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Donations offer dignity

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Whether they were hanging on racks, fashionably wrapped around a mannequin or folded in neat little piles on tables, one thing the all-purpose room of Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church had a lot of last week was clothing donations.

The garments all came from people in the community who donated to "Angel's Closet," a collection staffed by volunteers at Springfield Emanuel and St. James Church in Springfield that strives to give people a chance to purchase back-to-school clothing who might otherwise be forced to go without.

Just two days before Saturday's clothing sale in the church, the Rev. Elaine Wing of Springfield Emanuel explained how many donations were received so far, pointing out how quickly the community answered the call to provide quality clothing.

"Seventy-five percent of what we got was barely used, tagged clothing," said Wing. "People have been very sensitive to our goals."

The response to donations was so overwhelming that Wing found it difficult to make room for all the boxes of clothing, which had been stacked against the wall of the church's all-purpose room.

Thanks to the help of dedicated volunteers from the community and local churches, the room was transformed into a small store, complete with mannequins, clothing racks, signs for clothing categories and a dressing room.

Wing said Nordstrom department store had been very helpful in not only donating the materials the church needed to conduct the sale, but in helping them set up their own store.

The wide variety of clothing that the church received covered all age groups, sizes, genders and types,



Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

Volunteer Heather Wittig sorts piles of men's clothing donated to Angel's Closet at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church. The sale, which took place Saturday, allowed needy people in the area to purchase back-to-school clothes.

from formalwear to dressware, as well as purses, ties, underwear and shoes. The people that came to the sale were carefully screened before being invited to shop, for the simple fact of making sure no one took advantage of the opportunity.

Potential shoppers were elected from the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County and the Vauxhall Community Health Clinic, while Springfield Emanuel branched out to other agencies and churches, as well as the American Red Cross, said Wing.

"The purpose of this sale is to provide a nice shopping environment that allows people to retain a sense of dignity and not feel embarrassed about it," said Wing.

The prices on clothing ran from 25 cents to \$5, with most items priced between 25 cents and \$1.

Several volunteers were getting ready for Saturday's sale, including Yolanda Rueda of Springfield, who

was folding clothes in the back. Rueda said she had heard about Angel's Closet through her church, which is the nearby First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, and she decided to help out those less fortunate.

"That's what hits me," she said, referring to the roomful of clothing around her. "You don't know what it means when you don't have clothes, clean clothes."

Ginny Johnston, music director of Springfield Emanuel, was sorting clothing into boxes and enjoyed the opportunity to help out for Angel's Closet. "One of the nice things about both these churches is what they do about outreach to the community," said Johnston.

Simultaneously, the church was also preparing for a BRIDGES Outreach run, where volunteers pack boxes of food to ship to homeless people in Newark and lower Manhattan.

Volunteers not only sort and pack the food, but drive the van that takes them into an environment vastly different from their own, an aspect of the program that Wing finds unique.

Getting ready to do a BRIDGES run to New York City the next day was none other than Donald Schwerdt, the township's new fire chief. Roughly 100 bagged lunches were getting bagged by volunteers that night and Schwerdt, a member of Springfield Emanuel, was happy to help out.

"It's enough to do something for someone a little less fortunate," said Schwerdt.

Wing said a total of 40 children and 27 adults found clothing for their back-to-school wardrobe at Saturday's sale.

It's only the first time that Angel's Closet has been done in Springfield, but the pastor hopes the project will continue to grow in the years to come.

Township ponder Church Mall rezo

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

A change to a pending ordinance for Springfield's Church Mall area will allow for the area's mixed use zone to include single- and multi-family residences, a move that makes some anxious over what the historic area will look like in the future.

The Township Committee approved the change at its Aug. 24 meeting, with a public hearing and final vote set for Sept. 28.

The area includes the properties located on Church Mall between First Presbyterian Church of Springfield and Sarah Bailey Civic Center, near the intersection with Morris Avenue.

Township Attorney Bruce Bergen explained that the Springfield Environmental Commission originally wanted to declare the area as a historic district, but were unable to get this designation granted.

A professional study that already had been conducted determined that there was already too much change to the area to declare it historic and, therefore, untouchable. Still, the Environmental Commission sought to preserve the historic ambiance of the area, at the very least, which includes Sarah Bailey Civic Center, tombstones and the church.

Bergen said there was then a thought to rezone the area to foster some type of reasoned development. Approximately two months ago, there was a rezoning proposal put forth to the Planning Board to allow the expansion of appropriate uses. Based on that action, the matter went back to the Planning Board and the board has since referred it back to the Township Committee, which has agreed with the change in rezoning.

