarten; grades one and two; and grades three and four.

The event is open to Township of Union residents only, toddlers to fourth grade. Parents must register their child in person Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Union Recreation Department office, 1150 Commerce Ave., which is located behind Hannah Caldwell School. The cut-off date for registration is Oct. 23. Trophies will be awarded to the winners in the following categories: Most Original, Cartoon Characters, Cutest, and Scariest.

Registration forms are available in all schools and at the Union Recreation Department office. Further information may be obtained by calling the Recreation Department at 908-686-4200. In the event of rain, the parade will be cancelled. However, the costumes will be judged in Connecticut Farms School at 2 p.m.

Halloween party set at Springfield library

Come to a Halloween party at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Oct. 31 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. It is intended for Springfield children age 2 through 8. Kids are invited to come in costume and hear some scary and not-so-scary stories.

Register at the Youth Services desk by calling 973-376-4930, Ext. 232, or by e-mailing helena@springfield-publiclibrary.com.

Haunted House planned at Brearley school

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Recipes ensure treats for tricksters with braces

"What can I have that's fun to eat for Halloween?" Orthodontists say it's the perennial question from kids wearing braces, and from a few adult orthodontic patients, too.

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"We recognize that kids will be kids, and they are going to eat sweets," says Dr. James E. Gjerjet, president of the American Association of Orthodontists. "We certainly want them to consume treats that will not damage their braces. Some sweet treats may be permissible occasionally, but only if patients brush and floss right after eating.

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"The following recipes for seasonal confections are offered to help orthodontic patients enjoy the holiday. Be sure to remind your favorite orthodontic patient, and those without braces as well, to brush after eating sugary treats or starchy snacks, and to floss daily.

Halloween Parfait

Ingredients:

- 3 boxes instant vanilla pudding, enough to make 1 1/2-cup servings
- 1 teaspoon red food coloring
- 1/4 teaspoon yellow food coloring
- one 9-ounce package plain chocolate wafers
- 6 cups milk
- chocolate syrup to taste
- one 8-ounce can mandarin oranges

Directions:

Combine pudding mix and milk in large bowl as directed on the package. Refrigerate until firm. Crush chocolate wafers into crumbs, using a food processor, or put the wafers into a zip-lock bag and crush with a rolling pin. Combine red and yellow food coloring in small bowl. Stir into pudding thoroughly, until pudding is orange. Layer pudding with two layers of chocolate crumbs in a parfait cup or glass. Top each layer of crumbs with chocolate syrup, to taste before adding the next pudding layer. Top each parfait with mandarin oranges and additional chocolate wafer crumbs.

Jack-O-Lantern Fruit Cup

Ingredients:

- 1 orange
- choice of assorted fresh or frozen fruits

Directions:

Wash and chop assorted fruits and mix together in a bowl. Set aside. Slice off the top of an orange, as you

Halloween car show coming to Mauri Park

The fifth annual Halloween car show in Roselle Park will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 26 in Michael Mauri Gazebo Park.

Participants are urged to pre-register their cars by Oct. 11. Pre-registration is \$10 and registration is \$12. Cars will be on display throughout the show. Oldies music will be played and a Halloween theme will be part of the entertainment. Trophies will be awarded and a 50/50 raffle will be held.

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For information, call 908-245-0666.

House decorating for Kenilworth Halloween

The Kenilworth Community Center is again this year sponsoring a Halloween House Decorating contest in the Borough of Kenilworth.

Houses will be judged on the weekend of Oct. 26 and a winner will be selected from each district. Winners will receive a check for \$25. Winners from last year are ineligible.

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Library in Kenilworth celebrates Halloween

The fifth annual Halloween Celebration will be presented Oct. 25 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Kenilworth Public Library.

Kenilworth children ages 3 to 5 years will attend "Hoot Owl Blues," featuring performing artist Jeslyn Wheelers. Children attending this program will participate in interactive songs and "slightly spooky" stories.

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Registration is required in the Children's Department by Oct. 26. Funding for this program has been provided by the New Jersey Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Call Children's Librarian Catherine Chodak at 908-298-3830 for more information.

26th annual parade set for Halloween in Union

The 26th annual Halloween Parade and Costume Contest sponsored by the Union Recreation Department will be held Oct. 27.

The parade will start at 1:30 p.m. at the corner of Axton and Stuyvesant avenues and proceed south to Roosevelt Avenue and Connecticut Farms School. Costume judging will take place in the Connecticut Farms School auditorium at approximately 2 p.m.

