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Ghost prefers young ladies, old outfits

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Standing in front of Bill Ruocco's house on Joanne Way in Springfield, things look normal. Neatly trimmed bushes align the walkway leading to the front door. Black frames outline the windows and a single light hangs from the ceiling above the front porch. It's a nice house and things seem quiet and peaceful.

At least they do now.

"They had a ghost in their house that used to appear to young ladies," said Margaret Bandrowski, president of the Springfield Historical Society. "They would wake up and see him standing there in a Revolutionary War uniform, or an outfit that seemed to suggest a Revolutionary War soldier."

Ruocco said that sometime ago they had an indication of a presence, here, in this house.

"We had a gal here who slept over on our couch," said Ruocco. "She woke up in the morning and there was a man dressed like George Washington standing over her. She never came back to this house."

Ruocco's home was built around 1960 along with 10 or so neighboring houses.

"Another girl was here sleeping over on the couch and she accused me of trying to scare her, that I was sitting on a stairwell dressed like a Revolutionary soldier," said Ruocco. "There were a couple of other things that happened that elude my mind now."

Another time, this man slept over in the Ruocco's house. "He was sleeping on the floor in the living room," Ruocco said. "All these sightings happened in the area of the living room. He was sleeping on the floor because he had a bad back. He woke up in the morning and he saw a pair of high boots standing in front of him and he covered his head."

Using a Ouiji Board, the Ruocco family was able to determine the name of the ghost. The Ouiji Board spelled out Steven Peter.

"They came to the Cannon Ball House, this was many years ago, they came to the Cannon Ball House to research it," said Bandrowski.

They couldn't find a Steven Peter but they did find a Peter Stevens, who served with the Rhode Island Infantry during the Revolutionary War.

"It's very coincidental that it just had to be flipped around," said Ruocco. "I think it's all coincidental. I don't believe in this stuff."

Ruocco's house is built on the property where the Rhode Island Infantry camped during the Revolutionary War.

"Peter Stevens was the name of a soldier from the Rhode Island regiment that fought in that location during the Battle of Springfield," said Bandrowski.

The Battle of Springfield was fought on June 23, 1780, what historians call an important victory in staving off the British.

"The camp was in the area of where we live," said Ruocco.

Stevens was killed in the Battle of Springfield.

"There are people who come over to the Cannon Ball House and they live over by the battle site, closest to the battle site, over on Washington Avenue," said Bandrowski. "They swear that things happen over there. They hear things and things get moved in their houses."

None of the people have said the sounds and the moving of objects have been associated with a specific date.

Their journalism is 'Hot Off the Press'

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

When it comes to learning about the newspaper business, one class is getting an early scoop.

They're the fourth-graders enrolled in a unique after-school class at James Caldwell School in Springfield where they are putting together "JCS: Hot Off the Press," a newspaper for their school.

When the school day comes to a close, that's when these young journalists go to work. They're busy generating ideas and constructing stories about sports heroes, lost children, surveys, and all sorts of events.

The sun leaks lazily through the closed blinds of the library, where the group of about two dozen students usually meet once a week. But the midafternoon sun fails to lessen the energetic mood of the students, who eagerly collaborate on their stories and projects in groups of three or four.

Teachers Jessica Diano and Phoebe Stango run the workshop and stand to the side, acting as advisers to the newspaper, taking turns to join each group's round table of creativity. The teachers are proud of their students' accomplishments, and are happy to find that the exercises have been improving their writing skills.

"We figured it would be good for us to step into it," said Diano. "We handed it to students and asked them, 'What do you like about it?' That's their rite of passage for the fourth-grade. They all do it."

Stango agreed, and said that last year, the school received Dell laptop computers and they were hoping they'd be able to use them for their newspaper project.

The newspaper comes out about four times a year and Principal Kenneth Bernabe also writes a column for each issue, focusing on what's happening at the school and offering a pep talk to keep students motivated and striving to be their best.

Diano said last year, the students focused more on writing and they are hoping to carry that through this year. Eventually, the students may be able to use digital photos to include in the newspaper as well.

The students have enjoyed putting many different elements into the paper, including movie reviews, various interviews, video game reviews, surveys, polls and jokes.

"I'm writing a story about horses because I really like them," said Elana Steinberg. "The next assignment I want to do is interviewing teachers around the school."

Shannon Majewski said she's writing about events happening at her school. "I'm writing about the fall festival," she said. "I didn't take pictures, but I wanted to. I kinda took a survey."

Justin Grant and Kevin Kirk are having fun working on stories about the World Series together. "I just really like writing," said Kirk. "About a while ago we got a form asking if you wanted to join the newspaper club."

A ghostly tour



Photo By Joe Surrentino

Dressed in colonial costume, a representative from the Springfield Historical Society walks through the empty dining room of the Cannon Ball House, c. 1741. Guests got a candlelit tour of the house Tuesday night, complete with an account of historical ghost stories, burial customs and murders that occurred in Springfield and the surrounding area.

Patience comes in handy on Milltown

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Motorists traveling Milltown Road in Springfield will have to continue to be patient, as sections of the road are occasionally closed because PSE&G is replacing gas pipes beneath the surface.

Drivers will have to deal with the inconvenience for approximately another week, causing commuters to take detours. The repaving of the roadway is expected to be completed by the end of November.

PSE&G is upgrading Springfield's gas system in the Milltown Road area, replacing 50-year-old cast-iron pipes. PSE&G is inserting new stainless steel pipes, including 5,500 feet of 12-inch pipe, 2,000

feet of four- and six-inch pipe.

"The purpose is to really reinforce the system and improve the pressure in the pipes," said PSE&G spokesperson Joey Anderson.

Stainless steel pipe is more corrosion resistant, according to Anderson.

PSE&G is also putting in 162 new service lines. A service line is what runs off the main line and leads to residents' individual houses.

Anderson said a handful of residents in the area were complaining that their gas systems were not working properly, causing PSE&G to look into the problem. However, Anderson said, PSE&G is constantly observing and testing the effectiveness of its

systems in all areas of the state, including Springfield.

"We look at the number of problems in a system and we regularly monitor that kind of thing," said Anderson. "You combine that with the age of the infrastructure and then you make a decision on when you need to reinforce that."

PSE&G does not have any other projects scheduled in Springfield this year.

"If there's an emergency that comes up obviously, we'll be there," said Anderson.

The new pipes are expected to last another 50 years.



Photos By Bob Helfrich

The students in the 'JCS: Hot Off the Press' newspaper class at James Caldwell School listen as teacher and adviser Jessica Diano shares some tips while they collaborate on their projects.

Kirk was more than happy to be a part of it, as was his friend Grant, whose partnering with him on the World Series stories. Grant said he likes being able to have his opinion and not be told what to write about.

Paige Gleason and Charlotte Slattery are both planning on doing an interview soon. Right now, they're

working on short stories about two girls who get lost and come back.

"I like it because you get to do different things," said Slattery. "They don't say that you have to do it."

Looking at what they've accomplished so far, both Diano and Stango appear pleased with the results of their students' hard work.

"They really get into it and they do a lot," said Diano. "They put a lot of time and effort into it."

Diano said when the newspaper is all done, the students are so excited about seeing it. "You almost have to stop them from reading it in the classroom," she said.

Results show high scores

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

"Tonight," said Mountainside Board of Education President Richard Kress, "you will see the positive direction we are taking, as our new Curriculum Coordinator Angela Cosimano gives us her presentation, together with Mrs. Church, our principal."

This was a slide presentation and analysis of test scores at the Oct. 21 meeting concerning scores on the Elementary School Proficiency Assessment, Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment and Terra-Nova.

"Mountainside is still a Level One school, by state classification, and 81 percent of our students are at proficiency or advanced proficiency on ESPA," Cosimano said.

Similarly, 80 percent were at proficiency or advanced proficiency on the GEPA. The ESPA is the fourth-grade testing and the GEPA is the eighth-grade testing, both mandated by the state. In order to be a Level One school, Mountainside schools are in the top 30 of schools throughout the entire state.