"We'd been looking at this for some time," said Mayor Clara Harelik. "It's the type of thing that no matter what you do, you're not able to please everybody."

Harelik added that the Township Committee and Planning Board are not looking to destroy history, and that there are no immediate plans she is aware of that will damage or rid the

area of anything histo-

Along with the allowance of family housing to be built, the ordinance also gives permission for day-care centers and a playground, among other specific construction.

Helen Heumann, a current member and former secretary of the Springfield Historical Society, asked the Township Committee what the height and density changes were for the rezoning of Church Mall.

Bergen said the highest height is three and a half stories or 35 feet. He was unsure of the exact density changes.

Heumann sees this as being too high and overpowering, and said that anything that tall would compete with the churches and everything else in the area.

"It would make the area look very crowded," Heumann said. "I'm not against redevelopment, but I thought we had a general agreement to preserve the historical ambiance of the area."

Several weeks ago, a family-owned business owner addressed the Township Committee and Planning Board, asking that the ordinance be tabled for further review. The business is looking to expand and develop in the Church Mall area.

Heumann said that ideally, two-story garden apartments would be allowed, leading to development and, hopefully, adequate space. She said that a park-like atmosphere that doesn't distract attention from the churches would be best.

Heumann added that the family-owned business would still make money off of something like that, and regardless, Springfield should come first.

Though not definite, the ordinance looks to be approved Sept. 28. After that, Springfield will have to wait and see what becomes of a once historical setting that will most likely be changed by expansion, horizontally or vertically.

Managing Editor Brian Pedersen contributed to this report.



Photo By Joseph A. Sorrentino

With school starting in Springfield on Wednesday, teachers in the district prepare for the upcoming year with a teacher orientation day at Jonathan Dayton High School.

Schools get set for opening day

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

With less than a week to go before the start of school in Springfield, school faculty and administration throughout the district are making the necessary adjustments and putting the finishing touches on anything that can assure a smooth transition from vacation to education.

At Edward V. Walton School, Principal Lisa Ferrare is busy putting together everything that the parents need to know to continue, or begin, their children's education.

"I'm getting together all the packets of information for the parents," said Ferrare, who added that the teachers have already begun preparing their classrooms at the elementary school, setting up bulletin boards and name tags, for example.

"I'm excited for the upcoming construction and expansion," Ferrare added, as DEP permits have been granted and a timeline for construction is currently being developed.

Overall, Ferrare said that she's looking forward to welcoming back second-year students, and she is also eager for the new students just enter-

ing Walton School this year.

According to Thelma L. Sandmeier School Principal Michael Antolino, the summer schedule that consisted of developing a master schedule and conducting interviews for open positions was time consuming.

"We had an administration meeting..." Antolino said. "We looked to set goals for the school year, both building and district-wide."

Antolino, principal since 1986, still looks forward to each new school year.

"There's always a high level of enthusiasm when starting a new year," said Antolino. "No matter what, it's a new day. It's an exciting time for everyone."

Antolino said that between interviewing for open positions throughout the district, along with the construction going on at each building, there's a lot going on during the transition into September in general.

Tim KIELTY, who was just recently named Florence M. Gaudineer's middle school principal, is looking forward to his first year in the district.

"I'm getting everything ready," said KIELTY, "including procedures and

policies that need to be typed and edited."

KIELTY said that he's excited by the level of education and the emphasis on education he's seen throughout Springfield, and that, most importantly, he's getting ready for the kids.

"It's a great district in a really nice area," said KIELTY, who previously worked in Staten Island. "We're all for progressive education and the educational philosophy that students are the center of what's going on," KIELTY added.

While faculty and staff are busy tying up loose ends concerning the classroom settings and educational concepts, Business Administrator Matthew Clarke is finishing up with his portion of the summer to school transition.

Clarke said that he's making sure the buildings are ready and safe for the students, as he's been doing a walk-through at the schools each day to make sure things are in order and on schedule. Starting Wednesday, the daily routines of children, young adults and parents will again shift into school mode. For district staff, that time has already come.

Residents raise speeding issues

By Brian Pedersen
and Rick Klittich

Residents at the most recent Springfield Township Committee meeting came forward to air their concerns about speeding vehicles in their area, hoping for an immediate solution.

But as residents of several streets have found out before, an ultimate solution takes time.

One Tower Drive resident explained that speeding on the corner of his street and Baltusrol Avenue has been an ongoing issue for many years and one that's getting worse. The resident asked for the Township Committee's help in addressing the issue.

According to the resident, the street is being used as a cut-through.

