County winners

Was it business as usual at the polls Tuesday, or did voters look at the county with a different eye this year? See Page B1 for coverage.

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Republican garners seat on Township Commitee

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

When it was all said and done Tuesday night, the bottom line was clear. The Springfield Township Committee was changed from a one-party government to two-party governing body.

After absentee ballots were counted, Republican Harold Poltrock, who ran with Victor Rajoppi, received the most votes in Tuesday's election, earning 1,732 votes, placing him in a situation that will present a 4-1 advantage for the Democrats on the committee.

"I'm very excited I won," he said. "It's disappointing my running mate didn't get in, especially with it being such a narrow margin."

Rajoppi received 1,561 votes after absentee ballots put him behind Democratic incumbent Roy Hirschfeld, who had 1,573. Democrat Kenneth Faigenbaum, a former school board member, received 1,589 votes to earn the second three-year term up for grabs. Election results are unofficial until certified by the county clerk.

Republican Chairman William Russco said the party is considering a recount and would decide once results are certified by the county clerk, which could occur by Friday for Monday. He said the GOP's tallies showed closer results than the clerk's unofficial returns.

The last time there was a recount was in the late '80s between Philip Kurnos and William Cieri.

Rajoppi felt the election wasn't a complete disappointment.

"We put up a hard fight," he said, "and I'm happy for Harold Poltrock. We didn't lose by that much. Obviously, the best case scenario is that we both win, but one of us did, so that's a start," he said.

"Hopefully, we sent a message to the Democrats that the town is fed up," said Rajoppi.

Of the 8,901 registered voters in Springfield, about 3,210 voted, roughly 36 percent. These figures do not include absentee ballots.

When asked what his future plans would be as far as running again is concerned, Rajoppi said that only time will tell.

"I'm obviously pleased to be elected," said Faigenbaum, "and I'm honored to sit on the board. I intend to do my homework to get myself up to speed and I'm going to get to work, because there's no time to waste."

Faigenbaum noted that in losing Mayor Gregory Clarke, who did not seek re-election, and Hirschfeld, a three-term incumbent, there is a "wealth of knowledge" that will be lost.

"Regardless of what anyone thinks and how they voted," said Faigenbaum, "those two men have done a hell of a lot for this town."

Hirschfeld, who received 1,573 total votes and missed Faigenbaum's mark by just 16 votes, could not be reached for comment by presstime.

Hirschfeld had served on the committee for nine years, promoting Springfield and helping to make improvements through numerous departments and committees that he took part in.

"He's given plenty to this town," said Faigenbaum, "and a lot of people don't even realize everything he's helped improve in Springfield."

Still, Poltrock's victory remains the news that may allow Springfield residents to expect a change in how things are run. It is the first time a Republican has gained a seat on the committee since 1995.

"I'll work hard not to let anybody down," said Poltrock, "and I appreciate everything the town has done for me, coming out to vote and everything."

Regional Editor Mark Hrywna contributed to this report.

Tree Top Drive property not on board's agenda for development

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

In the search of a usable football field, Springfield residents and township officials have been keeping their eyes on the remediation work currently being done at Meisel Avenue Park. But there's one piece of property that could possibly be developed as some type of playing field or fields, a proposal that hasn't been in any recent discussions by the Springfield Board of Education.

The area, known as Baltusrol Top off Tree Top Drive, was purchased by the school board from the Baltusrol Golf Club on June 28, 1960 for $25,000, according to Matthew Clarke, school business administrator, for the possible future construction of a school building, Clarke said.

Originally 10 acres, the site is now 9.62 acres, since the state purchased a portion of the property for $3,500 in the early 1960s so part of Route 78 could run through it, Clarke added.

In 1997, a recommendation from the school board's Facilities Planning Committee, suggested that the school board not sell or dispose of the property, but keep it for future school purposes.

If the board decides to do anything with the property, Clarke said the state Department of Environmental Protection would have to do a study to determine if there are any wetlands on the site.

Board President Larry Levee said the school board does not presently have any plans for the property, nor is it discussing any proposals.

"We haven't given it any thought right now," said Levee. "Our main goal is getting the referendum completed and hiring a new superintendent."

Irwin Sablosky, chairman of the board's Buildings and Grounds Committee agreed, adding that the board has a full plate of issues to deal with before even thinking about what to do with the land, if anything gets done at all.

"To talk about the land amidst all of this is kind of shortsighted," said Sablosky. "It would be a mistake to look at it right now."

With the referendum for school expansion and construction in progress, a new superintendent search under way, and budget issues coming up, Sablosky said it would be wrong for the board to focus on what to do with the land at this point.

He said Springfield still doesn't know exactly what will happen to Meisel Field once the remediation is complete and the board would rather wait to see if they will have a football field again before deciding on any course of action.

"We will assess our situation at a later date," said Sablosky. "First and foremost is, what do we really need?"

Sablosky said the Tree Top Drive site does have some access, drainage and topography issues as well as residential concerns.

The site is slightly hilly with houses nearby and is situated at the bottom of a dead-end street, by a cul-de-sac.

Simone Miller, chairwoman of the Springfield Environmental Commission said wetlands do exist on the site, and that this part of the land could not be developed.

"There is definitely wetlands back there," said Miller, although she did not know how much. "There's not really a buffer between the area that would be a ballfield and people's backyards."

Miller said there also could be problems if playing fields were developed on the site because there had been incidents of vandalism in the past. She said access could also be an issue since not a lot of residents live within walking distance of the site. She said there was a playground there at one time but it was underused.

At this time, the Environmental Commission has no plans for the site either, said Miller.

Mayor Gregory Clarke, a former Board of Education member from 1975 to 1981 said he remembered the property being used by the public as a park with a small ball field at one time, several decades ago.

As mayor, Clarke said his own personal opinion was that the site remain as is.

"I would like to see it remain in a semi-wooded state," said Clarke, citing the wildlife that lives there.

"I'm not one to make a quick decision."

A tender little T-Rex

Photo By Barbara Kukkalla

The young members of the Mountainside Newcomers Club sure know how to throw a Halloween party at Borough Hall. This not-so-fearsome T-Rex is really Will Tracy, 3, playing a bowling game.

People voice their vote

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

With this year's local election for the Township Committee in Springfield, townspeople voiced both their opinion and voting preference as they left the polls Tuesday.

Candidates for Township Committee were Democrats Kenneth Faigenbaum and incumbent Roy Hirschfeld, and Republicans Victor Rajoppi and Harold Poltrock.

"I just read the newspaper and voted for who seemed to help the town more," said Dave Yablonsky, who has lived in Springfield his entire life. "I voted for Poltrock and Hirschfeld locally."

Some voters saw a split vote as the right decision to make this year on the local level. Each seat on the five-member governing body currently is held by Democrats, which has been the case since 1999.

"I voted for Faigenbaum and Poltrock," said Elizabeth Feintuch, a Springfield resident for 34 years. "I just felt that they needed another voice in there."

"I believe that two-party government would be good," said Ruth Schwartz, a Springfield resident since 1957, "but, under the circumstances, I don't think the Republicans running have the experience necessary to do a better job."

Copeland Junius, a Springfield resident for 36 years, voted Republican for the Township Committee.

"I have a couple of issues that affected my vote," said Junius. "I have a grandson that plays for the Minutemen football team, so Miesel Field matters to me. I also feel that the police and fire departments need more support."

Dorris and Bernie Ruff, Springfield residents for close to 43 years, felt that the town did not need a change on the local level.

"I think they've done a fine job," said Dorris Ruff. "The town has never been better. I don't really believe a two-party government in a small town like Springfield would make that much of a difference," she continued. "I voted for the individual over the party at this level."

Ruth and David Wasserman agreed that a two-party government may not make a significant difference in how the town is run.

"I really don't know how much a two-party government matters," said Ruth Wasserman.

What the landmark looks like now

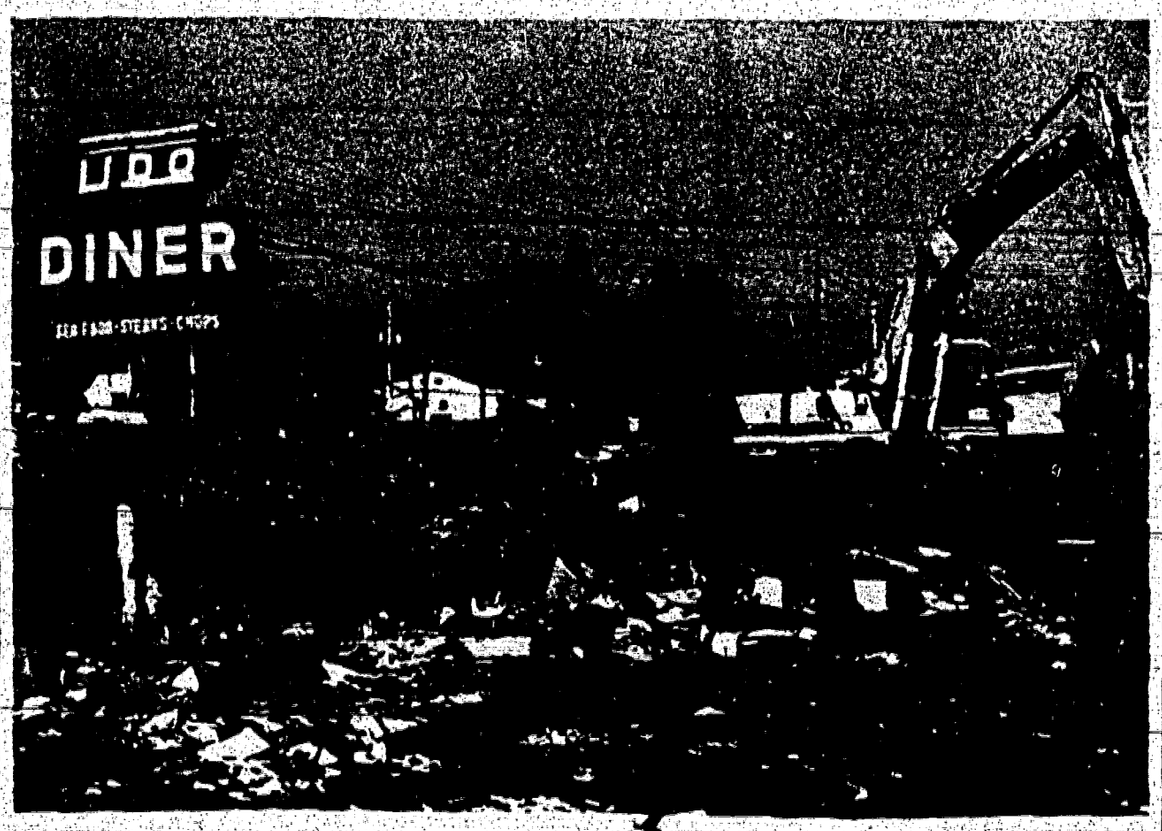

Photo By Barbara Kukkalla

Lido Diner, once a landmark on the center island of Route 22 in Springfield for many years, has now been reduced to a pile of rubble and is gone forever. The diner will be replaced by a 7-Eleven.

Parents weigh in on bulging backpacks

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

Maybe the worst problem school children are encountering nowadays isn't the amount of homework they have to do, but how much they need to carry home.

At the most recent Springfield Board of Education meeting Oct. 20, Donna Seale, the mother of fifth-grader Erika Seale, who attends Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School, displayed a barely zippered backpack that was busting with books and binders.

"I'd like to see you all try carrying this thing around," Seale told board members while yanking at the straps of the bag.

According to Seale, her 50-pound daughter has been a gymnast for seven years, never sustaining an injury and always remaining in good shape. A complaint of pains from carrying her bag about a month ago led to a doctor's visit on Oct. 4, when x-rays were taken and it was determined that she pulled a muscle in her rib cage.

"She's been out of gym class for two weeks," said Seale, "and is still out today."

"On average, she's carrying four composition books, a student planner, a required expandable folder, a science binder, and two heavy books," said Seale of her daughter's workload. She also noted that her eighth-grade child has brought up the same problem in the past.

"This is a national problem," said Gaudineer Principal Barry Bachenheimer. "Textbooks have been getting bigger and bigger every year."

"It was suggested to me that I could present a doctor's note to the principal," Seale said, "and the school would supply me with an extra set of books that my daughter could keep at home all the time. This hasn't happened, though, and I don't know how it could happen because there's only a limited amount of extra books. When new students come to the school, they need these extra books."

Bachenheimer said the middle school has teams working together to make sure students don't have too many books to bring home on any one particular day. But until publishers start doing everything on CD-ROM, Bachenheimer said it's a tough problem to solve.

According to Seale, her daughter would only have about a half-mile

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Mountainside's election results

Mountainside's mayoral and Borough Council election was uncontested Tuesday.

Mayor Robert Viglianti, a Republican, received 987 votes while fellow Republican candidates William Lane, the current council president, and newcomer Robert Messler, each received 984 and 979 votes, not counting write-in candidates. Messler will replace Councilman Thomas Perrotta, who did not seek re-election this year.

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Today

• The Foothill Club luncheon will meet at B.G. Fields Restaurant in Westfield at noon. Crafty Kitchen of Garwood will present "Decorations for the Holidays." New members and guests are welcome.

For information, call 908-232-3626.

Friday

• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will continue its Out of this World Travel Video Series with "South Korea Malaysia" at noon.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

Sunday

• The Mountainside Seniors Gadabout Group will offer a bus trip to the Duke Estates and Manor, departing Echo Lake plaza at 8:30 a.m. The fee is $66 per person.

For information, call Loretta at 908-232-5404 or Helen at 908-232-1206.

• A quartet from the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will perform at 2 p.m. at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

Monday

• The Mountainside Borough Council will convene at 8 p.m. in the meeting room for a work session at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will continue its Youth Film Festival with "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" at 3:15 p.m.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

Tuesday

• The Mountainside Board of Education will meet at 8 p.m. in the media center of Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave.

• The Veterans Alliance of Springfield will conduct a Veterans Day service at Veterans Memorial Park on the corner of Shunpike Road and Mountain Avenue at 11 a.m. This year, a number of schools in Springfield will participate in the service to honor the veterans.

Wednesday

• A free workshop offered by SCORE called "Home-Based Businesses: Great Ideas that Work" will be offered at 7 p.m. in the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

• The Springfield Board of Health will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

• The Springfield Garden Club will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the Presbyterian Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield. The topic is "Improving Our Parks," led by guest speaker John Linson. All are welcome; refreshments will be served.

For information, call 973-376-3436.

• Keith Drake, illustrator, designer and Etch-A-Sketch artist, will give a demonstration of his art work at Mountainside Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, at 4 p.m.

For information, call 908-233-0115.

Some say bags are overloaded

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walk home, but because of the heavy backpack, she drops her off and picks her up from school each day.

"In general, the solution would just be to work with the teachers, coordinating and organizing how much is sent home with the children each day," said Bachenheimer. "Some kids take home their entire lockers when they don't need to."

One mother of a Gaudineer sixth-grader also felt that this is an issue which needs to be addressed.

"His backpack is 20 pounds on an average day," she said of her son's inconvenience and struggle. "He weighs 70 pounds and has a 3/4-mile walk each day to and from school. There's times when he has asked his teacher if he can just take home certain papers, but he's told to take home his binder and book as well, she said.

"The school encourages kids to walk to decrease traffic and parking problems," she continued, "but his backpack is so packed and heavy sometimes that he can't even zip it up all the way."

The parent plans on calling her son's teachers individually to speak to them about what may be done to decrease the weight of his backpack.

"I think a lot of the bulk could be reduced by lessening the number of hard-ring binders," she said, noting that some classes require three-ring binders, when they could possibly demand only a one-ring binder.

While Seale acknowledged there is no way to be sure the heavy backpack is what is responsible for her daughter's injury, it seemed obvious to her that the backpack would be somehow related to the injury.

In a recent article of the April issue of "School Health Alert," however, some scientific studies find no association between back pain in school age children and their use of a backpack.

In the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, it was reported that backpacks were associated with 12,688 injuries between 1999 and 2000. Several researchers set out to study the nature of backpack injuries by taking a close look at details of 12,688 backpack-related injuries, and what they found was that the three body parts most likely to be injured by a backpack are the head, 22 percent of the time, the hand, 14 percent, and the wrist, 13 percent.

Carrying a backpack accounts for 13 percent of injuries, lifting accounts for 8 percent and removing a backpack accounts for 2 percent of injuries. Most injuries were caused by children tripping over their backpacks and getting hit by backpacks.

Back injuries account for 11 percent of all backpack-related problems, while neck injuries are responsible for 6 percent.

The authors of the study concluded that while the actual use of a backpack isn't exceptionally dangerous, teaching proper lifting techniques now can "entrench back-saving habits" for years to come.

"I'm at the point where I'd pay for an extra set of books myself," said Seale, who would also be willing to work with other parents in buying books directly from the publishing companies, instead of from the schools.

Fran Corcione, PTA president at Gaudineer, believes overloaded backpacks are a big problem.

"I've got a sophomore in high school, and I just took her to the doctor last week," he said. "I'm taking her to a specialist next week."

"It's been an issue for a really long time now. They're never going to do anything about it," he said, referring to the school district.

Corcione said backpacks on wheels aren't allowed because students can't fit them in lockers and they're a fire hazard in classrooms.

"The problem may have more to do with the required binders than with books," he said. "Sometimes I can't even lift the bag."

"If other districts have found other ways around the problem, why can't we?" he asked.

According to Board of Education President Larry Levee, Judy Zimmerman, the assistant superintendent of schools, is looking into the problem.

"We can't make a decision as to what should be done yet, but hopefully, something will be worked out," Levee said.

Newark man arrested by police

POLICE BLOTTER

Mountainside

Jacques Smith, 30, of Newark was arrested by Mountainside police on Oct. 28 at 3:30 p.m. Smith was picked up in Newark for an outstanding ATS warrant out of Mountainside for $597.

• Police arrested Dario Parra-Cocal, 21, of Plainfield in front of 1450 Route 22 West at 12:44 a.m. on Oct. 30 for driving with a suspended license and also for an outstanding warrant out of South Plainfield in the amount of $308.

• Quenton Christian, 25, of Newark was arrested on Oct. 30 at 4:05 p.m. Christian was picked up from Monmouth County jail on an outstanding warrant out of Mountainside in the amount of $375.

• Lakeisha Friday, 25, of Irvington was arrested by police at Route 22 West by the Mountainside-Scotch Plains border on Friday at 1:52 p.m.

After she had been pulled over, police discovered she had an outstanding warrant out of Union Township in the amount of $500 as well as one from South Orange for $500 and East Orange for $160.

• On Saturday at 7:47 a.m., an officer was dispatched to Long Meadow for a report of criminal mischief to a motor vehicle.

The officer spoke with the victim, who told him that unknown suspects drew a swastika on the hood of his 1994 Lexus with a bar of soap while the vehicle was parked in the victim's driveway. The suspects also deployed shaving cream and Silly String to the vehicle.

• On Saturday, an officer was dispatched to Virginia Avenue on a report of criminal mischief. The officer found toilet paper and trash scattered around a residence and in the street.

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Lending a helping hand on Halloween

Fran Signorile of the Schering-Plough Corporation helps Children's Specialized Hospital patient D'Asia English at the crafts table during a recent Halloween party at the Mountainside facility. This year, the employees of Schering-Plough continued their 13-year tradition of bringing Halloween to the hospital's patients.

Railroad rehab continues

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Rehabilitation of the former Rahway Valley rail line continues as grade crossings and installation of railroad ties in Roselle are pretty much installed. Work will continue north along the line in addition to some work in other areas.

A draft budget for the rehabilitation project has been prepared by staff from Morristown & Erie Railway Inc. and Union County and will be reviewed by the state Department of Transportation.

M&E Chief Operating Officer Gordon Fuller said the budget will remain in draft form because of elements of the project that depend on local towns and the state DOT. For instance, Union officials are hoping to widen or create a left-hand turning lane on Morris Avenue between Lousons Road and Commerce Avenue, near a railroad overpass. Fuller said a complete plan of costs is expected to be completed by September, with the line fully operational by the spring of 2005.

Figures on how much has been spent so far on rehabilitation of the rail line were not immediately available from Fuller or County Manager George Devanney on Tuesday. Approximately $7.8 million has been authorized from the state for rehabilitation of the line.

Approximately 10,000 ties have been purchased for the reconstruction of the main line from Cranford to Route 22 in Union, Devanney said, adding that Morristown & Erie was able to purchase the ties at a reduced rate, saving $250,000.

Opponents of the reactivation believe rehabilitation will far exceed that figure. Company officials have said they would seek more federal or state dollars, if necessary.

As for public outreach, M&E and the county have been trying to schedule two forums, similar to one held in Kenilworth in August, one in Summit and one in Roselle.

Fuller said that about 200 railroad ties a day are being installed along the line. Railroad ties in Roselle have been pretty much installed, he said, and work will continue north along the line from the borough with some "spot work" along other parts of the rail line.

Grade crossings at Pine Street, 9th Street and Wheatsheaf Avenue in Roselle are complete and a grade crossing at Amsterdam Avenue is scheduled to be finished within two weeks. The railroad warning devices required at these crossings, as well as Chestnut Street and St. Georges Avenue, await the recommendations report currently being prepared by the state DOT diagnostic team, Devanney said.

The Staten Island railroad is being rebuilt in Linden and Roselle, with ties being replaced between East and West Baltimore avenues in Linden and between Chestnut Street and St. Georges Avenue in Roselle.

Three administrators in school district are also certified EMTs

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

With the addition in early November of Tom Butler as interim superintendent of schools in Springfield, the township's school district will now be able to boast three head administrators that are also certified emergency medical technicians.

The other two, Principal Barry Bachenheimer of Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School, and Charles Serson of Jonathan Dayton High School, are the original EMTs, and their individual backgrounds became linked some years ago.

"We used to have the Emergency Response Team," said Serson, who has performed CPR on an airplane and in school. "We started that at the high school *nine* years ago. I knew basic first aid, but then Bachenheimer came in and wanted to help out."

Bachenheimer, who was certified in 1986 when he wanted to become a firefighter, was and still is part of a First Aid Squad.

"I was on the East Brunswick First Aid Squad first," he said. "During college, I was part of two agencies, including being part of the EMT squad at the University of Albany."

"When Barry came in," Serson said, "we really wanted to focus the program more on dealing with the medical aspect of it."

A political science major, Bachenheimer considered studying pre-med, but decided that it could serve as a hands-on hobby instead of a career.

When Bachenheimer became the supervisor of Social Studies at Jonathan Dayton High School, it wasn't long before he and Serson teamed up to spread the word of emergency safety.

Serson, who wasn't originally certified as an EMT, decided that when Bachenheimer was going to leave for Gaudineer Middle School, it shouldn't bring an end to the high school's program.

"I didn't want our program to fall apart and discontinue," said Serson, "so I went back and decided to get certified to be an EMT. I'm actually nationally certified, instead of just by the state, so I can help out anywhere."

If something happens in the building, Serson said he would like people to know what to do.

"If there's a chemical spill or something, for example, our objective would be to have somebody there within two minutes to help out."

According to Serson, who volunteers as an EMT in Clark on Fridays, there was also a situation with an elderly woman last year during graduation when she passed out and was assisted by a trained student.

"Since 9-11, it's nice to see kids wanting to know more about helping people," Serson said.

Bachenheimer, who has trained students at the high school in CPR instruction and First Responder services, is trying to get a program going at Gaudineer, too.

"I put in about 20 hours every month of EMT service," said Bachenheimer, who is serving for West Orange's squad in his ninth year.

Bachenheimer, who also serves for Roseland's Volunteer Fire Department, also encourages students to look into what he's become extremely active in.

"We have a career course for seventh-graders," he said, "and I go in and talk about unpaid careers and giving back to the community."

"It's very important to have the security of knowing what to do in certain situations," said Serson. "Most people just panic, but training gives you the knowledge to recognize all types of situations."

Serson added that the high school is now more involved than ever with its First Response program.

"We have emergency equipment now, and more students everyday are on duty," he said. "They have shirts to wear, radios, pagers, and a couple are even certified."

Serson noted that becoming certified is close to a three-month process with information that consists of a 1,000-page book.

"It's not surprising that the three of us are EMTs," Bachenheimer said of the school administrators' connection to emergency services and education. "The qualities in good educators are also seen in good EMTs."

Butler, who joined the Martinsville EMT squad in 1976 when he and his wife wanted to become involved in the community, was already involved in school administration when he decided to learn about emergency response.

"The qualities you need are very similar," he said in regard to being head of a school and part of an emergency medical team.

"Communication is a major piece on both sides, being able to talk about what you need and what needs to get done."

Butler, who has been an instructor for the EMT program at Union County College on Saturdays during the fall and spring semesters for more than 15 years, also sees paying attention to what one is being told as an important part of both educational duties and emergency medical responsibilities.

"You must also be a good listener," he said. "You need to anticipate what a person is telling you in terms of school administration and a patient for treatment."

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

Time to compromise

One thousand-plus days later and the Springfield police and fire departments are still without new contracts. That's what signs around town have been stating regarding an issue that appears to be past the breaking point as arbitration continues to delay a settlement.

Nearly three years and still no agreement. It's hard getting past this fact. It's also hard for both sides to stop blaming each other. It makes for good headlines, but the truth is, no one really wants to see this dispute continue, as it puts a strain on the relationship between local government and the town's emergency workers, the people residents depend on to keep them safe.

Let's take a step back and pretend we could solve this easily for a moment. As adults, we strive to teach children the importance of not holding grudges, of being generous, of sharing. Instead of fighting with others, we strive to teach children to resolve their difficulties peacefully, to reach a consensus. We tell them sometimes, they are not going to get everything they want. Sometimes, they are going to have to do without. Sometimes they have to be willing to bend.

It is difficult to draw conclusions as an outsider who hasn't been sitting in on the negotiations to say who is at fault, but it's clear that both sides need to be willing to give a little. Compromise will be the only way this will get solved. The township needs to put this issue aside and move on to more pressing needs.

The township should consider using more volunteers to serve as firefighters, using other citizens and town employees to cover shifts. Fire departments in many other towns are entirely volunteer. It wouldn't hurt Springfield to have a higher ratio of paid presonnel to volunteers to save the Township Committee from raising taxes by hiring more full-time staff. This way, the department could get the necessary number of firefighters they say they need.

What needs to take place is a little give and take. If the Township Committee feels the salary increases that the fire department is asking for are too high, there must be some middle ground on which both parties can agree. The same should go for vacation time, sick time, benefits, etc.

Taking sides and pointing fingers is not going to resolve the issue. The police and fire departments need to feel as though they are respected in their jobs, particularly by the Township Committee. Likewise, the committee is trying to keep an eye out for the taxpayer. They realize that raising salaries means raising taxes. Again, both sides need to compromise.

It's about time they do.

What is your opinion about this subject?
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We will never forget

Tuesday is Veterans' Day, when Americans pay reverence to all veterans of wars. This holiday has changed since it was first created, but its significance is not lost in newer generations and, for the veterans of the two recent wars in Iraq and their families, Veterans' Day has more meaning than ever.