"We are number 21, and this is really great," Cosimano said.

She explained the Terra Nova tests are for different skills, but the children did well on these also. "I use as a benchmark 70 percent for both ESPA and GEPA grades, and we have noted a big jump in language arts with children moving from proficiency into advanced proficiency.

She did go into what they had perceived as several weaknesses, such as problem solving, and communication, but overall, the news was excellent for the entire school system. "We are very pleased with the fact that we have 97.7 percent proficiency in language arts, and with the fact that in math, we moved so many kids from less proficient to proficient," Deerfield School Principal Priscilla Church said.

Church went over the problems with school opening and how they had coped well with everything.

Borough Council rejects bids for sprinkler system

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Instead of accepting the proposal from the only contractor to bid on a project to install a sprinkler system at Echo Brook Field behind Borough Hall, the Mountainside Borough Council has instructed the borough clerk to re-advertise the project, hoping to receive additional bids.

Mayor Robert Vigilanti said the reason Borough Engineer Michael Disko asked for the project to be re-advertised was because the bid the borough received, in Disko's opinion, was too expensive for the work that was being done.

"Borough engineers generally know what a project should cost within a few hundred dol-

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— James Debbie
Borough Administrator

lars," said Vigilanti. "This bid came in above what our engineer thought was appropriate. Therefore, he recommended to us that we reject the bid."

Mountainside is going to install lawn sprink-

lers on the field. "Apparently that's the only way you can maintain these fields and keep them at the high quality we have down here," said Borough Administrator and Chief of Police James Debbie.

The project is partly funded from a Field of Dreams grant, a matching grant that the county matches, up to \$100,000, for improvements to the borough's parks and fields.

By law, Mountainside will now go out and re-advertise the project. If the borough is unsuccessful in getting a bid that meets its needs, state law then permits that Mountainside can go out and negotiate with a contractor.

"Since this is not a priority concern that has to be done today, we will go through this pro-

'We will go through this process (and) re-advertise for the next month.'

— Mayor Robert Vigilanti

cess — re-advertise for the next month," said Vigilanti.

Debbie explained that some of the local sprinkler installation contractors might not have been aware that Mountainside placed an advertisement seeking their services and therefore did not bid.

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As Tuesday's election for Springfield Township Committee approaches, Democratic incumbent Sy Mullman and Republican candidate Michael Montanari discussed Springfield's police and fire contracts, which expired on Dec. 31, 2000 and still have not been settled.

"In a town like ours where we don't have a hospital close, they're our first line in an emergency situation, whether it be a criminal, a house burning, or just someone who's sick," said Montanari. "Usually the firemen or the police officers are the first ones to get there."

Mullman said the Police Department is demanding a four days on/

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Today
• 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. Register at the Youth Services Desk by calling 973-376-4930, Ext. 232.

Friday
• The Great Pumpkin Sail comes to Echo Lake Park in Mountainside at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5 per family of four and \$0.50 for each additional person. The fee includes a pumpkin float, entertainment, campfire and refreshments.

Tickets must be purchased in advance at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Call 908-527-4900 for more information.

• The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., opens the 20th annual metro show, a juried, small works traveling exhibition, through Dec. 5.

Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday from 11 to 3:30 p.m.

For information, call 973-376-4930.
• Staff from Dr. Lee Kaswimer's office at 165 Mountain Ave., Springfield, will be collecting candy donated by trick-or-treaters between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. They will give those who donate their candy a \$1 for each pound they receive. All candy will then be donated to homeless and at risk family centers.

For information, call 973-379-3803.
Saturday
• The Westfield Regional Health Department conduct its annual health fair 8:30 a.m. at the Roselle Park High School cafeteria, 185 W. Webster Ave. Admission is free.

The event is for residents of Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Roselle Park, Springfield and Westfield. Flu shots, blood testing, bone density screening and more will be offered.

Call 908-789-4070 to register.
Sunday
• Congregation Israel, 389 Mountain Ave., sponsors a rummage sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Call 973-467-9666 for information.
• Discover the fascinating world of rocks, fossils and minerals at Trailside Nature & Science Center's annual mineral show from noon to 5 p.m. at 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. A door prize ticket is included with \$1 admission fee.

For information, call 908-789-3670.
Monday
• Staff from Dr. Lee Kaswimer's office at 165 Mountain Ave., Springfield, will be collecting candy donated by trick-or-treaters between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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For information, call 973-379-3803.
• The Rosary Altar Society at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, conducts its November meeting 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.

For information, call 908-232-1162.
• Congregation Israel, 339 Mountain Ave., sponsors a rummage sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Call 973-467-9666 for information.
• The seniors organizations of Springfield's three synagogues have joined to form a coordinating council called the Jewish Seniors of Springfield. The group sponsors a fall and winter lecture series titled "American Presidents from Washington to Bush II."

The first lecture in the series is open to the public and will be given after a 9:30 a.m. coffee at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave.

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Wabeno Ave. cars burglarized

Springfield
On Oct. 21, several vehicles on Wabeno Avenue were reported burglarized and damaged.

• At 4:46 a.m., a Wabeno Avenue resident reported that the passenger window of his vehicle was smashed and an electric heater, valued at \$200, was stolen.

• At 7:55 a.m., a Wabeno Avenue resident reported that the passenger side window of his vehicle was smashed and a bag containing an unknown amount of coin was stolen.

• At 8:40 a.m., a Glen Oaks, N.Y., resident reported that a black leather coach bag, a cell phone charger, a \$300 ShopRite gift certificate, and a pair of sunglasses were stolen from her vehicle.

• At 7:30 a.m., a Wabeno Avenue resident reported that the driver's side window of her vehicle was smashed and a canvas tote bag, various CDs and a pair of sunglasses were stolen.

• At 7:46 a.m., a Fairfield resident, whose vehicle was parked on Wabeno

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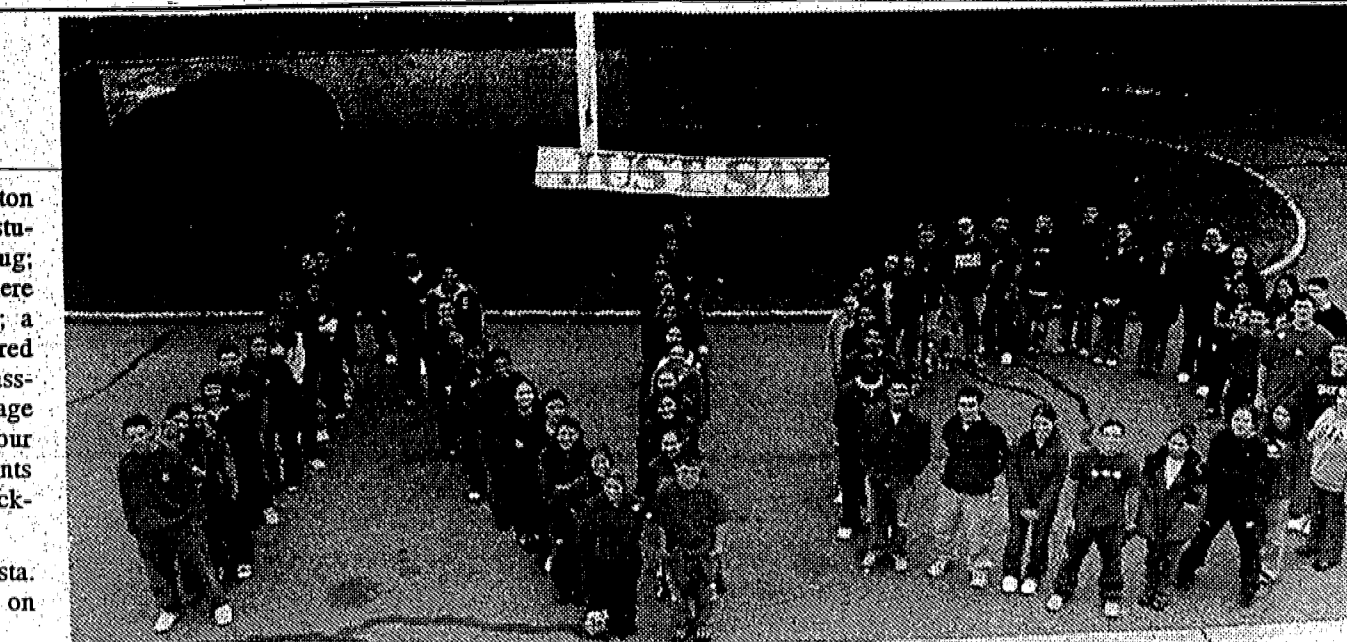
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Red Ribbon Week offers alternatives