Mayor Clara Harelik said that with other streets experiencing a problem with speeding, the township placed yellow lines to make the street look more narrow. She said they've also

talked about rumble strips, speed bumps, signage.

"You have pros and cons on all sides of everything I'm talking about," she said.

Unfortunately, she said other streets are experiencing the same problem with speeding.

With what he described as a tremendous volume of traffic, the resident asked the committee if they could put up large signs at the corner of Baltusrol letting people know that the street is not a cut-through.

He said Short Hills Avenue is the closest to being a thru street.

"I'd like to have your thoughts. If you were to put large signs at the corner of Baltusrol and Morris, 'no-through' street' it will let people know," the resident said.

Harelik said a no-through street sign is not applicable to his street.

Township Attorney Bruce Bergen agreed and said street signs have to

conform to a federal book of guidelines, adding that certain signs need state approval.

The resident added that many drivers are running the traffic light at Morris and Short Hills avenues and requested an officer to be on patrol.

Arty Franzoni of Tower Drive also raised concerns about speeding on his street.

"I've witnessed tons of 18-wheelers coming through," he said.

Franzoni said the Police Department could generate revenue if officers are stationed at the stop signs on Tower Drive and give out tickets to speeders.

The committee has maintained, however, that placing police officers on the streets will not deter speeders. All it will deter, they say, is the actual speeding for drivers going down the street that particular day.

Bergen has explained several times that solutions do not come easily.

Dancing the night away



Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

Suzanne Zimmermann of Mountainside dances with her 2-year-old twin daughters, Jill and Allie, to the music of the Party Dolls, performing at Echo Lake Park during Union County's Free Summer Arts Festival. See more photos on Page B1.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings.

Monday • The Springfield Farmers' Market has moved to Ruby Field from noon to 6 p.m. every Monday.

Tuesday • Robert J. Reby, author of "Retire Without Worry" will give a reading and signing at Barnes & Noble.

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

Upcoming Sept. 9 • The Mountainside Planning Board will meet in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall.

Sept. 11 • The Newark Bait & Fly Casting Club will conduct its 27th annual "People With Disabilities Fishing Derby" at Echo Lake Park.

Sept. 13 • The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the media center at Jonathan Dayton High School.

Sept. 14 • The Mountainside Borough Council will meet for a work session in Borough Hall.

Sept. 17 • The Harmony Dancers, a local square dance group that meets in Springfield, will conduct barn dances at the YMCA.

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Juveniles arrested for stealing car

Four juveniles were arrested Aug. 27 at 10:05 p.m. for stealing a 1988 Ford Adustar.

The juveniles parked the car in the Loew's Theater lot on Route 22 and an officer ran a check on the vehicle that confirmed it was stolen.

On Aug. 26 at 12:30 p.m., 20-year-old Kristina Gresham was arrested on Route 22 East when she was stopped at a DMV roadcheck for failing to display a pink temporary inspection card.

Gresham, of Millburn, was driving with a suspended I and expired license and had a warrant out of Rahway for \$500.

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Teen tries his hand at illustrating book

By Brian Pedersen Managing Editor • It's not often that a 10-year-old decides to write a children's book, or that her teenage cousin agrees to illustrate it for her.

It's even rarer to find the end result come together in published form, particularly for a tome that couldn't be more timely.

But that's exactly what happened with "Let Freedom Ring," a new children's book written by Regina Parker of North Carolina and illustrated by Morgan Starkey, 17, of Mountainside.

"I'm like the artist in the family," said Starkey, "I've been doing a lot of art classes. It's something that will stand out on a college application."

In addition to creating illustrations for a book, he has also done a variety of oil paintings, figure drawings and other types of art.

Starkey, soon to be a senior at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, is getting ready for the college selection process.

Although his major is currently undecided, Starkey enjoys science, particularly physics and chemistry, in addition to his many artistic interests.

His father had always been interested in art, which Starkey said helped him develop an interest in art at a young age.

"He was always doing drawings," said his mother, Christine. "His favorite things were magic markers."

To create the artwork for "Let Freedom Ring," Starkey did a rough draft of each illustration, which took about 10 minutes each to complete.

He then went back to do illustrations on a larger scale and used carbon copy paper to trace the original design onto a new, higher quality piece of paper.

The book follows the story of Lydia, a 7-year-old girl who questions her parents on the meaning of freedom after listening to the news about the war in Iraq.

Puzzled by what life would be like without freedom, Lydia slowly begins to learn how and why America is a free country and what this means to her.