In 1921, an unknown American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C. There were similar ceremonies at Westminster Abbey, England, and the Arc de Triomphe, France, that year. This gave universal recognition to celebrate the end of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., Nov. 11, 1918 — the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month; hence, Armistice Day.

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926, and it became a national holiday 12 years later. Realizing peace was equally preserved by veterans of World War II and Korea, in 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming Nov. 11 as Veterans' Day. Unidentified American dead from World War II, Korea and Vietnam have since been interred next to the unknown soldier of World War I.

On this day, as we honor those who served our country, we must pay tribute to those who fought and those who died protecting the ideals we treasure. While the number of surviving veterans from these wars dwindle, the new veterans to enter their ranks remind us that the battle to uphold freedom is ongoing. Veterans' Day is a time to recognize their courage and sacrifice, to let them know we will never forget. In their honor, fly the flag proudly.

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A CIRCLE OF SUPPORT —Members of the Jonathan Dayton High School Alternatives Club form a ring in the school's courtyard to mark National Red Ribbon Week, which ran Oct. 23-31. Red Ribbon Week has been celebrated since 1986 to honor the memory of Enrique Camarena, a U.S. drug enfercement agent who was tortured and killed by those involved in a major drug Cartel in Mexico, and to demonstrate their commitment to drug and alcohol prevention

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Committee misrepresents, omits facts

To the Editor:

Once again, members of the Springfield Township Committee continue to misrepresent or omit the facts regarding the Springfield Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 76 contract arbitration litigation. As I will focus on setting the record straight with regard to the P.B.A. being without a contract for almost three years, it is important to remember that the Springfield firefighters as well as the town's public employees are also without a contract to date.

To begin with a brief history, in the fall of 2000, the P.B.A. had several contract negotiating meetings with the relatively new Township Administrator Richard Sheola. Shortly before the end of the year, we believed we had come to a tentative agreement with the exception of a few items. Upon presenting this preliminary agreement to the township, the Committee rejected it in its entirety and relieved Sheola of his negotiating duties. This led to the P.B.A. petitioning the Public Employee Relations Commission for binding arbitration proceedings.

In an interview published in the *Echo Leader*, when asked about the progress or lack thereof, with the contract negotiations, Mayor Gregory Clarke referred to "binding arbitration" as mandatory. As police officers, we are prohibited by law to strike or take job actions. Binding arbitration is our only alternative upon reaching an impasse, but certainly not mandatory considering the majority of municipalities in Union County see no need to seek this remedy.

A few months later, Committeeman Sy Mullman, in what appeared to be an attempt to lay blame for contract delays on the P.B.A., stated that we fired our attorney. Mr. D.B. Ross has been and is still the attorney of record in this litigation. Mullman failed to mention that the township's labor attorney stalled arbitration proceedings for over nine months contesting subpoenas issued by the arbitrator for the Tri-Data report. The Tri-Data Report is a document issued by a private firm the township paid to evaluate the Fire Department. Once deemed a public document and released to the arbitrator, we believe it favors a substantiated a number of the F.M.B.A.'s contract issues.

In the July 17 issue of the *Echo Leader*, Clarke, along with Committeemen Mullman and Steven Goldstein, blamed the municipal tax increase on a recent law enacted which increased the police and fire pension benefits. In a response from the N.J. State P.B.A. President Mike Madonna, it was pointed out that this benefit is not immediate and would only take effect when the pension system could solely fund this increase without cost to municipalities. The committee failed to mention that this same law provides for a pension payment deferment [illegible]. This in addition to the past three year exemption from pension payments by municipalities, which saved Springfield hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In the Oct. 16 edition of the *Echo Leader*, Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld said he hoped a lesson could be learned so that we could resolve matters without lawyers. He also claimed he is an advocate of face to face negotiations. Hirschfeld never once attended a negotiation, mediation or arbitration meeting in the past three years. In fact, no member of the Township Committee ever attended the formal mediation or arbitration hearings and relied only on the town's labor attorney for his interpretation of these proceedings.

In this same article, Hirschfeld referred to the outrageous health care package we wanted. The Springfield P.B.A. has had the same health plan for over a decade, which he as a committeeman enjoys also, and we've made no demands in this area of the contract. We actually agreed to increase our co-pay with respect to certain items.

The Springfield police officers are still on the job despite three years without a contract.

Richard Mickles, state delegate
Springfield PBA, Local 76

Local businesses made it memorable

To the Editor:

On Oct. 4, we at the Springfield YMCA celebrated our fifth year anniversary with a Family Carnival. Our event included music, food, games, a moonbounce, and dunk tank. Due to rain, most of the event was brought into the YMCA's gymnasium but the turnout of people was quite a success, over 300 attended.

The Springfield YMCA would like to acknowledge and thank the following businesses for helping us create such a memorable occasion: Springfield Kearny Savings, JMK BMW SAAB, Springfield Acura, Outback Steakhouse, Shoprite, Dunkin Donuts at Morris Avenue and Mountain Avenue, Bennigan's, Ben & Jerry's, Prima's, Starbucks in Union, Carvel in Millburn, Whole Foods in Scotch Plains, Rita's Italian Ice and Summit Vending.

With the support of these local businesses, the Springfield YMCA's Anniversary Carnival was a huge success and a fun event for the people in the community of Springfield.

Tracy Gaume, Physical Director
Terry Clinton, Childcare, Youth and Family Director
Springfield YMCA

We're still here working, caring

To the Editor:

The Springfield Police and Fire Department current contracts expired on Dec. 31, 2000. The police and firefighters have made several attempts to negotiate a fair contract. However, the Township Committee members forced the unions into arbitration.

The township offers health insurance to all full-time employees. This benefit was negotiated many years ago and remains in place today. There is no change in the benefits, and there has been no request to do so. What the Township Committee also forgot to tell the taxpayers is that all the members of the Township Committee enjoy these same benefits.

Firefighters do receive a stipend for certain required certifications. These include, but are not limited to EMT, first responder, and fire inspector. However, these stipends are minimal and have not been increased in at least 15 years. Perhaps the Township Committee feels a stipend that averages $10 per week is excessive. What was not mentioned was the members attend required recertification classes without any compensation. These classes are attended on off-duty time at the employee's expense. And, yes, there was a change in job description when the required classes were put into effect in 1989.

The Township Committee contracted with Tri-Data Corp. to conduct a study of the Springfield Fire Department. This study cost you, the taxpayers, $25,000. What the study did do was reinforce what the fire chief had been saying for several years, "increase staffing" as well as other recommendations. What the Township Committee forgot to say was the report, which had never been released to the public, did not shed a favorable light on the Township Committee. It also was forgotten that the "two in-two out law" was addressed in the report and that the Public Safety Committee has issued a gag order to the officers of the Fire Department that have seen the report. Just another example of how well the Township Committee addresses "hot" issues.

Your homeowners' and business fire insurance rate is set by the Insurance Services Organization. Municipalities are rated by this organization based upon water supply, firefighting equipment and staff. The ratings are from a Class 1, the highest, to Class 10, the lowest. Every Fire Department is visited, unannounced, approximately every 10 years. Springfield was visited in 2002 and the ISO findings were not favorable. The ISO rating for Springfield is about to change — from a Class 4 to a Class 10, the lowest rating possible.

The members of the Springfield Police and Fire Departments are committed to continuing to provide you, the taxpayer, with the best service possible. At no time will our lack of a collective bargaining agreement or politics interfere with our desire to serve and protect you.

We're still here; we're still working, and we're still caring.

James Beyer, president
FMBA Local 57

Editor's note: The following letters are in response to our weekly Page 4 feature "What and Why." The question we posed was, "New Jersey State Police have been accused of racial profiling, but don't our political parties seek votes from minority groups? Isn't this profiling? How can profiling be wrong in one instance and right in the other?"

It's twisted logic

To try and equate racial profiling by police and the efforts of politicians to focus their message to specific groups is twisted logic. It's like equating igniting your barbecue and burning down your neighbor's house as being equal since they are both the act of starting a fire.

In both cases, the results are vastly different.

When a politician sends a message to a particular group, the receiver has the option of either accepting or rejecting what is stated. For the most part, unless the politician is really stupid, they do not send messages that are racially insulting that will alienate the people they are trying to get support from.

When a racist police officer decides to pull over a motorist because they are the "wrong" color for a particular brand of car, once the driver sees the flashing lights in their rear window they really have no choice but to comply.

The powers of the police officer are immense and discretionary. Even if you have done nothing wrong, a set of actions can be put in place that can have severe repercussions; these can be financial, legal and sometimes lethal.

It is imperative for a police officer to enforce the law correctly and impartially. As a society, we place great trust in the police. An officer who violates this trust should not be allowed to serve on the police force.

Michael Panico

Racial profiling is stereotyping

1. Racial profiling is a form of stereotyping. 2. Seeking political votes from minorities is asking for help to get elected and serve the public. Any group of citizens' votes are subject to being sought by political parties.

The first instance causes negative behavior; the second instance is merely solicitation. Perhaps a more appropriate question is: Is it wrong for political parties to accept money from special interest groups and ignore their corrupt actions?

Douglas and Janice Ellerbe

If you would like to respond to a What and Why question, send your response to editorial@thelocalsource.com. Or, you can send it by fax to 908-686-6681.

WHAT? and 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.

ARE WE LOSING OUR FREEDOMS BECAUSE OF TERRORIST FEARS OR IS GOVERNMENT BEING OPPORTUNISTIC AND GRABBING MORE AND MORE POWER?

Why not give your lungs a second chance?

For The Record

By Tom Canavan
Editor in Chief

When I walked into the Radiation Oncology Unit at JFK Medical Center last week, one of the radiation oncologists who knew me from past cancer treatments stopped me.

"You look wonderful," said Dr. Steven Zarny, stating the three words that I have heard most frequently since the surgery and radiation treatments eliminated the cancer from the upper lobe of the right lung in July 2002.

And why shouldn't those words be said to me? Since that time, I gained 25 pounds, my face filled out, most of the hair I lost from chemotherapy returned and I look, overall, more solid than I did prior to being diagnosed with lung cancer. Except for the gut. I have a huge gut that I'm working on eliminating through sit-ups and other abdominal exercises.

Then Dr. Zarny asked me a question that no other doctor had asked me. "How is your breathing capacity?"

My "breathing capacity? What's that, I wondered as I shot a curious glance at him. I never thought about my breathing capacity.

"Is your breathing normal? Do you find yourself out of breath frequently?" he asked.

The answer to those questions was no. Maybe because I had never thought about it. I didn't know if I became out of breath more easily these days. I walk up and down stairs every day. I walk and run on the treadmill in the basement for periods of 30 minutes or so and I sometimes run across streets to avoid being struck by cars. Even with this kind of exercise, I'm probably as out of breath as the next guy who performs these activities.

I take deep breaths when doctors place their stethoscopes on my back and tell me to take deep breaths. Each time, they tell me my lungs sound clear. I have great breathing capacity.

I went into remission last November with the removal of my left adrenal gland, but I was back in the Radiation Oncology Unit last week with the news that I had a recurrence of the illness. So as I embark on a treatment plan to fight this sixth battle in my war against cancer, I can't help but think how strong lung cancer can be.

Lung cancer is one of the leading causes of death among men and women in this country. In fact, 85 percent of those diagnosed with this form of the illness lose their battle.

November, I guess because the Great American Smokeout is celebrated on the third Thursday of that month each year, has been designated Lung Cancer Awareness Month. And although I swore that I would never preach to smokers to kick the habit, I never promised that I wouldn't share with people what I endured once I was diagnosed with lung cancer.

And then I'd leave it up to them to decide whether or not they want to take the chance and endure the same thing as I did.

I smoked for 20 or so years. I didn't think I was a heavy smoker by any account. To me, a heavy smoker is someone who smokes two packs per day, and I never reached that amount for as long as I smoked. And some people believe that lung cancer only strikes after more than three decades of heavy smoking. I shot that theory to hell, as did many other people.

In April 2002, I was told I had cancer, and that it was lung primary. I had a two centimeter mass on my right lung. That cancer matastasized to the brain and left a three centimeter tumor, which had to be removed through a craniotomy. That was April, and it was followed by a mediastinoscopy, or same day surgery, in July to check my lymph nodes. Two weeks later, I endured the lung surgery and have a nice, long scar on my back which I'm prepared to show anyone who wants to be terrified into quitting smoking.

Because of the chemotherapy that we used to treat the lung area after the surgery, I developed arthralgia — and a severe case of it. Without the steroid drugs that took away the pain, I found every joint would curl as I writhed in agony.

I was on all kinds of medication during those months — Neurontin for neuralgia, Prednisone for the arthralgia, Coumadin for blood clots, Decadron to reduce the swelling of the tumors on the brain, Dilantin to prevent brain seizures, and Compazine and Anzimet to fight the nausea from the chemotherapy treatments that I was receiving weekly. That's not all of the drugs. I also spent five days a week for seven weeks receiving radiation to the chest area.

A couple months later, in November, when I thought all was well, I was told the cancer had gone to the left adrenal gland, something common to lung cancer patients. Through a laparascopic adrenalectomy, my left adrenal gland was removed, leaving four narrow slits in the left side of my stomach.

I was in remission now that all evidence of cancer was gone.

But it wouldn't be for long. In May 2003, another tumor was found on the brain, this time being removed through Gamma Knife Surgery. That was my fifth battle in this war, and now I'm ready for the sixth, all because of the lung primary.

I'll survive this one, just as I survived the first five battles. I have confidence in the doctors and radiation oncologists who will treat me.

But the point is, if you know this can happen to you and you can prevent it, why continue smoking?

Give your lungs a second chance. And use Lung Cancer Awareness Month as the catalyst.

If not, keep lighting up. You'll catch up to me sooner or later.

Tom Canavan can be reached at tcanavan@thelocalsource.com.

Fingerprinting fun

The Edward V. Walton School in Springfield hosted its second annual fingerprinting program for its students. Here, Union County Police officer Brian Hayeck shows pre-kindergarten student Samantha Fiore how to record her fingerprints the right way.

EVENTS

Garden Club gathers

The Springfield Garden Club will meet at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday in the Presbyterian Parish House at 37 Church Mall in Springfield.

Guest speaker John Lanson will talk about "Improving our Parks." Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

For information, call Faith or Ted at 973-376-3436.

Veterans Day ceremony planned in Springfield

The Veterans Alliance of Springfield, which consists of the American Legion Continental Post 228, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7683, and the Jewish War Veterans Elin-Unger Post 273, will conduct a service on Veterans Day, Tuesday, at 11 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park in Springfield.

This year a number of schools in Springfield will participate in the service to honor the veterans.

Course teaches teens baby-sitting skills

The local Westfield Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross will be hosting a "Babysitter's Training" course.

Teens between the ages of 11 and 15 can learn what it takes to be a responsible baby sitter.

This will be a two-day training course from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. today and Friday, both days.

Space is limited and preregistration is required. There is a fee for the course and each participant receives a small first aid kit and handbook.

Interested individuals can call the Chapter at 908-232-7090 or e-mail at johnsonl@crossnet.org.

Nurse talks about laughter's health benefits

Rosanne Taglia, RN, community nurse educator for Senior Health at St. Barnabas Medical Center, will speak on health and humor before the Springfield Hadassah at Temple Beth Ahm, Temple Way, Springfield at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 20.

Her topic will be "A Laugh A Day Keeps The Doctor Away." A mini lunch will be served.

Hadassah, the largest women's organization in the nation, takes a strong stand on women's health.

For information, call 973-376-0539.

Foothill Club meets for holiday decor demo

The Foothill Club luncheon will be held at noon today at B.G. Fields Restaurant in Westfield.

Crafty Kitchen of Garwood will be presenting "Decorations for the Holidays." Members are encouraged to bring food items for the annual Thanksgiving food baskets. The baskets will be distributed to families in need in the local community.

For a reservation, call Genevieve at 908-232-3626.

PTSO sponsors Bulldog Basket Auction

The Jonathan Dayton High School PTSO will be sponsoring a "Bulldog Basket Auction" at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, to raise funds for Project Graduation and their Scholarship Awards.

For tickets and information call Merle Rosenbuam at 973-376-2107, Debbie LoSchiavo at 973-467-4248, or Gloria Rego at 973-376-4485.

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Oliva receives award

Ann Oliva

Ann Machin Oliva, executive director of the Overlook Hospital Foundation, has been selected by the New Jersey Chapter of the Association of Fund-raising Professionals to receive the 2003 Robert Smythe Outstanding Professional Fund-raiser Award.

The award, given annually at the AFP's Conference on Philanthropy, goes to an individual who brings honor and distinction to the fund-raising profession.

"The Overlook Hospital Family has been very fortunate to have had Ann leading the Overlook Hospital Foundation for the past 13 years," said Richard F. Trabert, chairman of the Overlook Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees. "Her work on behalf of the Foundation has played a significant role in bringing new medical technologies, services, facilities and medical professionals to our communities."

Oliva's career at Overlook spans 34 years. She joined the hospital as a surgical staff nurse in 1969 and was appointed head nurse in the Special Care Unit in 1971. In 1976 she became coordinator of Patient Education and a year later was named director of Patient Education.

She became director of Health Education in 1984 and three years later was named director of Community Health Education.

In 1987 Oliva joined the Public Relations and Marketing Department as its Director and [illegible] was appointed vice president of Public Relations and Marketing. [illegible] background with [illegible] served her well when she was appointed to lead the Overlook Hospital Foundation in July 1990.

During Oliva's tenure with the Overlook Hospital Foundation annual revenues have grown from $2 million to more than $9 million. Cumulatively more than $50 million has been raised through fund-raising initiatives during her leadership.

During the years Oliva has initiated and directed several major capital campaigns for projects that have improved the quality and range of services at Overlook, including the John E. Reeves Same Day Surgery Center, the Frank and Mimi Walsh Maternity Center, the Neuroscience Institute at Overlook, and most recently the [illegible] expansion of the hospital's Emergency Department.

"Whatever the project, whatever the cost, Ann has time and again proven that she is a highly effective and creative professional fund-raiser," observed Trabert.

"With perseverance, professionalism and her effervescent personality, she has built a wide circle of Overlook supporters, ranging from individuals within the community, employees, medical staff members, corporations and other foundations."

Oliva, a resident of Basking Ridge, is president of the Summit Rotary Club. She also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Wellness Community of Central New Jersey.

[illegible] in her career — at a time when chief development officers of New Jersey hospitals lacked a professional organization to facilitate networking, educational programming, and professional development — Oliva helped found the Hospital Fund-raising Executives of New Jersey and later served as its president.

Oliva received the Robert Smythe Award for Outstanding Professional Fund-raiser at the AFP's Conference on Philanthropy luncheon, which was held Oct. 30 at the Hanover Marriott in Whippany.

The Overlook Hospital Foundation raises funds that are used to purchase state-of-the-art equipment, and funds special programs to help Overlook, a not-for-profit organization, remain on the forefront of medical care.

All gifts to the Overlook Hospital Foundation are tax deductible and remain at Overlook.

For information about gift-giving or volunteering opportunities at Overlook, call the Overlook Hospital Foundation at 908-522-2840, or visit the Foundation's Web site at [illegible].

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Baier named new CFO for Independence Com Bank

Frank W. Baier of Summit has been named executive vice president and chief financial officer of Independence Community Bank Corp.

Baier, who has been senior vice president corporate treasurer at Independence since mid-2001, replaces John Zurell, who retired from the post in September.

In making the announcement, Alan H. Fishman, president and CEO of Independence Community Bank Corp., shared his thoughts.

"I wish John Zurell all the very best in his retirement. He has served Independence with great distinction for over 30 years.

"At the same time," continued Fishman, "the promotion of Frank Baier is very exciting for us because he brings such significant assets to the position. His energy, his intellectual integrity and his understanding of financial markets will serve Independence well over the coming years."

Baier said, "These are exciting times for Independence Community Bank Corp. as we expand our branch network and our financial products and services to new markets and work to build a stronger financial institution.

"I look forward to working with Alan Fishman and the entire management team for the benefit for the shareholders, clients and employees of Independence."

The new CFO began his business career in 1987 at RJR Nabisco, Inc., starting as a senior auditor and advancing to senior accountant, then manager of Corporate Finance.

He was named director of Corporate Finance in [illegible] when he was responsible for managing the company's capital structure.

Before he came to Independence Community Bank, Baier was senior vice president and CFO of Continental Corporation where he was responsible for all treasury, tax and accounting functions for the $10 billion business.

A certified public accountant, Baier lives in Summit with his wife Sue and their three children, Stefan, 10; Joshua, 7; and Eric, 1.

He earned his MBA in finance and international business from the NYU Stern School of Business and is a cum laude graduate of the Stillman School of Business at Seton Hall University and continues to be active with the University's alumni association.

Abruzzese named distinguished alum

Summit resident Peter Abruzzese, an attorney who specializes in technology law, received a Distinguished Alumni Achievement Medal during the fall awards ceremony held Oct. 8 at the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

What do Sheraton Hotels, Madison Square Garden and digital optical fiber telecommunications have in common?

A lot when it comes to intellectual property, according to Abruzzese, who graduated from the Newark College of Engineering in 1964. NCE grew into NJIT in 1975 with the addition of the New Jersey School of Architecture.

The trademark rights of Sheraton and Madison Square Garden and patent protection of the optical fiber telecommunications represent a critical and substantial asset of these businesses and must be carefully protected, as Abruzzese, a partner at the law firm of Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel in New York City, knows from personal IP experience with all three.

But protection and exploitation of famous trademarks and technological developments through trademarks, copyrights, patents and trade secrets are just a few facets of the legal work that Abruzzese, a specialist in IP and technology law, has done for more than three decades.

Abruzzese has seen the prominence and status of his legal specialty rise dramatically in the estimation of senior corporate management during the years.

"In fields such as bioengineering, entertainment, e-commerce, computers and software, electronics and telecommunications, intellectual property is often a company's most important asset," said Abruzzese.

"To be successful in today's business environment, you have to be very vigilant in protecting technology, trademarks, copyrights and other intellectual property because they can comprise a substantial asset of your company and often represent a competitive advantage in the market place."

In Abruzzese's view, effective management of intellectual property is an engine of progress and competition. Inventors, entrepreneurs and large companies alike must be assured that they can move forward without concern that other parties will assert prior rights to an innovative product or service and preclude others from copying the [illegible].

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Holiday donations benefit local seniors

Most people want to make the holidays special for children, but often, the needs of the elderly are overlooked. Because they may be homebound, separated by distance from family members and financially unable to buy even simple clothing and household staples, many older people in the Summit community go without the most essential items for living.

SAGE, a not-for-profit eldercare organization with headquarters in Summit, hopes to help these seniors with its second annual "Essentials for Seniors" drive.

SAGE will collect basic items from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15 at several locations where collection bins will be displayed. Items needed include towels, razors and shaving cream, new bed sheets, new basic clothing articles such as has undershirts, socks, shirts, sweaters — size extra large, slippers, gloves and hats, household paper goods, and gift certificates to areas supermarkets.

Items, preferably unwrapped, should be brought to the following locations: Summit Medical Group, 120 Summit Ave., Summit; Hilltop Bank, 385 Springfield Ave., Summit; Summit Housing Authority; Summit City Hall; SAGE headquarters, 50 DeForest Ave., Summit; Summit Medical Group — Watchung Office, 40 Sterling Road, Watchung; SAGE Spend-A-Day, 550 Springfield Ave., Berkeley Heights; Baxter Healthcare, 95 Spring Street, New Providence; and New Providence Internal Medicine, 1252 Springfield Ave., New Providence.

The "Essentials for Seniors" drive was conceived by SAGE HomeCare Director Kathy Lyons.

"We in HomeCare see how dependent older people can be upon the goodness of the community," said Lyons. "Thanks to the tremendous support and generosity of the community, last year's 'Essentials for Seniors' drive was a success and benefited many older people in Summit and surrounding areas."

"We are confident that our community will continue to support the needs of elderly by supporting this drive." For questions and/or information about "Essentials for Seniors," call SAGE HomeCare at 908-273-8400.

SAGE is a private not-for-profit eldercare organization that serves as a major community resource in the establishment and delivery of innovative services for older adults and their caregivers, thereby promoting independence and a dignified quality of life.

These programs include Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center, HomeCare, Meals On Wheels, a Shopping Service, a Bill Paying Service, SHIP — State Health Insurance Program of Union County, and InfoCare, an information and referral service.

Other SAGE programs include a Resale Shop and a furniture repair service.

Kathy Lyons director of SAGE HomeCare, displays some of 2002's Essentials for Seniors donations. Lyons said last year's drive was a great success, serving the area's senior citizens with many essential items needed for day-to-day living. This year, SAGE is gearing up for another drive and hopes the community will help make it even more successful than last year's.

Senior gambling examined

Did you know that 10 percent of all callers to the 1-800-GAMBLER hotline were older than 55? Did you know that gambling by senior citizens has surged in New Jersey and other states that have legalized various forms of wagering from state lotteries to casino gambling? Older people may gamble in excess after the death of a spouse or after retiring. They may have outlived friends and family members and feel lonely.

Learn more about compulsive gambling and how it affects New Jersey's senior citizens when Jerry Ellman speaks on "Gambling Away the Golden Years" at 11 a.m. Nov. 14 at The Summit Golden Age Club, Summit Recreation Center, 100 Morris Ave. Ellman is associated with The Council on Compulsive Gambling in New Jersey.

This presentation is presented by the Summit Municipal Alliance in conjunction with SAGE.

Admission is free and the event is open to all who are interested. For information, call Suzanne Lyon, director of Special Events at SAGE, at 908-273-5550, ext. 22.

HEALTH

Seminar uses hypnosis to help smokers quit

"The Power to Quit: Hypnosis for Smoking Cessation" is a one-session seminar offered Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Overlook Hospital, Conference Room 4, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit. The fee is $60.

Overcome to desire to smoke and eliminate psychological cravings using group hypnosis and behavior modification techniques. This seminar offers a stress-free approach to quit the habit permanently.

Instructor Barbara Van Duyne, Certified Hypnotherapist, will provide audiotape, monthly reinforcement and support.

Registration is required; call 800-247-9580 to register and for more information.

Blood drive scheduled

Before Thanksgiving, do a good deed by donating blood at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave. in Summit.

New Jersey Blood Services is organizing a blood drive at the Arboretum, a 12.5-acre public garden, Nov. 18. To schedule an appointment, call 908-273-8787. Walk-ins are also welcome between 3:30 and 7 p.m.

Depending on the weather, the trees at the arboretum may still be displaying fall colors. Reeves-Reed Arboretum has more than 50 varieties of deciduous trees, including a 100-year-old sugar maple. Heath, heather, hollies and winterberry will be blooming in the gardens.

Eligible donors may donate blood as often as every 56 days. New Jersey Blood Services sponsors several corporate and community blood drives daily. To make an appointment for another blood drive, call 800-933-BLOOD 800-933-2566.

Reeves-Reed Arboretum is open free of charge to the public every day from dawn to dusk. For information about Reeves-Reed Arboretum, visit its Web site, www.reeves-reedarboretum.org.