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer
Red ribbons adorned trees along Mountain Avenue in Springfield last week, as Jonathan Dayton High School and Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School observed Red Ribbon Week, where students participated in activities promoting drug awareness and prevention.
"We're trying to heighten the awareness with the students, letting them know that there are other choices, that they don't have to say yes to drugs, that they can say no," Student Assistance Counselor Maria Sista said.
The events took place the week of Oct. 21. Red Ribbon Week originated as a commemoration of the life and work of Enrique Camarena, continuing his mission to stop drug use.
Camarena was a member of the Drug Enforcement Administration. He was undercover in Mexico investigating a major drug cartel. One afternoon, Camarena left his office to meet his wife for lunch. Five men snuck up on him and shoved him in a car. A month later his body was found, tortured to death.
In honor of Camarena and his battle against drugs, his friends and family established Red Ribbon Week in 1985. The event went national in 1988.

Sista said each morning of Red Ribbon Week, Dayton aired public service announcements, such as a 30-second message that went into every classroom throughout the high school, warning students about the dangers of drugs.
"The overall message that we're trying to get across is the consequences and dangers of drug use, that there are other alternatives that the kids can choose," said Sista.
Gaudineer students entered a "Say No to Drugs" poster contest, where first-, second- and third-place prizes were awarded for the fifth- and sixth-grade contest, as well as the seventh- and eighth-grade contest.
Students also received anti-drug supplies throughout the week.

In addition, all fifth-graders and their parents participated in a Fifth Grade Fun Night on Oct. 24, where parents received a parenthood alert packet from the governor's office.
"Hopefully we can spread the mes-



Opinions differ on salaries

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Photo by Jeff Grant

The Alternative Club at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield shows that just saying no can be an effective tool when it comes to making crucial decisions about drugs and alcohol.

arbitrator takes the two presentations and decides.
"It hasn't been handled properly from the get-go," said Montanari. "It's been two years without a contract. From my understanding, until the township got the binding arbitration there was never a formal offer presented to either department for a contract. I don't know why it took so long. It wasn't until their hand was forced by binding arbitration that the township actually made an offer in writing."
Mullman said the police and fire departments keep dragging on the negotiation process.
"When we did negotiate with them they got up and walked away from the table and they have refused to negotiate since," said Mullman.
Mullman said the negotiations could go on another year.
Montanari claims that both departments are understaffed. The Police Department being four supervisors short. Montanari said there have not been any promotions in the Police Department since 1995.
"When you're four supervisors short, that means you have all these other guys doing overtime, making all this extra money," said Montanari. "If you make one or two promotions, you knock off all that overtime and you save a lot of money."
Montanari said that the tragedies of Sept. 11, 2001 emphasized how important the Police and Fire Departments are.
"The statement that because of what happened on Sept. 11, that has nothing to do with Springfield," said Mullman. "I mean it affects every town but not the pay raises. How does that affect it? We're at the highest end of the scale now. Our cops and firemen are making a fortune."
"We should always keep the fire and the police a priority," said Montanari. "I think after Sept. 11 it just showed the country and the world how important a role these people play."
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Overlook Hospital Oncology Department offers fall community programs.
Jin Shin Jyutsu workshops are for people in the Overlook Hospital Community suffering from cancer. For more information or to register for this free seminar, call 908-522-5349. The program takes place from 12 to 3:30 p.m., Nov. 7 and Dec. 12 in Conference Room 2 at Overlook Hospital. "Cancer Vibe" is a special mind/body program.
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of being an Elder for the past 15 years, a high honor in the Presbyterian faith," said Russell.
A gentle and modest woman, Bongiovanni later confirmed she had been a member since she was 3 years old. Both of her parents, still living in Springfield, are also members, so the church has always been a part of her life. "But I personally have a very ecumenical family; my husband Jerry is a Roman Catholic and also a Deacon at St. James Church in Springfield," she said.
They have four grown children and seven grandchildren, which she will now have time to enjoy, as two of the children live in Springfield with their families. "This is one of the reasons for my retirement. The other reason is health-related; I am supposed to take it easy, although I am fine now," she added.
She was embarrassed at having the heart attack while at work, but the minister, who is her prime fan, said, "It scared me half to death." She said that she had already decided to retire soon because her husband had already been retired and was waiting for her to

join him. "But this kind of made it definite for me."
Her job has always been a full-time, paid position, and required her to have her finger into every event taking place in the busy parish. There are more than 300 members of First Presbyterian, and the church is very active in the community of Springfield as well. "I discovered volunteers — wonderful volunteers from the parish — to help answer the telephone and yet everyone still looks for me. But they are a big help," said Bongiovanni.
Every church has paperwork, some more than others, with mailing pieces that must be sent out and reminders of other events. Her job was to prepare all of these, with a little help in the mailing department. "I also am in charge of the cemetery, which entails handling all of the interments and making arrangements with funeral directors so that burials go smoothly," she added.
She sings in the choir every Sunday; she is a Clerk of Sessions, which is the Presbyterian ruling body and means she must take notes at church session meetings once a month and

keep records up to date. "There are so many other things that come under my job description, but I want to say that I loved the job."
Although she won't be at work every day, Bongiovanni said that of course, "I will be at my church still, and I will still do volunteer work for the same reasons I do it now, because I love the church, and I love the people in this parish. We have a wonderful church family and we are all very close."
The church itself dates from 1745, a truly Colonial church and a historical site as well as a place of worship. Bongiovanni knows all about that too, because she is also treasurer of the Springfield Historical Society and Vice Regent of the DAR's local chapter.
She has worked for three permanent pastors and two interim pastors, and said she thought they were all great. "I have become close to all of them because they were my pastors as well as my bosses."
What is she looking forward to besides spending time with the grandchildren? "Well, I am looking forward

to taking a trip with Jerry, and to doing little things, like baking Christmas cookies for my own family — something I never had time to do."
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OBITUARIES

Gloria Clarke, 80, of Springfield, formerly of Union, died Oct. 16 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Phyllis S. Gillespie, 89, of Basking Ridge, formerly of Summit and Mountaintide, died Oct. 19 in Fellowship Village, Basking Ridge.

North Plainfield before moving to Mountaintide many years ago. He was self-employed as an industrial Realtor for Hill and Hill Inc., Westfield, for 24 years and retired in 1976.

Surviving are her husband of 63 years, Howard J., three sons, Michael P., Peter J., and David B., five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Robert Eugene Hill, 86, of Mountaintide, formerly of Roselle, died Oct. 9 at home.

Surviving are his wife, Manetta Kuolt; a daughter, Kathleen R. San-

Edward J. Heft Jr., 70, of Summit died Oct. 10 at home. He was district superintendent for Jersey Central Power and Light Co., Summit, where he worked for 38 years before retiring in 1993.

Surviving are his wife, Angelina; daughters, Donna Miller, Kathryn Holland and Lisa; a son, Edward D.; a sister, Susan Vito, and four grandchildren.

Charlotte Singer, 86, of Willow Street, Pa., formerly of Summit, died Oct. 7 in the Willow Valley Lakes Manor in Pennsylvania.