While Starkey said it was difficult to come up with illustrations for a children's book, he focused on what pictures the story was describing and tried to use the young author's ideas as much as possible.

The result is that each page offers a narrative thread colorfully enhanced with an illustration that gives the reader a visual description of what's happening in the story.

Some of the freedoms that are explored in the text and illuminated by the illustrations include freedoms of speech and expression, religions, voting, education and the right to marriage.

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Morgan Starkey, 17, of Mountainside illustrated the recently published children's book "Let Freedom Ring," a timely story about one girl's search for the meaning of freedom.

The book has been published by Kids Don't Eat, a non-profit organization, and all proceeds from the sale of the book will go toward charity.

"Let Freedom Ring" is currently available online at www.amazon.com and will soon be available at Barnes & Noble.

Although he said he doesn't have much free time at the moment, Starkey has been taking an oil painting class this summer at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit,

where he also took a portfolio art class. This year at GL, he will also be in the Advanced Placement art program.

At Keen University, he took a course with the New Jersey School of Arts, which offered an art program that included four weeks of drawing and four weeks of painting.

He recently has been getting into photography as well, having taken a course at GL.

His artwork has also been placed at the state Capitol building in Trenton, since he had recently won the New Jersey Teen Arts Festival award for Union County.

Which ever path Starkey plans to take in the future, his creative talents are sure to follow.

"I'm extremely proud of Morgan," said Christine. "His work is extremely impressive. This is the first children's book that I know of that touches on the war in Iraq."

Reeves-Reed plans Harvest Festival

Children at the upcoming Harvest Festival at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit have many choices. They can visit the petting zoo, take a pony ride, print a T-shirt, or tempt themselves with fresh baked goods.

All handicapped individuals, regardless of age, can participate. They must pre-register by Sept. 5, by calling Ellen Chase of the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4096.

Fishing will begin at 10 a.m. and run through 2 p.m. The Harmony Dancers, a local square dance group that meets in Springfield, will conduct barn dances at the YMCA on S. Springfield Avenue at 8 p.m.

Planners of the Church Mall street fair in Springfield have invited a diversity of community agencies to honor those who died in the World Trade Center attacks of 2001 from 3 to 7 p.m. A time to remember Sept. 11, 2001, through music, prayer and an intergenerational color guard, will take place at 3:30 p.m.

Interested agencies that have not yet been contacted by the Fair Planning Committee are asked to call Emanuel Church at 973-376-1695.

The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the media center at Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

The Springfield Township Committee will conduct a work session in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

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Mountain Ave. closes for festival

On Sept. 18, from approximately 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., the portion of Mountain Avenue between Morris Avenue and Caldwell Place will be closed to all vehicular traffic for the fifth annual Springfield Chamber of Commerce Street Festival and Craft Fair.

The festival will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the closed section of Mountain Avenue. Residents who live along the closed section of Mountain Avenue may park their vehicles in Township Lot 1 on Hanna Street during the street fair without the need to use parking meters for that day.

"No parking" signs will be posted along Mountain Avenue the night before the event and they will remain in effect until the event is over and the street is reopened.

The festival will take place, rain or shine. All are invited to attend the event. For information, call Town Hall at 973-912-2200.

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Y offers fencing, dancing

Registration is ongoing for adult programs at the Springfield YMCA for the fall session beginning Tuesday through Nov. 14.

Country line dancing, which meets Thursdays, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., is a way to exercise, meet people, have fun and learn country line dancing.

The dances are free for YMCA members and just \$2 per class for non-members.

Fencing for adults meets Sundays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., and includes an introduction to the sport of fencing and is a good form of physical and mental exercise. The fee is \$150 for YMCA members and \$170 for non-members.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

Smart investment

It may seem like a no-brainer, but for many municipalities, hiring a grant writing/consulting group is something that is often explored, but not always acted upon. Some governing bodies may fear that the expense of hiring a grant firm will not be matched with grants. Others may feel a grant firm is not necessary if members of the governing body or township employees can apply for grants themselves.

Still, particularly in Springfield's case, hiring The Bruno Group, a grant consulting firm, is a smart investment, and something that was long overdue for the township. While members of the Township Committee have acquired grants in the past, efforts at grant acquisition can always be increased.

Of course, it remains to be seen how many grants the township actually receives, but signs look good that the firm's relationship with Springfield will be positive and productive. The Bruno Group has 40 employees and two grant writers. The firm has been raising money for towns and delivering grants for 30 years.

Clients of the group range from large cities such as Newark to smaller, more rural towns. In total, the company represents more than 200 municipalities, and the group guarantees to match and surpass its hiring fee of \$2,500 per year.