Course shows patients how to face challenges

The Oncology Department at Overlook Hospital will offer a program series called "Facing the Challenge."

Lee Anne Caffery, RN, MSN, OCN, and Emilie Rowan, LCSW, will facilitate the series.

The series is designed to meet the psycho-social needs of the cancer patient or caregivers.

For information or to register for this free course, call Caffery at 908-522-3549.

The course will be from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Fridays on Nov. 21, Dec. 5 and 19 at Overlook Hospital Conference Room 1, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit.

Cancer patients discover coping techniques

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 Caffery, RN, MSN, at 908-522-5349.

The program will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday.

Brain tumor support offered at Overlook

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.

A light lunch will be provided. Patients and family members will be free to leave for appointments and return as needed. The group meets every other Thursday.

For information or to register for this free support group, call Emilie Rowan, LCSW at 908-522-5255.

The group meets from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today and Nov. 20, Dec. 4 and 18 in the Conference Room at the Brain Tumor Center of New Jersey located in the Overlook Hospital Oncology Center, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit.

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OBITUARIES

George Stapleton

George M. Stapleton of Springfield died Oct. 20 at home.

Born in Guttenberg, Mr. Stapleton lived in Springfield for many years. He was a purchasing supervisor for Fisher Scientific before retiring.

Surviving are his wife, Theresa; a daughter, Marianne; a son, Peter; and a sister, Sister Mary Carmella Stapleton, RDC.

Pat S. Eorio

Pat S. Eorio, 78, of Las Cruces, N.M., formerly of Summit, died Oct. 24 in the Mountain View Regional Medical Center, Las Cruces.

Born in Summit, Mr. Eorio lived in Stirling and Madison before moving to Las Cruces five years ago. He was a home builder and owned Eorio Contractors, Madison, for more than 30 years before retiring. Mr. Eorio was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Rose; three daughters, Donna Eorio-Long, Angela and Lori-Ann; three sons, Rick, James and Michael; a sister, Rose Trebolis; a brother, Joseph; 13 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Edward Gude

Edward Warner Gude, 66, of West Lebanon, N.H., formerly of Summit, died Oct. 21 at Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital, Lebanon.

Born in Summit, Mr. Gude lived in Summit and attended Summit High School. He moved to Upper Valley and lived in Massachusetts before moving to New Hampshire. Mr. Gude graduated from Dartmouth College in 1959, and later attended both the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the London School of Economics.

He served as a professor in Dartmouth's Government Department. He worked as main analyst and researcher for the Stevenson Institute, the Department of Defense in Washington, D.C., and Raytheon Corp. Mr. Gude also worked as a stock broker for Bache and Co. and E.F. Hutton.

In Upper Valley in the early 1990s, he served in the alcohol and drug treatment and counseling departments. He was acting executive director of Headrest Inc., a residence house, for those in need of drug and alcohol treatment, a public member of the New Hampshire Licensing Board for Alcohol and Other Drug Professionals, a member of the Intervention and Treatment Task Force of the Governor's Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, vice chairman of Friends and Recovery, New Hampshire, a volunteer at many drug and alcohol treatment programs, and a mentor to Upper Valley residents who sought help with addiction.

Surviving are a son, Ken; a sister, Barbara McLaughlan, and his former wife, Kathryn.

Josephine Caporaso

Josephine B. Caporaso, 79, of Basking Ridge, formerly of Summit, died Oct. 30 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Caporaso lived in Summit before moving to Basking Ridge 25 years ago. She was a member of the Legion of Mary at St. Bridget's Church, Peapack, and did volunteer work at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston and the Department of Veterans Affairs of New Jersey Health Care Center at Lyons.

Surviving are her husband of 55 years, Anthony; two daughters, Toni Chandler and Ann Ochs; a son, John; and nine grandchildren.

Nancy Brundo

Nancy C. Brundo, 89, of New Providence, formerly of Summit, died Oct. 31 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Summit, Mrs. Brundo moved to New Providence 63 years ago. She was a seamstress for 40 years at MacGregor Sportswear Co. and the M&D Coat Co., both in Summit, and retired in 1977. Mrs. Brundo was a member of the William Baca Club and the Senior Citizens Club, both in New Providence.

Surviving are two daughters, Ann Landry and Eleanor De Nunzio; a son, John; a sister, Ann Gagliardi; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mildred Shallcross

Mildred Shallcross, 93, of Forked River, formerly of Kenilworth and Mountainside, died Oct. 28 at home.

Born in Matawan, Mrs. Shallcross lived in Kenilworth and Mountainside before moving to Forked River in 1982. She was the vice president of Harry Shallcross Express, Kenilworth. Mrs. Shallcross was a volunteer at the Southern Ocean County Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, Manahawkin, and a volunteer at the Baptist House of New Jersey, Newark.

Surviving are a son, Harry Jr.; two daughters, Janet Siecke and Barbara Vitarius; six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Eric Dalrymple

Eric G. Dalrymple, 95, of Lakewood, formerly of Springfield, died Oct. 25 in the Harrogate Health Care Center, New York City.

Born in New York City, Mr. Dalrymple lived in Springfield before moving to Lakewood eight years ago. He was an engineer and was employed by Bell Telephone Co., Murray Hill, for 35 years. Mr. Dalrymple retired in 1972. He graduated from Brooklyn Poly Tech. Mr. Dalrymple attended All Saints Episcopal Church in Lakewood. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Millburn, and Christ Church, Short Hills.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth; two sons, Eric and Peter L.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Rev. Bruce W. Evans

The Rev. Bruce W. Evans, 86, of Matthews, N.C., formerly of Springfield, a retired Presbyterian minister in Union and Springfield, died Oct. 29 in Plantation Estates, Matthews.

Born in Ebensburg, Pa., the Rev. Evans was an officer of St. David's Welsh Society of New York. He served for 35 years at the historic First Presbyterian Church of Springfield. Previously, the Rev. Evans served at the Townley Presbyterian Church of Union, the McKinley Presbyterian Church and Foundation, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, and as chaplain of the U.S. Navy during World War II with the 18th Seabees and the 2nd Marine Division in the Pacific area.

He served as moderator of NJ Synod and also as state clerk and moderator in the Elizabeth Presbytery. The Rev. Evans also served as summer pastor of Christ Community Chapel at Culver Lake. The Rev. Evans was instrumental in establishing the Overlook Chaplaincy Service, Summit, the Community Thanksgiving Service and the Springfield Clergy Association.

During his service in Springfield the Parish House was built, and Temple Beth Ahm and Sha'arey Shalom met in the Parish House as they formed their congregations. He also served as chaplain to the Springfield Fire Department. After retiring, he resided at Rossmoor Community Center. The Rev. Evans continued his ministry at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, Rossmoor Community Church, the Cranbury and Metuchen Presbyterian churches.

He was a member of Beta Theta Pi at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa., where he graduated with honors. The Rev. Evans also graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary. He did graduate work at Oxford University in England.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth; a son, Bruce W. Jr.; a daughter, Janet Evans Trampel; a sister, Gwendolyn Askew; two grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Cosmo Mellusi

Cosmo Mellusi, 64, of North Branch, formerly of Summit, a paving contractor in Springfield, died Oct. 30 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Summit, Mr. Mellusi lived in Somerville before moving to North Branch 17 years ago. He was a paving contractor and owned C. Mellusi Paving in Springfield for the past 35 years. Mr. Mellusi was a member of the Italian-American Club of Summit.

Surviving are his wife of 17 years, Cynthia; three daughters, Vicki Neuwirth, Dereca Mellusi and Luann Dale; three sons, Cosmo, Joseph and John; five sisters, Betty Scarcia, Frances Proire, Barbara Riola, Joanne Tornambe and Marlene Rajput; two brothers, Robert and Dominick, and 10 grandchildren.

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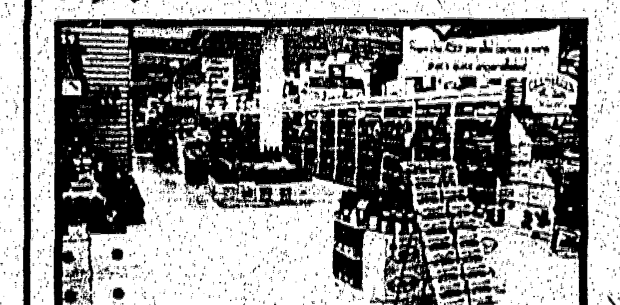

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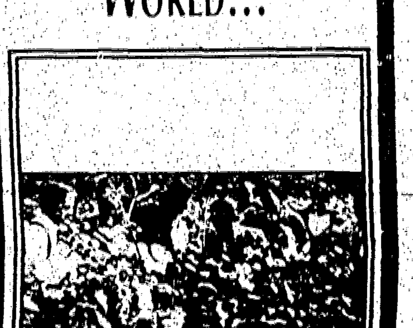

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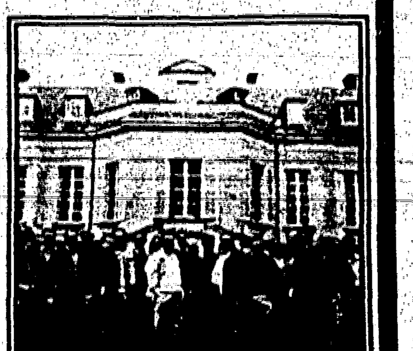

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Center marks 20th with house warming

The Women's Resource Center begins their 20th anniversary year celebration with an open house.

The "Founding Mothers" of the Women's Resource Center had an idea 20 years ago when they envisioned a multifaceted organization for women that would include a variety of programs for women of all ages and stages of their lives.

Join the center Nov. 14 for a House Warming "Drop In" Party from 7 to 10 p.m. Bring an office supply as a "house warming" gift and be entered in a random prize drawing that evening. Please note that this is a date change from what was printed in "The Source Fall 2003."

The Women's Resource Center opened its doors in the fall of 1983 and in the early years, staff consisted of two women working on a part-time basis. The center staff has grown to two full-time and five part-time women. Twenty years after its humble beginnings, in space provided by the Calvary Episcopal Church, the organization has moved to its own home at 57 New England Ave. in Summit next to Christ Church.

In the previous program year it served more than 4,700 women and girls — compared to the hundreds served in the early years.

The needs of women and girls are met through the wide variety of programs and services including legal consultations, financial planning, support groups, personal growth workshops, older women programs, literary discussions, parent coaching, breast and gynecological cancer support groups, Girl project programs and more.

The Pathways cancer support groups are free, as were the post 9-11 programs, and the rest are provided at a fraction of their real cost.

The mission of the Women's Resource Center has remained the same throughout its 20 year history. To provide the tools to women and girls so that they can meet the goals they have set for themselves in life and change the world one woman at a time.

Meeting to plan the House Warming 'Drop-In' Party, which will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. Nov. 14 at 57 New England Ave., are from front row, left: Beth Brier, Nora Holley, Margaret Bayse and back row left: Shari Nyman, Laura O'Rourke, all of Summit, and Kathleen Williams-Biddulph of Clark.

Programs promote wellness

Sandra Pruzansky, a mind/body fitness counselor and long-time Tai Chi instructor from New Providence, has successfully completed instructor training for the Tai Chi for Diabetes Program.

Tai Chi for Diabetes is a form of Tai Chi specially designed by Dr. Paul Lam, a family physician in Australia, in conjunction with his Tai Chi associates and a team of medical experts.

Based on Sun and Yang style of Tai Chi Chuan, Tai Chi for Diabetes is easy to learn, effective and safe. It is designed to prevent and improve control for diabetes. The program can help minimize the risk of complications for people with diabetes by improving heart lung activity, muscular strength, flexibility, and balance, and integrating the mind and body. The program, supported by Diabetes Australia, has just recently been introduced in this country.

Pruzansky is also certified as a Tai Chi for Arthritis instructor. This program was also designed by Dr. Lam in conjunction with a group of Tai Chi and medical experts. The program is designed to deliver maximum relief from the main problems experienced by people with arthritis — namely pain and stiffness.

Also, it is designed to improve relaxation. The Arthritis Foundation of NJ officially supports the Tai Chi for Arthritis Program, and it is currently being offered in Summit at Interweave, a community learning center teaching skills for wholistic living that strengthens wellness, deepens spirituality, and promotes the common good.

Other Interweave events this month include "Survival and Grace: Necessary Skills in Poverty or Riches." Five Wednesday mornings beginning this Wednesday, "Knitting as Meditation." Five Friday afternoons beginning Nov. 14, "Training in Therapeutic Touch," two Monday evenings beginning Nov. 17, and "Nurturing Hope in Difficult Times," a lecture by popular writer and lecturer Forrest Church, on Nov. 20.

The lecture will be held at the Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave. in Summit.

Breast cancer foundation plans annual Pink Tie Ball

Motown legend Smokey Robinson and his 25 piece orchestra will headline the entertainment as Neiman Marcus in the Mall at Short Hills hosts The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation North Jersey Affiliate's annual Pink Tie Ball to benefit the Summit-based foundation, at 7 p.m. Saturday.

The ball, New Jersey's annual fund-raising event in the battle against breast cancer, is expected to draw more than 1,000 guests who can look forward to being entertained by a list of special guests including Gov. James E. McGreevey, CBS's Jack Ford of the new morning show "Living it Up! With Ali & Jack," award winning television personality Steve Adubato, host of Channel 13's "One on One with Steve Adubato and Caucus NJ" and comedian impressionist Joe Piscopo of "Saturday Night Live" fame.

Vice President and General Manager of Neiman Marcus, Nancy Y. Taylor, said, "It's a great honor for Neiman Marcus Short Hills to be hosting this event with the Komen North Jersey Affiliate. This is a significant charity event for our community."

"Breast cancer touches the lives of so many New Jersey women and their families," she continued.

"I feel privileged to be working for a company that not only supports giving back to the community, but strongly encourages us to get involved personally."

Taylor also mentioned that the Pink Tie Ball is really a celebration of life, a wonderful tribute to the many breast cancer survivors they've come to know through their long and treasured partnership with the Komen North Jersey Affiliate.

The Pink Tie Ball, which will be held on all three levels of the Short Hills venue, is the largest event of its kind ever undertaken by Neiman Marcus Short Hills — described by Taylor as "over the top," even for them.

In addition to Smokey Robinson, whose appearance has been partially underwritten by Vivendi Universal Studios, the famous 20-piece "party band" Stylle will be offering dance music for everyone on dance floor on the second level.

The third level features a disc jockey spinning favorite hits from the 1960s, 70s and 80s.

There will be plenty of other things to do. A silent auction of more than 300 luxury items on the first level, from small collectibles to the ultimate in luxury.

Participants are encouraged to watch for the Rose Bearers, who will be wandering through the crowd selling blooms.

Purchase a rose for $100, $200 or $300, and receive a wrapped surprise gift of at least that value.

The live auction will feature a small number of exclusive packages, including a new fully-loaded 2004 Ford Thunderbird in a favorite color donated by the Fullerton Auto Group.

Participants can also take off on an adventure for two or three of seven on their own Raytheon Hawker 800XP, the ultimate in private luxury jet aircraft, with five hours of domestic flight time donated by NetJets Inc.

Participants might consider offering a bid on "Treasures of the Adriatic," an 11-night cruise on Silversea's luxurious Silver Wind, including first-class airfare for two, donated by Neiman Marcus Short Hills.

The companies and individuals who are to be honored by the Komen North Jersey Affiliate at the Pink Tie Ball include Neiman Marcus Short Hills, Nancy Y. Taylor, vice-president and general manager; Continental Airlines, Mary Ellen Burke, regional sales director; Dr. Kenneth R. Adler of Morristown Memorial Hospital; Paul-Lisa Guttner of Chatham; and Andrew and Diane Kaslow of Short Hills.

The Pink Tie Ball is the Komen North Jersey Affiliate's signature event, an event that last year netted the organization a record $1.4 million.

This year, the Komen North Jersey Affiliate expects to exceed that.

The lion's share of the proceeds, 75 percent, will go toward program grants that address the breast health needs of medically underserved populations in communities throughout the nine North Jersey counties.

The remaining 25 percent will be directed to The Susan K. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Award and Research Grant Program, the nation's largest private funding source for breast cancer research and one that has contributed significantly to important advances in the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.

"We are so grateful for the wonderful support, both from corporations and individuals, that we've received over the years, and the warm relationships that have continued to develop," said Deborah Belfatto, executive director of Komen North Jersey.

RELIGION

Rosarians collect leftover Halloween treats

The Rosary Altar Society at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, will conduct the following services Monday.

At 7 p.m., a Rosary Novena will take place, followed by a prayer service at 7:30 and 8 p.m. and a service program on packaging Halloween candy with chairwoman Mary Greeley.

Members and guests are invited to join in and have fun bagging leftover Halloween candy for the needy. Volunteer help will be greatly appreciated.

Refreshments will be served. For information, call 908-232-1162.

Group to perform Jewish music at temple

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, will celebrate Intergenerational Shabbat with a special Sabbath evening of music with Yale University's Jewish a cappella group Magevet on Nov. 14.

Magevet will perform prior to the service during dinner at 6:30 p.m., will participate in the Sabbath service at 8 p.m., and will perform in concert following services.

This special evening of music is made possible through funding from the Temple Renaissance Group and Religious School.

The public is invited to attend. Reservations are required for dinner at a cost of $12 per adult, $6 per child.

This Intergenerational Service is Temple Sha'arey Shalom's 6th annual. Magevet is Yale University's premier a cappella group dedicated to singing Jewish, Hebrew, and Israeli music.

The members comprise some of the most talented Jewish singers at Yale University.

Magevet performances provide a taste of Jewish music spanning from Renaissance choral masterpieces to Yemenite and Yiddish folksongs to modern Israeli pop hits.

For information, call the temple office at 973-379-5387. Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform Jewish congregation.

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'Thoughtful Hippo' is a print by Barbara Zietchick of Westfield. Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside will exhibit the work of Zietchick, artist Lois Heeney Bajort of Highlands and the Raritan Valley Arts Association through the month of November.

Printmakers exhibit opens at hospital

Children's Specialized Hospital, the largest pediatric rehabilitation hospital in the United States, will exhibit the work of printmakers Barbara Zietchick of Westfield, artist Lois Heeney Bajor of Highlands and the Raritan Valley Arts Association through the month of November.

Monthly exhibits are sponsored by the Auxiliary at Children's Specialized Hospital.

All artwork is available for purchase with a portion of sales benefiting the auxiliary.

Admission is free and exhibits can be viewed from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. by entering through the hospital's East Wing entrance, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

For information, call 908-233-3720, ext. 5379.

Learn to save a life

The local Westfield Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross has announced their November classes courses in lifesaving skills.

All classes are held at the Westfield Mountainside Chapter, 321 Elm St. in Westfield. Class size is limited and preregistration is required.

To register or for information, call the Chapter at 908-232-7090 or e-mail johnson.a.crossnet.org.

The Standard First Aid class teaches participants how to check the condition of conscious and unconscious adult victims and how to recognize and care for life threatening bleeding, sudden illness and injuries. This class will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

For those who only want information on first aid, First Aid Basics will be offered from 6 to 10 p.m. Nov. 25.

Adult CPR class will take place from 6 to 10 p.m. Nov. 13. Class participants learn how to deal with choking, breathing and cardiac emergencies in adults. This class also includes training in AED — automated external defibrillator — use.

Community First Aid & Safety which offers training in infant, child and adult CPR plus training in first aid, will be offered from 9 to 6 p.m. Nov. 15. Participants who wish to only attend the CPR portion of this class may do so from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

A Child CPR class take place from 6 to 10 p.m. Nov. 17.

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AT THE LIBRARY

Etch-A-Sketch artist visits Mountainside

Keith Drake, an illustrator, designer, and Etch-A-Sketch artist will give a demonstration of his art work at the Mountainside Public Library at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

This special program is for children age 4 and older through adults who remember this classic toy of their youth. Drake has been etching for more than 38 years. He frequently exhibits and sells his work and also has appeared on CBS' "The Early Show" and at Liberty Science Center.

Although Etch-A-Sketch drawings are designed to be erased, Drake has discovered a way to preserve his works of art and a variety of pieces will be on display at the library.

Since receiving his first Etch-A-Sketch at age 8, Drake has continued to sharpen his unusual talent, never losing the enjoyment of the challenge of drawing with just those two white knobs, that mysterious continuous line and no eraser.

Now after 20 years as a technical artist for Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill, Drake has ventured out on his own as a freelance artist and Master Etcher creating etchings from DaVinci to Disney, and everything in between.

For the library program, Drake will get down on the children's eye level with his Etch-A-Sketch and capture their attention as a continuous line performs practice "loop-the-loops" and their name appears in just seconds. Drake makes the stylus zip around the screen as it squiggles its way into an elephant, a bird, a rocket ship, or just about anything in as little as two or three minutes.

The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and is open to the public.

Call 908-233-0115 for information.

Photography, sculpture will be on display

Photos on paper of Italian stone and marble sculpture and sculpture made from handmade paper will be on exhibit at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., through Dec. 4. An artist's reception will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Nov. 15.

Italian Sculptural Images is the subject of photographer Ron Brown's upcoming exhibit. Public art is a dominant feature of the urban Italian landscape. Images in sculpture and other forms, on both a grand and small scale, are omnipresent. The photographs in this exhibit, taken in Rome, Florence and Venice, portray this aspect of the public persona of Italy.

"These works build on my interest in structure, as something which can ground experience, and form, as a visual articulation of beauty and ideas," said Brown. "The gray tonal scale of silver prints is well-suited to capture the texture and feeling of works made from marble and stone."

Complementing this photography exhibit is "Embodied Presence," an exhibit by Pat Feeney Murrell of flax handmade paper sculpture. The show explores the human body as a personification for man's spirit, a celebration of man's essence in the ancient sense of visitation of the soul. Emphasis is on the fragility yet endurance of humankind — alive in handmade flax paper body wrappings.

Brown, a fine arts photographer, has shown widely in New Jersey and, recently, in New York City.

Hours of the exhibit are 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. Sunday hours are from 1 to 3:30 p.m. For information, call 973-376-4930.

Video series takes viewers on Asian journey

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Out of this World Travel Video Series with "South Korea-Malaysia," at noon Friday.

South Korea sits on the east coast of northern Asia. It is a neighbor to communist North Korea and surrounded by China, Russia and Japan. Well known for its remarkable economic achievements, this is also a land rich in cultural heritage and exoteric beauty that has somehow remained far removed from the Asian tourist trail.

In the heart of South East Asia, modern Malaysia is a vibrant mix of different cultures — Malay, Chinese, Indian, and indigenous people. It has some of the oldest rain forest on the planet, bordered by the beaches of Southern Thailand. The two films run for a total of 100 minutes.

The series will continue Fridays through Dec. 19.

The next three videos scheduled are "Indonesia-French Polynesia" on Nov. 14, "Hawaii/California" on Nov. 21, and "Great Festivals" on Nov. 28.

Funding for the video series has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library.

Bring a brown bag lunch to the program. Refreshments will be provided. For information, call 973-376-4930.

Travel series continues

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The Indonesian islands of Java and Sumatra are located in the South China Sea. The largest and most developed of the Indonesian archipelago, they are a dichotomy of modern and ancient cultures from shopping malls and snarls of traffic to tranquil rural scenes and vibrant traditional culture. The 118 islands of French Polynesia are specks in the vast Pacific Ocean. Explorers and pirates came here looking for treasure, but found white sand, palm trees and hula girls. A mix of French culture and Pacific charm, French Polynesia is one of the world's dream tourist destinations.

Traveler Ian Wright starts his journey on the legendary island of Bora Bora before flying to Tahiti. From there he heads to the remote, outer islands of Tubuai and Rangiroa and then west to independent Samoa. After a stopover in Moorea he ends his journey back in Tahiti at the top of Mount Aorai.

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The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call 973-376-4930.

Workshop offers help for home businesses

A free workshop offered by SCORE called "Home-Based Businesses: Great Ideas that Work" is scheduled at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

Compact modern equipment and instant communications now make it possible to work from home. Many home businesses eventually grow, hire employees and move to larger quarters after being incubated in the home environment. SCORE will help set the stage for more home business.

SCORE is a group of retired business executives who offer their expertise for free in cooperation with the Small Business Administration. Individual counseling is also available.

Registration is suggested.

For information, call 973-376-4930 or e-mail questions@springfieldpubliclibrary.com.

Quartet from symphony orchestra to perform

A quartet from the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will perform at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., at 2 p.m. Sunday.

The program, "Something for Everyone," including selections from Bach to percussion, demonstrates the various families in a symphony, with an introduction to each family of instruments with an explanation of how sound is produced from each, for the whole family.

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"I feel very fortunate and blessed to have had the opportunity to work with such a caring congregation singing God's praises for 40 years," said John Bunnell, the choir director at the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield, which recently recognized and appreciated Bunnell's 40 years of service at that church.

"Over the past 40 years, our church had five ministers, the Reverends Bruce Evans, Robert Cunningham, Chuck Hale, Jeff Curtis and Dan Russell, but only one choir director," said Judy Lyon, chairwoman of the luncheon reception at the Springfield Parish House.

The affair, attended by more than 100 congregants, friends and past choir members, enjoyed the singing of Russell Lyon, a featured baritone with the Orpheus Club and local cabaret singer and performer Kathy Kneese. The Harmony Excursions, a barbershop quartet that performs in the metropolitan arena, also was featured.

Bunnell began his tenure at the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield with a handshake from Henry Brucker, member of the Session and that handshake was re-enacted with Brucker's comment "Let's do it again for the next 40 years, John."

Bunnell has dedicated his life to music, not only as a choir director but also a Pied Piper of song. Aside from conducting and directing concerts and musical performances within the Madison High School environment for 32 years until is retirement in 1990, Bunnell is also a conductor, arranger of the Union Community Band and until recently, musical director and producer of summer musicals for the Union Township Recreation Department.

He was also the arranger and director of the Orpheus Club, a men's glee club organized more than a century ago by Reverend Samuel A. Ward who wrote "America The Beautiful." These are just a few of the activities in which John Bunnell has performed over the past years.

"Whether we have known John Bunnell as a conductor, director, singer, teacher, performer, musician, we have all benefited from knowing him," added Janice Bongiovanni, a longtime choir member and church secretary at the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield.

St. James still looking for alumni

St. James the Apostle School in Springfield is looking for alumni.

The publicity department of St. James is putting together a new promotional packet for the school. It would like to include comments, thoughts, memories and possibly photos of any children who belonged to the St. James student body from past years.

It is especially interested in hearing from alumni parents who have also sent their own children to St. James and why.

If able to help, call Father Jim at the St. James rectory at 973-376-3044 or e-mail at FrJimWorth@comcast.net

Volunteers sponsor dinner, concert

Good food, friends and soothing jazz by critically acclaimed pianist Dan Criser will be offered to the public Nov. 15 by a team of volunteers representing the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church and members of the Springfield Fire Department.

Ticket prices range from $5 to $17.50 with take-out dinner available for pick up between 5 and 6 p.m. Dining and entertainment will be offered between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Seating is limited to 100 people. Tickets must be purchased by Sunday.