Born in Johnston, Pa., Miss Singer lived in Summit before moving to Willow Street in 1987. She was the director of guidance at the Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield and retired in 1986.

Born in Summit, Mr. Heft lived in Chatham before returning to Summit 46 years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Angelina; daughters, Donna Miller, Kathryn Holland and Lisa; a son, Edward D.; a sister, Susan Vito, and four grandchildren.

Prestley McCaskie, 85, of Basking Ridge, formerly of Springfield, died Oct. 20 at home. Born in Florence, Ore., Mr. McCaskie lived in Maplewood and Springfield before moving to Basking Ridge six years ago.

He served in the Army during the Korean War. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Msgr. Francis X. Coyle Council 5560, Springfield.

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Sign of a connection

The guy jumpingstart his Camaro on Briarheath Road in Clark, as the sky darkened Sunday, was at least making a connection that was working.

Left Out

A new element this weekend was a fiercer critic of Memmer, distributed by some group calling themselves, "Citizens for honesty in government."

Democrats seek to continue dominance

On Tuesday, Democrats will try to continue doing the same thing they've done for seven years while Republicans will attempt to do something they haven't been able to accomplish in seven years: Win a seat on the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Three three-year terms are up on the nine-member board that oversees county government. Running on the Republican line are Anira Clericuzio of Cranford, Railway Councilwoman Elyse Bowles Medved and Fanwood Council President Joel Whitaker.

The two sides have met at a number of candidates' forums over the past several weeks, including Oct. 24 in the Cranford Municipal Building.

A trial attorney, Clericuzio is making her first attempt at public office "to give back to the community and the residents of Union County."

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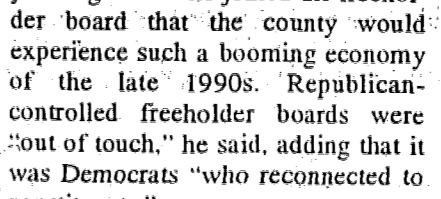
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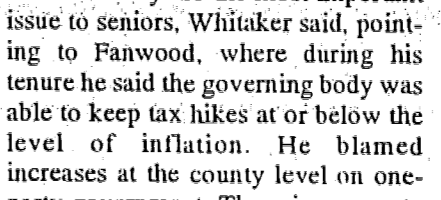
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Delegation split on war with Iraq

Union County's congressional delegation split along party lines on a resolution allowing President George W. Bush to use military force against Iraq.

"This is a dire situation, and it calls for action. It calls for good and noble action from freedom-loving people around the world."

"Diplomatically if we can, but militarily if we must, we all have an obligation to keep our promise to do all we can to protect those we serve."

"The highest-ranking Democrat in New Jersey's congressional delegation, Menendez said the administration failed to answer many questions about using military force in Iraq, from the monetary cost and exit strategy to consequences in the region afterward."

All 435 members of the House of Representatives are up for re-election in Tuesday's General Election.

Letter to The Summit Community

We write this letter to voice our family's unanimous support for Kelly Hatfield and Cindy Martin. They possess the experience, integrity, courage and leadership necessary to insure that Summit remains a vibrant and healthy community during challenging times.

As a family that values excellent public schools, we are convinced that it is essential to re-elect them to the Council. They support quality in education at every juncture, and have seen to it that the City provided modernized and expanded school buildings as well as operating funds necessary to meet the challenges of a growing school system.

Kelly served on the Board of Education and both Kelly and Cindy worked on numerous school PTA and education committees with us. Summit is a community that demands excellence in all its municipal services.

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The subject of signs was also on the mind of Bea Moccia, the First Lady of Little Winfield. At the conclusion of the annual county Democratic breakfast...

The presence of the New York television stations with cameras lined up gave the event even more notoriety. Lautenberg surprised by staying for the entire event.

As the Democratic event was winding down, the green cruiser of Republican U.S. Senate candidate Douglas Forrester barreled up the Parkway through Union County for a full day of events.

Through the signs, the endless commercials and the brochures now arriving in bulks of three, the question remains if the connection with the voters is going to happen Tuesday.

One area where a connection was happening was the annual Halloween parade in Cranford. As the kids and parents in their great costumes lined up on High Street, the optimism, the good parenting and spirit for the future was present.

The political scientists tell us the relevance of the activities of the political community doesn't connect with the lives of the voters.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

UCC gets visit from Pulitzer Prize winner to celebrate Founder's Day

The notion of a pre-emptive strike, said renowned Historian Arthur Schlesinger, a one-time special adviser to President John F. Kennedy, has always been an option available to "loonies."

The Japanese, Schlesinger said, "previewing Bush's doctrine of anticipatory self defense launched an attack on Pearl Harbor," which led to World War II.

"To claim to foretell the future only shows moral and intellectual ignorance," he said to a theater-full of students and faculty members at Union County College.

Schlesinger, who returned from a trip to Cuba to commemorate the anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis, attended Union County College's 70th anniversary Founder's Day celebration Oct. 16 to speak about President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the vision that led to the creation of the community colleges in America.

"That's something most historians can't say," Brown said. Schlesinger's keynote address traced the beginnings of the junior college model from Roosevelt's administration, when emergency employees make in a year."

7th District among most competitive

In what is considered the most competitive congressional race in the state, Republican incumbent Mike Ferguson will seek to retain his seat Tuesday against Democrat Tim Carden.

The Congressional redistricting map redrawn following the 2000 Census favored the state's 13 incumbents, who are split 7-6 in favor of Democrats.

Ferguson boasts of his record on the environment, earning the endorsement of The League of Conservation Voters, as well as his votes supporting President Bush's tax cuts.

Ferguson beat former Fanwood Mayor Maryanne Connelly in 2000 after moving to Warren Township, Somerset County, early that year.



Two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Arthur Schlesinger and Union County College President Thomas Brown at the college's Founder's Day celebration this month.

Schlesinger's speech marked the end of the day-long Founder's Day celebration at the college, which also held a flag design contest and panel discussions on the historic merger of Union County College and the Union County Vocational-Technical Center 20 years ago.

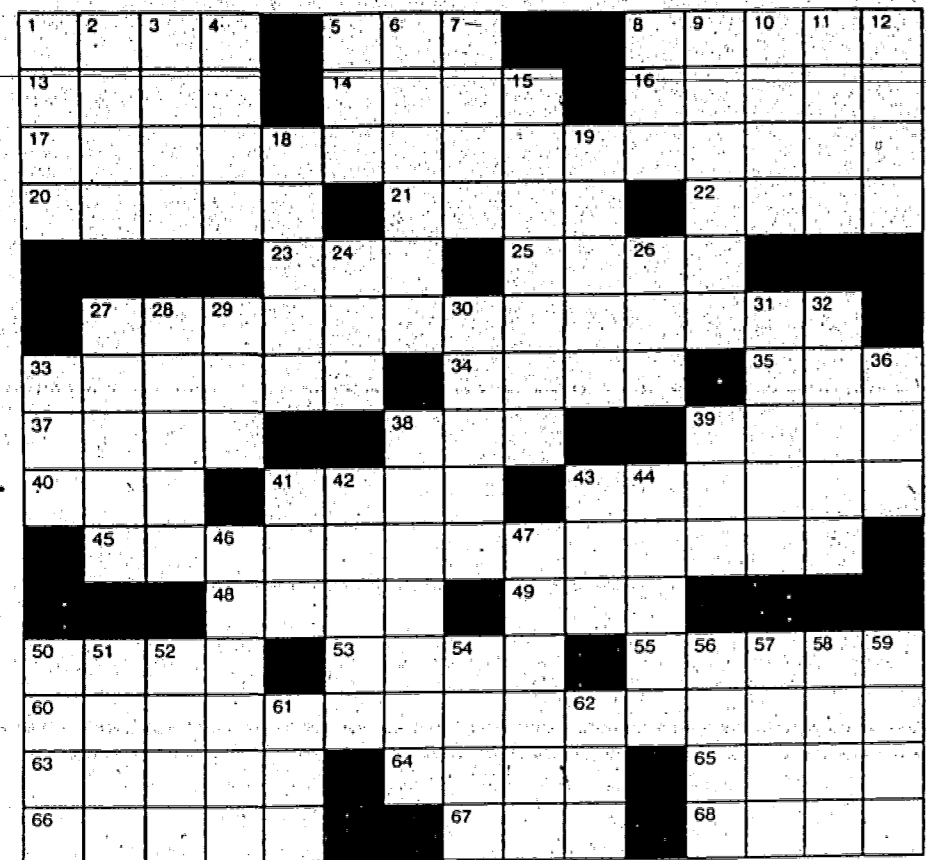


SCOOTER COMES THROUGH — New York Yankees legend and Hillside resident Phil Rizzuto, wearing hat, helps break ground on a new county park named in his honor at the corner of Morris and North avenues in Union.