A professional firm would be much more successful in acquiring grants than individual members of the Township Committee for the simple fact that grant writing and acquisition is the sole task on which the company is focused. They do not have to deal with the many facets of operating a municipality.

With upcoming renovations to the Municipal Building and Police Department as well as road improvements, this firm appears to be the ideal entity to acquire funding for those projects.

Police Department renovations most likely will be costly. Likewise, the Municipal Building, an outdated facility, would need various improvements once police headquarters is completed. It makes sense that whatever costs can be jettisoned, even partially, by grants, to avoid dipping into the property tax pool is good. Grants are not "free money" as some like to think, but originate from state and federal governments. Still, grants help to avoid raising more money from ever-increasing property taxes.

It's for these reasons that choosing The Bruno Group should be a sound investment.

Celebrate prosperity

Our nation was built on the blood and sweat of our forefathers, both in times of war and peace. Holidays such as Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day celebrate in different ways how members of our armed force sacrificed their lives to ensure freedom and prosperity. But Labor Day recognizes how the efforts of our nation's work force turned this freedom and prosperity — the American dream — into a reality.

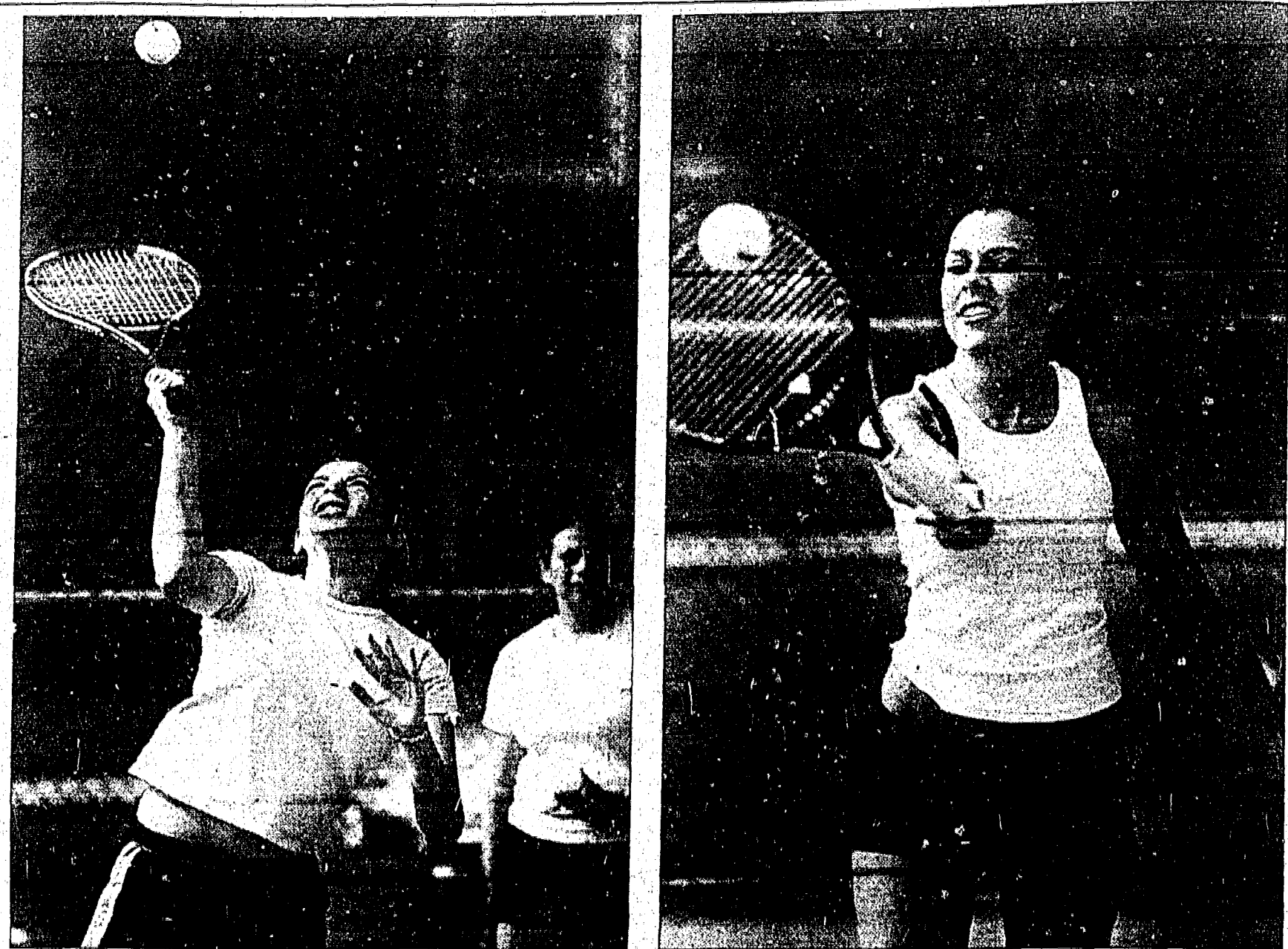
Labor Day originated as a day to honor those on whom our great nation is built. First celebrated on Sept. 5, 1882 in New York, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union, Congress recognized the first Monday of September as a legal holiday in 1894. Although fall doesn't officially begin on the calendar until Sept. 23, it has become an American custom that summer traditionally ends with Labor Day weekend.