Jazz pianist Dan Criser plays at top venues in the Tri-state area including the Blue Room in New York City.

Area merchants who have contributed to this benefit event are: Gagliardo Produce, Green Village Packing, Outback Steakhouse in Springfield and the Campus Sub Shop.

Springfield Emanuel is located at 40 Church Mall, near the intersection of Morris and Mountain avenues in Springfield.

Call the church office at 973-376-1695 for ticket reservations or information.

STUDENT UPDATE

Dayton senior named Commended Student

Principal Charles Serson of Jonathan Dayton High School announced that Keith Dworkin, a senior at Dayton, has been named Commended Student in the 2004 National Merit Scholarship Program.

A Letter of Commendation from the school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to this senior.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2004 competition for Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 5 percent of more than one million students who entered the 2004 competition by taking the 2002 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

"Recognition of academically talented students and of the key role played by school in their development is essential to the pursuit of educational excellence in our nation," said a spokesperson for the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. "The young people named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program.

"We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and that they will continue to pursue scholastic excellence and to develop their abilities to the fullest. These young people represent a very valuable national resource."

RECREATION

The Mountainside Recreation Department offers a variety of fall programs and activities this year. For information on any programs, call 908-232-0015.

Computer classes for seniors offered

Upcoming computer classes for seniors at the Learning Center in the Borough Hall Community Room are scheduled for November.

Advanced E-mail is scheduled for today, Beginner Internet today, and Advanced Beginner Internet on Nov. [illegible]

Registration for each class is $15.

Radio city trip planned

The Recreation Department is again sponsoring a trip to Radio City for the Christmas Show on Dec. 9.

The bus will leave from the Deerfield School parking lot at 5:30 p.m. and will return after the 8 p.m. show.

The cost is $71 per person, and includes seating in the orchestra section, town hall and bus transportation. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets will be sold at the recreation office. Make checks payable to the Mountainside Recreation Department.

Body sculpting course builds endurance

[illegible] total body workout and develop muscle endurance in the fall session of Body Sculpting, from Professional Fitness Athlete Laura Hass-Hegeman for this activity that uses lightweight 3-5 pound hand weights.

Classes run from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday evenings at Borough Hall [illegible]

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, NJ

ORDINANCE AMENDING CAPITAL ORDINANCE #2003-12 TO AUTHORIZE VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY, AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP AND APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF $171,500 FROM THE CAPITAL SURPLUS FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Ordinance was passed and approved at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, held on October 28, 2003.

KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC CMC
Township Clerk
U6181 ECL Nov. 6, 2003 ($7.88)

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
County of Union, N.J.

TAKE NOTICE there will be a public hearing for [illegible] on the Community Development Block Grant for 2004 applications on Tuesday, November 11, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building located at 100 Mountain Avenue.

Kathleen Wisniewski
Municipal Clerk
U6182 ECL Nov. 6, 2003 ($5.25)

NOTICE

Take notice that on October 31, 2003 a change occurred in the ownership of [illegible] Inc. trading as GIRO'S TRATTORIA holder of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 2010-33-010-003 located at 341 Mountain Avenue, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092, resulting in the following persons, each acquiring one percent or more of the ownership of the licensee: Jane Tan [illegible] Grignon, residence address 3403 Pichorn Street, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807.

Any information concerning the qualifications of any of the above stockholders should be communicated in writing to the Director, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, PO Box 087, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0087.

U6186 ECL November 6, 2003 ($8.25)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, NJ

RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO M. DISKO ASSOCIATES FOR PIPING IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SPRINGFIELD MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield has a need for contracting for engineering design and related services for the renovation and replacement of piping at the Springfield Municipal Pool within the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires a resolution authorizing the award of the contract for professional services without competitive bids, and that the contract itself must be available for inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized respectively to execute and attest to an agreement with M. Disko Associates for the following services: preliminary design, final design, bid phase and construction phase, at a fee not to exceed $8,500 pursuant to Proposal dated August 22, 2003. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, October 14, 2003.

Kathleen D. Wisniewski
Township Clerk
U6185 ECL Nov. 6, 2003 ($19.13)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE
PROPOSED ORDINANCE
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside in the County Union, State of New Jersey, held on the 21st day of October 2003 and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Borough Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on the 25th day of November 2003 at 8:00 PM or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

Judith E. Osty
Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 1062-2003

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1037-01 FIXING SALARY RANGES FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that Ordinance 992-98 is hereby amended to read as follows:

The annual salary ranges of the offices and positions hereinafter named shall be respectively as follows:

Borough Administrator; Administrative Assistant; Borough Clerk; Registrar of Vital Statistics; Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics; Tax Collector (P.T.); Deputy Tax Collector; Tax Assessor; Assistant Treasurer; Deputy Borough Clerk/Administrative Secretary; Drug Alliance Coordinator (P.T.); Cable TV Coordinator; Chief Finance Officer (P.T.); Finance Dept. Clerk P.T.; Senior Citizen Coordinator; Chief of Police; Administrative Assistant (Police Dept.); Police Records Clerk (P.T.); Communications Officers; Police Matron; Crossing Guard; Engineer (P.T.); Construction Official/Assistant Building Inspector; Assistant Zoning Official/Shade Tree Asst.; Zoning Official (Land Use Officer); Board of Adjustment Secretary; Secretary to Planning Board/Engineer; Public Works Director/Shade Tree/Recycling; Secretary to Assessor; Certified Public Works Manager; Public Works Employees; Public Works Foreman; Administrative Secretary, Construction; Public Works Office; Plumbing Inspector P.T.; Building Inspector P.T.; Electrical Inspector P.T.; Certified Wastewater & Treatment Operator; Fire Prevention Official; Fire Prevention Clerical; Fire Subcode Official/Fire Marshal/Asst.; Emergency Management Director (P.T.); Recording Secretary, Planning Board; Court Administrator; Deputy Court Administrator; Violations Clerk; Municipal Judge (P.T.); Municipal Attorney (P.T.); Municipal Prosecutor (P.T.); Handyman/Driver; Planning Board Attorney (P.T.); Recreation Director; Recreation Dept. Secretary; Assistant Recreation Director; Pool Administrator; Pool Bookkeeper; Pool Manager; Assistant Pool Manager; Pool Secretary (P.T.); Swim Instructors; Life Guards; Main Gate Control; Maintenance/Foreman; Maintenance Personnel; Swim Coach; Assistant Swim Coach; Diving Coach; Pool Technician; Fitness/Sports Instructor (per person, per class); Tennis Lessons/Instructor (per person, per class); Art/Crafts Instructor (per person, per class); Sports Supervisor (per session); Youth Tennis Team Coach (per season); Men's Softball Supervisor (per season); Activity Supervisor (per session); Sports Official (per session); Assignor (per game); Summer Playground Supervisor (per season); Summer Playground Assistant Supervisor (per season). [salary figures illegible]

(Indicates change)

The salary paid each office or position for the calendar year 2003, as established by Resolution of the Governing Body, shall be retroactive to January 1, 2003, unless otherwise noted.

This ordinance shall be effective upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

U6166 ECL November 6, 2003 ($86.25)

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Union County football teams have represented themselves well this season, with more than a handful qualifying for the state playoffs.

The following teams are in, regardless of the outcome of this weekend's games: Union and Plainfield in North 2, Group 4, Scotch Plains in North 2, Group 3 and Summit and Cranford both in North 2, Group 2.

Westfield could sneak in in North 2, Group 3 with a win over Union.

Even if Elizabeth tops Linden, it's not likely the Minutemen will have enough power points to qualify in North 2, Group 4.

Even if they lose, New Providence and Brearley should still make the grade in Central Jersey, Group 1, although victories by both will cement berths.

Hillside might need to win at Ridge tomorrow to qualify in North 2, Group 2. Ridge is a Group 3 school (North 2, Group 3 this year) with a 6-1 record, so there are more than enough power points there for Hillside to pick up.

Johnson, which won North 2, Group 2 last season, will not qualify in Central Jersey, Group 2, even if it defeats North Plainfield.

So, Union County definitely has five qualifiers and appears as if it can have as many as four more depending on what happens tomorrow and Saturday, which is the cutoff date weekend.

Good luck to those schools that still have a chance.

WEEK EIGHT GAMES
Friday, Nov. 7 (6)
Linden at Elizabeth, 2 p.m.
S. Plains at Watchung Hills, 7
Irvington at Cranford, 7
Johnson at North Plainfield, 7
Hillside at Ridge, 7
Brearley at Bound Brook, 7
Saturday, Nov. 8 (5)
Westfield at Union, 1 p.m.
Hunterdon Central at Plainfield, 1
Rahway at New Providence, 1
Gov. Livingston at Roselle, 1
Dover at Summit, 1:30 p.m.
Roselle Park is off.

WEEK SEVEN SCORES
Friday, Oct. 31 (2)
B-Raritan 28, Union 20
Cranford 33, Pequannock 0
S. Plains forfeit over Kearny
Saturday, Nov. 1 (8)
Elizabeth 31, Shabazz 18
Hillside 27, Johnson 20
Plainfield 7, Linden 6
Westfield 33, East Side 6
Rahway 28, Roselle 18
North Plain. 33, Gov. Liv. 9
Summit 21, Par. Hills 13
New Prov. 34, Roselle Park 6
Brearley was off.

WEEK EIGHT PICKS (11)
Elizabeth over Linden
Watch. Hills over S. Plains
Cranford over Irvington
North Plain. over Johnson
Ridge over Hillside
Brearley over Bound Brook
Union over Westfield
Plainfield over Hunt. Central
New Prov. over Rahway
Gov. Livingston over Roselle
Summit over Dover
Last week: 9-1
This year: 67-17-1 (.798)

UNION COUNTY
1. Union (6-1)
2. Summit (7-0-1)
3. Plainfield (5-2)
4. Scotch Plains (6-1)
5. Cranford (7-1)
6. Westfield (4-3)
7. Elizabeth (4-3)
8. New Providence (5-2)
9. Hillside (5-2)
10. Brearley (5-2)
Johnson (4-3)
Linden (2-5)
Gov. Livingston (2-5)
Roselle Park (2-5)
Rahway (1-6)
Roselle (0-7)

Summit football faces Dover for Hills crown

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

Nothing but championship football remains for Summit.

Chapter One is Saturday at Tatlock Field at 1:30 p.m. when the Hilltoppers host Dover for the championship of the Hills Division of the Iron Hills Conference.

Both teams enter the contest undefeated as Summit stands at 7-0-1 and Dover at 8-0.

Following the game, Summit will concentrate on the North 2, Group 2 playoffs and trying to win the section for the first time since 1994, while Dover will attempt to win North 1, Group 2 for the first time.

With the NJSIAA's reclassification this year, Dover moved to North Jersey, Section 1, thus the two teams will not have a chance to face each other again in a playoff contest.

Dover, which has rebounded from a 2-8 mark of a year ago, is led on offense by quarterback Ronnie Moore, running back Jason Brody and end Mike Steffen and on defense by Anderson Alvarez and Keron Crooks.

Summit's seventh win was a 21-13 triumph at Parsippany Hills last Saturday. The Hilltoppers now have a regular season unbeaten streak of 15 games (14-0-1).

Summit didn't get out to a great start as it fumbled the second snap of the game.

Parsippany Hills recovered at the Summit 35 and needed only seven plays to reach paydirt as Brian Hesse scored from five yards out. The extra point was missed as Parsippany Hills led 6-0.

However, Summit answered back late in the first quarter to take a 7-6 advantage. Senior fullback Jeff Della Piazza capped off a 57-yard drive when he crashed over from a yard out. Will Gruetzmacher added the PAT.

Della Piazza was Summit's leading rusher, gaining 70 yards on 17 carries.

On their next possession, the Hilltoppers mounted their best drive, going 64 yards in 15 plays. Senior tight end Brad Dolny capped the march when he hauled in a two-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Rob Schroeder. Gruetzmacher booted the extra point to up Summit's lead to 14-6.

Schroeder completed 9-of-18 passes for 88 yards and a touchdown.

Summit registered its final points in the third quarter when Dwayne Reid ran back a punt 59 yards for a touchdown. Gruetzmacher nailed the PAT to make it 21-6.

Reid was also the Hilltoppers' leading receiver, hauling in eight passes for 68 yards.

Summit's defense was led by Reid and Todd Kaiser, who had an interception each.

DOVER (8-0)
(H) Dover 27, West Essex 16
(A) Dover 28, Mendham 21
(A) Dover 26, Hanover Park 7
(H) Dover 28, Par. Hills 7
(H) Dover 32, Parsippany 6
(A) Dover 19, Morris Hills 7
(A) Dover 28, Mount Olive 3
(H) Dover 31, Weequahic 7
Nov. 8 at Summit, 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 14-16 North 1, Group 2 playoffs
Record: 8-0
IHC-Hills: 8-0
Home: 4-0
Away: 4-0
Points for: 219 (27.38)
Points against: 74 (9.25)
Shutouts: 0
Last year: 2-8

SUMMIT (7-0-1)
(A) Summit 21, Morris Hills 3
(H) Summit 35, Mount Olive 21
(H) Summit 28, Mendham 10
(A) Summit 35, Parsippany 0
(H) Summit 42, Wessex 42 (3 OT)
(A) Summit 26, Weequahic 7
(H) Summit 35, Hanover Park 21
(A) Summit 21, Par. Hills 13
Nov. 8 Dover, 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 14-16 North 2, Group 2 playoffs
Record: 7-0-1
IHC-Hills: 7-0-1
Home: 3-0-1
Away: 4-0
Points for: 243 (30.38)
Points against: 117 (14.63)
Shutouts: 1
Last year: 9-2

GL girls' soccer team out to win first county crown

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

UNION - A better team than when it started.

That's what Governor Livingston High School girls' soccer coach Mike Roof feels his team is at as it prepares to face top-seeded Oak Knoll in the final of the Union County Tournament Saturday at 5 p.m. at Williams Field in Elizabeth.

The seventh-seeded Highlanders reached the title game when they defeated sixth-seeded Union Catholic 2-1 in the first semifinal held at Cooke Memorial Field last Saturday night.

In the other semifinal, Oak Knoll defeated third-seeded Cranford 1-0.

The finalists have already met once this year. Oak Knoll defeated GL 2-1 on Oct. 16.

GL entered yesterday's scheduled North 2, Group 2 quarterfinal at West Essex with a 13-4-1 record. GL is the sixth seed and West Essex the third.

Oak Knoll, which tied defending champion Westfield for the crown last year, began the week and its state playoff fortunes with a 14-2-1 mark.

"I think we're playing a lot better than we did when we first played Oak Knoll," Roof said.

GL is making its first appearance in the championship game since 1991 and has been outscored 18-0 in five prior appearances in the UCT final.

GL was paced on offense by sophomore standout Chrissie Sidie, who scored both goals. Sidie began the week leading the county in scoring with 31 goals.

The Highlanders also gained a little measure of revenge against Union Catholic. In GL's first game of the season, UC won 1-0.

"The first time we played UC, the result wasn't the way I liked it," Roof said. "We're a lot better as a team now."

GL has been aided by the fine play of such players as Sidie, goalkeeper Allison York, Amanda McGrath, Meredith Talbot and Mountainside residents Christine McCurdy, Arda Hotz, Jaime Boyce, Ashley Massa and Jaime Zawislak.

GL didn't waste any time getting on the scoreboard as Sidie scored just six minutes in to make it 1-0. On the play, Sidie deked the keeper and then shot a rebound into the upper right corner.

"Chrissie did finesse the goalie and made a nice run and got inside of her mark," Roof said. "She then put the ball in the net."

However, Union Catholic answered back five minutes later as Jen Seniszyn scored off a feed from Michelle Markowski to tie it at 1-1.

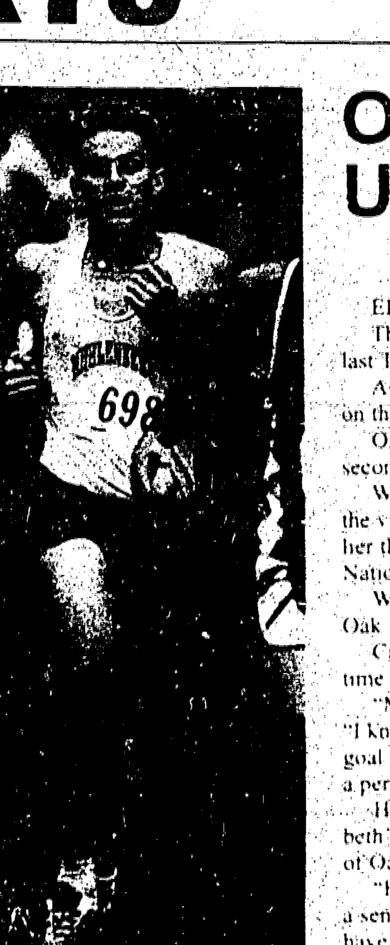
Sidie had an opportunity to break the deadlock with 16:22 left before intermission, but her direct kick sailed wide right.

Just five minutes later, Sidie was given another chance on a direct kick and this time she made good on it as she ripped a 22-yarder into the upper left corner to make it 2-1.

"That second goal didn't surprise me because she's been doing that all year on direct kicks," Roof said.

The second half was a defensive standoff as neither team could find the net.

"We are definitely going to be the underdog," Sidie said. "People thought we couldn't get by Scotch Plains and Union Catholic, so you never know what can happen."



Alexander Hotz

Mountainside's Hotz excels in college meet

All-Conference selection again

Alexander Hotz of Mountainside, a member of the Muhlenberg College men's cross country team, earned All-Centennial Conference honors for the second consecutive year by finishing fourth at Sunday's CC Championships, hosted by Muhlenberg.

Hotz, a sophomore, covered the 8-kilometer course in 27:13.61 to post the second-best finish ever by a Muhlenberg runner at the CC Championships. Last year, he was 12th at the CC meet.

The Mules finished fourth at the CC Championships, landing in the top four for the fifth consecutive year.

Hotz will attempt to qualify for the NCAA Division 3 Championships at the NCAA Mideast Regional, which will be held at Dickinson College on Nov. 15.

Springfield Tornados, Emeralds win

The Springfield Tornados and Emeralds were triumphant in youth soccer league play from last weekend.

The Tornados, 10-and-under, avenged their only loss of the season by beating the Lincoln Park Vipers 4-1. Evan Krupp and Zack Holiczer had two goals and one assist and Mike Disko one assist.

Goalkeepers Peter Yablonski and Brandon Moss excelled, as did John Balboni, Nicky Pearl, Matt Lyna, Amar Patel, Max Kotler, Christian Schmidt and Andrew Hornlish.

Springfield (7-1) is scheduled to play the Florham Park Rockets Sunday at 1 p.m. at Dayton High School.

The Emeralds, 9-and-under girls, defeated the Madison Patriots 3-0 and tied the Lincoln Park Tigers 1-1.

Forward Amanda Greenberg scored all three Emerald goals against Madison, netting her second hat-trick of the season. Jessica Condon had two assists and Rachel Laulette one. Also playing well for Springfield were Caitlin Curry, Cara Bibbo, Meaghan Finnegan, Jaclyn Nardone, Deirdre McElroy, Katie Condon, Sabrina Bibbo and Casey Sheehey. Bibbo and Sheehey excelled in goal, combining for the team's third shutout.

McElroy scored her first goal of the year against Lincoln Park. Finnegan and Curry assisted on the goal.

The Emeralds (2-1-4) are scheduled to play at Kinnelon Sunday.

Oak Knoll's Hankinson UC girls' harrier champ

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

ELIZABETH - Some expected finishes and some surprises.

That was the theme of the 64th Union County Cross Country Championships last Thursday afternoon at Warinanco Park.

As expected, the Cranford boys' team clinched a seventh straight title, while on the girls' side, Westfield upset favored Scotch Plains [illegible]

On the girls' side, Westfield took the crown with 72 points. Scotch Plains was second with 76 and Cranford third with 88.

Westfield avenged two long streaks ended by Scotch Plains this season with the victory. Scotch Plains ended Westfield's dual-meet winning streak at 88 earlier this season and then defeated Westfield 36-41 at the Watchung Conference National Division Championships at Warinanco.

Westfield, whose county streak of 11 straight championships was snapped by Oak Knoll last season, has now won 14 of the last 16 UC titles.

Cranford was boosted by Mallory Harlin, who finished fourth overall with a time of 19:50, followed by GL's Katie Zach in 20:01.

"My plan was to go out and stay with the lead group," said Harlin, a senior. "I know that the top seven make Third Team All-County so that's an immediate goal. All the girls knew each other so that helped. I feel it's always easier to race a person than a time."

Harlin finished behind Union's Erin Higgins, who was third in 19:48, Elizabeth's Jessica Rodriguez, who was second in 19:43 and winner Liz Hankinson of Oak Knoll in 19:37.

"Hankinson made a move on me and I didn't cover it well," said Rodriguez, a senior. "I waited too long and that cost me because if I went with her I might have went up."

Higgins, also a senior, was the favorite in the 3.1-mile race based off the 19:23 she ran on the same course to win the American Division title at the Watchung Conference Championships on Oct. 22.

"Erin fell down with a half mile to go, but if she didn't, I feel she would have pushed it to get up in front," Rodriguez, the 2001 champion, said. "This course was a little longer and I didn't wait to make my move. It would have been even a closer race."

Hankinson, a Summit resident, became the the first individual champion ever at Oak Knoll with the victory.

"The first mile I went out a little conservative," Hankinson said. "I wanted to save something for the second mile because this course is flat and the easiest to pick up time on."

Oak Knoll finished fourth in the team standings with 98 points, followed by Union with 141 and Summit with 165.

The Hilltoppers received a strong performance from Caroline Mannaerts, who finished sixth in 20:05.

"I wanted to start out slow and then work my way up," Mannaerts said. "It was only my second time running here and I don't like this course.

"I thought the finish line was coming up by the cones, but then I realized I had another 200 meters left, so I just kicked at the rest of the way."

Cranford took the boys' crown by posting a team score of 25, while Westfield was second with 79 points and Roselle Catholic third with 91.

"We came in with a mindset of winning as a team," Cranford's Brian Brown said. "We try to all finish together."

That's exactly what the Cougars did as they had seven runners finish in the top 10. Next year, Cranford can tie the record of eight consecutive titles achieved by Westfield in 1975-82 and 1989-96.

Brown was third overall with a time of 16:59, while younger brother Kevin was fourth in 17:06. Joe McKenney was right behind in fifth in 17:26, followed by Josh Hanke in 17:28 and Ryan Byrnes in 17:30.

Nate Thompson finished ninth in 17:42, while teammate Glenn Brown was 10th in 17:46.

"Kevin and I pushed each other the whole race," Brown said. "My plan was to just beat my brother."

That's because the favorites in the race came in the order as expected, as Brian Kopnicki of Scotch Plains took top honors in 16:27, followed by Roselle Catholic's Andrew Catalano in 16:34. Kopnicki, a senior, was third in the race last year.

"We were predicted to finish one and two, so I knew he would be there," Catalano said. "My race strategy was to stay with him and then make my move at the top of the last hill. However, when I started to make my move, he was making his."

Catalano was trying to become the first county champion at Roselle Catholic since Joe Savage in 1969. The junior will have one more shot next year.

"I'm happy with my finish, but I'm not satisfied," Catalano said. "I'm also very proud of where the team finished."

Scotch Plains finished fourth in the boys' team standings with 92 points, followed by New Providence in fifth with 135 and Summit sixth with 150.

GIRLS'
TEAMS

1-Westfield 72, 2-Scotch Plains 76, 3-Cranford 88, 4-Oak Knoll 98, 5-Union 141, 6-Summit 165, 7-Johnson 170, 8-Gov. Livingston 171, 9-New Providence 233, 10-Elizabeth 281, 11-Union Catholic 359, 12-Linden 412.

INDIVIDUALS
1-Liz Hankinson, Oak Knoll, 19:37
2-Jessica Rodriguez, Elizabeth, 19:43
3-Erin Higgins, Union, 19:48
4-Mallory Harlin, Cranford, 19:50
5-Katie Zach, Gov. Livingston, 20:01
6-Caroline Mannaerts, Summit, 20:05
7-Deenie Quinn, Westfield, 20:15
8-Mary Shashaty, Scotch Plains, 20:26
9-Claire Bukata, Oak Knoll, 20:38
10-Annie Onishi, Westfield, 20:45

BOYS'
TEAMS

1-Cranford 25, 2-Westfield 79, 3-Roselle Catholic 91, 4-Scotch Plains 92, 5-New Providence 135, 6-Summit 150, 7-Elizabeth 228, 8-Union 255, 9-Hillside 270, 10-Johnson 286, 11-Linden 345, 12-Rahway 354, 13-Union Catholic 365, 14-Dayton 406, 15-Roselle 434, 16-Gov. Livingston 453.

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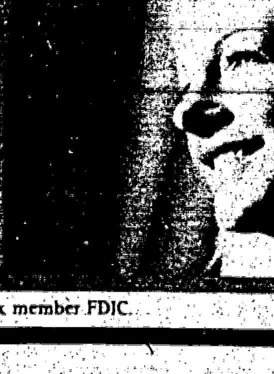

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Strings students perform

These talented violinists recently performed at SAGE Spend-A-Day Adult Day Center, led by Summit resident Carolyn Baldacchini. From left are: Baldacchini, Gabrielle Sutjiawan of Warren, and Matthew Hui of New Providence. Also performing at Spend-A-Day but not pictured was Caitlen O'Brien of Summit.

SAGE Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center clients recently enjoyed a concert by several of the viola students of Summit resident Carolyn Baldacchini.

The young soloists performed pieces by J.S. Bach and other classical composers.

Located in Berkeley Heights, Spend-A-Day's adult day program offers older adults with a day of stimulating social, recreational and physical activities in a medically supervised group setting.

The center offers two levels of programming: one for the older person who can participate in a full schedule of group activities, and a special needs program which offers additional assistance to those who have physical limitations or who are beginning to experience early dementia.

The center operates from 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

United Way begins annual fund-raiser

The United Way of Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights kicked off its annual fund-raising campaign last month to raise $387,600 in support of 36 programs that benefit the people of the three towns.

The local United Way focuses on community agendas designed to meet basic needs, promote health and wellness, strengthen families, help kids succeed, increase independence for seniors, build stronger neighborhoods and foster self-sufficiency.

Helping United Way to achieve its goal this year for campaign chairpersons Mary and Henry Ogden from Summit, Stephanie and Brooke Hem from New Providence, and Valerie and Bob Brewster from Berkeley Heights.

For information, or to make a pledge, call 908-771-0717.

Women learn how to balance life, work

The Women's Resource Center will offer a career workshop at their new location at 57 New England Ave., next to Christ Church, in Summit.

To register, or for information, call the center at 908-273-7253 or visit the Web site at www.womensource.org. Partial scholarships are available on request.

"Working Mothers Unite!" will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and will be led by Cali Williams Yost.

This workshop will show how to keep work stress out of a personal life and how to reallocate time and energy away from work into personal life. Working mothers face problems with financial fulfillment, prestige and advancement in today's tight economy.