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Nov. 4-10
ARIES (March 21-April 19): This is a good time to consider putting your money to work for you. You can either pay someone to do an undesirable task or invest.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Work to create harmony in your most important relationships. Practice an even give-and-take while your partner does the same.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21): You cannot believe everything that a co-worker says about a questionable situation. Play it smart, and ask for facts or indisputable proof.
CANCER (June 22-July 22): Don't let a loved one or family member remain in denial. A disturbing emotional reaction should be evaluated and defined.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Changes on the domestic scene are inevitable. Go along with the program, and look for opportunities to improve your current conditions.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are subject to quick insights, but slow decisions. Do your best to trust your first thoughts, and act on what you feel is correct.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Your self-worth is tested. How you spend your time or with whom will tell the story. Choose prosperous relationships or activities to fill your days.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): There should be no victimizing in a competition for a raise or promotion, only self-centered drama. Save face, and bag away gracefully.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your intuition is working overtime. Don't be afraid of what your subconscious is trying to reveal or bring to your conscious awareness.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Group activities with friends are likely to overwhelm and over-stress you. Practice moderation, and take time to unwind.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Career success is possible, but stay away from get-rich-quick schemes. Move forward with discipline and a sense of purpose.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A philosophical concept relates time and study. As you form new opinions and ideas, don't overlook an important point.
If your birthday is this week, well come a variety of opportunities that will in some way allow you to start over in different areas of your life. They could come in the form of new relationships, a different job or a change of residence. It is indicated that making these adjustments will not be easy, but they will be necessary. Stand strong against the wind and smite.
Also born this week: Sean 'P. Diddy' Combs, Tatum O'Neal, Maria Shriver, Glenn Frey, Madame Curie and Martin Luther.

Challenges are exciting for baritone

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school years. I never took a private lesson in music. The only music I learned was the music I sang when I was in the choral group of Clifford Scott High School in East Orange, which," he said sadly, "doesn't exist anymore. From there, I sang in college at Montclair State College, now University."

For his work and other activities kept him busy, but he never forgot his love of music. "Twenty years ago," he recalled, "I wanted to get back at singing, and I started singing again in the Bergen County Choral. I wanted to be closer to home, so I sang with the Oratory Society of New Jersey in Cedar Grove.
"I guess," he chuckled, "I was looking for more challenges. So, three years ago I joined the acclaimed Masterwork Chorus and Orchestra, which is a wonderful place to be."

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Actors from the New Vic Theater and SAIL Productions Inc. sink their teeth into comedy in a new telling of a classic vampire tale this weekend at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

Comic count spreads his wings at UCAC Saturday

The New Vic Theater and SAIL Productions Inc. will present "Dracula, or How's Your Blood Count?" — a British-inspired comedy at Union County Arts Center Saturday at 8 p.m. The New Vic Theater of London has revitalized Dracula with all the elements of the classic with comedic ingenuity thrown in. Micky O'Donoghue, Irish-born actor and Alan Cohen, co-founded a style of theater, which brought the classics and lunacy together. Prior to this, O'Donoghue was part of the ongoing tradition of The Old Vic Theater which also boasted the likes of Laurence Olivier, Alec Guinness, John Gielgud, Maggie Smith, Claire Bloom and countless others. Tickets are \$25, \$20 and \$15. Group discounts are also available. Tickets may be purchased by phone with a Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express or in person at Ticket Central at 1601 Irving St. in Rahway. For more information, call the Union County Arts Center at 732-499-8226 or visit us online at ucac.org to download an order form. The Union County Arts Center is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to presenting the best in the performing arts and is located in the recently restored Rahway Theater, a 1928 vaudeville and silent film house in downtown Rahway. The Arts Center is handicapped-accessible. Major support for the Arts Center and its programs comes from the city of Rahway, Merck and Co., the Union County Board of Chosen Freholders, Comcast Digital Cable, the Rahway Savings Institution and Liberty Bank. Other funding has been made possible by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State.

Collected works prompt a dialogue on women

On the Arts

By Jon Plout

Following her coming of age first novel 'My Sister's Bones,' Cathi Hanauer's second work, 'The Blotch in the House,' is a non-fiction collection of contemporary female writers. The title is a modern play on Virginia Woolf's Victorian complaint that women were confined to being "angels in the house of men." In her introductory essay, Ms. Hanauer cites her own mother as such an angel, postponing her career in service to family. While some may see the essays as collective whining, a closer reading shows great variation of attitude and point of view between the collected writers, while all show a seriousness of purpose in analyzing the personal dilemma of career vs. the domestic role, particularly child-rearing. Many of the contributors admit the conflict lessens as the children grow up, but the stubbornness to pursue a separate life from a male partner or family and the anger at the intrusion of children is real. Some of the writing — for example, by Sarah Miller in a provocative piece titled "Moving In, Moving Out, Moving On" — is stunning. The contrasts between the feminist Vivyan Gornick's drive for independence and her doubts about the outcomes and Ellen Gilchrist's attempt at balance between family and career are equally stimulating and illuminating. Ms. Gornick's declaration that "the disaffiliations of women are very real" is in truth at odds with Ms. Gilchrist's reporting of Eudora Welty's advice to her family and career "aren't in competition." As Ms. Hanauer predicts at the book's start, these two essays are a part of an extended talk between women that Ms. Hanauer has arranged for us. Perhaps the principal shortcoming of the dialogue of the book between women is that almost all of the women chosen are upper-class modern women with magazine-writing careers, tied to the literary experience. It would be interesting to extend the dialogue to other women: for example, poor urban black grandmothers, caring for their grandchildren out of necessity; or religious women who see family as the greatest good. But that is another book, which hopefully, Ms. Hanauer will inspire in the ongoing dialogue.

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Volunteers being sought

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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. and by appointment. For information, call 908-232-0412.

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

The Roselle Municipal Building is located at 210 Chestnut St., Roselle. The touring exhibit features the work of artists from the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 798-558-2550. TU Relay users dial 711.

BOURAS GALLERIES in Summit will feature the works of photographer Art C. Bours. Gallery hours are by appointment. Bouras Galleries is located in Bouras Properties, 25 DeForest Ave., Summit. For information, call 978-277-0554.

PHOTOGRAPHER ROSS WAGNER and members of the New Jersey Camera Society will have their work on exhibit at the artist's Scarsdale House, 150 New Providence Road in Morris. The tour through the main 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 Saturday, Nov. 23. The exhibit will take place Nov. Sunday from 11 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: "Photographs From the Traditional and Digital Darkroom" will be on exhibit through Wednesday in the Members' Gallery at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit. 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.

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

THE COLORS OF INDIA: The works of photographer Sylvia Frizzo's "Saviors of the Earth" will be on exhibit through Nov. 8 at the Kent Place Gallery in Summit. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays to Fridays or by appointment. Kent Place Gallery is located in Kent Place School, Newark-Dumont Avenue in Summit. For information, call 908-273-0900, Ext. 332, or visit www.kentplace.org.

