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New face joins GL

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

When he retired from Sparta High School on June 16, Frank Calabria thought that that would bring an end to a long career in teaching and school administration.

Then, he was offered a job as interim principal of what he now deems to be "the best high school in New Jersey."

Calabria, 62, is the new principal of Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, which is attended by Mountainside's students.

"I've loved it here so far," said Calabria. "Everyone has been wonderful to me and treats me with respect and dignity."

Calabria, who grew up in Newark and later moved to Belleville, attended Seton Hall University as a science and philosophy major, and then moved on to Fordham University for a graduate degree in education.

"I never thought I'd become a principal," he said. "My intention was always to teach, that's what I wanted to do."

Calabria did start out teaching math at Essex County Vocational School when he was just 21 years old. He then moved on to Boonton High School, teaching math and philosophy, along with being a guidance counselor there.

Eventually, however, he moved into the administration offices.

"I think it's a matter of people within the school systems just recognizing hard work and dedication," Calabria said of moving from teaching to administration.

He became the Montville High School guidance director and "house principal" after serving as "house principal" at Boonton High, which covered the 11th and 12th grades. When he retired from being principal of Sparta High School after 16 years this past



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Frank Calabria, a principal at Sparta High School for 16 years, joins Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights as its interim principal, following the retirement of Principal Benjamin Jones in August. Calabria is happy to be a part of what he calls, "the best high school in New Jersey."

June, he thought he'd never be back in school.

"I have been accepted into this school like you can't believe," said Calabria. "The students here are absolutely fantastic and academically, you can't ask for anything better."

"They came to me and asked if I was willing to fill in," added Calabria, who is temporarily replacing former principal Benjamin Jones. "As long as they want me, I'll be here."

A resident of Parsippany, husband and father of four, the optimistic Calabria had trouble putting into words how impressive the school has been.

"It's the best that I've seen by far," he said.

Populated by just fewer than 1,000 students, Governor Liv-

ington High School has not only accepted Calabria with open arms, but the new principal himself has praised the entire makeup of the school as a whole.

"The British have a good term when they say 'Headmaster,'" said Calabria, referring to the term for a principal. "Here, I'm truly the head of masters, which are the teachers. The faculty and staff here have high expectations and standards, and the students respond."

Outside of the workplace, Calabria enjoys woodworking, Egyptology, which includes being able to read hieroglyphics, and astronomy.

Being that the high school sits on one of the higher points in Union County, Calabria said he'd love to have an observatory there one day.

"I walk around and visit the

student organizations to make myself more well-known," said Calabria. "I look forward to all the activities, programs, sports, dances, and other events here, and I hope I can help the students prepare for future success."

When asked if he foresees any big changes within the school system in the near future, Calabria could only say, for sure, what he won't be changing.

"I wouldn't change the student body, the parents, or the staff. I know that much."

Filled with enthusiasm and an appreciation that is certainly not outmatched by other principals, Calabria has coined a phrase that seemingly fits his feelings toward his newest place of administration.

"It takes a little more to be a Highlander."

Towns prepare for Isabel's punch

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

With Hurricane Isabel predicted to strike New Jersey's East Coast by tonight, preparations are being made by both town management and residents in Springfield.

"We've been going over our resource list," said Scott Stedel, deputy coordinator of the Office of Emergency Management in Springfield.

"We need to review how we'll position vehicles, maintain manpower, and provide the necessary equipment to aid people," he explained.

"We'll also be talking to Red Cross for possible sheltering," said Stedel, who also mentioned that one resource they'll check is the number of available rowboats, in case of flooding accidents or emergencies.

"Hurricane Floyd was rough, so we have experience and detailed information regarding these storms," he said.

Local supermarkets are feeling the inevitable effects of an upcoming storm as well.

"We've definitely seen an increase in water, battery, and flashlight sales," said Bill Dunneisen, store manager of Foodtown at Mountain Avenue in Springfield. "We've already ordered extra water and I'd expect about a 20 percent increase in business, if not more, within the week."

Paul Barb, assistant manager of Springfield's ShopRite on Morris Avenue, agreed that the storm will raise business.

"We're actually out of firewood," he said. "Usually on Tuesdays, we don't have a big order coming in, but this Tuesday, we had a full slate of supplies. I could see a 20 to 25 percent increase in sales into Saturday."

With constant updates of the hurricane's predictions, local residents are

taking the usual precautions.

"I'll make sure we have some extra water, food, and batteries," said Bernice Katzman of Springfield.

ShopRite consumer Mary Gene, however, was more concerned about damage being done outside her home.

"Other than the regular stuff, I'll just be making sure to bring in my furniture from outside," she said.

A hurricane's strength is classified on a 1-5 scale. As of presstime Tuesday, Isabel had been downgraded from a Category 5 hurricane to a Category 3 hurricane. Among other properties of a Category 5 hurricane, winds are greater than 155 mph. A Category 3 hurricane has winds ranging from 111 to 130 mph.

In the past, storms of the magnitude projected for Hurricane Isabel have caused major disruptions of the region's water treatment network.

That was certainly the case when Tropical Storm Floyd struck the area on Sept. 16, 1999. After Floyd-related flooding overwhelmed its water treatment plant in Bridgewater, Elizabeth town Water Co. issued an advisory at 11 p.m. that night telling its customers to boil their water before drinking it.

Erin Reilly, a spokeswoman for the water utility, said the company is better prepared for Isabel than it was for Floyd.

The major improvement is the addition of a 45-foot flood wall around the Bridgewater plant. If water levels exceed 45 feet, Tropical Storm Floyd itself reached the 44-foot mark. The company has equipment on hand to pump the water back, and has generators to keep both the plant and the pumps moving if power fails.

Staff Writer David Leary contributed to this report.

Police, fire contracts remain in arbitration

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

After close to three years of negotiations, the contracts for the Springfield Police Department and Fire Department are in the hands of arbitration.

"It's a combination of many things," said Township Administrator Richard Sheola, regarding the arbitration. "It's mostly about salary, but not by a specific amount. The issue involves a percentage increase."

According to Sheola, the police and fire department unions hired the same arbitrator.

"The arbitrator considers the issues on both sides to be about similar concerns," he said.

While the most recent police and fire department contracts expired in December 2000, the new contracts are expected to extend for at least four years, thereby compensating for the past three years, as well.

Any increases in salary would retroactive to the last contract in 2000.

Township Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld, a Democrat up for re-election in November, said he feels that the town currently has enough firefighters.

"They have plenty of personnel," said Hirschfeld. "Eight firemen on duty at

all times would cost us too much."

A major issue in the past for the Springfield Fire Department has been the concern that there are not enough men on duty to follow the "two-in, two-out" rule, which states that for every two men who go into a building with a fire, two men must be outside, as well.

While this rule does not apply if a life is at risk, the Fire Department has maintained that they are still understaffed.

"I'd like to see this negotiated without attorneys," said Hirschfeld. "Hopefully, it can be resolved by October."

Committeewoman Clara Harelik has the same sentiment.

"It's out of our hands at this point," she said. "Unfortunately, it's in the hands of an arbitrator. I just hope it comes to an end soon for everybody's sake."

"There hasn't been a meeting of the minds, really," she continued. "It's a combination of things, and now we're just sitting and waiting for arbitration."

"Anytime you have collective bargaining," Sheola said, "different parties are going to have different opinions. It's a matter of resolution and negotiation."

Hospital names new president and CEO

Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, the nation's largest pediatric rehabilitation hospital, has named Amy Mansue, 39, its new president and chief executive officer, following the death of former president and CEO Charles "Rex" Riley last March.

Mansue, who was on the hospital's board from 1995 to 1999, is enthusiastic about her Sept. 29 return.

"When I was with the board, I saw the work for children and families and knew it was remarkable. The physicians and staff of Children's Specialized Hospital make it a truly unique place for the benefit of the children and their rehabilitation needs," she said.

The hospital's board hired a firm to conduct a nationwide search of qualified applicants after the death of Riley. The committee recommended Mansue to the Board of Trustees and she was approved for the position Sept. 9, according to Fred Feiner, public information officer for the hospital.

The announcement was made by John Blast, chairman of the Board of Trustees at the hospital.

"Amy Mansue is a skillful leader and a longtime advocate for quality healthcare," he said. "Her knowledge, experience, and leadership will be a clear gain for Children's Specialized Hospital and the children and families we serve."

Mansue has overseen programs for children, people with developmental disabilities, mental health and Medicaid as a deputy commissioner in the state Department of Human Services throughout her career.

She has been a policy advisor to former Gov. Jim Florio, as well, and is currently finishing her stint with Gov. James McGreevey as deputy chief of staff, which has lasted about 20 months, since McGreevey became governor in January 2002.

Mansue, who received her bachelor's degree in social welfare and master's degree in social work, planning and management from the University of Alabama, resides in Hightstown.



Amy Mansue

"The two things I look forward to most are working with such a dedicated staff," said Mansue, who was also president and CEO of the former HIP of New Jersey, and Senior Vice President of Corporate Development for HIP of New York, "and the families and kids that are there, of course."

"We've been a good neighbor to this community and I look forward to improving the quality of living for the children here," she said.

Mansue will step down from her position with the state on Friday.

"It is a privilege to come back and guide this hospital," she said.

Teachers' salaries increase 4%

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Putting an end to the teachers' contract negotiations for the Springfield school district, the Springfield Education Association, the district's teachers' union, agreed to ratify its contract with the Board of Education Sept. 10.

The new three-year contract calls for a teacher salary increase of 4 percent for the 2003-04 school year, followed by a rise of 4.3 percent for 2004-05 and 4.5 percent for 2005-06, according to Jacqueline Shanes, board member and chairwoman of the Negotiations Committee.

"We're below the county average, which is a good settlement for us," said Shanes. "We cleaned up the language of the contract and settled for what we think are competitive rates."

Terrri Craddock-Ponce, president and chief negotiator for the Springfield Education Association, said the current county average for teachers salaries is about 4.4 to 4.5 percent.

According to the New Jersey School Boards Association, the state's average salary increase for contracts covering the 2003-04 school year is 4.63 percent, up from last year's average of 4.48 percent. This is still lower

than settlement rates of a decade ago. As an example, teacher raises averaged 7.15 percent in 1992-93.

The district's contract is retroactive to June 30, when the last contract expired, and runs every school year from July 1 through June 30.

A new health insurance plan was introduced as well, a Horizon/Blue Cross/Blue Shield PPO plan designed to save the district more money, Shanes said. Right now, a traditional insurance plan is still being offered, but new employees can take part in the new plan, and current employees have the option to switch.

The new insurance plan is expected to provide roughly a 4 percent savings for the district, said Matthew Clarke, school business administrator. He said the district will know a clearer figure after open enrollment for the health benefits takes place in October and November, for the Jan. 1 change of health plan for any employee in the district.

Another change in the teachers' contract that is expected to save the district money is the schedule of co-curricular and extra-curricular payments that are being adjusted to bring them in line with county averages.

According to Clarke, this schedule is in line with the county average for every category, such as football, basketball and drama. What the district budgeted from last December to this year, will allow the district to come in right on budget for what was negotiated with the board and union on Sept. 10, based on meeting the county average, said Clarke.

Craddock-Ponce said the approval was an overwhelming ratification. She said over 97 percent of the teachers who were in attendance at the union meeting voted in favor of the contract.

"We were pleased," said Craddock-Ponce. "It was a new experience for both the board and the union. I think we established a good rapport. In the future, it will make negotiations much easier."

Craddock-Ponce said the negotiations balanced the need to be considerate of taxpayers while making sure the union's plans to improve their own conditions were met.

"We really did this as a team, and everyone recognizes that taxes are high," Shanes said.

Before storms strike

The following are tips for residents to consider in preparation of Hurricane Isabel.

- Stock up on non-perishable food, medicine, baby supplies and pet food.
- Purchase bottled water; 1 gallon of water per person per day.
- Check emergency equipment such as flashlights, battery-operated radios, extension cords, emergency generators, etc. and purchase extra batteries.
- Consider the installation of shutters over windows and doors. Depending on the design of your home, plywood works well, but stock up early.
- Monitor official weather bulletins.
- Keep extra cash on hand, as automatic teller machines or banks don't operate without power.
- Review evacuation routes.
- Arrange for safe sheltering for your pet if you must evacuate. Public shelters don't accept pets.
- Keep your vehicle's fuel tank full.
- Move yard items inside, such as patio furniture.

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Info-line provided information such as winning lottery numbers, time and temperature, entertainment news, horoscopes, news, news, news, and recipes. The service will be available for another two weeks.

Readers also were able to obtain daily updates on the state's top stories, get sports scores and hear the latest news headlines.

Once readers access the company's home page on the Internet at www.localsource.com, they should click on the Info-line link in the upper left corner of the page. The link will bring them to the Main Content Page, where they will find their favorite Info-line categories.

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Today: The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will be closed during the changeover for the installation of their new computer system. For information, call 973-376-4930.

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Sunday: The Church Community of Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, will host the first "Welcome Back Picnic" at the conclusion of an outdoor 11:30 a.m. Mass celebrated on the field behind the church. For information, call 908-232-1162.