Learn valuable tips that can make the individual's vision of work and family into a compatible reality.

"Career Coaching" is an ongoing service for women seeking career direction, resume help or assistance with a job search.

The initial session is 90 minutes and additional sessions are one hour. Hours are flexible with daytime and evening appointments available.

The fee is $40 for members and $50 for nonmembers. Call the center for an appointment.

Trip planned to Holocaust Museum

State Sen. Thomas Kean Jr., Assemblymen Dr. Eric Munoz and Jon Bramnick, all R-Union, will sponsor their second annual trip for high school seniors to the United States Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., on Dec. 5.

The legislators are working with Terri Warmbrand of the Union County Committee Against Hate to provide a relevant agenda for the day. Warmbrand will be speaking to the students during the trip.

The trip is open to seniors attending high schools in District 21, which includes the following towns in Union County: Berkeley Heights, Cranford, Garwood, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle Park, Summit, Springfield and Westfield.

The legislators have invited high schools in the district to designate two students for the trip.

Students selected must complete a parental permission form from their school. Completed forms should be submitted to the Westfield legislative office, 203 Elm St., by the schools.

The bus will leave from Westfield High School, 550 Dorian Road, at 7 a.m. Dec. 5 and return around 11 p.m. that evening. All students must bring a lunch.

Clan Currie plans holiday 'pipes' concert

The Pipes of Christmas, Clan Currie's popular holiday concert, returns to Summit on Dec. 20 at Central Presbyterian Church in Summit.

Performances will be held at 2 and 8 p.m. This program is made possible through the support of The Classic Malts of Scotland.

The program will feature the music of Christmas accompanied by a selection of readings taken from Celtic literature and Scripture. Featured performers include the return of recording artists Pipe Major Kevin R. Blandford on the Highland Bagpipes and Scottish smallpipes, Celtic fiddler Pate Wooster, Metropolitan Opera star Mark De ... and the Solid Brass ensemble.

The concert will celebrate its fifth anniversary in 2003 and Clan Currie is planning special guest performers to mark the occasion. The Pipes of Christmas made its debut in Summit in 1999 and has played to sold-out audiences ever since. Given the popularity of the program, a second concert was added in 2001 to accommodate the high demand for tickets.

That same year, Clan Currie began an award-winning partnership with TV-36, Communities On Cable, by broadcasting concert highlights on Christmas Eve. The last two productions were both recipients of the prestigious Telly Award for production excellence.

Since its debut in 1999, the Pipes of Christmas has provided audiences with a stirring and reverent celebration of the Christmas season and the Celtic spirit. The concert is kept fresh each year with new selections and performers.

The 2003 edition was dedicated to the memory of all who died in the attacks on Sept. 11. A new pipe selection, "Lament for the Lost," was composed and performed especially for the concert.

The 2002 concert was designated an official Golden Jubilee event by Buckingham Palace to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of HRH Queen Elizabeth II's Accession to the Throne.

"During the last five years, The Pipes of Christmas has also received critical acclaim. In his review for Classical New Jersey, a magazine produced for the classical music community of New Jersey, critic Paul Somers wrote, "The whole evening was constructed to introduce gem after gem and still have a finale which raised the roof. In short, it was like a well constructed fireworks show on the Glorious Fourth."

Seating is limited and tickets will only be sold in advance of the concert. No tickets will be sold at the door. All seats are $25, $20 if purchased before Nov. 15.

To purchase tickets, send payment, specifying matinee or evening performance, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to The Clan Currie Society, P.O. Box 541, Summit, NJ 07902-0541.

Tickets may also be purchased in downtown Summit at specialty menswear retailer John Hyatt, located at 334 Springfield Ave.

Tickets are also now available for Clan Currie's third annual Burns Supper. The dinner dance, commemorating the life and contributions of Scotland's immortal bard, will be held Jan. 24, 2004, at the Grand Summit Hotel. For information on these events, call 908-273-3509 or e-mail the Society at clancurrie@mail.com.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

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EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH [illegible] 242 Shunpike Road, Springfield. Rev. Frederick Mackey, Sr. Pastor. Sundays: 9:30 AM Bible School [illegible] Nursery through Seniors [illegible] Worship Service and Nursery care [illegible] AWANA Club Program [illegible] PM Evening Service & Nursery [illegible] Wednesdays: 7:15 PM Prayer [illegible] Bible Study [illegible] Junior/Senior High Ministry [illegible] Youth Ministry [illegible] Wide Range [illegible] Music Program [illegible] Ample Parking [illegible] Chair Lift [illegible] All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) [illegible] ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE [illegible] summer camps also available to children of this age. Adult classes are held three nights a week with free weekly teen classes. We have an active Seniors ... and very active ... NCSY ... Adult Education ... Youth groups ... wide array of ... further information ... please call office at 973 ...

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield 973-376-0539. Mark Mallach, Rabbi; Richard Nadel, Cantor; Laurence R. Horwitz, President. Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekday services Mon-Fri 7:00 AM; Sun-Thurs 7:45 PM; Shabbat (Friday) 6:00 PM & 8:00 PM; Shabbat day 9:30 AM & sunset; Sunday [illegible] AM; Festival & Holiday mornings 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third-seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for sixth through twelfth graders, and a busy Adult Education program. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

JEWISH-ORTHODOX

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GOP message off track

Democrats sweep local races in Kenilworth and Fanwood

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The issue of railroad reactivation never got on track with voters enough to oust freeholder incumbents in Tuesday's General Election. Republicans had made the reactivation of the Rahway Valley rail line a major issue in the campaign, but only came away with their first win in Springfield in many years to show for it.

Other towns where residents and officials have come out against the railroad reactivation remained solidly Democratic in unofficial election results, such as Roselle and Roselle Park, where Democrats won contested races for local seats. And while GOP freeholder candidates carried Kenilworth, Democrats swept the local races there.

Republicans carried 12 of the 21 municipalities in the county but were unable to overcome the Democrats' large pluralities in strongholds like Elizabeth, Roselle and Plainfield, +2,500, as well as Linden, +2,000. Results were not much different from the last off-year election in 1999.

Earning their third, three-year terms to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders were Democrats Alexander Mirabella of Fanwood, Deborah Scanlon of Union and Chester Holmes of Rahway. They defeated a Republican ticket of Fanwood Councilman Stuart Kline, Bob Reilly of Winfield and Kenneth Haynes of Roselle, as well as Independent Joseph Renna of Cranford and Green Party candidate Barbara Briemer. Democrats, who likely outspent Republicans by a margin of 4-to-1, have won nine straight countywide elections, dating back to 1995.

Considered part-time positions, freeholders serve three-year terms and earn annual salaries of $27,000, with the chairman and vice chairman earning $29,000 and $28,000, respectively.

Voter turnout in Union County was about 30 percent, with 77,797 of nearly 258,000 registered voters casting ballots, which was about what pollsters expected statewide.

For the last year, residents and officials in Kenilworth, Roselle Park, Roselle, Summit and Springfield have voiced opposition to the rail reactivation, claiming it will cause a disruption while not being worth the millions in state funding to rehabilitate the line, which also runs through Linden and Cranford. Freeholders approved an agreement in May 2002 for Morristown & Erie Railway Inc. to operate the lines.

Erna Hoover usually has voted Democrat during her 50 years in Summit. But not this year. "All this business they pulled with the railroad, I'm mad that they tried to pull a fast one," she said after voting Tuesday morning at Brayton Elementary School.

Informal exit polls indicated similar anti-incumbent sentiment for the county's handling of the reactivation of the rail line which will run through seven municipalities.

"You got to vote out the supporters of the train," Springfield Democrat Elisabeth Feintuch said.

"It was dirty what they did with the train. They could've done more than they did," said 40-year Springfield resident Dorris Ruff.

"I usually don't vote Republican, but I think the Republican freeholders are better for our town, especially concerning Meisel Field and the train," said David Yablonsky of Springfield. County-owned Meisel Avenue Field in Springfield has been closed due to contaminated soil for more than two years.

A registered Democrat, Steve Birch of Linden said he voted for Republican candidates down the line. "I'd like to see some changes."

Some voters were so torn between candidates that they didn't vote for any in the freeholder and legislative races.

"I'm a Democrat, but because of the train issue, I didn't vote for the freeholders at all," said Ruth Schwartz, also of Springfield.

In no town was the train a bigger issue than in Roselle Park and Kenilworth, according to Union County Democratic Chairwoman Charlotte DeFilippo, and Democrats were able to win every contested municipal seat in the two boroughs. She said Republicans "were almost malfeasant in the way they used this issue," claiming that trash and chemicals would be transported by the rail line.

"For all intents and purposes, the Republican party has lost its effectiveness in Union County," DeFilippo said, adding that the GOP does not respond to the public or the issues.

County GOP Chairman Ronald Frigerio was disappointed as Republicans gathered at The Westwood in Garwood to view election returns. He believed the party was ripe for a win, as low turnout would favor the GOP and the issue of the train would motivate voters.

In addition to carrying Springfield at the county level, Republicans picked up at least one seat on the Township Committee, their first win locally since 1995. But the GOP suffered heavy losses in Fanwood and Kenilworth, losing all three seats including the mayor. Republicans swept council races in Westfield and Summit, but for the first time ever, Summit will have a Democrat as mayor.

Staff Writers Joshua Zaltz and Rick Klittich contributed to this report.

Alexander Mirabella

Deborah Scanlon

Chester Holmes

Municipality	*Mirabella*	*Scanlon*	*Holmes*	*Kline*	*Reilly*	*Haynes*	*Renna*	*Briemer*
Berkeley Heights	867	862	789	1,676	1,661	1,639	n/a	n/a
Clark	993	917	836	1,223	1,251	1,185	246	90
Cranford	2,271	2,183	2,102	2,464	2,453	2,382	663	189
Elizabeth	4,698	4,471	4,435	1,946	1,882	1,919	752	n/a
Fanwood	1,158	1,122	1,072	1,189	1,104	1,083	98	n/a
Garwood	350	362	320	323	377	365	n/a	n/a
Hillside	1,443	1,438	1,459	342	344	331	63	n/a
Kenilworth	852	805	740	[illegible]	[illegible]	965	107	34
Linden	3,540	3,480	3,464	1,359	1,333	1,282	481	218
Mountainside	448	444	409	934	927	924	n/a	n/a
New Providence	853	869	798	1,595	[illegible]	1,579	n/a	n/a
Plainfield	3,182	3,032	3,275	708	743	671	663	n/a
Rahway	1,878	1,874	1,972	1,030	987	978	211	114
Roselle	2,606	3,684	3,001	853	716	801	165	73
Roselle Park	946	766	722	807	832	827	183	53
Scotch Plains	1,861	1,851	1,783	2,193	[illegible]	[illegible]	164	n/a
Springfield	1,137	1,142	1,094	1,752	[illegible]	659	126	98
Summit	1,937	1,965	1,901	3,508	3,485	3,488	n/a	n/a
Union	3,528	3,722	3,367	2,648	2,612	2,880	363	171
Westfield	2,843	2,816	2,710	3,761	3,767	3,697	n/a	n/a
Winfield	188	170	177	123	121	124	n/a	n/a
Total	37,533	36,970	36,108	31,366	31,069	[illegible]	4,578	2,094

Results are unofficial

Scutari wins in the 22nd

By Mark Hrywna
and Joshua Zaltz

Freeholder Nicholas Scutari of Linden will become the youngest member of the state Senate come January and he'll do it as a member of the majority party in Trenton.

In the state's legislative elections Tuesday, Democrats picked up six seats in the Assembly to improve their advantage to 47-33 while in the Senate, the party grabbed at least one seat for a 21-18 advantage. At presstime, the 4th District in South Jersey was still within a 100-vote difference.

Scutari, who replaced state Sen. Joseph Suliga, D-Union, on the ballot barely a month ago, defeated Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks for the 22nd District seat in what Republicans had hoped could be a surprise win in a Democratic district. Scutari outpolled his Republican opponent by 3,000 votes, or 55-to-45 percent, only slightly less than Suliga's margin of victory when he won the seat two years ago.

The district is comprised mostly of Union County towns, with two towns each from Somerset and Middlesex counties. Incumbent Democrats Linda Stender and Gerald Green also won re-election in the district to the Assembly, defeating Kevin Retcho and George Gore.

Scutari said he likely would resign his freeholder seat sometime next year. Democrats would have to appoint someone to the seat who would then have to run next year for the remaining year of Scutari's term, which expires in 2005. He said his focus during his first term will be property tax reform, an issue Marks raised as well when he conceded the race shortly after 10 p.m. at The Westwood in Garwood.

In other legislative races in Union County, there were no surprises as incumbents won in the 20th District — state Sen. Raymond Lesniak and Assemblymen Joseph Cryan and Neil Cohen — and 21st District — state Sen. Thomas Kean Jr. and Assemblymen Dr. Eric Munoz and Jon Bramnick — easily won re-election. PoliticsNJ.com was reporting that Lesniak would not seek re-election after this next term expires in 2007.

The midterm legislative elections were considered a referendum on Gov. James McGreevey's first two years. It's the first time in more than 50 years that the incumbent governor's party

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Photos By Reena Rose Sibayan

ALL DRESSED UP — Eight-year-old Joy Pepito, left, glides by in her woodland fairy costume during Friday's Halloween skate at Warinanco Ice Rink in Roselle. Mom Cecilia holds on to the tail of son John, 3, who was dressed as a T-Rex, to keep him from falling as they skate.

Exhibit marks centennial anniversary

By Joshua Zaltz
Staff Writer

Lester Sargent said his interest in Union County history started with a silly thing.

Sargent, the county's chief warrant officer, said that around 1990 he was talking to Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich about photos of former county sheriffs.

"We didn't know much about them," Sargent said.

So he decided to take a walk over to the Elizabeth Public Library and do some research in order to write a brief biographical caption for each former sheriff. However, when Sargent got to the library he couldn't find the information he was looking for.

"There was nothing there and it sort of peaked my interest," he said.

Since then, Sargent has become somewhat of an authority on Union County history. He pours through records at the county courthouse and freeholders' office during his time off.

"It's a case of wanting to go through and spend your lunch hour delving through records," Sargent said.

Research revealed that 2003 marked the anniversaries of two historic buildings in Union County.

On display at Boxwood Hall, 1073 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth, are two new exhibits celebrating the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone for the Union County Courthouse and the 60th anniversary of the state dedicating Boxwood Hall as an historic site.

Sargent spoke to the Union County Division of Cultural Affairs and Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi about doing some sort of display for the courthouse's centennial.

Katherine Craig, caretaker of Boxwood Hall, mentioned that the hall was celebrating a 60th anniversary and that maybe they could do a joint exhibit acknowledging both anniversaries.

"It just kind of grew," said Craig. "I was chatting to people and people had ideas and it just kind of coalesced in that way."

The exhibit will be on display until Dec. 20.

In July 1903, the cornerstone was laid for the Union County Courthouse, the first in what became a complex of judicial and administrative buildings replaced the small, inadequate original courthouse which was erected in 1811.

As the cornerstone of the new courthouse was laid, a large crowd gathered to watch the freeholders, then led by J. Frank Hubbard, use special ceremonial trowels to apply the cement.

It would be another two years before the courthouse opened for business in 1905. The building would house the courts, freeholders, Prosecutor's Office, Clerk's Office and Sheriff's Office. Prior to the courthouse's construction, the Clerk's Office was housed at the county jail.

The new exhibit at Boxwood Hall features photos of the old and new courthouse, an original trowel used in the cornerstone ceremony, a menu and invitation for the courthouse ceremonial dinner and artifacts from the Clerk's Office early in the 20th century, among other historic items.

Craig said her favorite item on display in the courthouse exhibit is the trowel.

"It's specially made," she said. "It's an engraved piece."

In April 1943, Boxwood was dedicated as a state historic site. Five years earlier, the Home for Aged Women, which occupied Boxwood Hall, moved to a more modern facility as the hall was scheduled for demolition. Citizens banded together to raise the money necessary to purchase the house. The state paid for the restoration and the Works Progress Administration provided the labor.

Craig's favorite items in the Boxwood Hall exhibit are the documents showing how much money school children raised to save the hall.

Call 908-282-7617 for Boxwood Hall's hours of operation.

Forum seeks ways to improve DYFS

By David Learn
Staff Writer

Open your tax refund and find a brochure insert about the need for foster families. Go to the state Division of Motor Vehicles to renew your license, and see reminders not to leave children unattended in the car.

Those are two of the ideas floated at a recent Save the Children Day event at RexPlex in Elizabeth. Organized by the state Department of Human Services, the event was held amid the shadow of the latest horror story to rock New Jersey's foster care system.

The day focused on many of the issues now facing the state Division of Youth and Family Services, including the need to attract and retain more foster families, coordinating efforts among nonprofit-sector social workers and DYFS better and making the division proactive rather than reactive in dealing with abuse.

The effort stems from the June settlement of a lawsuit brought against the state on behalf of its foster children. As part of the settlement, the state was given 120 days to assess the safety of the children in its care, and until January to have a strategic plan in place to reform the foster care system.

"A lot of folks are engaging in a great deal of blood, sweat and tears to do it right this time," said Gwendolyn Harris, state commissioner of human services. "Probably what was most critical and most problematic for me — particularly after Faheem — was how much ground had been lost."

In an address to about 150 people in attendance, Harris stressed a need for the department to partner with community groups to provide parents with resources and parenting skills before DYFS intervention becomes necessary. "I'm not convinced that everything that is prevention needs to happen from the Division of Youth and Family Services," she said.

The meeting held some good news for advocates of Union County's foster children. Foster care in Union County exceeds federal standards in four of six areas. Only 2.6 percent of former foster children in Union County suffer further abuse after they return home, a little more than a third what the federal government tolerates.

Additionally, despite the horror stories that have made news headlines, such as the one now unfolding in Collingswood, abusive foster homes are relatively rare. In Union County, only 0.29 percent of all foster children are neglected or abused by their foster families, about half the national standard.

The county has smaller but still positive records in terms of the stability of foster children's placements and the number of children who need to be returned to foster care after going home again.

Less encouraging: Only 47.9 percent of foster children in Union County are returned to their parents in less than a year as required by federal law. Union County also is far below national standards in reducing the time it takes to get children out of foster care and into adoptive homes.

There are 686 foster children from Union County, with 81 percent coming from Elizabeth and Plainfield. Only 42 percent of all foster children from Union County are placed here.

The goal is to place children in foster care as close to their birth homes as possible to minimize the upheaval foster care creates, by leaving them the same social opportunities and contacts they normally would have.

"My information is that 56.9 percent of Union County's foster children are placed in care outside the county," said Harris. "Taking a child out of the county and then hoping to put them back in and have everything go smoothly is a big challenge."

During the afternoon, attendees broke into three groups and spent about a half-hour brainstorming ways to increase the number of foster homes, improve partnerships among various social work organizations, and prevent abusive situations from arising. Most suggestions involved boosting awareness of programs that could prevent abuse, by targeting at-risk groups with that information through doctor's visits, area schools and by working with local organizations.

The day was the seventh Save the Child event held in the state so far, under a lawsuit settlement brought against DYFS after the death of Faheem Williams earlier this year.

"The state could never solve the problems associated with our child welfare system," said Reggie Lewis of the Department of Human Services. "Today's challenge is about working more collaboratively on behalf of both children and families."

COUNTY NEWS

New officers named to alumni association

At its final meeting of the 2002-03 academic year in June, the Union County College Alumni Association inducted its new officers and board members.

Catherine M. Meyers of Cranford was named the new president. Linda Kordilla of Union, first vice president and recording secretary, and Nancy Benz of Cranford, second vice president. Additional new board members include Jeff Chait of Springfield and Barbara Weskot of Roselle.

Other officers appointed are Gina Caivano of Roselle Park, treasurer, and Suzanne Covine of Westfield, corresponding secretary. This year's trustees are Marion Curka, Mary Lou Gray, and Brian Reilly, all of Edison, Gail Ann Denman of Cranford, Harry Kreis of Watchung, Patrick LaQuaglia of Howell, Alberta Machese of Hillside and Marion Menzer of Fanwood. Selected as Alumni Representatives to the UCC Board of Governors are Karen Edwards of Scotch Plains, Nancy Benz of Cranford, and Donna Herran of Roselle.

For more information on the alumni association, or to join, call Sue Marchelonis at 908-709-7505.

Nugent dance Nov. 15

The Joseph Nugent Sr. Association of Union County will sponsor its 70th anniversary dance Nov. 15 at St. Hedwig's Church Hall, Clarkson Avenue, off Bayway Avenue in Elizabeth, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Founded by Joseph Nugent Sr. in 1933, the Nugent Association is the oldest independent Irish American organization in the state.

The Willie Lynch Show Band will provide entertainment. Admission is $20, which includes beer, wine, coffee, cake and tea. There will also be a cash bar.

This year the following people will be honored: Irishman of the Year, Les Sargent from Cranford; Irishwoman of the Year, Jane Kelly of Somerset; Nugent's Finest, Jack O'Connor Memorial Award, Lt. Dave Maul of Elizabeth; Nugent's Bravest, Retired Fireman Pat McConway of Elizabeth; and the Greta Sheridan Memorial Community Service Honoree, Tom Callahan of Montclair.

For information, call Maureen Dowling at 908-206-9107 or Kevin Dowling at 732-594-1763.

'Crystal Ball Room' at Union County College

For the third consecutive year, on Saturday, from 6 to 11 p.m., the Continuous of Union County College's Cranford campus will be transposed into a "Crystal Ball Room," where you can come for a psychic and holistic adventure.

Sponsored by the Union County College Alumni Association, the evening will consist of readers, demonstrations, and vendors of products and approaches to health and wellness. Celestial snacks and "witches brews" will be for sale.

Proceeds will benefit the Union County College Alumni Association Scholarship Fund which assists students in attending the college. Admission to the event is $5.

For more information, call 908-709-7505.

Internet safety course offered for parents

A free one-day class for parents who want to learn more about the dangers that the Internet poses for children is being offered at the John H. Stamler Police Academy, 1276 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, by detectives from the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

The Saturday courses, which will be Nov. 15 and Dec. 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch included, are being staffed by members of his office's High Tech Task Force as a public service for residents.

To register for either one-day course, call Joan at 908-527-4517, because spaces are limited.

Free flu shots for seniors

Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County, 40 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights, will offer Union County residents who are 60 years of age or older free influenza immunization on Wednesday and Nov. 13, between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Those interested are invited to the first floor multipurpose room at Runnells Hospital.

Volunteer Directory will be updated

The County of Union, through its Office of Volunteer Services and United Way of Greater Union County is planning to update and expand the County of Union Volunteer Directory. The directory is a guide to volunteer opportunities for people of all ages.

County organizations, agencies and programs are encouraged to list ongoing volunteer needs in the second edition of the Volunteer Directory. The listings can enable organizations to increase capacity to serve clients and can also provide additional information to the community about the important services that volunteers can offer.

If you would like to have your organization listed, or have any questions, call Susan Pepper, coordinator of Union County's Office of Volunteer Services at 908-527-4753.

'Freeholders Forum'

A new prescription discount plan for Union County's senior citizens and disabled residents is the subject of the latest Freeholders Forum television show sponsored by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

With the Union County Prescription Drug Discount Program, residents age 55 and older, as well as qualified disabled residents of any age, are eligible for discounts of 20 percent to 50 percent on prescription medications. The cost is $19 per year. If a husband and wife each meet the eligibility requirements, they can both enroll for the same cost as single coverage.

For more information or to register, call AddHealth Inc. at 1-800-733-4540.

Entitled "Union County's Prescription for Lower Drug Costs," the show will be aired through Nov. 15 according to the following schedule:

- Union County (except Elizabeth and Plainfield) Channel 57, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.
- Berkeley Heights, New Providence, Springfield, Summit, Channel 36, Tuesdays, 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. and noon, Fridays, 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- Elizabeth, Channel 70, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
- Linden, Roselle, Roselle Park, Winfield, Channel 36, daily, 10 p.m.
- Plainfield, Channel 74, Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.
- Rahway, Channel 34, daily, 6:30 p.m. Scotch Plains, Channel 34, call 908-232-2400, ext. 243, for more information.

Democrats win big

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has gained seats in both houses.

Republicans tried to link legislative candidates to the Democratic governor, who's poll numbers have been slipping.

"The public likes Jim McGreevey," Union County Democratic Chairwoman Charlotte DeFilippo said.

Union County Republican Chairman Ronald Fegeros said the GOP expected to win with the "Suliga issue" and the county committee threw $30,000 toward the Marks campaign, which also received some help from the state committee.

Rich Hunt of Linden said he was very disappointed with the way Democrats handled the situation with Suliga.

Suliga dropped his reelection campaign Sept. 26, citing alcohol-related problems after an incident in an Atlantic City casino where a woman filed a harassment complaint against him.

"It was an illness that manifested itself into a political circus," said Hunt. Because of his disgust over the Suliga incident he didn't vote for any candidates on the legislative races.

Frank A. Bacchetta, an Elizabeth resident, said he voted entirely for Democratic candidates. "It's because I haven't a seen anybody better yet," he said.

Members of the Assembly and senate both are considered part-time positions with annual salaries of $49,000. Assembly members will serve two-year terms while senators elected Tuesday will serve four-year terms.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'Connection' is at the heart of Tomlin's performances

By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

Lily Tomlin needs to connect.

"I do whatever I have to do to connect to my audience," Tomlin, 64, said last week just before reporting to the set of NBC-TV's "The West Wing," on which she plays White House staffer Deborah Fiderer.

Local audiences will get the chance to connect with the famed actress/stand-up/comedienne when she brings "An Evening of Classic Lily Tomlin" to the Union County Arts Center in Rahway this Friday night.

Tomlin has been connecting with audiences since the early 1970s when she gained national attention as a regular on "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In," ensconcing such beloved characters as Ernestine and Edith Ann in the public consciousness.

Often associated with one-woman vehicles, actress-comedienne Lily Tomlin, left, also finds rich rewards in ensemble pieces, such as 1999's 'Tea With Mussolini,' which paired her with the legendary Maggie Smith.

Lily Tomlin, above, currently plays Deborah Fiderer on NBC-TV's 'The West Wing,' above right, but will bring a collection of comic characters with her to the Union County Arts Center in Rahway on Friday, including Trudy, center, and Kate, characters from her award-winning one-woman show, 'The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe.'

Laughing with Lily's ladies

Ernestine and Edith Ann were but the beginning of a long line of personas created by Tomlin, who prefers the challenge of characterization over standing at a microphone telling jokes.

"I never did just flat-out standup. I always did characters. So I'll do many characters," she said of her performance at UCAC. "Some of these are old classic monologues and they're so wonderfully hilarious, and they seem absolutely timeless."

Since her early days in show business, Tomlin has made a career out of characterizations, be they her various "Laugh-In" ladies, the denizens of the award-winning "Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe," or the many film and television roles she's created.

Audiences in Rahway can expect to meet many of these people. Tomlin says that such characters as Ernestine, Edith Ann, Mrs. Beasley, Trudy, Madame Lupe and Lucille the Rubber Freak, among others, will join her on the stage of the 1925 showplace.