The four parade divisions will be toddler to age 3; pre-school to kindergarten; grades one and two; and grades three and four.

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Registration forms are available in all schools and at the Union Recreation Department office. Further information may be obtained by calling the Recreation Department at 908-686-4200. In the event of rain, the parade will be cancelled. However, the costumes will be judged in Connecticut Farms School at 2 p.m.

Halloween party set at Springfield library

Come to a Halloween party at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Oct. 31 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. It is intended for Springfield children age 2 through 8. Kids are invited to come in costume and hear some scary and not-so-scary stories.

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ART SHOWS

OUR VIEW: A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE on Life in Union County, a traveling exhibit sponsored by Community Access Unlimited, features the work of 10 adults with developmental disabilities. The exhibit will tour the county. For information, call 908-354-3040, Ext. 304.

ARTIST RON HEDRICK will have his work on exhibit at Evelyn Dunn's Gallery, 549 South Ave., Westfield. Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. by appointment. For information, call 908-232-0412.

ALTERED SITES 2002, the works of Manuel Azevedo, will be on exhibit in the Tomasulo Gallery in the Kenneth MacKay Library at Union County College in Cranford through today.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m., and Tuesdays to Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-709-7155.

KALIDOSCOPE, the works of Helen Frankenthaler, will be on exhibit the Eclectic Connection Fine Art Gallery through Wednesday.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eclectic Connection Fine Art Gallery is located at 444 Springfield Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-277-6881 or visit www.eclecticconnection.com.

TEEN ARTS TOURING EXHIBIT will be on display in the Rosalie Municipal Building through today.

The Rosalie Municipal Building is located at 210 Chestnut St., Roselle. For information, including exhibit hours, call the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908-558-2550; NJ Relay users dial 711.

BOURAS GALLERIES in Summit will exhibit the works of photographer Art Carlson throughout October.

Gallery hours are by appointment only. Bouras Galleries is located in Bouras Galleries, 25 Danford Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-277-6054.

PHOTOGRAPHER ROSS WAGNER and members of the New Jersey Watercolor Society will have their work on exhibit at Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road in Mountainside, throughout the month of October.

DRAWINGS 2002, the works of several area artists, will be on exhibit at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through Nov. 3. A Panel Discussion will take place Nov. 3 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Gallery hours are Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

SIX IN FOCUS: Photographers from The Traditional and Digital Darkroom will be on exhibit through Nov. 6 in the Members' Gallery at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit.

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CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: The Merck 2002 United Union County Art Show will be on exhibit through Nov. 8 at the Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., and by appointment. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1100 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511.

MARVELS OF THE COLORADO JOLEAU, works by photographer Jeff Simpson, will be on exhibit through Dec. 4 at the Les Malamat Art Gallery in Union.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Les Malamat Gallery is located in Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave. in Frisberg Park, Union. For information, call 908-851-8450.

BEARING WITNESS: the works of photographer Helen M. Sumner, will be on exhibit in the Tomasulo Gallery in the Kenneth MacKay Library at Union County College in Cranford Nov. 8 through Dec. 19. An opening reception will take place Nov. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m.

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WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS will conduct auditions for "And the Winner Goes Home: The Music of Karol G. Merz" Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Westfield Theater, 100 North Ave., Westfield. Being sought are three to four women.

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and two to three men, all 20s to 50s, and all should be strong singer-actors; one woman must be a triple threat — actress-singer-dancer. Auditions should be prepared to dance a short combination and should prepare a song from a Broadway show. Sheet music should be in the proper key, an accompanist will be provided. Show dates are Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 4 to 25. For information, call 908-232-1221.

BAZARS

NINTH ANNUAL FALL CRAFT FAIR will be sponsored by the Franklin School PTA in Union Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school, 1550 Lindy Terrace, Union. A free magic show will be presented at 11 a.m. Admission is free, refreshments will be available. **A HOLIDAY BAZAAR** will be sponsored by the First Presbyterian Congregation of Connecticut Farms in Union Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church, Stuyvesant Avenue and West Chestnut Street, Union. For information, call 908-698-3164.

BOOKS

AUTHOR KAY PFALTZ will appear at Barnes and Noble of Clark Monday at 7:30 p.m. to sign copies of her new book, "Lauren's Story: An American Dog in Paris." Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

AUTHOR JOANI ASCHER will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield Nov. 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign copies of her new book, "Vengeance Beyond Reason." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535 or visit www.townbookstore.com.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP at Union Public Library will meet the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. through Nov. 20.