However, Labor Day should be more than just a "workingman's holiday." Just as the members of our armed forces should be recognized and treated with honor and respect for the entire year, not just these holidays, the same must also apply to our work force. Labor Day is a time to celebrate the American worker, to recognize their contributions and be thankful for everything their efforts have provided.

In keeping with the spirit of celebrating the American work force on Labor Day, workers throughout our nation should be provided with salaries commensurate with their efforts and experience, salaries that allow them to survive at the current cost of living. Our work force deserves a safe workplace and benefits that provide protection for everyone, from the Wall Street investor to the supermarket cashier. This is what has made the United States an example of economic and cultural freedom throughout the world.

This weekend, as many take advantage of the last opportunity of the summer to go to the shore, have a picnic in the park or a barbecue in the back yard, we should remember the laborers who have provided us with so much. Labor Day is a time to be thankful for all we've been given, a time to celebrate our prosperity and continue to build and provide for a better tomorrow.

Have a safe and prosperous Labor Day.



TENNIS ANYONE? — On a sunny August day, Sandi Winklenfeld, 14, left, and Jaime Weisman, 17, enjoy practicing their tennis techniques at the Jonathan Dayton High School courts in Springfield.

Photos By Joseph A. Sorrentino

Newspaper guidelines for election coverage

In fairness to all candidates and to provide the best service to our readers, this newspaper has established guidelines and a schedule for coverage of the Nov. 2 General Election.

Under the guidelines, this newspaper is committed to specific elements of coverage.

It will give background information about all known candidates, including stories on basic positions taken by each, and it will write news stories on the issues raised during the campaign.

We also will list important political events such as candidates nights and fund-raisers in news stories. We will aim to stimulate discussion of the issues during election campaigns

through independent research and initiative stories.

Appropriate, editorial endorsements will be made.

News releases and campaign position statements from candidates are welcome. They will be used at the editor's discretion and they will not necessarily be printed as such but may be used as material to develop news stories if the issues raised in them merit such treatment.

Story use, timing and treatment are entirely at the discretion of the editor.

We will strive to avoid the initial raising of controversial or sensational issues in the final edition before election. We aim to focus on what the voter needs to know and not on what

the candidates want to say.

Our guidelines reflect the reader service objectives of this newspaper in elections. However, we will review our guidelines from time to time and revise them if necessary to benefit our readers.

Following is the schedule we will adhere to in the Nov. 2 Township Committee election:

Letters to the editor: Political letters, and those of endorsement, will be accepted up to and including the issue of Oct. 21 for candidates. Letters may be printed or appear as excerpts at the editor's discretion.

Endorsement letters: Containing more than 250 words will be edited for length, regardless of how many candi-

dates they endorse. Letters without telephone numbers will not be considered for publication.

Candidate's Corner: Candidates running for the Township Committee will be given the opportunity to speak to the readers on these pages as they present their backgrounds, platforms and goals. Their columns will appear Oct. 21.

Our endorsements: Endorsement editorials will appear Oct. 28.

Staff-written round-up stories: A final look of the candidates, their platforms and goals, etc., will appear Oct. 28.

Election results: Complete election result coverage will be in the Nov. 4 edition.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Firefighters deserve thanks for efforts

To the Editor:

Your house is on fire! The image in our minds is of firemen rushing into our house and hacking away at our home and possessions with their axes.

Surprise! We received a call while vacationing, telling us that our house was burning. In the background, we could hear sirens and our alarm ringing. The fireman who called asked permission to break into our house via the front door. Of course, we said that he should do whatever was necessary to save the structure and its contents.

Four hours later, we returned to Springfield. What a relief it was to see our house intact. The Fire Department was so considerate and respectful of our home. After controlling the problem, they were able to secure the front door and covered the hole in the roof with a tarp. Our firemen deserve their new home on Mountain Avenue... and so much more.