Monday: The CPC Players of Community Presbyterian Church at Meeting House Lane in Mountainside will present the Biblical musical, "Showdown at Dr. Golem" at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 908-232-9290.

Monday: Springfield United Methodist Church, 30 Church Mall, invites members and guests to their 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. For information, call 973-376-1065.

Monday: Adaptive Aquatics courses begin in the P1 Pool at Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside. To register or for information, call 908-233-3720, ext. 5304.

Monday: The Board of Trustees of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in one of the library's meeting rooms.

Monday: An exhibit of Chinese Folk Art presented by the Asian American Cultural and Heritage Corp. will be displayed at the Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, through Sept. 30. The pieces in the show at the library were selected from 36 different provinces in China. For information, call 908-233-0815.

Monday: Women's Heart Advantage (An Educational Seminar) will be offered at Brighton Gardens of Mountainside, 1350 Route 22 West, Mountainside, from 2 to 3 p.m. Call 908-313-3510 to register.

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Plainfield resident arrested

On Sept. 11 at 11:36 a.m., Lawrence Johnson, 45 of Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

More than \$1,000 worth of property was reported stolen from a New Providence Road resident between 11:30 p.m. on Sept. 11 and 6:31 a.m. on Friday.

Unknown burglars had allegedly broken into the borough resident's shed and stolen a 1996 Honda motorcycle, a blue Go-Ped, a gas-powered leaf blower and a black scooter.

Packing it all in

Springfield's St. James Parish Confirmation Candidates for 2004 recently joined forces to collect backpacks and assemble packets of school supplies donated by the parish community and local merchants. More than 60 backpacks, as well as school supplies to fill yet another 53 backpacks were delivered to the St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth for distribution to students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade, prior to the new school year.

Springfield firefighters rush to scene of Rt. 22 auto accident

Firefighters responded to Route 22 East for a motor vehicle accident at 9:26 a.m. Sept. 9.

The Erie Department responded to Sandimer School on South Springfield Avenue for an activated fire alarm at 9:46 a.m. Sept. 9.

Firefighters reported to Route 78 West mile post 48 for a motor vehicle accident at 10:19 a.m. Sept. 9.

Firefighters responded to an Archbridge Lane residence for an activated fire alarm at 1:40 p.m. Sept. 9, and they also responded to a Springfield Avenue apartment complex for a lock-out at 4:18 p.m. the same day.

The department responded to Route 78 West mile post 48 for a van fire at 9:32 a.m. Sept. 9.

On Sept. 8 at 8:41 a.m., the Fire Department responded to a North Derby Road residence for a medical service call. They also responded to a Berkeley Road residence at 8:54 a.m. at a Warner Avenue residence at 11:08 a.m. at a Morris Avenue residence at 11:21 p.m., and a Forest Drive apartment complex at 3:49 p.m. for medical service calls, as well.

Firefighters responded to a Shumpe Road residence for a life assist at 11:42 a.m. Sept. 9.

The department responded to an Archbridge Lane residence for an activated fire alarm at 12:15 p.m. Sept. 9.

At 12:52 p.m. Sept. 9, the Fire Department responded to a Battellhill Avenue residence for a medical service call.

The Fire Department responded to a Mountain Avenue residence for a medical service call at 10:05 a.m. Sept. 10.

On Sept. 10 at 4:59 p.m., the department also responded to Morris and Maple avenues for a motor vehicle accident with a spill.

The Fire Department responded to a Richard Drive residence for an activated fire alarm at 6:23 p.m. Sept. 10.

At 8:11 p.m. Sept. 10, the Fire Department responded to an odor of natural gas.

On Sept. 11 at 10:19 a.m., the Fire Department responded to a medical service call at a South Maple Avenue residence, along with one at a Route 22 business at 11:11 a.m. the same day.

The department responded to a Wabeno Avenue apartment complex for an activated fire alarm at noon Sept. 11.

The Fire Department responded to an Independence Way residence at 9:31 a.m. Friday for a medical service call. They also responded to a Marye Avenue residence at 10:44 a.m. the same day for the same reason.

The department responded to a Route 22 business for an activated fire alarm Friday at 12:53 p.m.

Firefighters responded to a Springfield Avenue apartment complex for an odor in the area at 2:41 p.m. Friday.

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Police blotter

On Friday at 10:33 a.m., Ronald Garrett, 23 of Newark, was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

Abel Rodriguez, 51, of Hillsdale was arrested on Friday at 10:35 a.m. for driving while suspended and for an outstanding warrant.

A car parked in the Route 22 West Holiday Inn parking lot was broken into on Sept. 10 at 10:15 p.m.

According to reports, there was damage to the passenger door lock and an Alpine stereo was stolen.

A Dumpster at 1350 Park Ave. on Sept. 8 at 4:45 a.m. was broken into.

On Sept. 10 at 10:10 a.m., the rear window of a 1992 Buick was smashed while the vehicle was parked in a driveway on Lesham Road.

An attempted robbery of a 2001 VW Passat parked on Route 221 at 1:50 p.m. was reported on Sept. 11 at 1:50 p.m.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

Fight the fear

A closer look at the recently released 2002 Uniform Crime Report reveals an interesting statistic — one that many who follow the news might find hard to believe. But it is true: Crime has decreased by 42 percent over the past 10 years in New Jersey's six largest urban cities — Elizabeth, Newark, Jersey City, Paterson, Camden and Trenton — and this has revealing implications for Springfield and Mountaintide.

In general, crime was down or remained constant in Mountaintide and also showed a decline in Springfield. What these numbers reveal is that crime can and does happen anywhere, since it can often be unpredictable. But with strict police enforcement and high visibility in both towns, a lot of crime can be prevented before it occurs.

In 2001, the crime index total for Springfield was 406 and in 2002, it was 357. Comparably, in Mountaintide, the crime index went from 145 in 2001 to 122 in 2002.

The crime statistics, compiled by the state police, also shows that violent crime in the state is down 35 percent since 1993, and specifically, in the six major cities, by 51 percent. In fact, according to the report, almost every crime category — murder, robbery, rape, aggravated assault, as well as many non-violent crimes — are showing declines, the report states.

But do New Jerseyans, particularly those who live in large metropolitan cities, feel safer than they did 10 years ago? The answer is a resounding no across the state and the country. More and more people are putting burglar alarms in their homes, purchasing anti-theft devices for their vehicles, avoiding walks after dusk, and spending more time indoors. Seniors are locking their doors too for fear of scam artists, and more and more teenagers are carrying cell phones thanks to their parents, who want to keep track of them at all times. There also continues the steady exodus of people moving out of urban areas and into suburban areas, and fear of crime has been listed as one of several motivations.

Although hard to measure and difficult to reduce, fear of crime is increasingly becoming more debilitating than crime itself. Obviously, the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 and the anthrax scare soon after haven't helped the situation. It has had a cascading and paralyzing effect on American social life, preventing people from leading normal lives, and distorting their perceptions on the safety of the communities in which they live.

The antidote to crime is getting to know one's neighborhood, which helps build a better sense of community and a feeling of security. This will also help combat feelings of fear and mistrust. Those who know their neighbors are better able to rely upon them in times of need and also less likely to fear a break-in or robbery.

On this two-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, it's perhaps more appropriate for our local and national leaders to begin to examine ways to help communities combat fear and concern about crime. Like the social ills that impact people's lives and localities, this widespread cancer too deserves a prominent place on our priority list.

It's anybody's guess

Aug. 29, the most recent date for the completion of the new Firehouse on Mountain and Tooker avenues in Springfield, has come and gone, but now it's anybody's guess as to when the building is actually going to open.

That's a problem. A new \$3.5-million facility that's 20,000 square feet will be opening in Springfield, but nobody knows when it will open or, more importantly, nobody can give an estimate. Or at least they know and they are not saying.

This is the impression that one gets when the people who have the most knowledge of the project refuse to comment.

We've lost count how many times the building was supposed to open, and that's not necessarily the issue. Building delays occur all the time. Two workers were shocked during an electrical accident, Sison Inc. of Elizabeth has been having difficulties receiving and delivering materials and numerous change orders have been added. These things can happen with any large-scale project.

But why the secrecy? The completion is now supposed to be delayed a month or at least two months, but neither the contractor for the project nor the township administrator will give a straight answer. If they do not know, why can't they say that? Won't being honest be more of a benefit to residents than leaving them in the dark?

Keeping the lines of communication open for the parties directly involved with this project is the only way for us to let the public know what is going on. As the conduit to the community, this newspaper is not being harmed by this lack of cooperation. The only people who are put at a disadvantage are the public, the very people for whom the township administrator is supposed to be working.

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READY TO WELCOME BACK Parishioners and committee members await Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish's Welcome Back Picnic to be held at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the church in Mountaintide. From left are the Rev. Simon Kim, Donna Ciccarino, Giula Goggi, Barbara Calderone, the Rev. John McCrone, Alex Choma and Kim Choma.

I don't rule the world, and that's just fine with me

As I write this, my 33rd birthday dawns, but surely is slipping further and further into the past.

My three doesn't seem like a particularly significant milestone. For one thing, it lacks that ending zero we usually associate with landmark ages and anniversaries.

Additionally, while it's too high to be considered truly young, it's also shy of what we generally consider middle age, and nowhere near old. Still, it's definitely something. When he died at the age of 33, Alexander the Great had conquered most of the ancient world, spreading the Greek language across three continents and seeding civilizations from Egypt to India with pockets of Hellenistic thought.

By the time of his death in 323 B.C., Alexander the Great had laid the foundations for what eventually would become modern Western civilization. In contrast, the managing editor of two weekly newspapers pretends to make time for inspirational e-mails.

Someone that can't spit all that impressive by comparison.

Three years ago, when I turned 30, I made a promise: At least I would live my life differently if I were given

Speaking for Myself

By David Leam
Staff Writer

the chance. Two of my favorite regrets were that I had tried to do something so big, trying rather than making millions of dollars, and that I had engaged immediately in trying to make the world a better place rather than saving such altruism for my retirement years.

Three years later, I still do not very close to making it. As my career swarms in constant flux, it is not a profession that has especially well. The salary is hard to quantify. But it's somewhere between "fiddly" and "snip." Not to do this as likely to change, since I'm a nature. I wish I could see where the principal reward is.

The truth is that I know what my future will bring. In the next 40 or 50 years, assuming I live that long, I'll probably enjoy moderate success as a

writer. I'll write and publish a few books, possibly four a little bit to promote them, and then I'll die.

Within a few years, no one aside from family members and a few close friends will remember me.

I not only know that, I'm content with it. At the moment, the chief loss in my life are my wife, Nicki, and our two daughters, Fowyn and Ruth.

They are more important to me than any career ever could be, and the time I spend with them is more exciting than any news story no matter how hot-fitting or exclusive it is. I work in almost 4, and the evenings I spend with her are the highlights of my work week. They're a nonstop whirlwind of playing hide-and-seek, holding tickle-fests and all-around fun. Before we settle down for a bowl of ice cream, stories, and bedtime.

On weekdays, whatever we can do together, we do. She has helped me to do everything from baking cookies, to tutoring, composting, and opening my presents.

Ruth's next job, her 10-month mark. She lights the load on my shoulders, as soon as I come in the front door and she greets me with her wide, grinning toothlessness. One of

the great joys of being a father is to watch her grow, as she slowly unfolds her amazing skills and takes her first steps into the world.

History tells us that Alexander the Great built one of the greatest empires the world has ever known. Ruling the entire world without descending into the barbarism other empires were known for, he united the city-states of Greece before conquering Persia and Phoenicia, subduing Egypt and building an empire that reached as far east as India.

That's impressive, but what we often forget is that when Alexander the Great died, only the ziggurats of Babylon, it was after a night of carousing. He had conquered the entire world and found it to be a desolate and empty thing because there were no challenges left. He died in despair.

In many ways, he's a great prototype for today's professional. Many men, including my own father, lament that they spent too much time at the office and missed the best days of his career. That would be a good life.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Many reasons to protest reactivation

To the Editor:

This letter is written to strongly protest the reactivation of the freight rail line through my community of Springfield.

I live on Meisel Avenue between Meisel Field and Milltown Road. As you know, the prior railroad tracks ran through Meisel Field. As you also know, Meisel Field is now closed because of toxics in the soil. So, how can a railroad be reactivated through a field of toxics? If this is a very important question, and one I am sure the Department of Environmental Protection will have to investigate.

Another reason for my strong protest is the traffic situation on Meisel Avenue. At present, between the hours of 4 and 6 p.m. approximately, some times longer, it is impossible for me to even get out of my driveway due to the heavy traffic during those hours. Most times I have to rely on a kind driver to stop and let me exit my driveway. Sometimes the traffic from Morris Avenue to Hillside Avenue on Meisel Avenue is backed up to Morris Avenue, especially in inclement weather. In fact, there have been town meetings discussing this particular problem, with no resolution that I know of. So, how can you even think of adding to this terrible traffic with a freight train crossing over Meisel Avenue?