SKULSKI ART GALLERY in Clark will exhibit the works of Krystyna Brzezcka and Joshua BenOr through Nov. 22. Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Skulski Art Gallery is located in the Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, Clark. For information, call 732-382-7197.

MARVELS OF THE COLORADO PLATEAU: works by photographer Joel Simpson will be on exhibit through Dec. 4 at the Les Malmarat 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 Malmarat Gallery is located in Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave. in Fribourg Park, Union. For information, call 908-851-5450.

MEMORY/MYTHOLOGY: encaustic painting and mixed-media artwork by Karen Nielsen-Fried and Lori Field, will be on exhibit Nov. 17 through Dec. 13 at the Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway. An opening reception will take place Nov. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m., and by appointment. For information, call 732-381-7511 or visit www.rahwayartsguild.org.

BEARING WITNESS: the works of photographer Helen M. Stummer, will be on exhibit in the Tomasulo Gallery at 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. Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m., and by appointment. For information, call 908-851-5450.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION BOOK GROUP: a new monthly 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. Dec. 14: "John Adams" by John McCullough.

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.

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says, 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.

NEW ART GROUP MEMBERS Nancy J. Ori and Jim Fuess will have their work on exhibit Friday through Jan. 1 at the Bouras Galleries in Summit. Gallery hours are by appointment only. Bouras Galleries is located in Bouras Properties, 25 DeForest Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-277-0554.

NUCVA FACULTY EXHIBITION will be on display Nov. 10 to Jan. 8 in the Palmer Gallery of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit. An opening reception will take place Nov. 10 from 2 to 5 p.m. Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. Tours are available upon request. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121 or visit www.njcva.com.

AUDITIONS HICKORY TREE CHORUS of New Providence welcomes female singers of all ages and voice ranges to join the group for Wednesday rehearsals Nov. 13 and 20, Dec. 4 and 11— from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. in the New Jersey Youth Symphony rehearsal hall, 570 Central Ave., New Providence. A Dec. 18 performance is planned. For information, call 973-361-4799 or 908-522-1954. Send e-mail to HickoryTree@aol.com or visit www.angeltree.com/hickorytree.

BAZAARS A HOLIDAY BAZAAR will be sponsored by the First Presbyterian Congregation of Connecticut Farms in Union Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church, Stuyvesant Avenue and West Chestnut Street, Union. For information, call 908-688-3164.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR and Gift Market will be sponsored by the Parents Guild of Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. UCHSH is located at 1600 Marine Ave., Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-899-1600.

BOOKS AUTHOR JOANI ASCHER will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield Saturday 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.

ILLUSTRATOR ROBERT J. BLAKE will appear at Barnes and Noble of Springfield Sunday at 2 p.m. to sign copies of his new book, "Togo." The event will be followed by a book fair Sunday to Tuesday to benefit the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

CHRISTINE REILLY CARTER will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield Nov. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign copies of her new children's book, "Collie of Castle Hill." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535 or visit www.townbookstore.com.

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COFFEE WITH A CONSCIENCE Concert Series of Westfield and Springfield will present performers each month through June at two locations in Union County. Nov. 8: Chris and Meredith Thompson, Springfield. Dec. 14: David Roth, Westfield. Jan. 18: Commonbond, Springfield. Feb. 15: Eric Schwartz, Westfield. March 15: Dan Crisci presents.... Springfield.

AMY CAROL WEBB, Westfield May 21; Kevin Briody, Springfield June 21; Groovely, Westfield. All concerts begin at 8 p.m. Westfield concerts are at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 E. Broad St.; Springfield concerts are at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall. Suggested donation is \$12 with proceeds benefiting various local charities. For information, call 908-232-8723 or visit www.coffeewithaconscience.com.

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

Other Planet Hip Hop events continue through Sunday. NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

NEW JERSEY WORKSHOP FOR THE ARTS CONCERT BAND and the Union High School Key Club will sponsor a concert to benefit Camp Middletown at 3 p.m. at Burnet Middle School, 1000 Caldwell Ave. at Morris Avenue, Union. Tickets are \$5. For information, call 908-789-9696.

THE SUMMIT SYMPHONY will present a concert of Russian composers Sunday at 3 p.m. at Summit Middle School, Summit and Morris avenues, Summit. Admission is free.

NEIL SEDAKA will appear in concert Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway. Tickets are \$30, \$45 and \$50. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 908-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org.

LYRICA CHAMBER MUSIC will present harpist Menynda Adams and flautist Bernard Phillips in concert Nov. 10 at 3 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$15 for senior citizens; students are admitted free. For information, call 973-701-1734.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will present "The Wizard of Oz" Nov. 29 and 30, Dec. 1: "A Christmas Carol" Dec. 7 and 8; "Babes in Toyland" Dec. 14 and 15; "Little Bear and the Enchanted Wood" Dec. 14 and 15. All shows are at 10 a.m., with the following exceptions: "A Christmas Carol," Nov. 29, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; and "Little Bear," 2 and 5 p.m. both dates. Tickets are \$8 and \$5 for "Little Bear," tickets are \$15, \$25 and \$30. Paper Mill is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information, call 973-376-4343 or visit www.papermill.org.

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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.

THE 'LORD OF THE RINGS' READING GROUP meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 973-574-1818.

EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITER'S CIRCLE, led by Cheryl Racanelli, meets at Barnes and Noble in Clark the second and fourth Monday of each month. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 973-574-1818.

CLASSICS BOOK CLUB meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble of Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTERESTS meets the second Thursday 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.

MYSTERY READING GROUP meets the second Thursday of each 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 973-574-1818.

JEWISH BOOK LEVERS 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 973-574-1818.

WOMEN'S READING GROUP meets the last Wednesday of each month at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 973-574-1818.

CLASSES WESTFIELD ART ASSOCIATION will sponsor an art demonstration with Carl Burger on the topic of "Making Sense of Your Drawing" Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Westfield Community Room, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield. Admission is free and the building is handicapped-accessible. For information, call 908-687-2905.

JOURNAL WRITING GROUP, led by professional life coach Jami Novak, meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 973-574-1818.

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

SINGLES DINNERMATES and Entrepreneurs Group invites business and professional singles to dinner at a local restaurant, wine and mingling is at 8 p.m., dinner is at 9 p.m. Two age groups are available. For information on dates and locations, call 732-822-9796 or visit www.dinnermates.com.

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Donation is \$2. For information, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751.

THEATER PAPER MILL: The State Theater of New Jersey will present "Annie" by Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse and Martin Charnin through Dec. 8. Shows are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7:30 p.m.; matinees are Thursdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. and Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 to \$52. Student Rush tickets are available the day of performance for \$15 with current ID.

Special events and performances are the Conversation Series, Thursdays at 7 p.m. Nov. 21, and Nov. 28 at 7 p.m. in the mezzanine; audiotaped performances Nov. 27 at 2 p.m., Nov. 30 at 2:30 p.m. and Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m., each with a sensory seminar 90 minutes prior to curtain; and sign-interpreted/open-captioned performances Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 6 at 9 p.m.

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WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS will present "Over the River and Through the Woods" by Joe DiPietro through Saturday. Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets are \$12. WCP is located at 1000 North Ave., Westfield. For information, call 908-232-1221.

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER in Rahway will present Jeff Conaway and Mackenzie Phillips in "Same Time Next Year" Friday 8 p.m. Tickets are \$22, \$27 and \$32. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org.

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER in Rahway will present "Dracula," or How's Your Blood Count? Saturday 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$20 and \$25. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org.

SHANGRI-LA CHINESE ACROBATS will appear at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway Nov. 10 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12, \$17 and \$22. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org.

HAL JEFFERIN will appear in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. Featured will be an "open mike" forum of music, poetry, comedy and performance art. Refreshments are served. Donations are suggested to cover expenses. Talent is sought for future dates. For information, call 908-273-3245.