They are kind, capable civil servants who truly deserve the respect we have for them. We sincerely appreciate their efforts. They are great!

Sandy and Richard Einhorn
Springfield

Columnist ignores inconvenient facts

To the Editor:

Clear as a fault, Frank Capece's "Kudos to..." column published on Page B1 of the Aug. 12 edition would appear to suggest Roselle's decision to drop out of the train litigation was simple common sense and that the federal regulation of railroads is so complex that it is beyond mortal man.

Of course, could it be Roselle is just a traditionally Democratic municipality that would tend to support the freeholders, right or wrong? Or perhaps that budgetary constraints in Roselle prompted Roselle to let the other municipalities carry the financial burden of moving the litigations forward, while concurrently ingratiating Roselle to the freeholders? Or, the fact that Roselle had applied for a Union County Green the Streets Grant for a pocket park on Chestnut Street?

If Capece has not noticed, towns like Clark and Cranford, double-dippers in the Union County Field of Dreams Grant Program, have been bowing and scraping to the freeholders for years, and have also remained remarkably silent on the proliferation of trains in Union County on the Staten Island Railway, Rahway Valley Railway and Lehigh Valley Railroad.

Capece should also know the federal Surface Transportation Board has a tendency to approve applications that have no opposition. Could that be why county operatives worked so hard at convincing everybody the railroads would not move forward without local approval? How would the Surface Transportation Board know what went on, if the towns did not file an appeal? How would the Surface Transportation Board understand what will happen when trains shut down Route 22 for five minutes at a time?

Although Capece appears to think the appeal to the Surface Transportation Board was a total loss, he might want to look at the section in which the Surface Transportation Board ruled that any attempt to reconnect the east and west sec-

tions of the Staten Island Railway at the New Jersey Turnpike would require Surface Transportation Board authorization and "any necessary environmental review to consider additional traffic."

This is significant, because reconnection of the Staten Island Railway at the Turnpike would allow rail carriers to move garbage from Fresh Kills Landfill and marine cargo from Howland Hook on Staten Island straight across the county from Elizabeth to Summit on the short line railroads. The municipalities involved in the litigation may not have stopped the reactivation, but they may have limited the ability of heavy freight to access the lines.

At the very least, the towns have preserved their ability to address the traffic issue at a future time. Considering the devious way in which the county brought us to this point in time, the towns may have a come-from-behind victory after all.

William T. Fidurski
Clark

We need to provide before-, after-care

To the Editor:

Does anyone care that there is no before- or after-care available for children in the Springfield pre-kindergarten program? Before-care was not available in prior years because the district assumed those children in afternoon pre-kindergarten have a parent who is home to watch the child before school.

This is a misguided assumption. In fact, there are a myriad of reasons why a child would be placed in afternoon pre-kindergarten, including the fact that all morning slots get filled on a first-come, first-serve basis, locking out many who move to the district, have alternative work arrangements or are simply unaware of this selection basis. After-care, however, has been available for the past several years for pre-kindergarten students through the Learning Circle of Summit.

This year, when I looked into a program for my son, who will be in the morning pre-kindergarten program, I was told both the YMCA and The Learning Circle of Summit will be providing care. When I contacted the Y in June, I was told the program was planned but had been cancelled. I then called the Learning Circle and was told their program was recently cancelled as well. When I asked about how this could be, I was told it was simply not feasible for them to bring this service to the morning Walton pre-kindergarten students because the district charges them rent for space and it has become cost prohibitive for the number of students who need this service.

I find this result an unacceptable situation. As parents, we expect to pay, and rates have certainly not been low, for these services. Whatever cost issues exist between the district and these private providers should be brought out for public discussion.

We need to provide for after-care for pre-kindergarten children at Walton School, just as we do for kindergarten and up, just as they do at St. James and other local pre-kindergarten programs.

Lisa Ebert
Springfield

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Speaker shows how to manage stress

Burnt out, stressed out, rundown and tired? Out of balance, out of control? Too much to do, not enough time for family and for you?

Too many interruptions, too many priorities? Feeling pressured and anxious?

Do you find yourself juggling love and friendship, caring for aging parents and children, juggling time for exercise and recreation? Then you need help dealing with stress and time management.

Learn the signs and symptoms of stress, how to manage stress and how to make it work for you in a program offered from 9:30 a.m. to noon Sept. 11 at Overlook Hospital, Wallace Auditorium, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit.