Another reason I am told, is that the freight train will be allowed to carry dangerous and toxic materials. This through a highly populated neighborhood and in the back of the high school grounds on Mountain Avenue. So how is it possible the DEP or the government will allow this danger to our school children? I strongly reiterate that it makes no sense to re-activate this freight train, besides the absolute fact that there will also be no financial advantage whatsoever to the township of Springfield.

Carole N. Schachter
Springfield

Rail controversy stirred by NIMBYS

To the Editor:

Herbert W. Slove's misinterpretation of my detailing the value of the Rahway Valley Station Island railroad's restoration demands correction. It is totally wrong in every aspect.

The only controversy is that generated by a handful of NIMBY and hang-over. Some of these have been stirred up by the Teamsters. Others labor under the misbegotten idea they are the cankny-dink of the entire county and everyone else must cover to their bidding. This violates the Ninth Amendment rights of the whole 516,000 county residents who will benefit — but that is the first federal offense the ilk has committed. The second is a blatant attempt to halt Interstate Commerce. This is a federal case and will become so in federal court should the attempt to destroy the rail restoration not cease immediately.

Diesel locomotives are far less polluting than trucks or even autos as they turn diesel into electricity to power their drive wheels. Far more energy- and pollution-efficient than road power. Trains prove yet again it is easier to pull than carry. Steel wheels riding on steel rails do not have the flex of tires and thus produce far more efficient movement without polluting. Land use is also improved as one rail track moves the same volume of people and goods as

would require 12 highway lanes. Road traffic through the Alps is being shifted to rail as road pollution is killing trees and causing avalanches. How come Europeans are far ahead of us?

Rail shipment's heavy industry. A railcar, which is up to five times the volume of a truck is placed at the siding with two days' free time to unload as the plant manager sees fit. Often the car is left at the end of the assembly line, finding it more viable to pay the detention a modest sum. This is particularly true of plastics, feedstocks, with more generous detention rules.

Route 22 has three solutions, none of which works. We could tear out all the center island stores. But I don't and Springfield would have a bit about lost families. The railroad could cross Route 22 with a signaled grade crossing with the signals operating all day to provide the needed breaks in traffic. Or the railroad could bridge Route 22 with a station in the center feeding all three sides of stores. The railroad's effect on the other grade crossings will be more than existing stop streets and traffic signals. More signals are needed at many intersections all around the county.

Not only do trains take trucks off the road, but they cut road maintenance costs.

William R. Wright
Cranford

Our policy on letters and columns

The *Echo Leader* welcomes submissions from its readers. Letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages.

Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification. This opportunity also is open to all residents, officials and employees of the Township of Springfield and the Borough of Mountaintide and County of Union.

The *Echo Leader* reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

Letters must be no more than 500 words long, longer pieces must be arranged in advance with the editor. The *Echo Leader* accepts letters to the editor and guest columns via e-mail. The address is editorial@thelocalsource.com.

Letters and essays also may be sent via U.S. mail to 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, 07083. For publication, all letters and guest columns must be received by 9 a.m. Mondays to be considered for publication in Thursday's edition.

Letters received via e-mail must be on topics of interest, preferably in response to content that appeared in the newspaper. For purposes of verification, all letters must include a name, address and daytime telephone number. Advertising will not be accepted by e-mail.

"You get the facts, prove them, and we'll print them."
—Eugene S. Pulliam, journalist, 1914-1999

WHAT? WHY?

HERE'S A CHANCE for all readers to share their answer to questions presented in this column. We will publish responses a week later. Send comments or suggest another question to WHAT and WHY, P.O. Box 3109, Union, N.J. 07083 or e-mail to editorial@thelocalsource.com. Please include your town name.

SHOULD TEACHERS AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE ANNUAL RAISES OR SHOULD THEIR INCREASES BE BASED ON PERFORMANCE, RESPONSIBILITY AND RESULTS?

Hands-on education



Three-year-old Alec Powell of Summit examines a monarch butterfly at the formal opening of Reeves-Reed Arboretum's butterfly garden Sept. 6.

Local Red Cross seeking aides for youth swimming

The American Red Cross Summit Area Chapter is looking for volunteer youth, grade eight and higher, and adults to assist instructors in the teaching and supervision of the Adapted Aquatics Program.

Adapted Aquatics is a special series of swimming sessions geared for physically or emotionally challenged individuals that is designed to build physical agility and social skills. The Summit Red Cross has offered this very successful program continuously since 1960 and now needs additional volunteers to continue this important service.

The sessions are held at the Connection Pool in Summit from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. on Saturdays. The first day of class is Sept. 27.

A training class for new volunteers is scheduled from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays. Anyone interested in volunteering should call Rhonda Zampetti, Health and Safety director at 908-273-2076, or via e-mail at r.zampetti@summit.org.

The Summit Area Red Cross serves the people of Springfield, Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights and Long Hill Township. For a complete listing of services, visit their Web site at www.summitred.org.

Learn how to country line dance

The Summit YMCA is offering a country line dance this fall, open to the community.

The class is geared toward all levels and ages. Bring a friend and enjoy a social gathering after class.

The class is free for YMCA members; there is a \$1 fee for nonmembers.

The Summit YMCA is located at 67 Maple St. For information, call 908-273-3310 or go to the Web site: www.summitareaymca.org.

Recreation board gears up for fall

The Summit Board of Recreation is gearing up for fall programs for children, young adults, adults and seniors.

A wide range of current programs with the registration date information is available from the Recreation Department. Refer also to the Recreation Program Brochure mailed to residents. For information or to register, call the Board of Recreation at 908-277-2932.

CELEBRATE OUR 5TH ANNIVERSARY!
Enjoy two weeks of FREE MEMBERSHIP September 21 thru October 10.

Let us introduce you to the Springfield YMCA!

• A fully equipped fitness center stocked with cardio & strength training equipment
• Over 40 fitness classes scheduled each week including Yoga, aerobics, indoor cycling, step, stretching, body sculpt & more
• Something for every age & fitness level
• Babysitting while you work out

Call the Springfield YMCA 973-467-0838 for more information or stop by the YMCA to sign up for this free offer.

HEALTH

Latino health fair Sunday

From 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Atlantic Health System's Overlook Hospital presents "Latino Family Health Day" or "Dia De Salud Para La Familia," an all-Spanish speaking health fair.

The event at Overlook Hospital, Wallace Auditorium, 99 Beauvoir Ave. in Summit, will cover general health issues for men, women and children.

Mayor Walter Long will declare Sunday as "Latino Family Health Day." The proclamation will be issued by Linda Kosnik, RN, chief nursing officer, Overlook, Lydia Targa, RN, director of Oncology, Radiology and Pharmacy Services, Atlantic Health System; Gilbert Baez, M.D., manager, Outpatient Oncology, Overlook, and Connie Williams, manager, Community Benefits, Atlantic Health System.

Wilberto Nieves-Niera, MD, an obstetrician-gynecologist from The Cancer Institute of New Jersey will speak about cancer risks for women. Gretel Muscato, MPH, manager, Health Education, Atlantic Health System will discuss general health care, and Denise Hewitt, RD, dietitian, Overlook Hospital, will address the importance of healthy eating and fitness.

Free blood pressure, cholesterol and bone density screenings will be offered to the first 40 registrants arriving at the event. Colorectal cancer screening kits will be provided for participants to complete at home.

Overlook Family Practice, Summit Health Department, Connection for Women and Families, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Wick, and Overlook Hospital Digestive Center will have information available to participants. An Overlook representative will be present to address financial assistance questions. Activities are planned for children attending.

There is no fee to attend, but registration is required. Call 908-522-4662, a Spanish language recording will ask for the number of adults and children wishing to participate.

Free parking is available in the 11 lot off Beauvoir Avenue. The 11 lot entrance will be marked with program signs.

Latino Family Health Day is one of the family community programs offered by Overlook Hospital.

Program shows how 'I Cancer-Vive'

With "I Cancer-Vive," cancer patients learn how to use guided imagery, yoga and relaxation to deal with the changing circumstances in life during this eight-week program.

The program takes place in Overlook Hospital, Conference Room 1, 99 Beauvoir Ave.

For information or to register for this free course, call Lee Anne Catley, RN, MSN at 908-522-5349.

The program will be offered at 7:09 p.m. Mondays starting this Monday, Sept. 29, Oct. 20, 27, Nov. 3 and 10.

Group helps patients cope with brain tumors

Coping with Change — A Brain

Tumor Support Group" is a biweekly support group for patients and loved ones coping with the issues related to living with a brain tumor.

The group meets in the Conference Room at the Brain Tumor Center of New Jersey located in the Overlook Hospital Oncology Center, 99 Beauvoir Ave., from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

A light lunch will be provided. Patients and family members will be free to leave for appointments and return as needed. The formation of this support group is a partnership with the Brain Tumor Center of New Jersey and Overlook Hospital's Outpatient Oncology Services.

For information or to register for these free support groups, call Emilee Rowan, LCSW at 908-522-5255.

'Shapedown' shows kids how to stay fit

Parents concerned about children who may be overweight or are increasingly "inactive" can now turn to the Shapedown Program at Children's Specialized Hospital, the nation's largest pediatric rehabilitation hospital.

Shapedown is the country's leading weight management program for children and adolescents. Designed for children ages 6 to 18, the program has been selected by the American Medical Association as an exemplary health promotion program.

Children will offer Shapedown at its Mountainside facility, 150 New Providence Road. The 10-week program will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday beginning Oct. 14.

In addition to the child, at least one parent or guardian is required to participate in the two-hour sessions as the program is designed to enhance the entire family's understanding of weight management, nutrition and physical fitness.

Instructed by both a physical therapist and a nurse, Shapedown covers a wide range of nutrition, exercise and body image issues. Children in the program enhance their self-esteem, improve peer relationships, adopt healthier habits and begin to normalize their weight.

Space for the program is limited and a \$370 registration fee is required. For information, call 1-888-CHILDREN, ext. 5417.

Health and Safety Fair

The Summit Regional Health Department, the Summit Lion's Club and St. John's Parish Health Ministries are conducting a Health and Safety Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Summit YMCA, 67 Maple St.

The programs will take place on the second floor of the YMCA as well as a portion of the city library's parking lot.

The fair features free screenings, including Complete Stroke Screening.

Other health screenings include cholesterol, blood pressure, bone density, dental and oral cancer, hearing and vision, including glaucoma and color blindness.

"Ladle Eddie" will be present to check for lead poisoning.

New Jersey Blood Services will be available for blood donations.

Fingerprinting and ID-Cards for children will also be offered.



A Limited Edition Polo Ralph Lauren Blackswan Plaid Equastrian Riding Set will be offered as a silent auction item during Style for the Cure, from Sept. 29 to Oct. 5, presented by the North Jersey Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The program at The Mall at Short Hills will benefit the Affiliate's grant program. Showing off the set are Deb Bellafio, Komen Affiliate executive director, and James Cesario, marketing director for The Mall at Short Hills.

Spreading hope for breast cancer cure

The North Jersey Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in Summit and The Mall at Short Hills, will partner for Style for the Cure, a mallwide event from Sept. 29 to Oct. 5.

Style for the Cure is an education and awareness event designed to kick-off breast cancer awareness month in October and to raise funds for the Komen Affiliate to support community-based breast health education and breast cancer screening and treatment programs for the underserved and uninsured.

Seventy-six merchants at The Mall at Short Hills will be participating in Style for the Cure. Many will be donating a percentage of sales to the North Jersey Affiliate, while others will be hosting guest speakers and special health information and fitness events, as well as seminars and informational modeling presentations. A booklet of special offers will be available at various locations throughout the Mall detailing what each of the retailers and restaurants will be offering during the week.

In honor of this first Style for the Cure event, The Mall at Short Hills, located at Route 24 and JFK Parkway in Short Hills, will be transformed into a pink oasis.

Fountains and lighting in the shopping center will reflect a pink hue, interior and exterior floral landscapes will display a variety of pink flowers, and 12-foot-long, pink ribbons will cascade from the ceiling.

"We are extremely excited that such a large number of retailers and restaurants at The Mall at Short Hills have united together for our first 'Style for the Cure event,'" said Deb Bellafio, Komen Affiliate executive director.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation was established in 1982 by Nancy Brinker to honor the memory of her sister, Susan G. Komen, who died from breast cancer at the age of 30.

More than 20 years later, the Komen Foundation is a global leader in the fight against breast cancer through its support of innovative breast cancer research grants, mentorships awards and educational, scientific and community outreach programs around the world.

For information on Style for the Cure visit the Komen North Jersey Affiliate office at 908-277-2904.

One may also visit the organization's Web site — www.women.org — at www.mallatshort.com.

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Gardeners can go back to school, too

Grown-ups need three-ring binders, too. Gardeners can go back to school at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave. in Summit this month to improve their horticultural know-how.

Arboretum horticulturist Karen Moore and Marta McDowell will teach a class on "Keeping a Garden Journal" and "Creating a Map" on Saturday. Each participant will go home with a garden binder, photograph pages, and graph paper. The horticulturist will share techniques to simplify record-keeping in the garden. The fee is \$34. What's school without physical education?