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mike Night every Tuesday at 9 p.m. and karaoke every Thursday night. The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call 732-381-6455.

CROSSROADS, 78 North Ave., Garwood presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts, as well as football-themed nights. Every Sunday: Sunday Football, noon to closing, see all the games with \$2 domestic pints and wine specials. Every Monday: Monday Night Football. Every Tuesday: Jazz Jam, all pints are \$2. Every Wednesday: Domestic draft beer for \$2. Today: Tom Vella. Friday: Black Dog in a tribute to Led Zeppelin. Saturday: Primitive Soul. For information, call 908-232-5666 or visit www.xroads.com.

EAT TO THE BEAT Coffeehouse in Rahway will feature appearances by musical artists. Eat to the Beat Coffeehouse is located at 1465 Irving St. in Rahway at the corner of East Cherry Street. For information, or to sign up for Open Mike Night, call 732-381-0505.

FLYNN'S IRISH PUB and Steakhouse in Rahway will present entertainment at various times. Flynn's Irish Pub is located at 1492 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call 732-381-4700.

HILLTOP CAFE AND GRILL in Summit presents "From Broadway to the Silver Screen" every Sunday 6 p.m., preceded by an all-you-can-eat dinner from 5 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$29.95 and reservations are required. The Hilltop Cafe and Grill is located at 447 Springfield Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-277-0220.

MOLLY MAGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, formerly Casual Times, in Clark will present entertainment in the coming weeks. Thursdays are Ladies Nights, and Sundays feature NFL games and \$2 drafts. Nov. 9: The Bantry Boys, 9:30 p.m. Molly Maguire's is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call 732-388-6511.

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

VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesdays are "Acoustic Tuesdays," with open mike from 7 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer. Open mike participants sign up at 7:30 p.m., and get 10 minutes at the microphone. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for all Sunday concerts. Sunday: Grove Apparatus. Tuesday: James O'Brian. Nov. 10: The Slave Minster. For information, call 908-810-1844.

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KIDS PAPER MILL: The State Theater of New Jersey will present its fall series of children's theater Nov. 9 through Dec. 15. Nov. 9 and 10: "Little Red Riding Hood and Other Stories" Nov. 16 and 17: "Pippi Longstocking" Nov. 23 and 24: "The Wizard of Oz" Nov. 29 and 30, Dec. 1: "A Christmas Carol" Dec. 7 and 8: "Babes in Toyland" Dec. 14 and 15: "Little Bear and the Enchanted Wood" All shows are at 10 a.m., with the following exceptions: "A Christmas Carol," Nov. 29, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; and "Little Bear," 2 and 5 p.m. both dates. Tickets are \$8 and \$5 for "Little Bear," tickets are \$15, \$25 and \$30. Paper Mill is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information, call 973-376-4343 or visit www.papermill.org.

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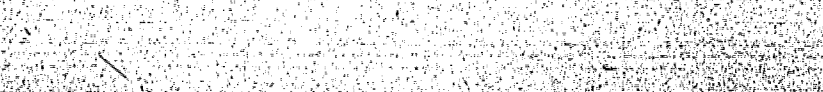
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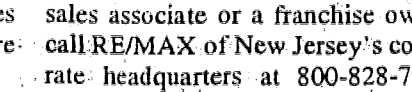
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Web site expands RE/MAX services

RE/MAX of New Jersey has announced the unveiling of a completely redesigned web site unparalleled by any company in the real estate industry.

The new "Supersite" at www.remax-nj.com offers an extensive array of services for buyers and sellers through personalized web pages created for each RE/MAX affiliated associate and office throughout the state.

The new version of www.remax-nj.com retains all of the RE/MAX listing search features of the old web site, plus new IDX data which lists and describes many other properties for sale in the state, as available from each Multiple Listing Service. An online Consumer Resource Center provides links for community information and industry news, plus tips for finding or selling your home. "My Home Finder" provides personalized search tools and various save options for site viewers. Direct Internet address links are available to every RE/MAX home listing in the regional system.

"This new Supersite was designed to be completely user-friendly and secure," said Mark Schilling, RE/MAX of NJ Regional Information Technology Manager. "We are especially proud of the lack of advertisements and annoying pop-up windows on our webpages. Items which seem to interest other real estate sites. Our Privacy Policy guarantees that we will not sell or give your personal information to any other party other than the RE/MAX associate you have contacted.

"With 'My Home Finder' and all the other great resources, this comprehensive site will bring visitors back to our site again and again. There is no real estate information that a consumer won't be able to find on our web site."

Not only is the new web site an educational resource, where first-time home buyers and sellers can learn about the process, but also a powerful tool which can be used to search for properties that fit certain criteria, explore mortgage options and find out to service that are a necessary part of the home buying/selling goods.

Searching for homes on the RE/MAX NJ Supersite returns data on every RE/MAX property listed for sale throughout the state. In addition, listing information from competing broker offices is provided through a

Jersey web site, unmatched by any other real estate organization in the state, visit www.remax-nj.com.

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The Consumer Resource Center gives site visitors access to dynamic real estate industry news, tips for home buying and selling, as well as a plethora of valuable community information. RE/MAX associates access and maintain their personal sites through a password-protected Intranet, which houses logos, graphics, web site support information, event calendars and event registration sites unique to the RE/MAX region.

The new site is also direct listing access, which means a seller who lists a property with a RE/MAX agent will not have to wait for their home to be listed online. Once a listing agreement is signed, the RE/MAX associate can immediately log on to the web site and have the home featured on the Internet in minutes.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Saggese is early recipient of award

Joseph W. Saggese, a daytime education supervisor at Lincoln Technical Institute in Union, is one of the early recipients of the newly instituted President's Leadership Award for Service Excellence made monthly by Lawrence E. Brown, president and chief operating officer of Lincoln Educational Services. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Saggese of Mountaineer.

The Union school is one of 23 career schools and colleges operated nationally by Lincoln Educational Services, which has been providing career education for more than a half century.

"Our Presidential Award for Service Excellence was established to recognize exceptional service to our students," said Brown. "It is made to recognize staff members who go beyond their jobs to help our students achieve their goals. Joe was recognized as exceptional from among 1,400 employees in 11 states because he received praise from his coworkers at our Union school."

A letter of nomination noted, "Joe recently led his Workplace Simulation class on a Habitat for Humanity project where students had the opportunity to prepare ductwork for affordable housing."

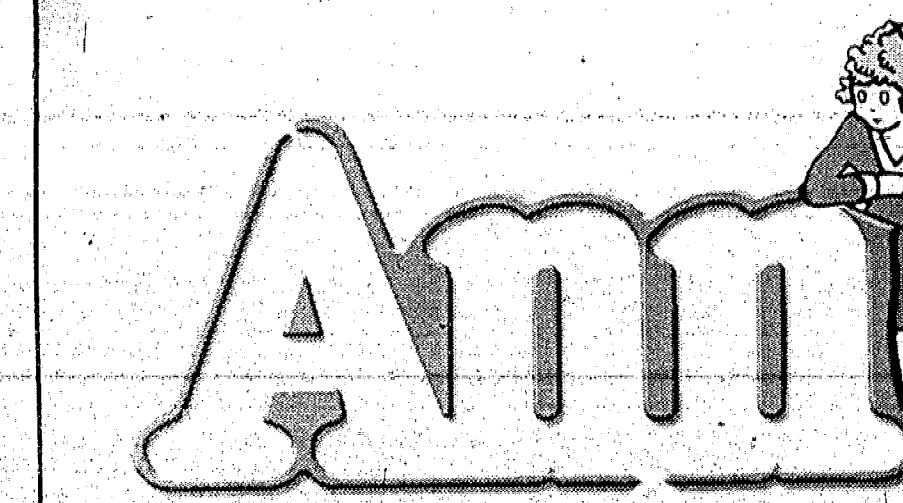
Saggese, who was raised in Union, graduated from Union High School and opted to continue his studies at Lincoln Technical Institute in Union after serving in the Army National Guard and later working as a carpenter upon graduation before returning as an instructor in 1989, assuming his present post in the year 2000.