Nov. 20: "All the Kings Men" by Robert Penn Warren. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave., in Frisberg Park, Union. For information, call 908-851-8450.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION BOOK GROUP, a neighborhood reading group featuring staff members' favorite books, will meet the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield.

Nov. 14: "John Adams" by John McCullough. Dec. 12: "Lovely Bones" by Alice Sebold. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

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

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EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITER'S CIRCLE, led by Cheryl Raczoni, meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

CLASSICS BOOK CLUB meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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JEWISH BOOK LOVERS meets the third Monday of each month at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading Group meets the third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark to read a Shakespeare play out loud. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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PLANET HIP HOP MC BATTLE will be presented Oct. 31 at 8 p.m. in the Chess Room at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$10.

NJAPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call 888-468-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

THE SUMMIT RHYTHM will present a concert of Ruyshian composers Nov. 3 at 8 p.m. at the Summit School, Summit and Morris avenues, Summit. Admission is free.

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CLASSES

WESTFIELD ART ASSOCIATION will sponsor an artist demonstration with Carl Burger on the topic of "Making Your Own Drawing" Nov. 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Westfield Community

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DISCUSSION

JOURNAL WRITING GROUP, led by professional life coach Jamil Novak, meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Barnes & Noble in Clark. Barnes & Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP will meet Monday at Barnes & Noble in Springfield, 240 Route 22 West. The group meets every other Monday. For information, call 973-376-8544.

FILM

FALL INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL will be sponsored by Union Public Library in the coming months.

Nov. 26: "Monsoon Wedding," Hindi, Punjabi and English. Dec. 17: "Man's Land," Bosnian, French and English.

Films are shown at 2 and 7 p.m. on each date, and have English subtitles. Admission is free. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave. in Frisberg Park, Union. For information, call 908-851-8450.

FILMMAKERS SYMPOSIUM will sponsor the second six-week session. NJAPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call 888-468-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

APOLLO THEATER AMATEUR NIGHT will be presented Saturday at 8 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$11 to \$39.

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

The Main Branch of the Elizabeth Public Library is located at 11 S. Broad St. For information, call 908-354-6050.

HOBBIES

THE MODEL RAFFAERO CLUB INC. meets at 295 Jefferson Ave., Union, behind Home Depot on Route 22 east. The club is open to the public Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call 908-964-9724 or 908-964-8908.

CALVARY CHORALE in Summit will present an all-Mozart concert Sunday at 4 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church, 31 Woodlawn Ave., Summit. A free offering will be taken. For information, call 908-277-1547.

ORGANIST GEORGE MOSER and trumpeter John Pendenza will perform Baroque and classical music Sunday at 4 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave., Springfield. A free will offering will be taken. For information, call 908-918-2505.

ORGANIST JERRAD FENSKIE will open the seventh annual Trinity Church concert series in Cranford, "Music in a Sacred Place," Sunday at 4 p.m. Suggested donation is \$10. Trinity Episcopal Church is located at Springfield and North avenues in Cranford. For information, call 908-276-4047.

ELVIS COSTELLO will appear in concert Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$39 to \$89.

TERENCE BLANCHARD will appear in concert Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$29.

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The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call 732-381-8455.

CROSSROADS, 78 North Ave., Garwood presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts, as well as football-themed nights.

For information, call 908-273-3245.

POETRY

POETRY OUT LOUD! will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

CRAFTS

THE HARVEST QUILTERS of Central New Jersey meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Cozy Corner Creations Quilt Shop, Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

For information, call 908-755-7653.

DANCE

NEW JERSEY BALLET COMPANY will present "An Evening of Premieres" Saturday at 8 p.m. at Wilkins Theater on the campus of Keon University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$17 for senior citizens and \$12 for students. For information, call 973-597-9600.

SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS will sponsor evenings of international dance throughout the year at The Connection, 79 Maple St., Summit. Sessions are alternate Fridays from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Upcoming dates are scheduled for Friday, which is a Greek dance workshop, Nov. 8 and 22, and a Dec. 2, 20, after which there will be a Holiday Party, Dec. 28-29. For information, call 973-597-9600.

ANNUAL MINERAL SHOW will be presented by Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, Nov. 3 from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$1 per person; children 6 and younger are admitted free. For information, call 908-769-3670.

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

For information, call 973-376-8544.

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

For information, call 908-964-4828.

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

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