On Wednesday and Sept. 25, Virginia Lail DeCesare will begin her Ispengat yoga series at the arboretum, which lasts through the second week of November. The fee is \$97 for non-members.

I can't learn how and why to plant dahlias and dahlias together at an evening class Sept. 25. Mike Ruggerio, recently retired senior horticultural curator of the New York Botanical Gardens, will lecture with slides about these two garden gems, both the basic and tips on heirloom cultivars, fragrant varieties, and companions. He will even tell a story or two about distracting the white-tailed deer. The fee is \$38 for non-members.

Finally, there's a dress code for the field trip to the Culinary Institute of America's Ristorante Caterina de' Medici. For the bus trip to the Culinary

Tunin' up for fall festival



The Harvest Festival at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit is a favorite fall attraction for families with small children. This year's Harvest Festival on Oct. 4 will feature live bluegrass music from Lew Gelfond of Long Valley. For information, call 908-273-8787.

Interweave offers inspiring events

"Choosing Hope" is the theme of the Interweave Center for Wholistic Living's 24th Season beginning in late September. Each offering provides tools for "participating to choose hope" by strengthening wellness, deepening their spirituality, or contributing to the common good.

Call 908-273-2120 or visit www.interweave.org for information or to register for a course.

The regular offerings of Tai Chi, Chih, yoga, meditation, and therapeutic touch, are supplemented by a rich variety of events new this year. Unless otherwise noted, all events are at the Center's central, Calvary Episcopal Church location, 31 Woodland Ave.

Each second Sunday of the month at 8 p.m. Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 15, a monthly service of meditation, "Interweaving" will be offered by Interweave and Central Presbyterian Church at the church's chapel on Maple Street in Summit. There is no charge.

"Psychic Development: Cultivating Your Spiritual Senses," taught by Nurse Psychic Nancy Weber will be from 7:20 to 9 p.m. Sept. 25 and continue for four weeks. Weber is the author of "Psychic Detective" and an award-winning consultant in police investigations.

"Breaking the Power of Negative Emotions: How the Mind Can Heal the Heart" will kick off Director Robert Corin Morris' regular Wednesday seminar for six weeks beginning from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Oct. 1.

"Lead Children's Activities" begins for all the Saturdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Oct. 2. The instructor Sandra Prucanaky, an Arthritis Foundation fitness instructor, leads those with arthritis and anyone who wants a gentle way to engage kids' and own" in gentle relaxing movements.

Two interfaith Bible study programs begin in October.

"The Wise Heart" a study comparing the Biblical Book of Proverbs to a Chinese text, will be led by Corin Morris and Laurie R. Matuzonis, assistant at Calvary Episcopal Church, on Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 4.

RELIGION

Springfield Emanuel invites newcomers

Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church says it is a faith community for people of all ages and backgrounds.

Guests are invited to its 10:30 a.m. worship services to experience God through a blend of contemporary and traditional music, prayer, scripture, Holy Communion and teaching.

Families worship together prior to children's Sunday school midday through the hour. A yearlong education theme, "Bible Festival Year 2003-04" begins Sept. 28 with an emphasis on discovering how God's Word promotes healthy values and life skills.

It is located near Morris and Mountain avenues at 40 Church Mall, at the far end of the street. Call 973-776-1695 for information.

Church has annual family communion breakfast

The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave. in Mountainside, offers their annual family communion breakfast after 9:30 a.m. Mass on Oct. 12. Family and friends are invited for an event of spiritual enrichment at the Holiday Inn, 402 Route 22 West, in Springfield. For information, call 908-232-1102.

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CPC Players present Biblical musical

At 7:30 p.m. Sunday, the CPC Players of Mountainside's Community Presbyterian Church will present the musical, "Showdown at Dry Gulch."

The show tells the story of how King Ahab, Queen Jezebel and their devotion to the false god, Baal, are put to the test by a drought foretold by the prophet Elijah. This adaptation puts forth the tenets of the Bible story in a way that all ages can enjoy.

The cast includes David Boyce as Eli, Samantha Steinberg as Queen Jezebel, Matthew Kerses as King Ahab, Kristen Meltan in the role of Lumbweede, Baladeen played by Rachel Steinberg, Cara Del Duca as Widow Raven Eyes, Isabelle Perrin as Little Gaius, Newsboys played by Craig Thomas, the Townspeople played by Andie How, the Haystack Cowboys played by Stephanie Scottfield, Samantha Schranck, Rachael Steinberg, Matthew Kerses, and Taylor Hoy. Tess Perrin provides musical accompaniment and the show is directed by Kristy Boyce and

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Jane Yagoda (co-author, former food editor of "Tastes Home Journal") will teach the class from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 13. The fee for the class is \$34. To register, call 908-273-8787, ext. 16.

Property Taxes in Summit Have Risen 46% in The Last Six Years

And that's too much. I'm Jordan Glatt. I'm running for Mayor in the Nov. 4 election, and I worry that rising taxes are driving too many young families and seniors out of town. The average Summit resident is now paying \$10,000 a year in property taxes alone. If Summit is to remain the wonderfully diverse community we enjoy today, property taxes simply must be kept under control. I plan a number of initiatives to do that, beginning with an immediate reduction of five percent in the city budget.

This won't be easy. As you may know, city government's portion of property taxes - the amount of money that goes toward municipal services such as garbage pickup - is only 27% of what you pay. The rest goes to support our schools and to Union County. Even so, I believe there are a number of new ideas that should be considered to keep municipal expenses down while increasing city revenues. We should study:

- Increasing parking rates on out-of-town commuters. Our commuter lots are jammed. Just a \$2-a-day increase - to \$8 from \$6 - would boost city revenues nearly \$100,000. A more drastic solution, doubling that rate, would bring in nearly \$200,000.
- Aggressively marketing the excess capacity at the city dump. Our waste-disposal facility is dramatically under-used. We should sell this excess capacity to commercial waste haulers. A recent city study indicates we can increase revenues as much as \$150,000 with a minimal increase in traffic.
- Immediately hiring a grant-writing professional to rigorously apply for Summit's share of federal, state and private grant monies. In other cities, such a position has quickly paid for itself.

The last thing I would do is consider cutting city services. But if these and other revenue-raising approaches don't bring taxes under control, our city government should do as every family has done from time to time, consider belt-tightening efficiencies. Leaving untouched the money we spend on schools, fire and police - I believe that by working together we can cut Summit's municipal expenses by five percent without undue pain.

I'm Jordan Glatt, and that's some of the things I'll do if elected your Mayor. If you have any further ideas, please call or e-mail me at 908-273-2881 or glattformayor@aol.com. I'll get back to you. And please remember to vote Nov. 4. I'd appreciate your support.

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Charles Brindell

Charles Brindell of Springfield died Sept. 5 in the Roosevelt Care Center, Edison.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Brindell lived in Springfield since 1955. He was a comptroller with J. and B. Paper Co., Edison, before retiring.

Surviving are a daughter, Janet Brindell-Celano, a son, Allan, and four grandchildren.

A. R. Lasanno

Anthony R. Lasanno, 75, of Springfield died Sept. 6 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Revere Beach, Mass., Mr. Lasanno lived in Newark before moving to Springfield in 1950. He operated a business and worked for his late mother, and retired in 1983.

Surviving are a son, Ralph II, a daughter, Loreta Gelfand, and three grandchildren.

A. J. Pagliaroli

Angelmaria J. Pagliaroli, 72, of Mountainside died Sept. 1 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Pagliaroli lived in Orange before moving to Mountainside 28 years ago.

Surviving are a son, Thomas D., a sister, Virginia Radice, and two brothers, Thomas and Frank Rossi.

Ilse B. Chambers

Ilse B. "Mim" Chambers, 89, of Summit, formerly of Elizabeth, died

Aug. 30 in the Care One Nursing Home, Livingston.

Born in Haddonfield, Mrs. Chambers lived in Elizabeth before moving to Summit in 1961. She was an art teacher at the Kent Place School, Summit, from 1954 through 1979.

Previously, Mrs. Chambers maintained an art studio in Elizabeth, where she gave private lessons. She was a 1932 graduate of the Parsons School of Design, New York City. Mrs. Chambers also studied at the Summit Art Center.

She was an active member of the Fortingly Club, Summit, where she was head of the music department for many years.

Surviving are a daughter, Gail Kellogg, three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Maryann Berl

Maryann Berl of New Providence, formerly of Summit, died Sept. 3 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Summit, Mrs. Berl lived in Summit for 15 years. She worked for the board of directors of the Summit Jewish Community Center.

Surviving are her husband, Eugene, two sons, Russell and Joseph, and a brother, Leonard McGlynn.

Marie Picozzi

Marie Picozzi, a lifelong resident of Summit, died Aug. 12 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Mrs. Picozzi worked in public relations at United New York City, for many years before retiring. Earlier, she worked on Wall Street. Mrs. Picozzi was a graduate of the Drake Secondary School in Orange. She was a member of the Golden Age Group and the Kiwanis Society of St. Teresa of Avila Church, both of Summit.

Surviving are two sisters, Phyllis Cole and Adeline, and three brothers, Carl, Victor and James.

Roslyn Kimmelman

Roslyn Kimmelman, 77, of Springfield, formerly of Cranford, died Sept. 12 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Kimmelman lived in Cranford for 34 years before moving to Springfield 11 years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Samuel, two sons, Richard and Leigh, a daughter, Joy Weinstein, and two grandchildren.

Shirley Colletto

Shirley A. Colletto, 73, of Seven Lakes West, N.C., formerly of Springfield, died Aug. 4 in the First Health Moore Regional Hospital, Pinehart, N.C.

Born in Summit, Mrs. Colletto lived in Springfield and Berkeley Heights before moving to Seven Lakes West 20 years ago. She was a real estate broker and agent for The Property Center, Seven Lakes West. Previously, Mrs. Colletto was a personal lines supervisor for Allstate Insurance Co.

Surviving are a son, Charles J., three daughters, Marleen Ventrone, Patricia and Tracy Adams, a sister, Jean R. Schiff, and five grandchildren.

Anton Fedenyshyn

Anton Fedenyshyn, 85, of Springfield died Sept. 12 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Ukraine, Mr. Fedenyshyn lived in Newark before moving to Springfield. He was a machinist for Westinghouse, Bloomfield, for 27 years and retired in 1983.

Mr. Fedenyshyn served in the Ukrainian Army during World War II and was a member of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army.

Surviving are his wife, Stefania, a daughter, Maria Lugo, a stepdaughter, Oksana, a stepson, Roman Anderson, and a grandchild.

Robert F. Bladis

Robert F. Bladis, 84, of Mountainside, formerly of Union, died Sept. 11 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Bladis lived in Union before moving to Mountainside 40 years ago. He co-owned Atlantic Metal Products, Springfield.

Mr. Bladis served in the Army Company C, 315th Engineer Battalion during World War II. He participated in the battle and campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. Mr. Bladis received the European-African-Middle Eastern Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Medal.

OBITUARIES

Steam engines

"Like Steam Engines to the Garden" is the topic of the Summit Old Guard meeting Tuesday.

Maurice Hubscher

Maurice A. Hubscher, 77, of Summit died Sept. 10 in the Little Nursing Home, Montclair.

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Mr. Hubscher also was a former member of the Masonic Order & Shiner's Lodge in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are three daughters, Keryn, Sherry and Terry, and four grandchildren.

William Pieper Sr.

William J. Pieper Sr., 82, of Little Egg Harbor, formerly of Springfield, died Sept. 6 at home.

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Library adds two new databases

The Springfield Free Public Library, 60 Mountain Ave., has added two new databases to their selection of online resources.

Country Watch Data is an online international database of numeric data on demographic, economic, environmental and cultural topics.

Country Watch offers political, economic and business information, updated daily, on 192 countries of the world.

Country Reviews contains 50-100 page annual reports covering the demographic, historical, political, economic, business and environmental background and contemporary issues facing each country.

Country Watch provides country-specific, comprehensive daily news from 12 international news services with a 12-month archive in a searchable database containing 180,000 stories.

Both databases have been made available at no cost to the library and its users, thanks to INFOINK, the Eastern New Jersey Library Regional

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For information, visit the reference desk or call 973-376-4930.

Donations accepted

The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library are accepting donations of hardback and paperback books for their annual book sale to benefit the library.

Books should be sellable, fit for clean and in generally good condition. Adult and children's books are both welcome. Please do not donate old textbooks and "Readers Digest Com-

puter" books. Compact discs, cassettes and costume jewelry may also be donated.

Exchanges may be dropped off at the library from 10 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. Monday; Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Friday and Saturday; and from 1 to 3 p.m. on Oct. 19.

The book sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 17 and 18, and from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 19, in the Donald B. Palmer Museum at the Springfield Free Public Library. For information, call 973-376-4930.

Exhibit of sculpture, photography unveiled

An exhibit of photography and sculpture is scheduled to be on display through Oct. 3 at the Donald B.

Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 60 Mountain Ave.

The black and white self-portrait of Martin Deutch and the stone carvings of Harry E. Friedman show the interplay between artist and medium.