Saggese was honored at a luncheon at the Highlawn Pavilion in West Orange, the community in which Lincoln Educational Services is headquartered, and was awarded a plaque and American Express gift certificate.

Mason helps Habitat for Humanity
Mervin Mason of Springfield recently saved and hammered with Habitat for Humanity as part of a special program to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Terminix International. Mason's selection to represent Terminix was made by Fred Hulsman, branch manager for the Springfield branch of Terminix.

As part of its anniversary celebration, Terminix has partnered with Habitat for Humanity to help build homes across the country for people who need affordable housing. Associates at all 310 participating Terminix branches chose one individual to represent their branch from more than 11,000 Terminix associates nationally.

Joseph Saggese, right, education supervisor at Lincoln Technical Institute in Union, is shown with Lawrence E. Brown, president/chief operating officer of Lincoln Educational Services, after receiving the President's Leadership Award for Service Excellence. The Union school is one of 23 operated nationally by the parent organization.



Advertisement for 'Amie' featuring a cartoon character and promotional text: 'She's Selling Out!', 'Now - December 8, 2002', and contact information for Paper Mill.

Advertisement for 'Professional Directory' listing various services such as 'Attorneys', 'Chronic Disease Prevention', 'Mortgage', and 'Writing And Editing'.

EVENTS

Office offers a candy collection

Calling all ghosts and goblins, trick-or-treaters can bring their candy in and turn it into cash. Dr. Lee Kautzman at 165 Mountain Ave. is having a community candy collection Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Office staff members will give \$1 for each and every pound of candy they receive, until they collect \$500.

Volunteers are needed for trailwork projects

On Saturday at 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., volunteers are needed to assist with trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation. Interested parties can meet at Trail-side Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road in Mountain-side. Participants should bring a shovel, pickaxe and gloves. The projects are for ages 14 and older. Participants must call 908-789-3670 to pre-register.

Mineral show offered at Trilside Sunday

On Sunday from noon to 5 p.m., Trilside Nature and Science Center presents their annual Mineral Show at 452 New Providence Road in Mountain-side. Guests can discover the fascinating

world of rocks, fossils and minerals. Special exhibits, demonstrations and a speaker will be highlighted throughout the day. Activities include: Children's Touch Table, Interpretive Walk, led by a Trilside naturalist; one-of-a-kind mineral and fossil gifts and jewelry; and craft activities for children.

A door prize ticket is included in the \$1 admission fee. Children 6 and younger are admitted free. For information, call 908-789-3670.

Crafters and vendors wanted for boutique

Crafters and vendors are wanted for the second annual Holiday Craft Boutique at St. James the Apostle School, 45 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is free for the public. Highlights include the Mrs. Claus Cafe, a place to find delicious food for sale, and Santa's Secret Shoppe, with items for children to buy as presents for family and friends.

For more information, call Dorothy at 908-851-9342.

Program remembers Kristallnacht

The public is invited to Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, Nov. 8 at 8 p.m. for a special program commemorating "Kristallnacht — Night of Broken Glass." The program will include a guest speaker Irit Felsen, an Israeli-born second-generation Holocaust survi-

vor, who is renowned for her work on post-traumatic stress disorder and the second generation. In addition, the program will feature a local string quartet playing a program of music composed by concentration camp inmates. Lea Karpman, chairperson of the Holocaust Education Committee, will play first violin.

For information, call Dorothy at 908-851-9342.

St. James Church plans Germany trip

St. James Church in Springfield presents Classic Christmas Markets of Germany Dec. 4 through 10. The price is \$1,299 per person, double occupancy, plus \$99 tax and services.

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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 go to www.womensoc.org.

The Women's Resource Center and the Connection for Women and Families host Chatham resident and author Mary McHugh Tuesday 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" which is an amusing look at the family and living life to the fullest, complete with a jump 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.

Sondra Gash will do readings from her new poetry book, "Silk Elegy" on Monday 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. Sondra 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 NJ State Council on the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union ment, AIDS and more. In 1992, Ellerbe won the prestigious Peabody Award as executive producer of the Nickelodeon special, "It's Only Television." Currently Ellerbe hosts and produces the well received TV news magazine for kids, "Nick News."

The Girl Project offers a "Girls

Who Write" and "The Strength to Resist Media Images." Both programs will be conducted Nov. 15. "Girls Who Write" will be offered from 4 to 5:45 p.m. and the fee is \$18. Register as soon as possible as participation is limited. "The Strength to Resist: The Impact of Media Images on Girls and Women" will be from 12:30 to 2 p.m. and the fee is \$12 for Center members and \$15 for non-members. Register by Nov. 12. For information about these or similar programs, call the Center at 908-273-7253 or go to www.womensoc.org and click on the Girl Project.

"Girls Who Write" is an exciting program designed especially for girls ages 9 to 11 who like to write for fun and self-expression. Silly or serious, joyful or sad, rhyming or not, the

workshop will experiment with different forms of writing such as journaling, poetry or prose. Participants can even read work written by their favorite authors. No special skills or experience is required, just a favorite writing tool and a notebook. Chris Hollie, RN, MS, CS, will lead this workshop that is open to all girls, including past participants.

"The Strength to Resist: The Impact of Media Images on Girls and Women" will be a discussion program, led by Maureen Kritzer-Lange, of the many ways media images affect the self-esteem and body image of women and girls. This workshop for moms and other concerned adults, will feature video clippings from documentaries addressing the fight against dieting and harmful messages about girls and women that dominate the media.

The program will present the ideas of leading authorities in the fields of psychology, eating disorders, violence against women and media literacy, with a focus on long term solutions. County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

"Linda Ellerbe — To the Heart. From the Heart" will take place on 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/seniors and \$40 at the door.

A \$125 ticket to the private reception at the NJ Center for Visual Arts at 6 p.m. includes a chance to speak with Linda Ellerbe, 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.

Since 1991, Lucky Duck Productions has been producing award-winning children's programming for Nickelodeon, which began with a series of news specials devoted to topics like the Gulf War, the environ-

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EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH "CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE" - 242 Shunpike Rd., Springfield, N.J. Rev. Frederick Mackey, Sr., Pastor. Sundays: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages - Nursery through Seniors, 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery care - 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11; 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Weekdays: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study. Junior/Senior High Ministry: Active Youth Ministry; Wide-Range Music Programs; Super Seniors 3rd Thursday at 11 AM followed by lunch. Ample Parking. Chair Lift provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4351.

EPISCOPAL
SAINT STEPHEN'S CHURCH - 119 Main Street, Millburn, NJ 07041, (973) 376-6888. Sunday Worship: A spoken service of Holy Eucharist with a homily will be held at 8:00 AM, followed by a Holy Eucharist with choral music at 10:00 AM. Church School for children in K thru 8th grade and nursery care available at 10:00 AM. Youth & Adult choirs and adult bell choir. Celebrating our 150th year of service to the community. We welcome all people.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE
TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 973-376-0339. Mark Malbach, Rabbi; Richard Nadel, Cantor. Scott D. Zinberg, President. Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekly services Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM Sun.-8:30 PM. Sabbath day 9:30 AM & sunset; Sundays, 8:30 AM. Festival & Holiday mornings 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for sixth through twelfth graders, and a busy Adult Education program. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

JEWISH-ORTHODOX
CONGREGATION ISRAEL OF SPRINGFIELD 339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 973-467-9666. Chaim Marcus, Rabbi; Alan J. Yuter, Rabbi Emeritus; Solomon Greenfield, President. Congregation Israel is a Modern Orthodox synagogue. There are two daily weekday morning Minyans at 6:15 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Daily weekday MinchaMaariv services are also held. Call the shul office for times. There are two Shabbat morning services at

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