And audiences can expect to laugh.

"It sort of makes a lot of stuff bearable," she said of the art of comedy. "It's fun, it's insightful, you can have revelations through comedy. It lightens the load, that's for sure."

"And it's what I like to do, so it's important to me."

To underscore her point, she referred to Norman Cousins' study of laughter and its positive physical effect on the body. Edith Ann shares Cousins' philosophy, she once described good and bad moods as being like good and bad weather inside the body.

For as funny as Tomlin's work can be, though, it can be equally moving, as is the case with "Search for Signs." Tomlin says that connecting with audiences' hearts as well as their funny bones creates a communal experience among viewers, pointing out that the combination of the flat-out funny and touching parts "connects you with other people who are responding the same way."

"I like to just communicate everything with people," she said, adding that making audiences laugh while moving them at the same time is part of that communication.

Tomlin is hard-pressed to pinpoint how she establishes the balance between the two elements.

"It has to do with artistry, it's either there or it isn't," she said. "It's in the balance, the selectivity, the truth of what you're doing."

In finding "the truth," Tomlin says she has to connect to the material she's performing in order to communicate it to her audience.

"There's no formula for it," she continued. "I think if you're moved, the audience may well be moved."

However, it takes more than just a connection, she believes the quality of the material has much to do with her success.

"The material has to be rich," she said. "If great material is further imbued with other artistry, it's really gonna be an experience."

As much a fan of the theater as a practitioner, Tomlin spoke of times when she, as an audience member, was taken to such heights by an artist on stage.

"I've been absolutely moved to tears by the sheer artistry of something," she said, going on to cite Reba McIntyre's performance on Broadway in "Annie Get Your Gun."

"She was so human and so real and so in the moment, I just wept," Tomlin shared. "It was so revelatory and so affirming of her humanity and mind and everyone else's. I just wept for two hours. It was really lovely."

"I've had that experience in the theater a few times and that's what brings you back to the theater," she asserted. "They're few and far between, and I'm sure for each individual it's completely different."

She mentioned other performers who have delivered such moments for her, including Carol Channing, Lontyne Price, Kim Stanley and Barbara Harris, describing it as "the majesty of when an artist is married to some incredible moment of role ... it ennobles the species, really."

Although most fans know her work from either television ("The West Wing," "Murphy Brown," "Laugh-In," "The Magic School Bus" ... or film ("Short Cuts," "Nine to Five," "All of Me" ... Tomlin confesses to being partial to theater, a medium in which she's performed "Search for Signs" worldwide.

"I think I prefer stage ultimately, most because I like a live performance," she said. "It's infinitely perfectable. In performance, about the only thing you can do that in is live performance."

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>
> ***— Lily Tomlin, on the art of comedy***

Part of a team

While "Search for Signs" is a one-woman piece, as will be her performance in Rahway on Friday, she also speaks highly of collaborating with other artists, including Jane Wagner, who wrote "Search for Signs" and Tomlin's other one-woman vehicles.

"I'm part of a team," she said. "I'm not the only one who's responsible for the success of the piece. I'm responsible for my part of it, but I'm part of a team."

Tomlin describes herself and Cher as being "enamored" of their British colleagues.

"I spent all my time running around looking for teacups," she said with a laugh. "I wanted those English ladies to be waited on."

Tomlin says she enjoys such ensemble work, mentioning 1996's "Flirting With Disaster" by David O. Russell, a filmmaker with whom she's once again collaborating.

"It makes for a more complex story," she says of a tight knit ensemble cast that really connects with each other.

It's all about connection for Tomlin with costars, with the material and, ultimately, with the audience.

"It's really a communal experience," she said. "I can share anything with the audience."

For information on "An Evening of Classic Lily Tomlin" at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway, Friday at 8 p.m., see the "Comedy" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B11.

'Sound of Music' is breathtaking

As Maria, Amanda Watkins, center, wins the hearts of the von Trapp children in 'The Sound of Music,' on stage at Paper Mill through Dec. 14. The children are played by, from left foreground, Nicholas Jonas and Allison Brustofski, and, back row, Elizabeth Lundberg, Krista Pioppi, Caroline London, Tiffany Giardina, and Daniel Piimpton.

On the Boards

By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

Living down the saccharine reputation created by the 1965 film, "The Sound of Music" at Paper Mill Theater of New Jersey is as fresh and crisp as a gust of Alpine air.

And at the center of this excellent production is the thoroughly delightful Amanda Watkins, who imbues Maria with a spunky feistiness not often associated with the role since the "veddy proper" Julie Andrews filled the screen with refined sweetness.

On stage through Dec. 14, Rodgers and Hammerstein's well-loved musical is given a mature and canny treatment by director James Brennan, who subtly underscores the tension in the script by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse.

From the first time we see her, Watkins delivers a solid and complex performance, delicately allowing her Maria to grow from a scrappy waif in a habit to a fully realized woman without sacrificing any of the character's passion. Whether singing about the wonder of nature's music, opening her heart to the children, protesting that she can't face Capt. Georg von Trapp again, or finally giving in to her love for the man, she is everything the role should be.

As von Trapp, Paper Mill favorite Robert Cuccioli layers a defensive sternness over the character's vulnerability, making for a compelling performance. When he allows himself to be moved by the children's singing, it is a multi-faceted and truly effective moment.

Meg Bussert brings a humanity to the role of Mother Abbess that beautifully balances the stage. Early on, she mentions that she too was raised on the same mountain as Maria, and the actress deftly incorporates this detail into her performance, adding a further bond between herself and the girl. This humanity lays the groundwork for the Act I finale, "Climb Every Mountain," making for a singularly unforgettable moment of theater.

Deidra English and the wonderful Ed Dixon add much to this production as Elsa Schraeder and Max Detweiler, von Trapp's fiancee and friend, respectively. It's their two numbers, "How Can Love Survive?" and "No Way to Stop It," both cut from the film, that add much of the intelligence and bite to the script. English combines a mixture of tough and delicate into Elsa, while Dixon is at his irascible best as the effete Max.

The seven von Trapp children are, as can be expected, show-stoppers, most notably Elizabeth Lundberg as the burgeoning Liesl and Nicholas Jonas as Kurt, whose bell-like soprano voice beautifully carries the solo line in the "Sound of Music" reprise near the end of Act I.

Also outstanding are Joy Franz as the stern housekeeper Frau Schmidt and Jessica Mary Murphy as the delightful Sister Margaretta.

The technical elements support this production ably, with Michael Anania's exquisite sets evoking the Old World beautifully, and F. Mitchell Dana's lighting design adding much to the tone and mood of the show. Costumes by Cathleen Edwards also contribute to the overall polish, most notably Liesl's breathtaking wardrobe as Elsa.

Tom Helm's musical direction is best showcased in the subtle use of incidental music and the exquisite vocals of the nuns, most notably the "Rex admirabilis" passage of "Preludium" and the Act II canticle.

Brennan's directorial touch is light but sure, maintaining the dramatic thread and pacing under all those songs. Simple touches serve to drive home the humanity of the piece, whether it's Sister Margaretta's tears at Maria's wedding or the presence of Nazi guards on the von Trapp terrace, a moment late in the show that was almost frightening.

We've all seen "The Sound of Music" dozens of times, whether on stage or screen. Area theatergoers would be wise to up that count by one and take in this truly magnificent production! The hills of Millburn are alive with outstanding theater!

"The Sound of Music" runs through Dec. 14 at Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey. For information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B11.

Bill VanSant, Editor
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Paper Mill Playhouse will collect coats for the Jersey Cares Annual Coat Drive throughout the run of "The Sound of Music" through Dec. 14.

Receptacles for coats and signage will be placed in the brick-side entrance to the lobby.

The Jersey Cares Coat Drive collects "gently used" coats — rain coats, parkas, winter jackets, overcoats, etc. — for men, women, children, and infants. The coats are distributed to more than 150 nonprofit agencies in New Jersey, including shelters, churches, child services, soup kitchens, hospitals, and inner-city public schools.

The goal of the eighth annual Coat Drive is to collect and distribute more than 25,000 "gently used" winter coats to men, women and children in need. Over the past eight years, Jersey Cares has collected, sorted and distributed more than 100,000 winter coats through this program.

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The Enrichment Center, located at 424 Central Avenue in Westfield and 161 Washington Valley Road, Suite 208, Warren, is offering some basic advice to parents. Trust your own instincts when it comes to your children. Too often parents defer to the advice of others when it comes to the education of their children. Parents do know their own children. If you feel that something is amiss or that your child is not performing to grade level, seek help. If you feel that your child is advanced but is not performing to ability, seek help. If you think that your child's needs are not being met, seek help. Parents know their children. They know when they are ill and they know when they need more education ally.

The Enrichment Center can help. The staff of over 85 state certified and experienced teachers is available to offer help. Mrs. Elaine Sigal, owner and director of The Enrichment Center, says, "Parents often come to us to help solve the problems that they see with their children in school. In today's economy it is impossible for any school to meet the needs of every child. We offer classes for the child who needs remediation, for the child who needs more accelerated work, and for the child who just doesn't do the work. Our students range in ages from 4-19." Many parents want their children tested but prefer if the school district doesn't do the testing. The Enrichment Center also offers educational testing to determine learning difficulties, reading difficulties and math difficulties. The results are only given to the parents with suggestions for improving the situation.

The classes and private tutoring offered by The Enrichment Center are offered only by state certified teachers. "How are at the use of the word 'Certified,' says Mrs. Sigal. "The semantics involved are interesting. A person can be certified with a three hour training class. Always be sure to ask of any tutor if he she is state certified. That is the only way to be sure that you are getting a professional teacher who has been trained to meet the needs of your child." The Enrichment Center added hours to its schedule this year to accommodate the growing number of students whose parents requested help. The Enrichment Center is unique in that short term tutoring is available. Mrs. Sigal states, "It is difficult to tell how many hours it will take a child to master a skill. Each child is different. My program offers tremendous flexibility to allow for individual differences. I don't know of many other programs that can offer the same flexibility."

Students can bolster reading, writing and math skills or study about pirates and knights, these subjects being just a few offered. Some of The Enrichment Center's students choose to start studying foreign languages and science at a young age. The large number of students attending the Enrichment Center for PSAT, SAT I and SAT II training attests to the fact that the program works. They have a high success rate in preparing students for standardized tests. A new division for College Advising is available. An expanded Gifted and Talented Division has been added based on the needs of students and requests from parents.

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The Enrichment Center is an academic based program. In keeping with this premise, science birthday parties are now being offered at The Enrichment Center to children in grades Kindergarten through 6th. "Children love to learn and to have their minds stimulated. The intent of these parties is to educate in an exciting manner. All of the materials and activities will be age appropriate. The approach to the parties will be in keeping with The Enrichment Center's philosophy that education can be fun and rewarding. A hands-on approach is used, so that the children will be involved, and not just be spectators", says Mrs. Elaine Sigal, owner and director of the company. The parties will run for one and a half hours and may be scheduled on Saturday or Sunday afternoon. The Enrichment Center will provide the state certified experienced teacher, the science activity, and the space. The parties can accommodate groups of 8-10 children. Please call to choose your theme, activity and date. Only one party will be offered at a time, so reserve your space soon. The Enrichment Center has two sites which are located at 424 Central Avenue in Westfield and 161 Washington Valley Road, Suite 208 in Warren. These handicapped accessible modern facilities have free on-site parking.

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Cancer patients who have undergone surgeries, such as mastectomies, have found that massage can work wonders. It can alleviate post operative discomforts, reduce swelling and edema and increase range of motion and mobility. Massage is the natural way to speed the healing process. In fact, every client that has tried this therapy has returned at least weekly for treatments, some even several times a week," explained Neil Purkman, NCTMB, RM, the Founder/Director of The Dharma Center for Healing Arts in Westfield, NJ.

No aspect of life is untouched by cancer. In addition to physical symptoms, emotional and body image issues may arise. Touch is nurturing, calming and soothing and often reduces the side effects of chemotherapy and radiation.

Family members are also going through a stressful time and these stress reducing therapies can help them as well. Purkman also explained that his staff will work with family members or caregivers to teach them how to provide appropriate, soothing touch at home.

The Dharma Center is unique because it has a staff trained in Cancer Massage, both male and female therapists, and others people living with cancer, many than just massage therapy.

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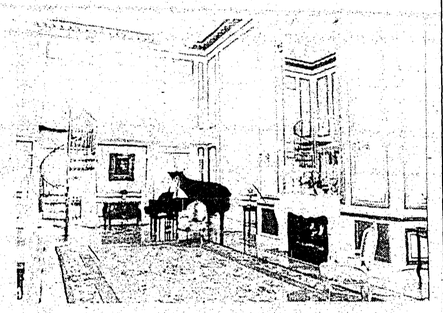

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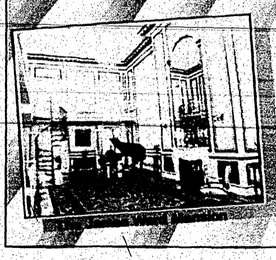

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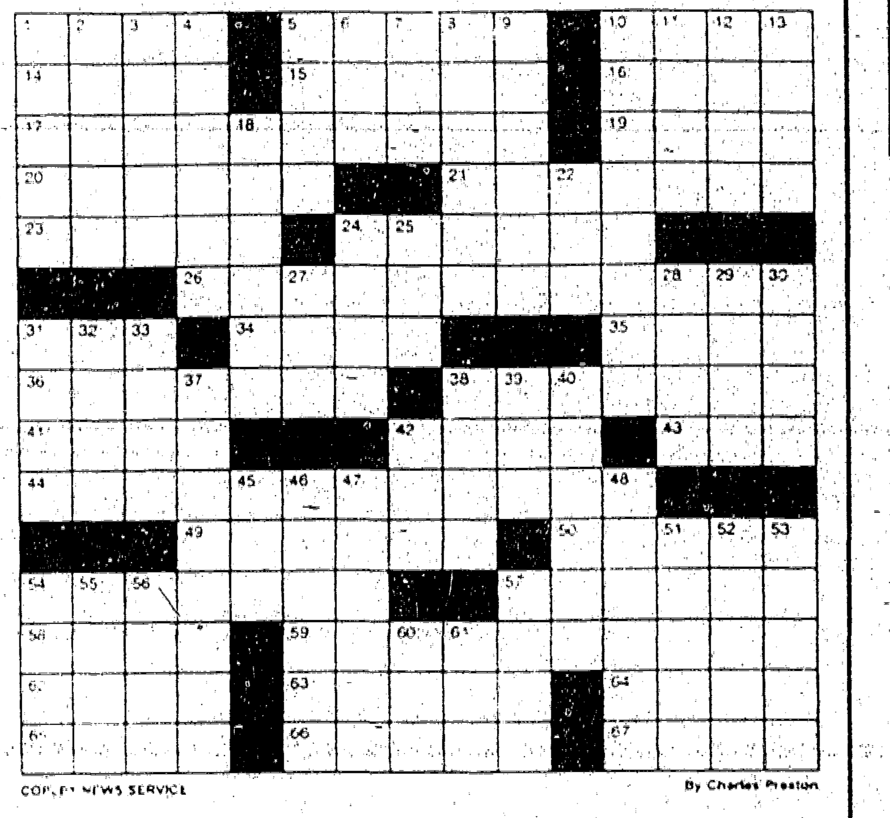

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What's Going On?

FAIR

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
November 7th & 8th, 2003
EVENT: Holiday Fair
PLACE: Community United Methodist Church, Chestnut Street & Grant Avenue, Roselle Park
TIME: Friday, 1:00pm-8:30pm, Saturday, 9am-2pm
INFORMATION: Friday, Roast Beef dinner, 5:30 and 7:00pm seatings ($8.50 adults, $4.00 children). Saturday, 9am-1pm Pancake Breakfast ($5.00 adults, $3.00 children). Homemade crafts, baked goods, books, CDs, nearly new items, children's Table, Santa and Quality Rummage sale items. For additional information call church office 908-245-2237.
ORGANIZATION: Community United Methodist Church

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY
November 8th, 2003
EVENT: Big Indoor Flea Market
PLACE: Roselle Catholic High School, 1 Raritan Road, Roselle
TIME: 9am-4pm
PRICE: Free Admission. Call for information 908-245-2350.
ORGANIZATION: Roselle Catholic High School

BAZAAR

SATURDAY
November 8th, 2003
EVENT: Bazaar
PLACE: Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church, Stuyvesant Ave. and W. Chestnut St., Union
TIME: 9AM-2PM
PRICE: Free admission. Many gift items, cake sale. Refreshments available. For information call 908-688-3164.
ORGANIZATION: Presbyterian Women

BAZAAR

SATURDAY
November 8th, 2003
EVENT: Bazaar- Flea Market
PLACE: Second Reformed Church, 132 Elmwood Avenue and Florence Avenue, Irvington, NJ 07111
TIME: 10am-2pm
PRICE: Free Admission. -Something for everyone. -Clothes, jewelry, appliances, household items, linens and much more.
ORGANIZATION: Sponsored by the Women's Association

SATURDAY
November 15th, 2003
EVENT: Holiday Bazaar/Craft Sale
PLACE: Woman's Club of Maplewood, 60 Woodland Rd., Maplewood, 1 block from town center
TIME: 10:00am-3:00pm
PRICE: Free Admission. -35 Quality Dealers
DESCRIPTION: New one-of-a-kind items for sale include gift-giving ideas, crafts, jewelry, collectibles, toys, decorations and much more! Lunch is available. Information 973-762-9119.
ORGANIZATION: Woman's Club of Maplewood, non-profit service club

GARAGE/YARD SALES

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
November 7th, 8th, 2003
EVENT: St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Westfield Rummage Sale
PLACE: 414 East Broad Street, Westfield
TIME: Friday 9:30am-2:30pm, Saturday Bag Day 9:30am-11:30am
INFORMATION: Children's items, jewelry, antiques, china, clothing
ORGANIZATION: St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Westfield

OTHER

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
November 15th, 16th, 2003
EVENT: Rahway Valley "Jerseyaires" annual barber shop show "The Melody Lingers On"
PLACE: Rahway Middle School, Westfield Ave between Madison Ave & Madison Hill Road, Rahway
TIME: Saturday 8pm sharp, Sunday 2pm sharp
PRICE: $18 Reserved seating, Adult General Admission $12, Seniors $10 and children under 12, $5. These discount tickets available for the afternoon performance only. For information on reservation 732-494-3580 www.geocities.com/Jerseyairs
ORGANIZATION: Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Barber Shop Chorus, The Society for the preservation & encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. (S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.)

FRIDAY
November 14th, 2003
EVENT: Holiday Demonstration Night Open House
PLACE: Hannah Caldwell School Gym, is around the back of the school, 1120 Commerce Avenue, Union
TIME: 6pm-10pm
FEATURING: Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Party Light, Mary Kay, Home Interiors, and much more. Hope to see you. For information call Lisa O'Reilly 908-531-7104.
ORGANIZATION: Hannah Caldwell Elementary School PTA

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Superb 'Othello' gives 'tragedy' new meaning

On the Boards
By Ruth Ross
Theater Correspondent

Paul Robeson performed Othello — his signature role — regally. In blackface, Sir Laurence Olivier did it grotesquely, and Laurence Fishburne, passionately.

But in the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey's production of "Othello," Raphael Nash Thompson invests the tormented Moor with a nobility so heart-wrenching as to give new meaning to the word "tragic."

Described as Shakespeare's most perfect play and the most often successfully acted of Shakespeare's tragedies, "Othello" presents a timeless, and universal, tale of love and betrayal. From the Moor's elopement with the beautiful Venetian Desdemona through the revenge methodically planned by the ensign Iago after being passed over for a promotion to lieutenant, Scott Wentworth's masterful production moves inexorably to a denouement of epic tragic proportions. Michael Schweikardt's simple yet functional set allows the audience to concentrate on the characters and dialogue as envy and deceit spiral out of control.

Raphael Nash Thompson commands the stage whenever he appears, striding forth like a man in control or staggering around like a wounded dog. A big guy, he towers over the rest of the actors, who appear dwarfed by his nobility. His transformation from confident husband to insecure cuckold is gradual, and chilling, even as he's about to kill Desdemona, he never descends into the teeth-gnashing, foaming at the mouth jealous rage often displayed by actors in the role.

Paul Mullins' Iago is evil — the man who feels he's been wronged. Mullins plays him with seeming wide-eyed boyishness, which makes his deception all the more dangerous. He is such a weasel as he "plays" Roderigo to achieve his ends and as he hems and haws to arouse Othello's suspicions while he appears "an honest man."

As Desdemona, Catalyn Kozlowski is so delicious that it's easy to see why the rough soldier Othello fell for her feminine charms. Her open trustworthiness and naivete get her into trouble, especially when like a child, she pesters Othello about reinstating Cassio as his lieutenant. Her final scenes are heartbreaking and truly epitomize the idea that "men are from Mars, women are from Venus" as she talks love while Othello plots murder.

Jennifer Van Dyck is equally terrific as Iago's cynical wife, Emilia. Just watching the light go on as she realizes her husband's complicity in the plot is almost worth the price of the ticket! Michael Steward Allen's Roderigo is a dupe well suited to Iago's plans, and Gregory Derelian is an appropriately clueless Cassio, unaware the signals his display of fine Florentine manners might send to a insecure, suspicious husband.

Not performed on a New Jersey stage since 1993, "Othello" at the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey was truly worth the wait. This first-rate production would be a fine introduction to Shakespeare for a teen-ager and a great chance for the adults to revel in the Bard's gifts. An "Othello" for the ages, it's a must-see!

"Othello," presented by the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey, runs through Nov. 23 at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theater on the campus of Drew University in Madison. For information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B11.

HOROSCOPE

Nov. 10-16

ARIES (March 21-April 19): An open mind and a positive attitude are the keys to your success. Use optimism and self-confidence to get you through a dilemma.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Sort through several investment opportunities before choosing one. Turn to a Taurus or Libra friend for help or valuable advice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Change in some instances can be very beneficial. Welcome an opportunity to forge new partnerships or to upgrade your present ones.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Give your body some extra special attention. A little pampering does the trick. Schedule a massage or manicure.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Relax and enjoy a social setting this week. The people you meet are present to help you expand, learn and grow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Expect setbacks or delays connected to home-improvements. Avoid biting off more than you can chew or getting in over your head with a contractor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Talk with your neighbors or local service providers. Share ideas and suggest ways to work together and unify the community.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Get ahead and stay there in financial matters. Pay your bills early or on time and commit to a budget you can stick to.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Events during this week will mark an important turning point. Make needed changes and get back on course with a personal project.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The clock is striking 12. Tie up loose ends and prepare to move forward with new career opportunities in the near future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Rejoice in the wealth of wonderful friendships. Pool your resources and strike out on a prosperous trail leading to goal achievement.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): It is time to address career concerns. Stop waiting for opportunities to come to you. Touch up your resume and go out and make something happen.

If your birthday is this week, look during the coming year for exciting and creative opportunities. The more inventive you can be in your approach, the more success you can expect. Avoid arguing with a loved one over petty matters. Concentrate on what you have in common. Disciplined action is rewarded. Stay away from speculative ventures.

Also born this week: Oksana Baiul, Travis Barker, Louis Brandeis, Sammy Sosa, Kurt Vonnegut Jr., and Richard Burton.

UCC seeks plays for reading series

There are still a few openings for the monthly playwright's workshop at The Theater Project, Union County College's professional theater company.

The workshop meets once a month, in addition to a monthly script-in-hand public performance discussion of one of the plays in development. Organizers are particularly interested in writers who can contribute to the process of the other participating playwrights.

Playwrights interested in developing their work through readings and critiques by actors, directors and other writers should submit scripts, self-addressed stamped envelopes with a cover letter, including a brief summary of writing background to: Mark Spina, The Theater Project, Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 07016.

REUNIONS

• Governor Livingston Regional High School Class of 1978 will conduct a two-day 25-year reunion Nov. 27 and 28, with various events planned. For information, call Craig Bruening at 315-446-9120, write to him at 2736 E. Lake Road, Skaneateles, NY 13152, or visit www.techmar.com.com/GL1978.

• Roselle Park High School Class of 1978 will conduct its 25-year reunion Nov. 28 at the Galloping Hill Caterers in Union. For information, call Jim Nicoll at 908-620-1337 or send inquiries to Nicoll via e-mail at thenicolls@comcast.net.

• David Brearley Regional High School, Kenilworth, Class of 1983 will conduct its 20-year reunion Nov. 29 at Cafe Repetti in Kenilworth. For information, send e-mail to Susy Condoval verizon.net or call 908-847-3542.

• Union High School Class of 1954 will conduct its 50-year reunion June 4 to 6, 2004. For information, write to Class of '54 Reunion Committee, 250 Globe Ave., Union, 07083.

Bill VanSant, Editor

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Mystic Visions' 'Lost in Yonkers' is an 'entrancing' piece of theater

On the Boards
By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

One of Neil Simon's most serious and dramatic plays, interspersed with comedic lines to offset its heaviness, "Lost in Yonkers" opened Friday night at the First Presbyterian Church of Roselle and will run through this weekend, Friday and Saturday nights, on Chestnut and Fifth.

Produced by the excellent Mystic Vision Players of Linden and the church, and directed with sensitivity and insight by Mark Hardi, the play captures the innermost emotions of its audience and its actors alike.

And as staged in a basement theater of the church, with its patrons seated comfortably around tables, refreshments served during intermission, the Saturday night crowd was entranced and engulfed by what was taking place right before their eyes.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright's touching story of a dysfunctional family who reside, rather uncomfortably, in an apartment in Yonkers in 1942 is thrust upon an audience with a vengeance. It seems the inhabitants of the Yonkers apartment have enormous problems, all stemming from a tyrannical old German-Jewish woman, crippled mentally and physically during her fateful years of anti-Semitism in Germany, and who takes it all out on her family members. And the members of her family have suffered and been affected by her wrath, mentally and physically.

The one most affected by her mother is Bella, who has a slight mental handicap and who is forced to devote her life to taking care of the old lady, hand and foot, literally. During the day, she is downstairs in the ice cream parlor helping out, and, during the evening, she is massaging the crippled legs and back of her hateful mother. Her only solace is getting lost in the movies, and she runs to the picture shows as often as she is able.

A son, Louie, a sometimes resident of the apartment, is a mobster, always hiding from the police and the mob. There is another daughter, Gert, who lives away from home, who gulps and stutters every time she is near her German-tough mother. Two other children have died.

Into this chaos of a family situation comes another son, Eddie, who is terrified of his mother, but who manages to convince her to keep his two teenage sons, Jay and Artie, in her apartment while he goes south to make enough money to pay off a debt incurred by the medical problems of his now deceased wife.

The cast is excellent, and their characterizations grow on an audience — so much so, that one feels that one is part of this family in Yonkers. Most outstanding is Heather Darrow, who plays the ever-sensitive Bella, and her performance touches a nerve in the body of every member of the audience. She's an absolute delight, and stunningly runs the gamut of every emotion, while trying to convince her Hitler-type mother, that she, too, is human, that despite her mental handicap, she is living in the body of a woman who has the same needs as every woman. And besides that, she wants to get married, and she doesn't care what her mother feels about it.