Through the years, Deutch had photos published in *Life*, *Camera Magazine*, *Modern Photography*, *Photography Magazine*, *Photography Yearbook Annual*, *Women's Day*, and a variety of newspapers including the *New York Daily News*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, and the *Star-Ledger*.

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Exhibit of sculpture, photography unveiled

An exhibit of photography and sculpture is scheduled to be on display through Oct. 3 at the Donald B.

Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 60 Mountain Ave.

The black and white self-portrait of Martin Deutch and the stone carvings of Harry E. Friedman show the interplay between artist and medium.

Through the years, Deutch had photos published in *Life*, *Camera Magazine*, *Modern Photography*, *Photography Magazine*, *Photography Yearbook Annual*, *Women's Day*, and a variety of newspapers including the *New York Daily News*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, and the *Star-Ledger*.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Strulowitz receives E.C. Nurock Award

Dr. Leonard Strulowitz of Springfield received the E.C. Nurock Award given by the New Jersey Society of Optometric Physicians at a ceremony in Atlantic City this past weekend.



Dr. Leonard Strulowitz

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST: Springfield Baptist Church, 1000 N. 1st St., Springfield, NJ. Services: 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday.

METHODIST: Springfield Methodist Church, 1000 N. 1st St., Springfield, NJ. Services: 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday.

PRESBYTERIAN: First Presbyterian Church, 1000 N. 1st St., Springfield, NJ. Services: 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday.

ROMAN CATHOLIC: St. James' Parish, 1000 N. 1st St., Springfield, NJ. Services: 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday.

LUTHERAN: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1000 N. 1st St., Springfield, NJ. Services: 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday.

JEWISH-ORTHODOX: Congregation "Israel", 1000 N. 1st St., Springfield, NJ. Services: 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday.

UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST: Unitarian Church in Summit, 1000 N. 1st St., Summit, NJ. Services: 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday.

PENTECOSTAL-NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Visions of God Family Worship, 1000 N. 1st St., Springfield, NJ. Services: 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday.

EVENTS

Hadassah members speak about convention

Alice Weinstein and Iris Segal, both of Springfield, will speak at Hadassah's national convention in New York City at the opening 2003-04 meeting of Springfield Hadassah at Temple Beth Ahm.

St. James Church offers Austrian holiday trip

St. James the Apostle Church in Springfield presents a trip to Austria for Austrian's Christmas Markets from Dec. 3-9.

Former resident meets year-end goals at firm

Joseph Teja Jr., former resident of Springfield, met his year-end goals at his firm.

B'Nai B'rith plans trip to Foxwoods casino

B'Nai B'rith of Springfield plans a trip to Foxwoods resort casino in Connecticut on Oct. 26. The cost is \$30 per person.

SPORTS

THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini Sports Editor

Area teams that made a big statement to open the season included Union, Cranford and Summit.

Girls win Parkway title

County schools Elizabeth, Union, Linden, Plainfield, Scotch Plains and Cranford will receive eight points for their recent victories.

Summit girls' soccer nets big win against Oak Knoll

The Summit High School girls' soccer team improved to 2-0 on Monday with a 2-1 win over Oak Knoll in non-conference play in Summit.



The Mountaineer 14-and-under All-Star softball team, 13-3, defeated the Westfield Blue to earn the championship of the National Division of the Parkway Invitational Softball League.

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A winning start for local squads Summit, GL and Brearley football triumph in openers

Not a bad opening day for the Summit, Governor Livingston and Brearley football teams.

Summit looked like the Union of old last Friday night as it mixed the run and pass on offense and gave no quarter on defense in dominating a highly-touted visiting Plainfield squad 27-0 in Watching Conference play at Cooke Memorial Field.

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BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

Table with multiple columns listing various services such as ADDITIONS, AIR CONDITIONING, CAREGIVER NEEDED, CARPENTRY, CHIMNEY SERVICE, CLEANING SERVICES, CLEAN UP, CLEANING, DRIVEWAYS, ELECTRICIAN, FLOORS, GUTTER CLEANING, SPACE AVAILABLE, HANDYMAN, LANDSCAPING, MASON CONTRACTOR, MOVING, PAINTING, ROOFING, RUBISH REMOVAL, WANTED TO BUY, WATERPROOFING, CLEANING SERVICES, and SPACE AVAILABLE.

Springfield Stingers boot Madison, Florham Park

The Springfield Stingers 10-and-under soccer team defeated Madison 3-1 Sept. 7 in its season opener.

Emeralds blank Caldwell, tie Vernon Zephyrs

Cara Bibbo, Amanda Greenberg and Katie Condon scored to lead the 9-and-under Emeralds to a 3-0 win over Caldwell Sept. 7.

Tornadoes even record after posting shutout win

The Springfield Tornadoes evened their record at 1-1 after beating the Florham Park Rockets 2-0 last Sunday in 10-and-under boys play.

Outstanding season



The Summit 11-year-old traveling baseball team did well to tie New Providence for first place in Green League competition this summer.

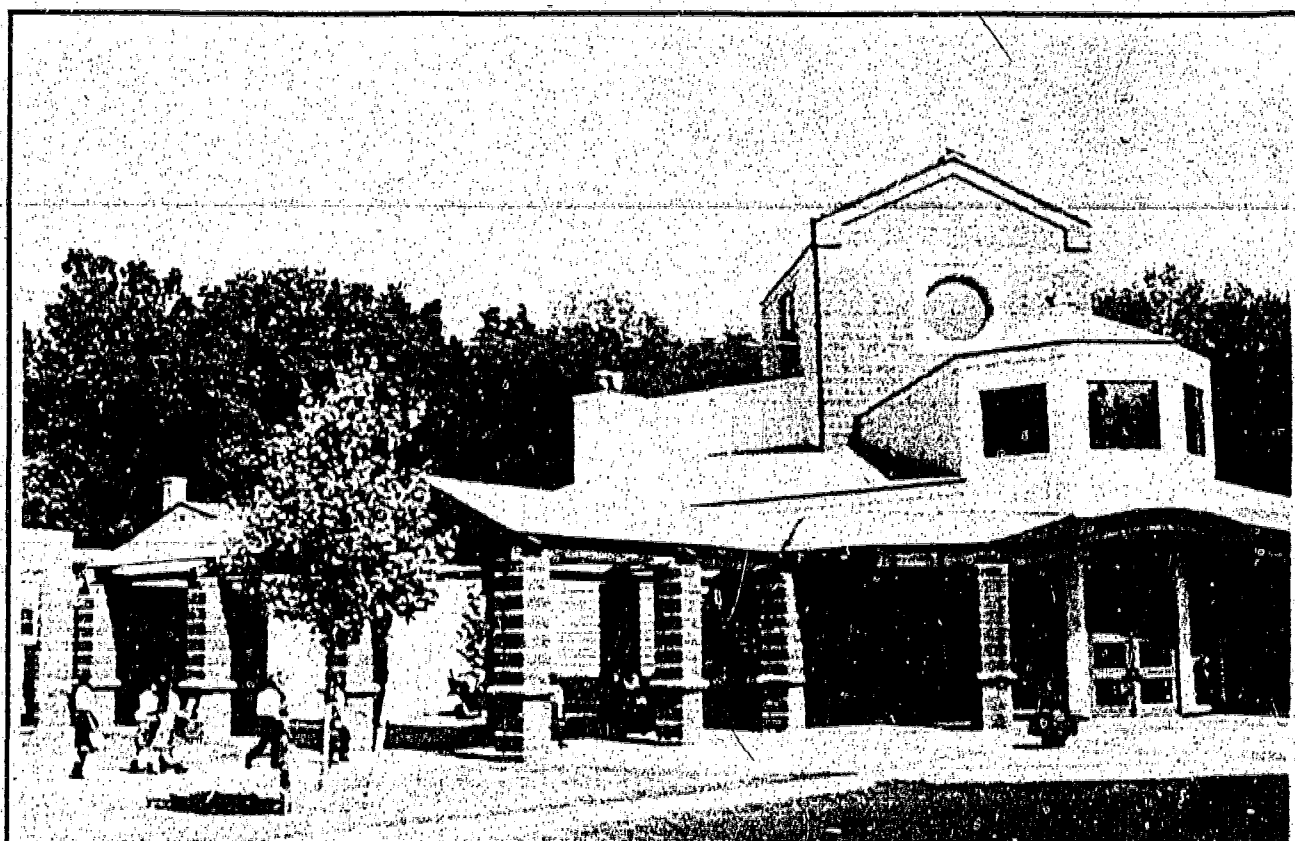
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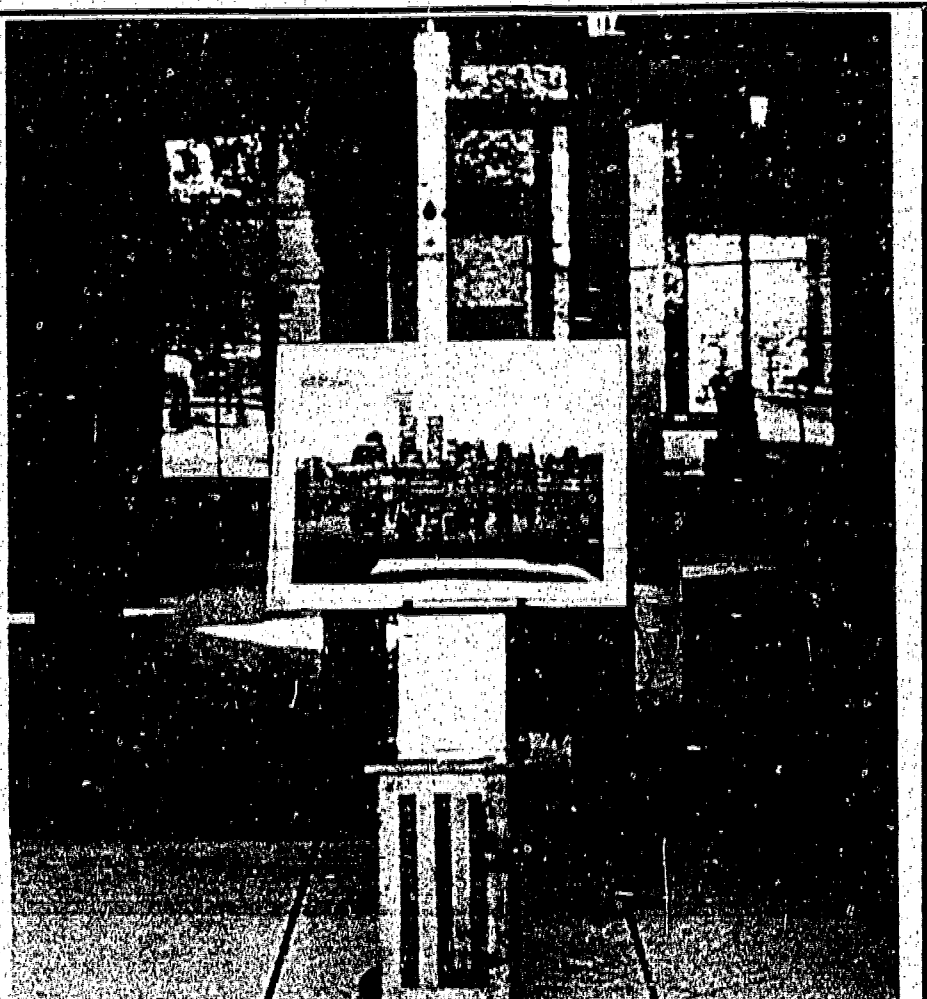
The Springfield YMCA is seeking donations of gently used children's books for its "Play It Forward" program.

Families who have finished their children's development of books can pass along their favorites for other children to enjoy. The books will be used in the Learning Academics, the YMCA's tutoring program, and their after-school child care program. The donated books will be shared with the Springfield YMCA, which also operates Learning Academics.

The Learning Academics is a tutoring program for grades Kindergarten through 5th grade kids with reading, math and study skills. The books will be used in the Success Center, the program's component of the program. The program is currently in its second year. Donations should be made to the Springfield YMCA, 200 S. of Springfield Ave., Springfield, N.J. For more information, call Sammie at 973-276-2088.



A TRIBUTE — Students from St. James the Apostle School in Springfield cross the parking lot to enter St. James Church for adoration of a Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in remembrance of the Sept. 11 victims. At right is a memorial at the church's entrance to remember those who died two years ago in the attacks.



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RECREATION

Radio city trip planned

The Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to Radio City for the Christmas Show on Dec. 14. The bus will leave from the Deerpark School parking lot at 8:30 p.m. and will return after the 8 p.m. show. The cost is \$71 per person, and includes seating in the orchestra section, seats 114, and bus transportation. A chaperone must be accompanied by an adult.

Sign-ups will be at the Recreation Office beginning Monday, Sept. 15. Reservations are available to the Mountainside Recreation Dept.

scheduled from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 3 at the newly renovated Wilson Park located in Summit.

Platform tennis is an outdoor tennis game played in cold weather. Primarily a doubles game, tennis and accuracy are required more than raw power. The court is about one-third the size of a conventional tennis court and is surrounded by 12-foot high chicken wire screens. Most of the balls are regular tennis balls, but the balls can be played off the screens. A short-handled hand surface paddle and sponge rubber ball are used.

The game is easy to learn and does not rely on physical strength and can be played both socially and competitively for fun and exercise.

The open house will give interested residents the opportunity to learn the sport and develop the skills to play. Demonstrations and instruction, including tree-ase of paddles, and will be provided by professional platform tennis instructors. Meet and greet future platform tennis partners. Refreshments will be provided.

The Summit and Mountainside Recreation departments are sponsoring the event.

Classes will be offered that residents may register for at the open house. A league will be developed if there is sufficient interest.

Registration for attend the open house will be held through Oct. 14, call the Mountainside Recreation Department at 908-232-1015 or the Summit Board of Recreation at 908-277-2932 to register and for directions to the courts.

Youth basketball sign-ups begin Nov. 3

The fifth through seventh grade youth basketball program leagues will begin practice in December and all of the instructional clinics will begin in January.

The National Basketball League is for boys in grades 5-7 and the Women's Basketball League consists of girls teams in grades 5-7. League games are slated to start after the holidays.

Separate clinics will be scheduled on Saturdays for Kindergarten, first grade, second grade, third through fourth grade girls, and third through fourth grade boys.

Registration will begin Nov. 3 at the recreation office. All basketball registrations are on a first-come, first-served basis.

There is a \$15 fee after Nov. 3. Detailed information about individual programs will be available in October.

Body sculpting course builds endurance

Get a total body workout and develop muscle endurance in the fall session of Body Sculpting. Join Professional Fitness Athlete Laura Bays. Herms for this activity that uses light-weight, 3-5 pound hand weights.

Class meet from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday evenings at Borough Hall.

The first session will run to Oct. 29. The registration fee for residents is \$40 for Mondays only, \$54 for Wednesdays only, or \$100 for both nights.

Kick boxing takes off

Take it up a notch this fall with a Kick Boxing class. World champion Vizzio will instruct this anaerobic and aerobic class that tones muscles, improves coordination and balance, and promotes self-confidence.

The class meets from 9:15 to 10 a.m. Monday and Wednesday mornings through Oct. 29 at the Borough Hall Community Room.

The resident fee is \$70 for Mondays only and \$77 for Wednesdays only.

The next session will begin Nov. 3. Enrollment is limited, and early registration is recommended. Registration form required.

Senior fitness room memberships available

Memberships for the senior fitness room at Borough Hall are still available. The room features three treadmills, an elliptical, an exercise bike, free weights, and a multi-function exercise station.

The popular facility is open from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays. Residents age 55 and older may purchase an annual membership for \$50, or a six-month membership for \$30. All new members will receive an orientation on the use and purpose of the equipment. Each member also receives an ID card. All members must complete a medical release form when enrolling.

Orientation tours are scheduled for Oct. 7 and 21, and Nov. 4 and 18.

Men's 40-40 basketball

This program is for men whose waist or age is more than 40. It meets from 8 to 10 p.m. Mondays at the Deerfield School Gym beginning Monday.

Got it right

Union County Sheriff's Investigator Gianni Cacoppo, badge number 22, stood erect, at attention, looking forward Saturday evening through most of the memorial dedication for the victims of Sept. 11. Through the frequent waves of rainstorm, holding his rifle, he stood behind the lectern with a quiet dignity. Actually, everybody involved with this event got it right at the Echo Lake Park location in Mountainside.

Background people can be annoying. Our governor and president both have taken too frequently-to-use waves of kids or law enforcement for affect. As they make the speech, everybody else just stands there. State Attorney General Peter Harvey seems to make a second career out of being on location for the shots.

Left Out

All the more reason to appreciate the non-convicted dignity of the event at Echo Lake Park as they honored 60 county residents who were "murdered" two years ago, as one parent said. Actual beams from the World Trade Center are incorporated into the design of the new monument.

Sometimes in public life, with no choice, you become intertwined with an event or time in history. That's the case with Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, the chairman and driving force behind the memorial. Two years ago, he was through a rotation, chairman of the board with the attack.

The county shipped out major parts of their emergency management and support personnel across the river while the towers still smoldered. Mirabella was directly involved in the process.

From this corner, he centered his position. In his remarks, he downplayed his role of giving blood, traveling to the site with the county employees, speaking to the Goethals Bridge, helping commuters. He spoke of the woman at the park who urged him two years ago to spearhead a memorial. He also spoke about the difficulties of the demands of public office, but the joy of helping see this event through to completion.

I wanted to jump up among the crowd of 500 under the tent in the rain. Mirabella had hit an effective form of communication called understatement. In a county where too many local officials take to cable television to sing their own praises, this guy was using effort to praise others, refreshing indeed.

There weren't only big guns present. Arthur Mastapeter sat in row three off to the left, on some occasions smiling but more often remembering with sadness. As a Roselle Park funeral director, he has heard all the jokes, all too often. He also grew up with two of the victims and actually did a memorial service. That's tough work.

Mastapeter stood for the 21-gun salute and the presenting by U.S. Sen. Jon Corzine of the flags which had flown over the Capitol to each of the victim's family. County Police Lt. Robert McGuire, still on active reserve, had actually folded each of the flags.

The speeches were short, the candlelight vigil and bag pipes appropriate. Freeholder Chester Holmes concluded the evening talks about "the different levels of pain" and everyone coming together as one community. Still the ex-Rahway cop, he focused on the special pain of the loss of fellow officers.

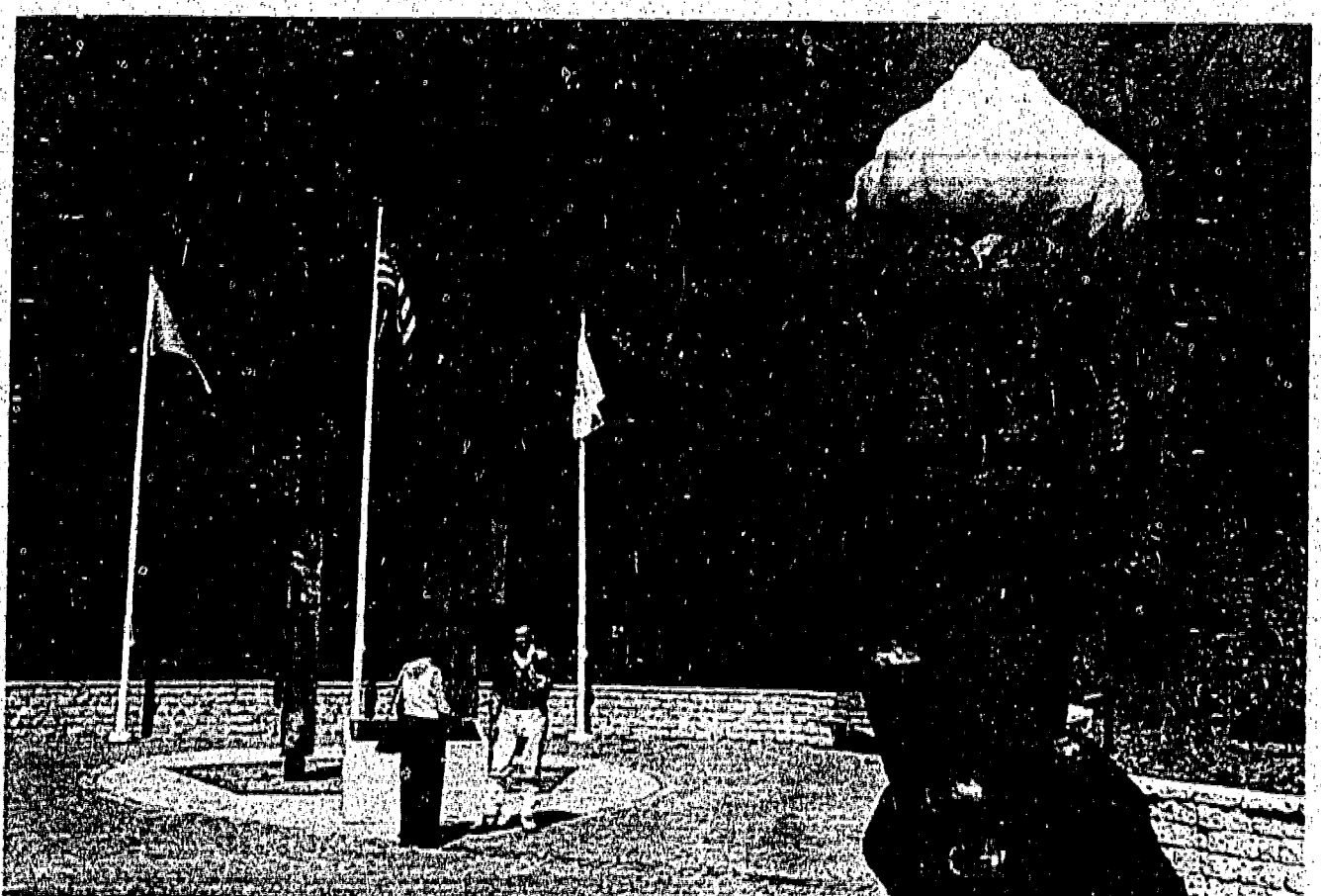
With the rain still coming, the crowd huddled a while and then made their way across the hill out of the park to their cars.

Later that evening down the road on Route 22 at the multiplex cinema, they were previewing "The Fighting Temptations." At the end of the movie, they sing the gospel, "Time to Come Home." That's been happening a lot the past two years.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

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Two residents congregate at Union County's monument to the 60 local victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The county dedicated the memorial in a ceremony Saturday.

County's Sept. 11 memorial dedicated

By Joshua Zaitz, Staff Writer

"My son's name was Wayne and we live in Union," said Arthur Russo, as he began his remarks about his son, who lost his life in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

That morning, Russo and his wife were preparing for a trip, when their son left for work at the World Trade Center around 9:30 a.m.

"He said to her, 'Speak to you later Mom,'" Russo said. "The Russos were on a plane docked at Newark Airport when they heard of the terrorist attack."

"Of course we rushed home and the first, as they say, is history," said Russo, a resident of Union. "We spent all our time at the phone waiting for calls, making calls, but nothing ever happened."

Union County dedicated its memorial honoring the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks on Saturday.

"It's a unique monument because it's not dedicated to soldiers who died in the battlefield but to men and women who were taken away from us in that great injustice and terrible tragedy," said Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, chairman of Union County's Sept. 11 Memorial Committee.

The county lost 60 men and women on Sept. 11, 2001, both at the World Trade Center and at the United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania after passengers are believed to have stormed the cockpit of the hijacked airplane.

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Uphill battle for GOP in the 20th District

By Joshua Zaitz, Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the first in a weekly series on the candidates for Legislature this fall.

As the Nov. 3 General Election draws nearer, state Senate and Assembly candidates in the 20th District discussed what issues they feel are most important to residents.

In the district, an incumbent Democratic State Sen. Raymond Lesnak of Elizabeth is being challenged by Republican candidate Daniel Nozza of Elizabeth and independent candidate Shyam Ganella of Union, who is running on a line called the Restore NJ State Party.

Ganella could not be reached for comment by press time Tuesday.

Democratic incumbent Assemblyman Neil Cohen of Roselle and Joseph Ryan of Union will try to regain their seats in against Republican candidates A. Tom Montenegro, a former Elizabeth councilman, and Asst. Comptroller of Elizabeth, Rep. Lesnak has a tough battle as the 20th is among the safest Democratic districts in the state.

Residents in the state, especially those in the 20th District, are still fixated on issues in terms of state government, in terms of healthcare, quality of life and transportation," said Cohen.

District 20 is comprised of Elizabeth, Kenilworth, Roselle and Union.

"It's critical in these difficult economic times that we continue to fully fund education and continue municipal aid, which is an incredibly difficult task because the economy has been so bad," said Lesnak.

Despite the poor economy, Lesnak said the state has been able to continue to help fund education.

"We made corporations and casinos pay their fair share of tax revenues," Lesnak said.

"We're working to fix and get the economic engine going as they are nationally," Cohen said. "I've probably having a tough time."

In a prepared statement released by the three Republican candidates, one of their main concerns is to reduce soaring property taxes, which they say are crippling residents and small businesses. The candidates said they would ensure that government works more efficiently by enacting certain legislative mandates.

Some of the mandates include regular annual financial audits and economizing of state, county and local government, as well as bonds of education and all government authorities, commissions and agencies, the outlaying of special interest loopholes that reward "politically connected" law firms, no increases in

state debt, unless approved by voters, and a two-thirds legislative majority requirement to create or increase any state law.

"I don't think you're going to do anything about property taxes until we all come to grips with the fact that 60 to 80 percent of a community's budget is in salaries and wages," said Cohen. "We all need to look at ways to either reduce that or reduce the growth in that area."

An issue which Democratic candidates were concerned about was auto insurance.

"Recently, the Assembly signed an auto insurance bill that will enable more companies to come into the state to provide auto insurance."

"Some companies have already come and others are looking to come in," said Cohen. "The more competition that come in, the more competition, the more there will be stabilization of rates."