Leslie Hochman, who plays her mother, gives a frighteningly forceful performance, with her chopping German accent, her surface icy responses to her children's and grandchildren's appeal for kindness, and her own untold loneliness. Both boys, Jay, portrayed by Jared Piccone, and Arty, played by Ryan Bodayle, are wonderful. They are typical teen-agers and, despite the terrors and nightmares of their family members, manage to make light of situations, demanding the attention and respect of Grandma. They are both fine young actors with promising careers ahead of them.

The others in the family are on the same par. Uncle Louie is played with gangster-like gusto by Frank Takacs. Gert, a trembling spirit of a person, is nearly comically played by Alicia Picone, and Eddie, the boys' father, is convincingly performed by Kevin Gunther.

Thanks to an exceptional cast, a fine director, production coordinator Rita Greco, and the crew who made it all possible, it isn't just playwright Simon and his actors who are lost in Yonkers. By the end of the play, the intrigued audience also finds itself lost in Yonkers — and not knowing what to do about it.

Mystic Vision Players' production of "Lost in Yonkers" runs through Saturday. For information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B11.

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Theater Project stages revival

For the first time in its history, the Theater Project at Union County College will revive a production in the same season as its original run, a response to the popular and critical acclaim the show received in the spring.

Beginning Friday and continuing through Nov. 23, "Having Our Say" by Emily Mann will once again grace the stage of the Roy Smith Theater at UCC's Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Under the direction of Mark Spina, the play will star its original leading ladies from the spring 2003 run: Tamela Aldridge and Daaimah Talley.

The pair play Sadie and Bessie Delany. Both 100-plus years old. Originally interviewed by Amy Hill Hearth for the *New York Times*, the sisters found their story translated into a bestselling book and, later, a play when Mann adapted it for the McCarter Theater in Princeton, where she serves as artistic director. Following its run at McCarter, the show was moved to Broadway.

Shows at the Theater Project are at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are $15 Fridays through Sundays, $7 Thursdays. Senior citizens pay $7 on "Senior Sunday," Nov. 9, and students pay $7 at all performances. Audiences are invited to meet the cast following the shows.

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By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

"Fresh" and "friendly" are two words that best describe Blimpie in Union Center.

The famous-name eatery is equally famous for the freshness of its food, and the Union location is no exception. In fact, the freshness of the ingredients is paramount to the management, which describes the fare as "only Blimpie-quality meat."

My dinner recently consisted of a hot roast beef sandwich with Swiss cheese — Finlandia Swiss, to be precise. Topping my sandwich were lettuce, tomato and onion, with mayonnaise, vinegar, and seasonings.

The sandwich was heated to perfection, warm enough to be a "hot meal," but no so hot as to burn the mouth. The balance of ingredients was perfect, allowing each element its own "voice" while still retaining the harmony of flavors. The roast beef, in particular, was wonderful: very lean, cooked to a pinkish-brown medium, and deliciously seasoned.

While there, I also sampled some of the other Blimpie fare. The ham was wonderfully flavorful, as was the tuna salad. The Provolone was light on the palate while still retaining the cheese's natural tang.

The establishment - on Stuyvesant Avenue just off Morris Avenue - is bright and welcoming, making it perfect for a midday lunch or an early evening supper. Also, its proximity to the Union Theaters makes it a great choice for an after-movie snack.

In addition to the traditional hot and cold subs for which Blimpie is famous, diners can also select from an array of salads, breakfast choices, and the new Wrap sandwiches. The Union location also offers catering services for off-premises events. Eat-in and take-out are available.

Hours of of operation are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week, with the establishment staying open until 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Blimpie is located at 1008 Stuyvesant Ave., Union. For information, call 908-624-9979 or send faxes to 908-624-9978.

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Kean professor is 'Renaissance woman'

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

It is not often that one discovers a person who tirelessly teaches, writes, designs and paints — and leaves every moment of everything she does.

One such unique person is Rose Gonnella, chairperson of the Department of Design at Kean University, Union, and professor of the Visual Communications Program, where she teaches design theory and application. Gonnella has written and collaborated on a number of books about design and architecture, and, recently completed a book called "Sea Captains' Houses and Rose Covered Cottages: The Nantucket Island." It was co-written by Margaret Moore Booker, an associate director of the island's Egan Institute of Maritime Studies and a resident of Nantucket Island, and Patricia Egan Butler, executive director of the Nantucket Preservation Trust. The book's photographs was taken by Jessie Cabre, who has been filming images of Nantucket for the past 12 years.

"If one has not yet guessed, my energetic, multi-talented artist has been in love with Nantucket for more than a decade; she even has a summer home there.

This book, she said during a recent visit to the office, "is my eighth year in a row to make my first national publication through Images Publishing, an arm of the Egan Institute of Maritime Studies of Nantucket, Mass. It was a general readership and can be sophisticated universally." She indicated that she hopes that "this book will help residents become more aware of the architecture by no means a coffee table book, but an indexed, annotated and thoroughly researched project."

America as architecture can be seen as what is an important part of United States history.

Gonnella recounted that "it actually took five years to write it, but to write it part-time you know, during the summer months, mostly. My typing is fast, you know, breathing. That's the most important thing I have been at Kean for 30 years. I love teaching.

"I really do a lot of writing in May, June, July and August, and I manage to squeeze it in the rest of the year. I'm a writer, an artist and a teacher. In fact," she said, "I write for a newspaper in Nantucket. I'm the arts and feature writer for 'The Inquirer and Mirror,' one of the oldest newspapers in Nantucket. I have a home in Nantucket, my permanent residence is in Portland, N.Y. It's one of three."

Gonnella said that, following graduate school at the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York, "I was given a teaching assistantship, and I fell in love with teaching. I began to pursue my professional career in the arts at the same time I pursued the teaching position."

Among the books that Gonnella has created, written and served as collaborator on is "Summer," a collection of her Nantucket drawings. "I live there part-time," she said. "That sold about 2,000 copies regionally." Also on her resume is "Nantucket Cuisine Cookbook." That was by Ellen Brown. Gonnella said "I illustrated the book. It was designed by an alumni with student input. I try to bring my students into the professional world by designing my books. Alejandro Medino, who is from Union, for example. I

Rose Gonnella

illustrated the book. A chef did the recipes, and we all got to taste some of the dishes. They were very simple and very tasty.

"Coming also co-authored with Roger Stevenson at Kean, Robin Linda, 'Visual Culture Workbook,' a college level publication selling book one of the largest textbook companies in the state. Previously earning, published at Kean, we got it on many of the lists. A trade publication, 'Creative Sox' a trade publication published by North Light Books. Twelve projects, and contributing, and again Kean the art students designed the book. There were several other textbooks and other trade books. I use them in classes not only for my content but as an example of how to design."

Gonnella said that the book has only been out a month and it has sold over 1,000 copies already. I've been doing some book signings and lectures. I find it fun. I'm an arts writer, and I enjoy everything about it."

But, she reminded, "my primary career is education."

Everything else is grays for this fantastic, ambitious, friendly young woman.

Craft fair is Saturday

The Craft Fair and Holiday Gift Market sponsored by the Parent Guild of Union Catholic High School will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the UC campus, 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains.

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There is a $1 admission fee for visitors to the Craft Fair and Holiday Gift Market. There is ample parking available on the UCHS campus and the building is handicapped-accessible from the gym entrance. Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase and the Gourmet Tea Room will serve a variety of desserts and beverages.

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'Porgy and Bess' to bow

Kean University's Professional Theater Series will present the Peter Klein Living Arts Inc. production of "Porgy and Bess," the American masterpiece by George Gershwin, Ira Gershwin, DuBose Heyward and Dorothy Heyward, on Saturday at 7:30 p.m., in the Wilkins Theater, located on the main campus at 1000 Morris Ave. in Union.

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Tickets are $25 for the public, $19 for senior citizens, and $15 for students and children. For more information, to order tickets or request a brochure, call the Wilkins Theater box office at 908-527-2469.

Symphony is tuning up

The Summit Symphony Orchestra will present a concert Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Summit Middle School, located on the corner of Summit and Morris avenues.

The concert will include music by Edward Elgar and Ralph Vaughan Williams. The featured soloist for this concert will be mezzo-soprano Jane Bunnell.

Under the direction of conductor James Sadewhite, the Summit Symphony Orchestra will perform three pieces by Edward Elgar, his "Enigma" Variations, "Pomp and Circumstance" and "Sea Pictures for Contralto and Orchestra." The orchestra will also perform Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Fantasia on Greensleeves."

Soloist Jane Bunnell began her association with the Metropolitan Opera with her critically acclaimed debut as Annio in "La Clemenza di Tito." Since then, she has appeared in many Met productions, including "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Hansel and Gretel," "La Nozze di Figaro," and "Madame Butterfly," to name a few. She sang Emilia in "Otello" for the opening night of the 2002-03 Met season. Bunnell has also performed with the Houston Grand Opera, the Seattle Opera, the Dallas Opera, and has performed extensively in Europe. Bunnell lives in Chatham with her husband, bass-baritone Marc Embree.

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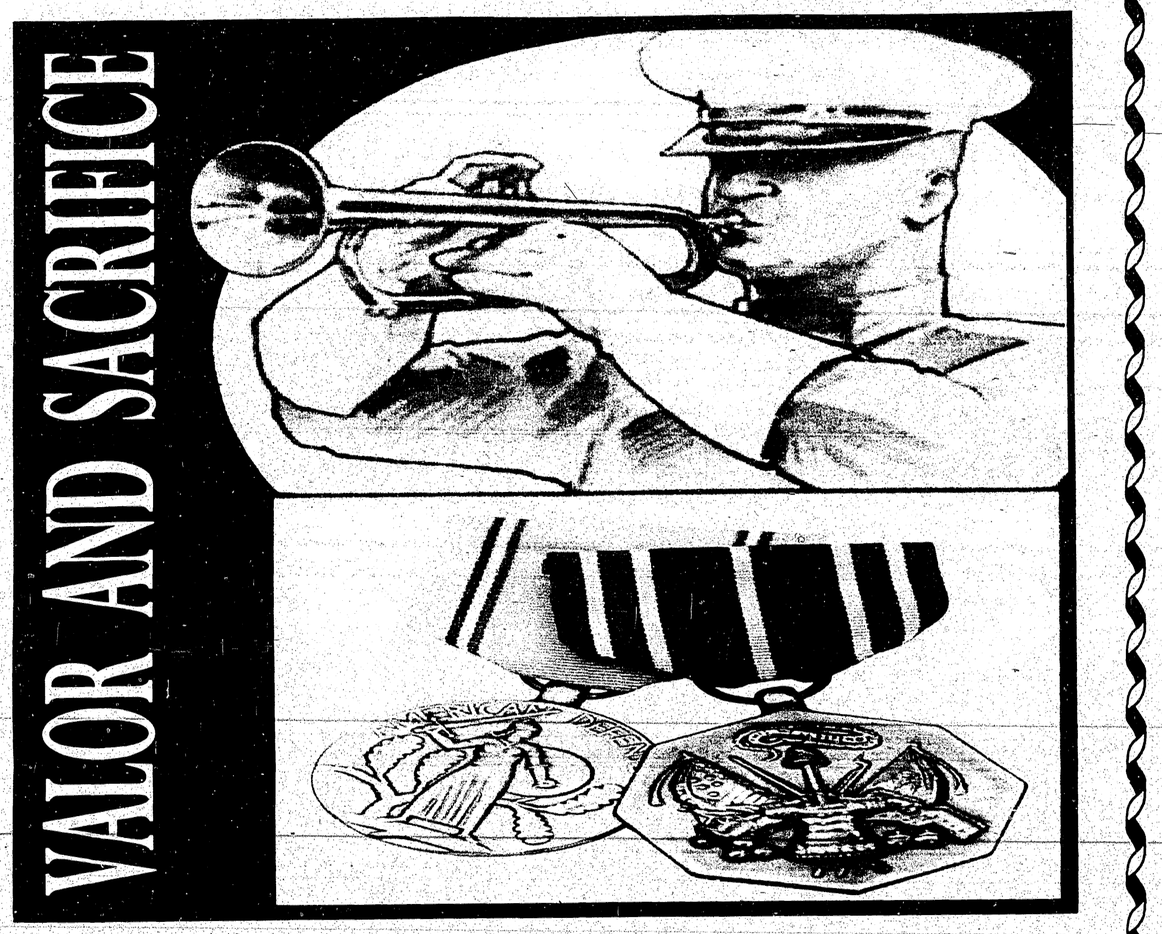

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Art Shows

MARCEL TRUPA RETROSPECTIVE will be on exhibit through Nov. 14 at EDGEArt Gallery in Rahway.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sundays, noon to 5 p.m. EdgeArt Gallery is located at 1571 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-669-0112 or send e-mail to EdgeArtInc@aol.com.

RICO LEBRUN: "RECONFIGURING THE HUMAN FORM will be on exhibit through Nov. 14 at EDGEArt Gallery in Rahway.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sundays, noon to 5 p.m. EdgeArt Gallery is located at 1571 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-669-0112 or send e-mail to EdgeArtInc@aol.com.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: The Merck 2003 Juried Union County Arts Show will be on exhibit at the Arts Guild of Rahway through Nov. 19.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m., and Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511, send e-mail to artsguild1670@earthlink.net, or visit www.rahwayartsguild.org.

REILLY PAINTS UP THE TOWN, oil paintings by John Reilly, will be on exhibit through Nov. 30 at Swain Galleries in Plainfield.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. Swain Galleries is located at 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For information, call 908-756-1707.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountainside will exhibit the works of Lois Heeney Bajer, Barbara Zietchick, and the Raritan Valley Arts Association throughout the month of November. CHS is located on New Providence Road in Mountainside.

A QUESTION OF IDENTITY, works by painter/photographer Neal Korn, will be on exhibit at the Les Malamut Art Gallery in Union Public Library through Dec. 2.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave. in Enberger Park, Union. For information, call 908-851-5450.

ITALIAN SCULPTURAL IMAGES: "Rome, Florence, Venice," photographs by Ron Brown, will be on exhibit at the Donald B. Palmer Museum in Springfield Free Public Library through Dec. 4. An artist's reception will take place Nov. 15 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Gallery hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m. Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call 973-376-4930.

111 FIRST STREET, works by Edward Fausty, will be on exhibit in the Tomasulo Gallery in Kenneth MacKay Library at Union County College, Cranford, from Nov. 14 through Dec. 18. An opening reception will take place Nov. 14 from 7 to 9 p.m.

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

TEAROOMS, TEMPLES AND CEREMONIAL SPACES, works by printmaker Francesca DeMasi Muccolo, will be on exhibit at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through Dec. 29.

NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, including gallery hours, call 908-273-9121 or visit www.njcva.org.

CONTEMPORARY TAPESTRY, works by Arche Brennan and Susan Martin Maffei, will be on exhibit at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit from Saturday through Jan. 4. An opening reception will take place Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. The Westfield Symphony Orchestra will present "The Tapestry of Sound," followed by a champagne reception, Friday from 8 to 10 p.m. Concert tickets are $35; call 908-232-9400.

NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, including gallery hours, call 908-273-9121 or visit www.njcva.org.

Books

AUTHOR WARREN GROVER will appear at Barnes and Noble in Clark today at 7:30 p.m. to sign copies of his new book, "Nazis in Newark." Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Rantan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

AUTHOR PAUL GORDON will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign copies of his new book, "Concrete Solution." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535 or visit www.townbookstore.com.

AUTHOR MEURICE LAKE will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. to sign copies of the new book, "Mysterious Love Letters." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535 or visit www.townbookstore.com.

UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY Book Discussion Groupwill meet the third Wednesday of each month, with no meetings in August and December.

Nov. 19 "Atonement" by Ian McEwan.

All meetings begin at 7 p.m. Participants must have read the selection prior to the meeting. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave. in Friberger Park, Union. For information, call 908-815-5450.

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

THE 'LORD OF THE RINGS' READING GROUP meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Rantan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITERS' CIRCLE, led by Cheryl Racanelli, meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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

CLOAK AND DAGGER READING GROUP will meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTERESTS meets the second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

MYSTERY READING GROUP meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION BOOK GROUP, a monthly reading group featuring staff members' favorite books, meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

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

BOOKS WE LIKE, a reading group featuring staff recommendations, will meet the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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

WOMEN'S READING GROUP meets the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

Comedy

AN EVENING OF CLASSIC LILY TOMLIN will be presented Friday at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway. Tickets are $55, and $75 for Diamond Circle seating, which includes a post-show gathering with Tomlin. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org.

Concerts

COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE CONCERT SERIES in Westfield and Springfield will present a series of artists through June at two locations through June 2004.

Saturday: Brian Joseph and Freebo, Westfield.

Dec. 13: Greg Greenway, Westfield.

Jan. 17: Stephanie Corby and Chris Rosser, Westfield.

Feb. 14: Songwriters in the Round, hosted by acoustic duo Open Book, Springfield.

Feb. 21: DaVinci's Notebook, Westfield.

March 13: Songwriters in the Round, hosted by Bob Malone, Springfield.

March 20: We're About Nine, with opener Devon Sproule, Westfield.

April 17: Caroline Aiken, Westfield.

May 8: Songwriters in the Round, hosted by Ritt Henn, Springfield.

May 15: Sonia/Disappear Fear, with opener Chris Glenn, Westfield.

June 12: Songwriters in the Round, hosted by Jessica Owen, Springfield.

June 19: Zoe Lewis, Westfield.

Westfield concerts are presented at the First United Methodist Church, 1 E. Broad St., Westfield; Springfield concerts are presented at Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, Springfield. Tickets are $12 and include refreshments. For information, call 908-232-8723 or visit the Web site at www.coffeewithconscience.com.

SANCTUARY CONCERTS in Berkeley Heights will present musical acts in the coming weeks.

Saturday: "Women and Song" — Lisa McCormick, Suzanne Buirgy, and Ina May Wool, $12.

Nov. 22: The Asylum Street Spankers, $15.

Dec. 13: Artisan, $15.

Dec. 27: Christine Lavin.

Jan. 10: David Roth.

Concerts are presented at Union Village Methodist Church, 1130 Mountain Ave., Berkeley Heights. For information, call 973-376-4946 or visit www.sanctuaryconcerts.org.

THE SUMMIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will appear in concert Sunday at 3 p.m. at Summit Middle School, Summit and Morris avenues, Summit. Admission is free.

NEW JERSEY YOUTH SYMPHONY will appear in concert Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Watchung Avenue in Plainfield. Tickets are $5; children are admitted free. For information, call 908-771-5544 or visit www.njys.org.

RAHWAY VALLEY JERSEYAIRES will present "The Melody Lingers On," an evening of music by Irving Berlin, on Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 16 at 2:30 p.m. at Rahway Middle School, Madison and Westfield avenues, Rahway. Tickets are $18 for reserved seating, $12 for general admission, $10 for senior citizens, and $5 for children younger than 12. For information, call 732-494-3580 or visit www.geocities.com/rvjerseyaires.

ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS will appear in concert Nov. 16 at 3 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are $9 to $19 for adults, $9 for children.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

THE SANGERCHOR NEWARK will appear in concert Nov. 16 at 4 p.m. at Holy Spirit R.C. Church on Morris Avenue in Union. Tickets are $15 in advance, $17 at the door; children younger than 18 are admitted free. For information, call 732-382-4900, 732-388-8889 or 908-253-8971.

Crafts

UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL will sponsor its annual Craft Fair and Holiday Gift Market on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the U.C. campus, 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. Admission is $1. For information, call 908-899-1600, ext. 316.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION OF CONNECTICUT FARMS will sponsor its Holiday Bazaar on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Connecticut Farms is located at Stuyvesant Avenue and Chestnut Street, Union. For information, call 908-688-3164.

THE POTTERS' GUILD OF NEW JERSEY will host its 10th annual Holiday Sale on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center, New Providence Road, Mountainside. For information, call 908-789-3670.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH in Scotch Plains will sponsor its annual Yuletide Arts and Crafts Fair on Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All Saints' Church is located at 559 Park Ave., Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-322-8047.

Dance

MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP will appear Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are $46.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St. in Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

FLAMENCO VIVO CARLOTA SANTANA will perform in Wilkins Theater at Kean University on Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $25 for the general public; $19 for senior citizens, $15 for students and children. Kean is located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call 908-737-7469.

SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS will sponsor evenings of international dance throughout the year at The Connection for Women and Families, 79 Maple St., Summit. Sessions are alternate Fridays from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is $2, or $12 for half the season; workshops are $5. For information, call 973-467-8278.

Y-SQUARES, a local square dance club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Frank K. Hehnly School, Raritan Road, Clark. Fee for each lesson is $4. For information, call 908-298-1851, 732-381-2535 or 908-241-9492.

Discussion

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

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

Film

UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY will sponsor its Fall 2003 International Film Festival through December.

Nov. 18: "My Wife is an Actress," French.

Dec. 9: "8 Women," French.

All films are free and are shown at 2 and 7 p.m. on each date. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave. in Enberger Park, Union. For information, call 908-851-5450.

ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY will sponsor a series of free film classics at the Main Branch. All films begin at 10 a.m. The Main Branch is of the Elizabeth Public Library located at 11 S. Broad St., Elizabeth. For information, call 908-354-6060.

Hobbies

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC. meets at 295 Jefferson Ave., Union, behind Home Depot on Route 22 East. The club is open to the public Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call 908-964-9724 or 908-964-8808, send inquiries via e-mail to TMRCInc@aol.com or visit www.tmrci.com.

Jazz

MARLENE VERPLANCK will appear in concert Friday at 8 p.m. at the Arts Guild of Rahway, 1670 Irving St., Rahway. Tickets are $12 in advance, $15 at the door. For information, call 732-381-7511, send inquiries via e-mail to artsguild1670@earthlink.net, or visit www.rahwayartsguild.org.

SUBURBAN COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTER in Murray Hill will present "Jazz Jam" on Sunday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the center's Hyde and Watson Hall, 570 Central Ave., Murray Hill. Admission is free, refreshments will be served. For information, call 908-790-0700.

ALL-STATE JAZZ ENSEMBLE AND JAZZ CHOIR will appear in concert Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are $17 for adults, $9 for children younger than 14.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

Kids

PAPER BAG PLAYERS will appear Nov. 15 and 16 at 2 p.m. in the Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are $19 for adults, $10 for children younger than 14.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

CRAFT TIME for children ages 5 to 10 years old will take place every Monday at 11 a.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will sponsor Tales for Tots: Preschool Storytime, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m., and the Kids' Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m. For information, call 973-376-8544.

Poetry

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

OPEN MIKE POETRY NIGHT takes place the second Sunday of every month at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

Radio

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and thirda Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-241-5758.

Singles

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

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

Theater

MYSTIC VISION PLAYERS of Linden will present "Lost in Yonkers" by Neil Simon, through Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church of Roselle, 111 W. Fifth Ave. on the corner of Chestnut Street. Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets are $15 and include dessert. For information, call 908-925-8689.

KEAN UNIVERSITY will present George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess" on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Wilkins Theater, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. Tickets are $25. For information, call 908-737-7469.

THE THEATER PROJECT at Union County College will present a staged reading of "Levine! Levine!" by Kal Wagenheim on Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Admission is free. For information, call 908-659-5189.

NEW JERSEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER will present "Miss Saigon" through Sunday in Prudential Hall. Shows are today at 7:30 p.m., and Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. with matinees today at 1:30 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are $12 to $64.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St. in Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

SHAKESPEARE THEATER OF NEW JERSEY will present "Othello" through Nov. 23. Shows are Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 7 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are $29 to $43. The Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey performs at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theater on the campus of Drew University, 36 Madison Ave., Madison. For information, call 973-408-5600 or visit the Web site at www.ShakespeareNJ.org.

THE RAINBOW EXPERIENCE of Westfield and Plainfield will present "Oliver!" from Nov. 15 to 23. Shows are Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Westfield, 908-233-2494, and Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 23 at 2 p.m. at the United Church of Christ in Plainfield, 908-755-8658. Tickets are $12 for adults, $8 for seniors or citizens and children younger than 12.

THE THEATER PROJECT at Union County College, Cranford, will present "Having Our Say" by Emily Mann from today through Nov. 23 in the Roy Smith Theater. Shows are at 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are $15 Fridays to Sundays, $7 Thursdays; student tickets are $7 at all performances; senior citizen tickets are $7 on "Senior Sunday," Nov. 9. UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-659-5189.

THE PLAYHOUSE ASSOCIATION OF SUMMIT will present "The Crucible" by Arthur Miller from Friday through Nov. 22. Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. Nov. 13, and 2 p.m. Nov. 16. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for students. The Playhouse Association is located at 10 New England Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-2192 or visit www.summitplayhouse.org.

PAPER MILL: The State Theater of New Jersey will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music" through Dec. 14. Shows are at 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, 2 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays, and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets are $30 to $67.

Special performances are the Conversation Series, Thursdays in the mezzanine at 7 p.m., audio-described performances Nov. 26 at 2 p.m., Nov. 29 at 2:30 p.m., and Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m.; sign-interpreted/open-captioned performances Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m., and Lambda Night, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m.

Paper Mill is located on Brookside Drive, Millburn. For information, call 973-376-4343 or visit the Web site at www.papermill.org.

Variety

KAREN MASON will appear in a cabaret performance Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chase Room at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are $46.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mike Night every Thursday night, a disc jockey every Friday night, and solo artists and bands on Saturdays. Happy Hour is 4 to 7 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, with $1 drafts and $3 Long Island iced teas. Mondays are Mexican Mondays with $2 shot specials, $2 Coronas, $2 margaritas and $1 tacos. Wednesdays are Ladies Nights and karaoke.

Saturday: Diminished 4.

Nov. 15: Butterball.

Nov. 22: B3 Blues Band.

Nov. 26: Jody Joseph and the Average Joes.

Nov. 28: Not in the Order.

Nov. 29: Night Train.

The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-6544.

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

Every Monday: Open Mike Night, Happy Hour all night.

Every Tuesday: Jazz Jam, all pints are $2.

Every Wednesday: Hi-Fi Wednesdays with G.L.O. with DJs and musicians Corona, Cuervo, Margaritas, $2 all night.

Every Thursday: All domestic beer, $2 all night.

Friday: Enjoy!

For information, call 908-232-5666 or visit www.xroads.com.

EAT TO THE BEAT Coffeehouse in Rahway will feature appearances by musical artists. Eat to the Beat is located at 1465 Irving St. at East Cherry Street, Rahway. For information, call 732-381-0505.

MOLLY MAGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, formerly Casual Times, in Clark will present entertainment in the coming weeks. Thursdays are Ladies Nights, and Sundays feature NFL games and $2 drafts.

Saturday: Sequoia, 10 p.m.

Sunday: Joe Moran, 4 p.m.

Nov. 15: Skydog, 10 p.m.

Nov. 16: Joe Finn, 4 p.m.

Nov. 22: Rewind, 10 p.m.

Nov. 23: Bantry Boys, 4 p.m.