Cohen said that by opening up the auto insurance laws, the auto insurance market throughout the state will begin to work for itself.

"In our district and especially in the City of Elizabeth, people have trouble getting an auto insurance carrier," said Cohen. "The idea of opening up the market hopefully will allow for more competitive rates in the future."

The Republican candidates said they would like to expedite effective funding for the revitalization of the public school system and community recreational and athletic facilities.

Republicans said they understood that much time and patience is required to initially find and purchase suitable tracts of land before construction of new public schools can begin. However, they propose that critical charter school and school choice sites should be made available so that an underprivileged child—who happens to be stuck in an ineffective public school—will not lose the opportunity for childhood education.

On a local level, Lesnak said since he's been in office, he's been able to bring the Jersey Gardens Mall.

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New police headquarters project back on track

By Joshua Zaitz, Staff Writer

Union County officials expect construction on the new county police headquarters to be completed by next fall.

"In the very beginning of the construction there was a tremendous amount of rain that held up the project," John Salerno, a spokesman for Union County. "They've moved quickly enough that they've caught up to have eliminated that delay."

The three-story building on North Avenue East in Westfield will be the new home of the Union County Division of Police, the Union County Division of Emergency Management and the prosecutor's forensics laboratory. The 51,209-square-foot facility will include on-site parking for 160 cars and 22 emergency vehicles.

The county broke ground on the \$15.2-million project in December.

The new facility calls for the demolition of the existing building, as well as all other site improvements, such as new lighting, landscaping, decorative fencing and paving.

The new building will include a 5,000-square-foot communications center for public safety, emergency and county use, and child inspection bays, and will be linked via computer to the main county building operations center at the Union County Courthouse.

The first floor of the new building will be used for prisoner holding and processing.

"We're looking forward to a more efficient work environment for our officers and our staff," said Union County Police Chief Daniel Vaniska. "We're also looking forward to a complete prisoner processing area, complete with jail cells."

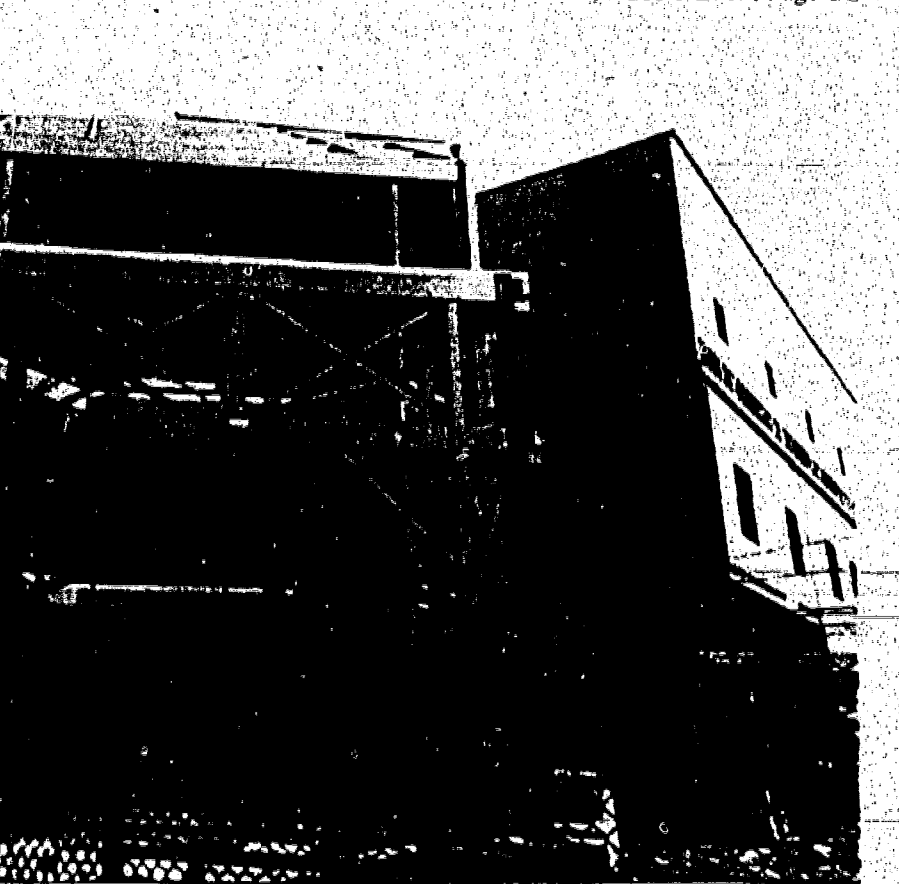
The current police headquarters does not have any jail cells. The facility has a holding area, however, prisoners must eventually be moved to another facility.

"In the new facility, they'll be no interfering of our civilian staff with the prisoner population," said Vaniska.

County police will share some of the second floor of the new headquarters with the Division of Emergency Management, which is currently situated in an adjacent building with the county clerk's satellite office and county superintendent of schools, among others. The third floor will house the prosecutor's forensics laboratory.

Currently, the prosecutors work out of a location in an undisclosed location in central Union County, where they test narcotics and blood for the county, the county police and Sheriff's Office. The current laboratory was constructed in 1972.

Once the new laboratory is constructed, testing will be done properly in a safe environment with proper lighting and venting, Union County Executive Assistant Prosecutor Robert O'Leary said.



The new county police headquarters in Westfield takes shape along North Avenue East. Officials said the rainy weather earlier this year slowed down the project but is now back on schedule for completion next fall.

The new facility will more than double the current laboratory's space and enable the Prosecutor's Office to implement DNA-testing procedures.

"You need that testing in a lot of serious violent crime cases," said O'Leary.

So far, construction on the new facility has led to the cement for the new floors being poured, some framing and sheathing installation, as well as much of the electrical and plumbing components being installed.

"It's going to be a wonderful building," said Vaniska. "It's going to fit splendidly into the environment here in Westfield."

County police have approximately 70 officers and civilian employees working at the site.

"We're working literally on top of each other," said Vaniska of the current police headquarters. "It's cramped. It's crowded. It's not safe. We're not working efficiently here."

The current facility is approxi-

mately 16,260 square feet, about half of which is dedicated to county police and the other half split between a communications center and forensics lab.

Vaniska said that his staff is making due with the facility they have. But, the new facility will be a dream come true for the county public safety department.

"We'll be able to work more efficiently."

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UCLSA meets Tuesday

UCLSA, the association for legal professionals, will meet Tuesday at B.G. Fields Restaurant, 500 Springfield Ave. Westfield.

Following a social gathering at 4 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m., the guest speaker will be Judd Stein. The topic for the evening will be "Estate Planning, Protecting Your Assets." Cost is \$23 for dinner.

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

The association offers educational opportunities to legal professionals and members are eligible to receive nationwide discounts on products and services from NALS, the national affiliate.

For more information regarding reservations call Reservation Chairwoman Mary Lou Ephron at 908-241-4161.

For information on membership call CPSA Vice President Christine Peoples at 908-680-1314 or 908-527-4555.

Adult equestrian classes

The fall session of classes for adult equestrians has begun at Walnut Hill Stable, a facility of the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, and openings still exist for adults interested in riding.

To be in the adult troop riders must be 18 years of age or older. Classes are available Saturdays at 12:35 p.m., Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and under the lights on Wednesdays at 7:40 p.m.

Riders are grouped according to ability as determined by the stable management program, advanced beginner, intermediate, advanced, intermediate or advanced. Applicants with previous experience may be asked to demonstrate their riding ability. Beginners are encouraged.

The fee for the eight-class session is \$200 for Union County residents, \$248 for out-of-county riders. All registrations and fees must be submitted in person at Watching Stable, 1100 Summit Lane, Mountainside.

For more information and to obtain registration materials, call 908-249-3665.

Volunteers sought

The YMCA of Eastern Union County, 1131 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth, is seeking volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, call Lynn at 908-355-1500, ext. 18.

Irish fund-raiser Oct. 5

The Joseph Nugent St. Association of Union County will sponsor its 16th annual Irish festival and picnic at the Flks Lodge, 251 Chestnut St., Union, Oct. 5 from 1 to 6 p.m. rain or shine, to benefit a child with a life-threatening illness through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The Make-A-Wish Foundation raises funds to grant these special children their favorite wish.

Admission is \$20 per person or \$40 per family, which includes food, beer, soda, Irish contests and activities for the children. Free will be continuing Irish-American entertainment featuring The Wolfe Irish Trio. The group's album "Band and DJ" is available.

For more information, call Bob or Linda White at 908-241-1314 or Mountain Dining at 908-2060-0707.

The Soccer Association was founded in 1928 and has 165 active members. As a result of its 70th anniversary, the Soccer Association is celebrating its 70th anniversary.

Donations may be sent to: The Joseph Nugent St. Association, 160 County Club Drive, 62, Union, 07083.

Freeholders Forum

The latest of the series of Museum of Central New Jersey and the progress of the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund are the topics of a special edition of the "Freeholders Forum" television show sponsored by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The show was taped at Kean University in order to announce a new partnership between the county, Kean's Early Childhood Studies Program, the museum and the Liberty Hill Foundation. The museum is now housed in a site adjacent to the historic Liberty Hill Museum, across from Kean University on Morris Avenue in Union.

Freeholder Chairwoman Deborah Scatena was joined by U.S. Representative Alexander Marabell, chairman of the Trust Fund's committee, David Wood, chair, president of Kean University.

Angelo DeVanney, administrator of the trust fund, and Heather Hays, president of the proposed museum.

The show also featured an update on the successful implementation of the trust fund's three components: preserving open space, increasing recreational opportunities and protecting our historic resources.

The museum is being supported with a \$1 million seed grant from the trust fund. For the open space portion, 80 acres have so far been preserved.

In each 30-minute program, freeholders and guests discuss events and issues affecting the people of Union County. "Freeholders Forum" is produced by the Board of Chosen Freeholders and is made possible through the facilities and technical direction of Union County College.

Entitled "Building & Teaching for a New Tomorrow," the show will be aired through Sept. 27 according to the following schedule:

• Union County except Elizabeth and Plainfield: Channel 57, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

• Berkeley Heights, New Providence, Springfield, Summit, Chatham: Tuesdays, 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; Fridays, 5 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

• Elizabeth: Channel 50, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

• Linden, Roselle, Roselle Park, Winfield: Channel 36, daily, 10 p.m.

• Plainfield: Channel 74, Wednesdays, 8:30 p.m.

• Rahway: Channel 34, daily, 6:30 p.m.

• Scotch Plains: Channel 34, call 908-232-4100, ext. 243, for more information.

• Westfield: Scotch Plains, Fox 30 and Mountainide: Channel 36, Fridays, 7 and 9 p.m.

• Avon: Wanting more information or to comment about "Freeholders Forum," call the Office of Public Information at 908-416-2022 or e-mail: info@ocnj.org.

Arc golf classic Tuesday

The Arc of Union County will sponsor its 14th Annual Golf Classic on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the Country Club in Scotch Plains.

Participants will benefit the programs and services of the Arc of Union County. Registration begins at 10 a.m. at the golf clubhouse, followed by 12:30 p.m. lunch and 1:30 p.m. golf. The event is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 6:30 p.m. Dinner and awards presentation.

Currently, The Arc provides a vast array of programs and services to individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities and their families throughout Union County. The Arc maintains 23 residential home programs, five vocational and employment centers, five special needs day programs, which include an Adult Medical Day Care, two childcare development centers, a summer camp program, an Early Intervention Program and a private school, The Arc Kohler School, Mountainside.

For more information regarding the Arc Golf Classic registration or sponsorship opportunities, or the spectrum of services offered by The Arc, you may call. The Arc of Union County's Resource Development and Community Outreach Office at 908-754-2422 or 908-754-5285.

If you prefer e-mail, contact pennell@arcnj.org and for more information about this event and other countywide events, visit www.arcnj.org.

If elected, Republican candidates said they would enact legislation that outlaws no-bid government contracts, enacts strict conflict-of-interest and ethics laws that empower the State Commission of Investigation, Attorney General, county prosecutor and U.S. attorney to clearly identify and

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Community blood drives

The Blood Center of New Jersey and the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor the following blood drives:

• Friday, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Gallatin Hill Road, Union

• Monday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Union County Sheriff's Department, 50 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth

• Sept. 27, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 238 Morse Ave., Scotch Plains

• Sept. 28, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., St. Michael's Parish, 1212 Kelly St., Union, 11:40 a.m., Westfield First Block Association, 450 First St., Westfield

Donors must be 17 years of age. There is no upper age limit to donors provided they meet health requirements. Donors should know their Social Security number and bring a signed or picture form of identification.

For more information, call the Blood Center at 908-682-9663, ext. 240, or the Red Cross at 908-353-2500.

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news, church, club and social, Thursday noon; Entertainment, Friday noon; Sports, Monday noon; Letters to the Editor, Monday 9 a.m.

Dems face opposition

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Elizabeth and a new train station in Union.

Cohen said he has had a hard time getting appointments, including the reopening of major roadways like Morris Avenue and Routes 1&9, as well as the opening of the Union Train Station.