Nov. 26: DJ Billy, 9 p.m.

Nov. 29: The Pat Roddy Band, 10 p.m.

Nov. 30: Mickey Perry, 4 p.m.

Dec. 6: Sequoia, 10 p.m.

Dec. 7: Traditional Irish Session, 2 p.m.

Dec. 13: Stronger Than Dirt, 10 p.m.

Dec. 14: Bantry Boys, 4 p.m.

Molly Maguire's is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call 732-388-6511.

SECOND SATURDAYS COFFEEHOUSE, will take place the second Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. Featured will be an "open mic" forum of music, poetry, comedy and performance art. Refreshments are served. Admission is $4. Talent is sought for future dates.

For information, call 908-928-0127 or send e-mail to info@secondsaturdays.org.

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

VAN GOGH'S EAR, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesdays are "Acoustic Tuesday," some of which feature open mic from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer. Open mic participants sign up at 7:30 p.m. and get 10 minutes at the microphone. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. Cover charge is $3 for all Sunday concerts.

Today: Live music, 9 to 11 p.m.

Sunday: Red Sun.

Tuesday: Monkeyworks, 8 to 9 p.m.; Prisoner, 9 to 10 p.m.

Nov. 16: The Steve Minzer Trio.

Nov. 18: Open mic, 8 to 9 p.m.; Shamra, 9 to 10 p.m.

Nov. 23: The Michele Fiorindo Trio.

Nov. 25: Jeremy Manjorin, 8 to 9 p.m.; The Dave Pittenger Band, 9 to 10 p.m.

Nov. 30: X Marks the Spot.

Dec. 2: Open mic, 8 to 9 p.m., Matt Mead, 9 to 10 p.m.

Dec. 7: The Son Lewis Trio.

Dec. 9: Breaking Laces, 8 to 9 p.m.; Patrick Suler, 9 to 10 p.m.

Dec. 14: The Joe Knipes Quartet.

Dec. 16: Open mic, 8 to 9 p.m.; Change of Structure, 9 to 10 p.m.

Dec. 21: Shusmo.

Dec. 23: Blue Muse, 8 to 9 p.m.

Dec. 28: The Ginny Johnston Band.

Dec. 30: The Establishments, 8 to 9 p.m., Get Roy, 9 to 10 p.m.

Jan. 4: The Peter Kikadakis Band.

For information, call 908-810-1844.

THE WAITING ROOM, 1431 Irving St., Rahway, at the corner of Lewis Street, presents Open Mike Night every Wednesday night. For information, call 732-815-1042.

THE WASHINGTON AVENUE PUB, 704 Washington Ave., Linden, will present karaoke and the 100-Proof Duo Band every Saturday night. In addition, Thursday is Ladies Night. For information, call 908-925-3707.

Workshops

REEVES-REED ARBORETUM in Summit will sponsor a workshop on outdoor decorations made of food for animals on Nov. 16 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fee is $20 per family. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-8787, ext. 16 or visit www.reeves-reidarboretum.org.

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RATES
CLASSIFIED RATES
20 words or less .... $20.00 per insertion
Additional 10 words .... $6.00 per insertion
Display Rates .... $25.50 per column inch
Contract Rates Available
Blind Box Number .... $20.00 per insertion

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Ad appears in all 18 newspapers
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DEADLINES
In-column 3 PM Tuesday
Display - Space reservation 5 PM Friday
Ad Copy 12 noon Monday
Business Directory 4 PM Thursday

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Adjustments: We make every effort to avoid mistakes in your classified advertisement. Please check your ad the first day it runs! We cannot be responsible beyond the first insertion. Should an error occur please notify the classified department. Worrall Community Newspapers, Inc. shall not be liable for errors or omissions in cost of actual space occupied by item in which error or omissions occurred. We can not be held liable for failure, for any cause, to insert an ad. Worrall Community Newspapers, Inc. reserves the right to reject, revise or reclassify any advertisement at any time.

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20 words - 10 weeks $39.00 or $59.00 combo no copy changes

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SPRINGFIELD, 90 BATTLEHILL Avenue, off Morris Avenue. Saturday, November 8th 9am-3pm. Decorating items, fabrics, furniture, accessories and much more.

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GARAGE/YARD SALES
UNION, 2552 STANDISH Avenue, corner Schneider Avenue, off Burnet Avenue. Saturday, November 8th. 9am-3pm. Household items and miscellaneous.

UNION, 438 PRESECOTT Road (Morris to Colonial corner Prescott). Sunday November 9th, 9:30am-4:00pm. Furniture, appliances, ski clothing, typewriters. Plus more!

UNION, 777 DYKES Terrace, off Spruce Street. Saturday, November 8th, 8:30am-3:00pm. Toys, bikes, baby stroller, household items, other good stuff.

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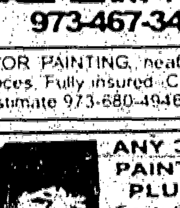
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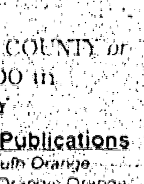
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Also contributing to the initial leasing surge is the community's location adjacent to Briant Park, a 30-acre recreational facility maintained by the Union County Park Commission, featuring a beautiful pond, walking and jogging paths and abundant natural vegetation, reports the Short Hills-based homebuilder.

In addition, commuters are attracted to the easy access to I-287, the Garden State Parkway, and New Jersey Turnpike as well as an NJDOT Park and Ride Facility.

"Living within the affluent township of Springfield is also another renter incentive," notes Community Builder Mark Ginsberg. "Residents can enjoy the township's upscale dining, shopping and entertainment venues, as well as a short commute to the neighboring towns of Millburn, Westfield and Short Hills."

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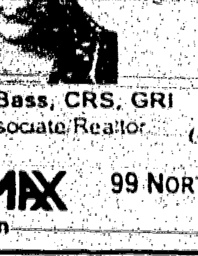

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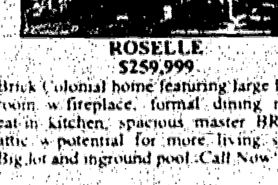

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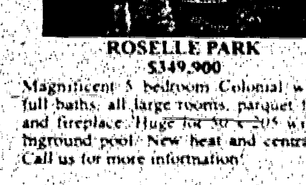

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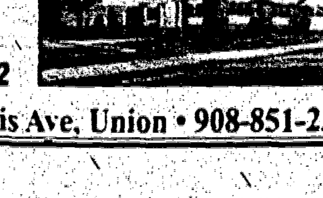

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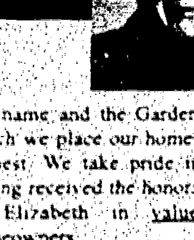

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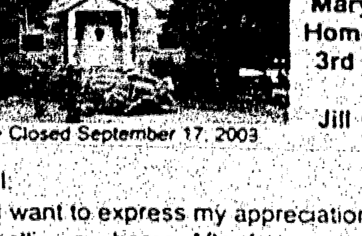

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Sales associates of the Millburn office of Prudential New Jersey Properties, from left, Maryanna Dominque, chairwoman of the fund-raiser, and Tom and Sally Rowe, manned a table at the Millburn Shop-Rite during a food drive for local food banks in Union and Essex counties. The drive was part of Prudential's Global Volunteer Day.

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NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY Docket No. F-11141-03
STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: LEWIS A. JAFFEE, RAFAEL LONDONO
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon Katz, Ettin, & Levine, P.A., whose address is 903 North Kings Highway, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034-1564, an Answer to the Complaint and Amendment to Complaint (if any) filed in a civil action in which Arleen Todaro is Plaintiff and What's Your Beef, et al. are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County bearing Docket No. F-11141-03 within thirty-five days after November 6, 2003 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint and Amendment to Complaint (if any). You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.
This action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing the following Tax Sale Certificates:
Tax Sale Certificate #97/241 dated July 21, 1997 made by David Marshall, Collector of Taxes of the City of Plainfield and State of New Jersey to BCIC Funding Corporation, recorded in the Union County Clerk's office on August 15, 1997 in Book 6356 of Mortgages at page 236. By Assignment of Tax Sale Certificate dated May 15, 2001, Breen Capital Investment Corporation assigned said Tax Sale Certificate to First Union National Bank, as Collateral Agent and Custodian for Lien Funding Select, LLC, as appears on said Assignment. The Assignment was recorded on July 9, 2001 in Book AB 1241-0231 in the Clerk's Office of Union County. The party who purchased the Certificate was BCIC Funding Corporation and the party who Assigned the Certificate was Breen Capital Investment Corporation. BCIC Funding Corporation and Breen Capital Investment Corporation are one in the same entity. By Assignment, First Union National Bank as Collateral Agent and Custodian for Lien Funding Select, LLC assigned its Tax Sale Certificate to BCIC Funding Corporation. Said Assignment is being recorded in the Clerk's Office of Union County simultaneously herewith. By Assignment dated March 12, 2003 BCIC Funding Corporation assigned its Tax Sale Certificate to Arleen Todaro. This Assignment was recorded in error on May 13, 2003 in the Union County Clerk's Office in Book AB 1320, Page 0237. This Assignment is now being re-recorded simultaneously herewith.
Tax Sale Certificate #980298 dated June 25, 1998 made by Steven M. Davis, Collector of Taxes of the City of Plainfield and State of New Jersey to First Union Agent for Breen, recorded in the Union County Clerk's Office on July 22, 1998 in Book MB6778 of Mortgages, Page 0007. By Assignment of Tax Sale Certificate dated March 11, 2003, Wachovia Bank, N.A. Agent for Breen f/k/a First Union Agent for Breen assigned its Tax Sale Certificate to Arleen Todaro. Said Assignment was recorded on May 13, 2003 in the Clerk's Office of Union County in Book AB1320 Page 0238 to recover possession of and concerning real estate located at 254-256 3rd Street, Tax Lot 5, Block 308, Plainfield, New Jersey.
You, Lewis A. Jaffee are joined herein as party defendant hereto by reason of your interest arising from a Judgment described as follows: Lewis A. Jaffee v. What's Your Beef II and C/B of Plainfield Inc. Judgment No. J-019417-1991 entered February 20, 1991, type of action Misc., venue Union, debt of $1,800.00, interest of $203.76, plus costs. Case No. L-0978014-88, date signed January 23, 1991.
You, Rafael Londono are joined herein as a party defendant hereto by reason of your interest arising from a Judgment described as follows: Rafael Londono v. Orlando Chacon, Knockers, What's Your Beef II, Richard Bielecki, Malyaot Bielecki, Edwin Romero, ... Judgment No. J-050143-1996, entered February 23, 1996. Date signed February 6, 1996, type of action Tort Claim, venue Union, debt of $24,437.48. Case No. L-004326-94, plus costs.
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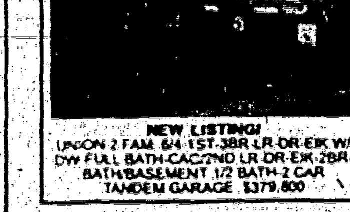

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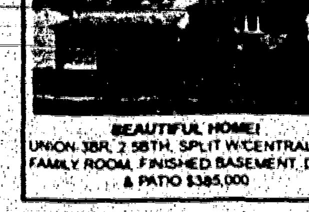

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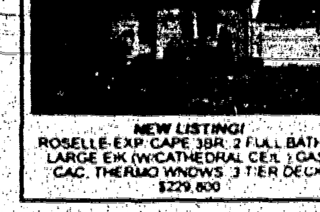

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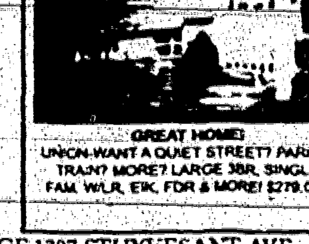

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Real estate market grows, but slowly

According to the latest report by Cushman & Wakefield on the new Jersey market, the commercial real estate market continues to challenge industry professionals as the fourth quarter of 2003 commences. At the same time, stepped up corporate decision-making time frames and gubernatorial announcements are providing a boost to the sporadic velocity upgrade we have witnessed during the past few months.

On a national scale, economists continue to project slow but steady growth during the remainder of this year and into 2004. As companies in New Jersey begin to complete their fiscal 2003 strategies, many are moving forward to implement plans that have been in limbo during the past two years.

Some are beginning to rehire for positions vacated during the economic slowdown. As can be expected with a recovery, however, mixed signals abound, with conflicting reports of continued right-sizing. Until measurable job growth occurs, the office market will remain flat.

In general, however, things appear to be slightly more positive than in the recent past. And a number of pro-business initiatives announced recently by Gov. James McGreevey have positioned New Jersey to build upon this forward momentum. Two, in particular are worth noting.

First, New Jersey has not only reinstituted, but also has improved, the Business Employment Incentive Program. The changes stemmed from the efforts and recommendation of the New Jersey business Incentives Study Commission - a 27-member group appointed by McGreevey. This enhanced program is very encouraging for both existing companies that are in a growth mode as well as out-of-state firms considering locating in New Jersey.

Second, the governor has called for a major bond issue to fund a number of corporate incentives. One of the most interesting involves enhanced partnerships between private industry and public institutions engaged in research. The program would create a number of "business initiative zones" offering tax relief and other benefits for collaborative research efforts.

This would certainly further New Jersey's appeal for both existing and transplanted companies involved in life sciences, bio-technology, information technology and homeland defense, among others. Currently, many of out state's educational institutions are fulfilling the application criteria to establish programs that will enable them to take advantage of this bond money if it reaches fruition.

These are very exciting and positive plans that will enhance New Jersey's competitive positions as the market regains a positive foothold. And as the long-awaited recovery shows increased signs of imminence, we will look forward to a new period of growth and prosperity.

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Fife attends the Superstar Panel

Prudential New Jersey Properties' sales associate Vicki Fife of the Summit office was chosen to join five other panelists for the Top Performer Superstar Panel of the Prudential Real Estate Sales Associates Inc. tri-state meeting.

The June meeting, attended by Prudential Real Estate executives, managers and sales associates from New Jersey, New York and Connecticut, was held at Chelsea Pier in New York City. Fife and the other panelists shared their success stories and advice.

"We are very proud that Vicki was chosen as one of the speakers at this event," said Karen Hedges, manager of the Prudential New Jersey Properties' Summit office. "I'm certain Vicki's insight will prove very helpful to fellow real estate agents."

Fife, a member of the Gold Level of the NJAR Circle of Excellence, ranks among the company's top 40 agents.

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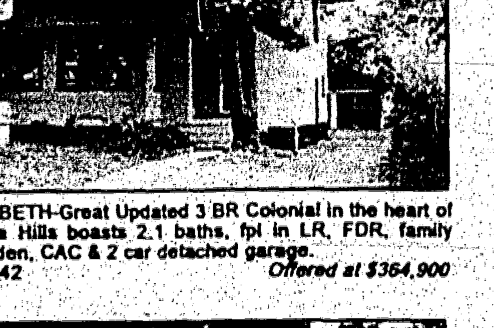

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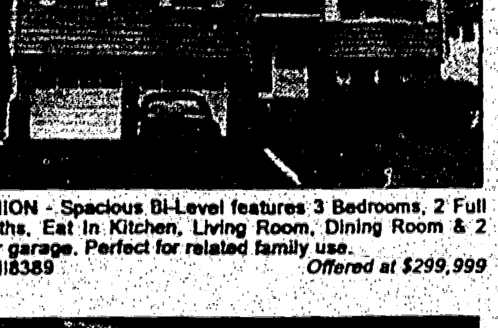

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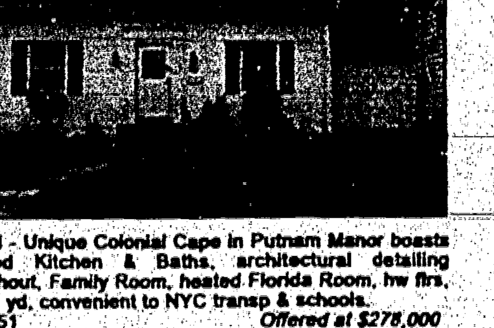

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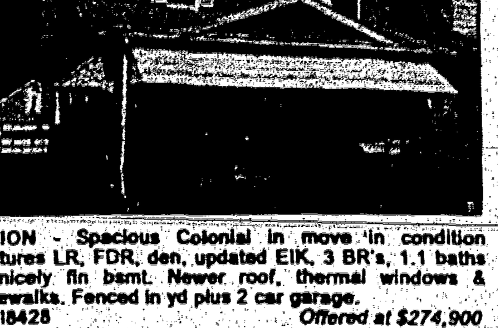

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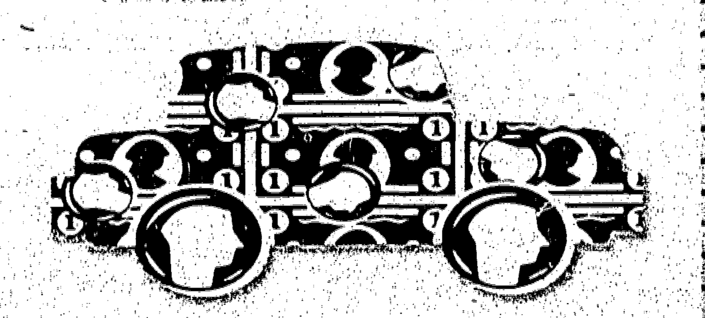

Suzuki SV650: a great first bike

By Jerry Garrett
Copley News Service

What's the best bike to ride, if you're just starting out?

New riders probably can't go too far wrong with the Suzuki SV650.

That's the consensus of a variety of expert riders, motorcycle editors and satisfied owners.

Finding the appropriate bike for new riders is a hot topic now.

A father recently took the editors of Cycle World magazine to task for touting powerful bikes that are beyond the riding skills of experts — much less new riders.

The father's main complaint was that his son had decided to learn how to ride and had gone out and purchased one of the most powerful bikes recommended by the magazine's editors. The young man was killed on a treacherous highway near San Juan Capistrano, Calif., when he applied too much front brake and went over the handlebars.

The father's contention was that, in recommending race-ready motorcycles, the magazine was ignoring the fact that only a select few of its readers were capable of riding them safely.

The father's agony was understandable, though his criticism of the magazine was not. People have to use common sense in life and be accountable for their actions. But the father's comments did get the motorcycle press thinking.

On a recent trip to my Yamaha dealer, I asked a salesman if he could tell me how many customers who bought the scary-fast R1 were first-time riders.

"About half," he replied.

Shocking. No way. The R1 arguably is as fast and precise as anything on the market. The R1 commands the utmost respect from this writer, with nearly 30 years of riding experience. I wondered how the new R1 riders got along with their new 180 mph toys.

"The mortality rate is pretty staggering," the dealer said, unable to give exact figures. "For both bike and rider. A lot of the bikes come back here in a basket."

Hence, our quest to find a bike — a street bike, at least — that we could recommend. One that when ridden with a reasonable degree of caution and responsibility would be well-suited to someone just learning to ride.

Our choice: The 2004 Suzuki SV650, a street bike that comes in "naked" form, without a fairing, or in SV650S trim with a half fairing, for $400 more.

"The SV650 is an excellent bike for someone just starting out, because it will help you learn the skills you need to graduate to a bigger, more powerful bike," said Garrett Kai of American Suzuki.

"In some cases, you may not even want to graduate to anything else. The 650 is capable of meeting a wide range of needs."

You'd expect Kai to say that, considering for whom he works. But we couldn't find a single bike editor or tester who disagreed with Kai's assessment.

"Frankly, this is a very difficult bike to criticize," said the editors of Motorcycle Daily. "It does so much more than you would expect it to do for the MSRP of $5,899 that it's a bit of a shock."

So, what makes the SV650 such a standout?

Rideability, in a word.

It goes, stops and corners without fault.

"I couldn't get the bike to misbehave," admitted one editor.

The only gripe we had in our test ride of the SV650S was that the riding position tended to put a lot of pressure on our rapidly tiring wrists. But that may have been a conditioning issue this writer needs to address in the gym.

The SV650 originally came out in 1999 and has just gone through its first major redesign for '04. The original model received rave reviews and sold extremely well. Reviewers found it "near-perfect."

Bike shoppers will find Suzuki has found a way to improve upon that degree of perfection in almost every area.

The much-admired 90-degree, four-stroke V-Twin engine now has lighter internal components, an oil cooler in addition to the large radiator, a higher capacity muffler and new fuel injection.

The six-speed transmission is a feature expected on a bigger, more costly bike. The ultra-rigid aluminum box frame already was a popular choice for racing chassis builders; it has been stiffened even more for '04.

The retuned stock suspension, which is adjustable only for preload, is very competent in a wide range of riding conditions. New gauges and better headlights complete the package.

Enhancing its desirability is the fact it looks like a bigger, more expensive bike; it is, in fact, a dead ringer for the Suzuki SV1000, which has a larger displacement engine, fully adjustable suspension, bigger tires and brakes. The $7,999 SV1000 might make a great graduation present for the SV650 rider, after he masters his bike.

2004 Suzuki SV650 and SV650 S

Engine: 645 cc, DOHC four-valve per cylinder, 90-degree V-Twin

Transmission: six-speed with multi-plate clutch

Suspension: Front, 41mm telescoping fork with preload adjustment; rear, link-type, seven-way adjustable

Fuel capacity: 4.5 gallons

Fuel mileage: 41 mpg on a 210-mile test

Brakes: Front, dual 290mm discs; rear, 220mm single disc

Wheels and tires: Cast aluminum, 120/60-ZR17 front, 160/60-ZR17 rear

Dry weight: 364 pounds; S, 373

Seat height: 31.5 inches

Wheelbase: 56.5 inches

Price: $5,899; S, $6,299

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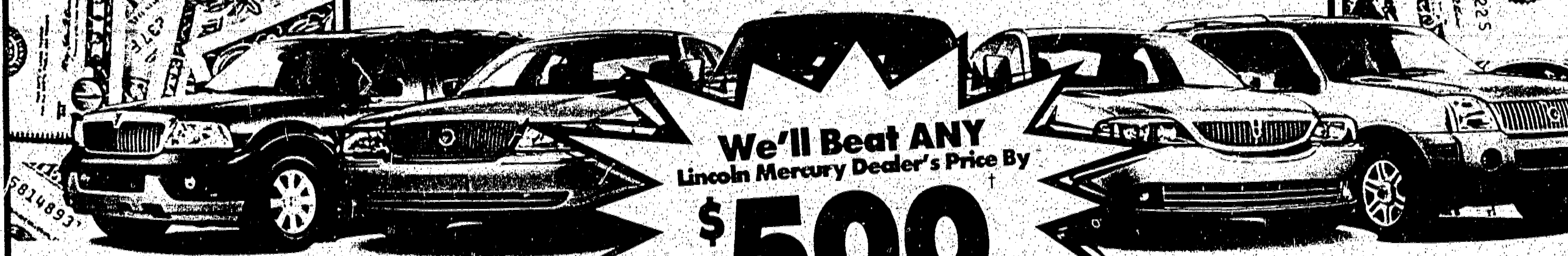

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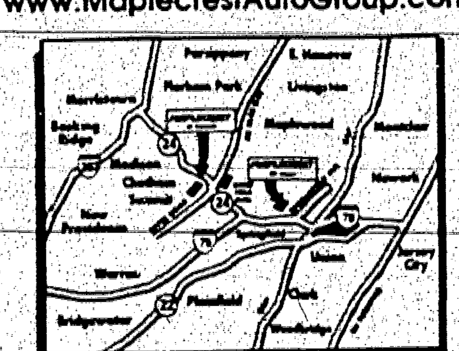

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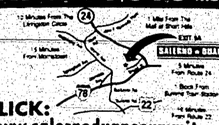

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$25,395

'02 FORD TAURUS SES
CERTIFIED, VIN #2A259259, 4 DR, 6 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/wnds/lks/mirrs/seats, cass, cruise, air bags, cloth, alloys, alarm/sec sys, 20,695 mi.
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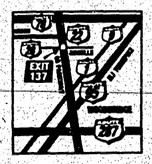

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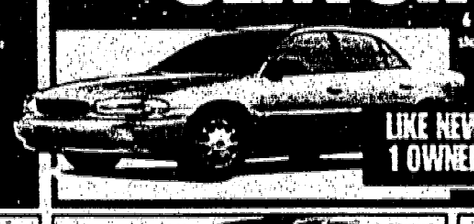

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4 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/windo/llks, air, cass/cd, tilt, cruise, t/def, moonrf, cloth bkt seats, alum whls, security sys, B/W A/S radials. 27,578 mi. Stk#6411 VIN#1719459
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TOWN & COUNTRY LX AWD 4 DR
6 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/windo/llks/mirrs/seat, air, cass/cd, tilt, cruise, t/def, luggr rk, airbags, cloth bkt seats, alum whls, B/W A/S radials. 43,183 mi.
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6 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/windo/llks/mirrs/seats, air, cd, tilt, cruise, t/def, moonrf, airbags, cloth bkt seats, alum whls, security sys, B/W A/S radials. 28,261 mi. Stk#6180 VIN#1A4HC4
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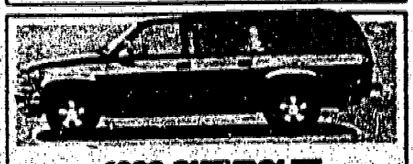

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SUBURBAN LT 4X4 4 DR
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$19,911

2002 GMC
ENVOY SLT 4X4 4 DR
6 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/windo/llks/mirrs/seats, air, cass/cd, tilt, cruise, t/def, moonrf, sunrf, airbags, cloth, alloys, security sys, A/S radials. 28,971 mi. Stk#2024 VIN#2221826
$26,511

2003 CHEVROLET
TRAILBLAZER EXT LT 4 DR
6 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/windo/llks/mirrs/seats, air, cass/cd, tilt, cruise, t/def, luggr rk, airbags, cloth bkt seats, alloys, security sys, B/W A/S radials. 7,414 mi. Stk#6422 VIN#2167375
$27,111

2000 HYUNDAI
SONATA GLS 4 DR
6 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/windo/llks/mirrs/seat, air, cass/cd, tilt, cruise, t/def, moonrf, airbags, leath bkt seats, B/W A/S radials. 49,341 mi. Stk#1027A VIN#YA307875
$7811

1999 CHEVROLET
CORVETTE COUPE
8 cyl, 6 spd manu, air, p/str/ABS/windo/llks/mirrs/seats, air, cass/cd, tilt, stereo, t/def, airbags, leath bkt seats, alum whls, security sys, theft deter sys, 48,170 mi. Stk#6333 VIN#5131261
$30,311

2001 AUDI
A8L QUATTRO 4 DR
8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/windo/llks/mirrs/seats, air, cass/cd, tilt, cruise, t/def, airbags, leath bkt seats, alum whls, security sys, B/W A/S radials. 34,494 mi. Stk#7A VIN#1000543
$39,911

1998 HONDA
CIVIC LX 4 DR
4 cyl, auto, p/str/brks/windo/llks/mirrs, air, cass/cd, stereo, tilt, cruise, t/def, airbags, cloth int, A/S radials. 88,046 mi. Stk#6432 VIN#W8628191
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