"There's been a variety of different things all designed to make the quality of life issues better for our residents," said Cohen, the municipal Democratic chairman for Union and one of three undersecretaries for the Union County Sheriff's Office.

Cohen, a partner with the Monahan law firm of Gill and Cohen and chairman of the Roselle Democratic Committee, said that since he's been in office, the state has given a lot of money for economic development projects to the municipalities in the 20th District.

If elected, Republican candidates said they would enact legislation that outlaws no-bid government contracts, enacts strict conflict-of-interest and ethics laws that empower the State Commission of Investigation, Attorney General, county prosecutor and U.S. attorney to clearly identify and

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The Union County Rape Crisis Center is located at 100 North Ave., East in Westfield. The center is a program in the Department of Human Services, Division of Planning that is designed for comprehensive work with survivors of all areas of sexual assault.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Wishing Chair opens 'Coffee' concerts



The cast of 'Ain't Misbehavin'' is 'keepin' out of mischief' on the stage of Paper Mill. The State Theater of New Jersey. The Fats Waller musical revue — starring, from left, NaTasha Yvette Williams, Doug Eskew, E. Faye Butler, Darius deHaas and Angela Robinson — runs through Oct. 19.

Waller revue is 'more' than it should be

Less is more. It's a time-honored axiom, and the proof is to be found on stage at Paper Mill. The State Theater of New Jersey.

Unfortunately, what often is proved is what happens when directors opt for "more."

Paper Mill's current production of "Ain't Misbehavin'," the Fats Waller musical revue, shies away from simply selling Waller's wonderful songs, and overburdens the stage with distracting bits and business.

Director Ken Robinson would have done better to trust the material and the talents of the actors. Instead, the bits of business more often than not weigh down the proceedings, sometimes to the point where the show borders on amateurish.

Case in point: the non-stop bitches next the three women — E. Faye Butler, Angela Robinson and NaTasha Yvette Williams — display "swampy" each other, not to mention the "beast" approach taken by many of the numbers. The end result is that these three ladies seem like catty nymphomaniacs. And why? Because it

worked for Neil Carter and Armelia McQueen in the 1978 Broadway production. Well, it may have worked in New York, but it doesn't in Millburn.

However, when Paper Mill goes with "less" in this show, the result is quite splendid. "Black and Blue," for example, with the five performers seated and simply singing the gorgeous, plaintive harmonies, is breathtaking, and shows just how talented the cast really is.

Darius deHaas' nails, "I Ain't Nobody's Business If I Do" with his rubber legs and equally rubber vocal cords, and Doug Eskew is quite enjoyable. "Money Snake Rose" is as his endlessly held note.

Robinson once again proved "less is more" with "Keepin' Out of Mischief," delivering a simple and exquisite performance of the song. Butler and Williams had fun with "Find Out What They Like," and the enjoyment earned over into their performance.

Perhaps the lowest point was the "talent show" sequence bookended by deHaas and Eskew beautifully waiting on "The Ladies Who Sing With the Band," the four numbers by the ladies in between suffered greatly from the contrived "rivalry" among them; business that completely drew the focus off the songs they sang.

Neil Patel's set design — a huge, old-fashioned tube radio that revolves to become a band shell — is enjoyable and effective, as are the lights by Herry Adams and costumes by Paul Tarzwell.

When this production keeps it simple, it works like a charm. Unfortunately, "simple" is the exception, not the rule.

"Ain't Misbehavin'" runs through Oct. 19 at Paper Mill, The State Theater of New Jersey. For information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B6.

Wishing Chair opens 'Coffee' concerts

The Coffee With Conscience Concert Series of Westfield will kick off its fourth season by presenting the acoustic-pop duo Wishing Chair in concert Saturday.

Wishing Chair will perform at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 E. Broad St. at the corner of North Avenue, in Westfield. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$12, which includes a wonderful evening of live entertainment and all manner of treats and refreshments.

New York City-based singer-songwriter and talk-show host, Ritt Henn, will open the show.

Wishing Chair is the collaborative effort of Miriam Davidson and Kiya Heartwood. The duo is a songwriting, string-dancing, accordion-playing, harmonium-singing, story-telling, hand-drumming, piano-strumming, soul-stirring, two-woman top-decalogue of wild times, honky-tonkers and Methodist preachers from Kentucky and Tennessee. She was raised in central Kentucky and headed west to Oklahoma. Davidson, on the other hand, was born on Long Island, raised in the outskirts of Philadelphia, and comes from a family of musicians. She could sight-sing before she could read and quickly learned to play both the piano and the accordion.

From driving contemporary folk originals to 500-year-old ballads, Wishing Chair's roots-folk is full of passion, energy and power. Heartwood's hip-swampy spirit mingled with Davidson's soulful, fast Coast sophistication gives this duo its beautiful balance. While acoustic guitars, accordion and tight harmonies are their tools of the trade, it is the songs that are their passion. Heartwood's lyrics are poetic and powerful and any subject is fair game: love, shipwrecks, urban sprawl, park bans and 19th-century poets.

Wishing Chair was formed in 1995 and has released five CDs on the Terakina Label. Both Davidson and Heartwood say they go into a gold sweat when asked to categorize the music they play, but the best answer so far seems to be roots-folk or contemporary folk. Wishing Chair, think of themselves as folksinger-songwriters. As Heartwood says, "Basically, we're song farmers." Wishing Chair's influences are as wide as their sound, everything from the politically

charged work of artists like Holly Near and Dick Vaughn, the Americana roots of Steve Earle and Emmy Lou Harris, to the adventurous trap-pop of artists such as Fairport Convention and Solas. But at the end of the day, it's always about the songs.

For more information about Wishing Chair, visit the Web site at www.wishingchair.com.

The Coffee With Conscience Concert Series is a 10-show series from September through June. In the three seasons prior to this one, the venue alternated between the Springfield Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Springfield and the First Methodist Church of Westfield. Beginning this year, the series has split into two separate series. There will be 10 shows in a row at the First Methodist Church of Westfield, usually on the third Saturday of each month, and there will be five shows at the Springfield Emmanuel United Methodist Church.

For more information about the Coffee With Conscience Concert Series, the upcoming performance, or ways in which to get involved with the series, call Anne Maros, owner of Alara's Coffee Roastery in Westfield, at 908-232-8723 or visit the Web site at www.coffeewithconscience.com.



Kiya Heartwood and Miriam Davidson combine their talents to form Wishing Chair, the roots-folk duo that will open the Coffee With Conscience Concert Series in Westfield on Saturday.

Workshop to take area shutterbugs to Cape May for inspiration

Set in the casual atmosphere of a private cottage within the historic district of Cape May, "The Landscape and Architecture Photography Workshop" by Nancy Orr and Chip Forelli will provide insights into the fine balance between creative sensibility and skill in the craft of photography.

Orr and Forelli offer a challenging workshop to any level of photographer with any format camera within the inspirational area of Cape May. The workshop is being held from Oct. 2 to 5, and has a tuition fee of \$285 including some materials.

The daytime activities will feature an historic walking tour and camera-work sessions in and around the town and beach areas of Cape May with both Orr and Forelli. Polaroid materials will be used with a 4 by 5 view camera for demonstration of Forelli's shooting techniques. The evening sessions will involve technical discussions, presentations of instructor's portfolios, and critiques of images brought by the participants. Discussions will range from camera placement, format and film selection to darkroom and finishing techniques.

The streets of Cape May provide a parade of turrets and towers, gables, crowns and mullions. And the numerous shoreline locations will supply each participant with an abundance of landscape possibilities. "Our goal is to encourage personal vision and growth through instruction, interaction and self-

motivation. While technique is an integral part, it is not the main concentration of this workshop. Focusing on spontaneity and instinct, participants will be motivated to push themselves creatively to identify the emotional responses that make their photograph what they do. All efforts will be directed toward creating a new portfolio of photographs from Cape May," says Orr.

Participants are encouraged to bring a significant other, non-photographer, to share this rewarding experience, overflowing with history, beauty, warmth, shopping and beach. Guests are certain to have an equally wonderful time and are welcome as an integral part of the workshop. They are invited to all activities except when space may be limited.

The workshop will begin the morning of Oct. 3 at 9:

Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area.

Stepping Out

ART SHOWS

DIMENSIONAL ART, a group exhibit, will be on display at the Diversity Art Gallery in Clark.

UNION COUNTY TEEN ARTS TOURING EXHIBIT will be on display at the Chambers Library on the sixth floor of the Union County Administration Building in Elizabeth through Sept. 25.

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE, paintings by artist Douglas highlighting endangered species, will be on exhibit through Sept. 25 at the Arts Guild in Rahway.

ARTIST FERNANDO DA SILVA will exhibit his paintings and ceramics on display at the Arts Guild in Rahway through Sept. 25.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountaintop will exhibit the works of outstanding children's artists from the New Jersey Watercolor Society through the month of September.

EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITERS' CIRCLE, led by Cheryl Johnson, meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark.

FIELD OF FLOWERS will be on exhibit in the Wickieffe at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum through Oct. 3.

THREE TWINS will be on exhibit at the Arts Guild of Rahway through Oct. 3.

COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE CONCERT SERIES in Westfield will begin its fall series of concerts Saturday at 8 p.m. with Visting Chair.

JAZZ THE SIXTH ANNUAL JERSEY JAZZ BY THE LAKE MUSICFEST will be presented Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Springfield Golf and Country Club in Springfield.

ESCAPE FROM NEW YORK will be on exhibit at the Newark Museum through Oct. 25.

UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY Book the Week will feature the book "The Waterbury" by David Shields.

WOMEN'S READING GROUP meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark.

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ENTRE VOICES will appear in concert Sept. 27 at 8 p.m. at the Newark Museum.

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TAFERN IN THE PARK in Roselle Park will present Friday Hales in an Evening of Frank Sinatra Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. in Roselle Park.

VAN GOGH'S EAR 1017 Stokesant Ave. in Union will present a series of musical events on Tuesdays.

THE WASHINGTON AVENUE PUB will present Karaoke and the 100 Proof Band every Saturday night.

CROSSROADS at 1100 Main St. in Union will present a series of jazz, funk and blues performances.

REEVES-REED ARBORETUM in Summit will present horticultural workshops on "Re-Imagining the Garden" on Saturday.



The Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Barbershop Chorus will bring light, four-part harmony to the 22nd annual Harvest Festival, to be sponsored by the county Sept. 28 at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountaintop.

Harvest Festival combines music and history

History lives at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountaintop for the 22nd annual Harvest Festival Sept. 28.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Recreation present this celebration of Colonial and Native-American life.

Walking through the festival grounds will give everyone a chance to see history come to life.

The festival also features the storytelling of Native American Kenneth Little Hawk and Afro-American storyteller Debbie Kirkland.

Workshops "A How-to Workshop" will be sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders on Wednesday.

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Arboretum plans a variety of classes

Gardeners can go back to school at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit this month to improve their horticultural know-how.

Greenhouses, need, nesting binders, too. Arboretum horticulturalists Karen Moore and Maria McDowell will teach a class on "Keeping Garden Journal and Creating a Map" on Saturday.

Finally, there's a dress code for the field trip to the Culinary Institute of America's Restaurant, Caterina de Medici for the bus trip to the Culinary Institute and the Vanderbilt Mansion Gardens.

What's school without physical education? On Sept. 24 and 28, 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., Linda DeCesare will begin her beginner yoga series at the arboretum.

Learn how and why to plant, fertilize and mulch together at an evening class Sept. 25. Mike Ruggerio, recently retired senior horticulturist, will lead the class.

Registration for all art classes at the Arts Guild of Rahway is now open.

All classes run for eight weeks. Most classes are 2 1/2 hours per weekly session, and begin the week of Sept. 21.

There are also classes for children 7 to 12 years of age. Pottery, Painting and Canvas, and Japanese Anime Manga Style Cartooning.

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the first six months of 2003. Sales associates ranking in the top 10 percent for sales volume include Joyce Taylor, Carol Tener, Elizabeth Battalio, Elaine Demery, and Cathy Splinter.

Sales associates placed in the top 10 percent of the company for the number of properties sold are Elizabeth Battalio, Elaine Demery, Cathy Splinter, Joyce Taylor, Carol Tener, Ellen Cuccaro, Donald Hild, Theodor Mattz, Anne Weber, Tammy Lieberman, Beth Sullivan, and Marilyn Rinaldo.

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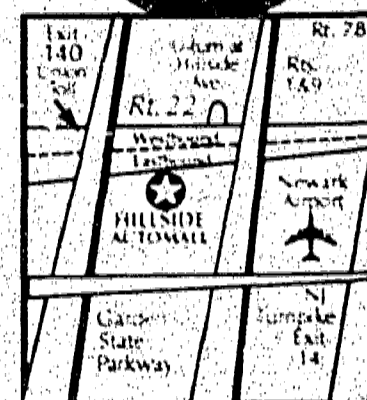
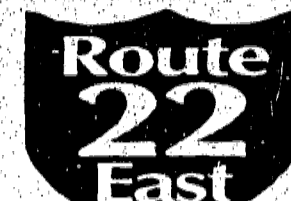
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