Rosalind S. Dorlen, a clinical psychologist in Summit and member of the Allied Professional Staff at Overlook Hospital, has developed a program called "The Juggling Act: Stress and Time Management for Women."

More women are experiencing the stress of coping in an increasingly complex life with fears of terrorism, concerns about jobs, money and healthcare and the realities of coping with the care of aging parents, young children, careers, mid-life malaise, self care, love and friendship.

The talk will include information about stress and the unique ways stress affects women. Dorlen will introduce the concept of toxic stress and the high cost of stress in the family, in a woman's health and in the workplace.

A personal stress profile will be provided, along with a relaxation exercise experience and many practical strategies to add to a woman's "tool box" to help take care of her health and balance the needs of family, work and love.

Dorlen, a board-certified diplomat in clinical psychology, is a fellow of the Academy of Clinical Psychology, past president of the New Jersey Psychological Association and has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Psychologist of the Year, awarded by the New Jersey Psychological Association. She has lectured and written on the subject of strengthening resilience in individuals, children and communities coping with ter-



Rosalind S. Dorlen

We're waiting for you



These adult cats are waiting at the Summit Animal League for a warm-hearted, caring owner. Volunteers at the agency rescue abandoned, starving animals and nurse them back to health. To find out about adopting a pet, call 908-665-1186.

Photo By Barbara Kiskalla

Doctors discuss ways to prevent obesity

On Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Overlook Hospital specialty physicians will host "Conquering Obesity — Working Together," an Overlook Hospital panel lecture and discussion for those interested in the treatment of obesity.

The floor will open for questions and discussion, following the lecture.

Presenters include Dr. Kenneth Storch, an internal medicine physician and director of Medical Nutrition at Overlook and Morrisown Memorial Hospital, specializing in the prevention and treatment of obesity.

Dr. Storch graduated from SUNY Medical School in Brooklyn, N.Y., and is board-certified in internal medicine and nutrition. He has been practicing for 16 years.

Obesity is associated with an increased risk of premature death; Type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke, hypertension, high cholesterol, gall bladder disease, osteoarthritis, sleep apnea, asthma, cancer, complications of pregnancy and psychological difficulties due to social stigmatization. Dr. Storch will discuss the topic of obesity, cultural influences and what we can do to prevent and treat obesity.

Dr. Federico Cerrone, a pulmonologist and director of the Center for Sleep Medicine at Overlook

Hospital, has been practicing pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine for 12 years. He graduated from Georgetown University Medical School in Washington, D.C., and is a fellow of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, as well as the American College of Chest Physicians.

Most adults require an average of seven to nine hours of sleep each night. Yet many people do not know the physical consequences of sleep loss: obesity, high blood pressure and cardiovascular disease. Most sleep disorders are easily treatable — through lifestyle changes, use of equipment during sleep, drug therapy or even surgery. Dr. Cerrone will discuss how obesity and sleep disorders are related and what types of prevention and treatment options are available.

Dr. Muhammad Feteiha, bariatric surgeon at Overlook Hospital, specializes in laparoscopic roux-en-Y gastric bypass, which is performed using minimally invasive techniques. He has been performing LRYGB at Overlook since September 2003 and has performed more than 100 bariatric operations.

Dr. Feteiha earned his medical degree from Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston and completed his fellowship training in minimal access surgery at New York Presbyterian Hospital, Columbia

University in New York City.

Morbid obesity surgery requires the patient to make a firm commitment to lifestyle changes. LRYGB, for instance, requires medical follow-up and daily vitamin supplements for the rest of the patient's life. In addition to losing weight, most patients will experience a resolution of their diabetes, hypertension, gastric reflux, sleep apnea and musculoskeletal pains. Dr. Feteiha will discuss who is a candidate for LRYGB surgery and what it involves.

This free program is sponsored by the Community Health Department at Overlook Hospital. The program will be conducted in the Overlook Hospital Wallace Auditorium at 99 Beauvoir Ave. in Summit. Park in the West Garage across from main entrance to the hospital. Registration is required. Call 1-800-247-9580.

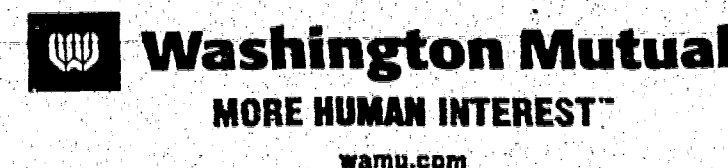
Nationally recognized for its Emergency Department, Overlook Hospital is one of five New Jersey hospitals approved to provide emergency angioplasty in a community hospital setting.

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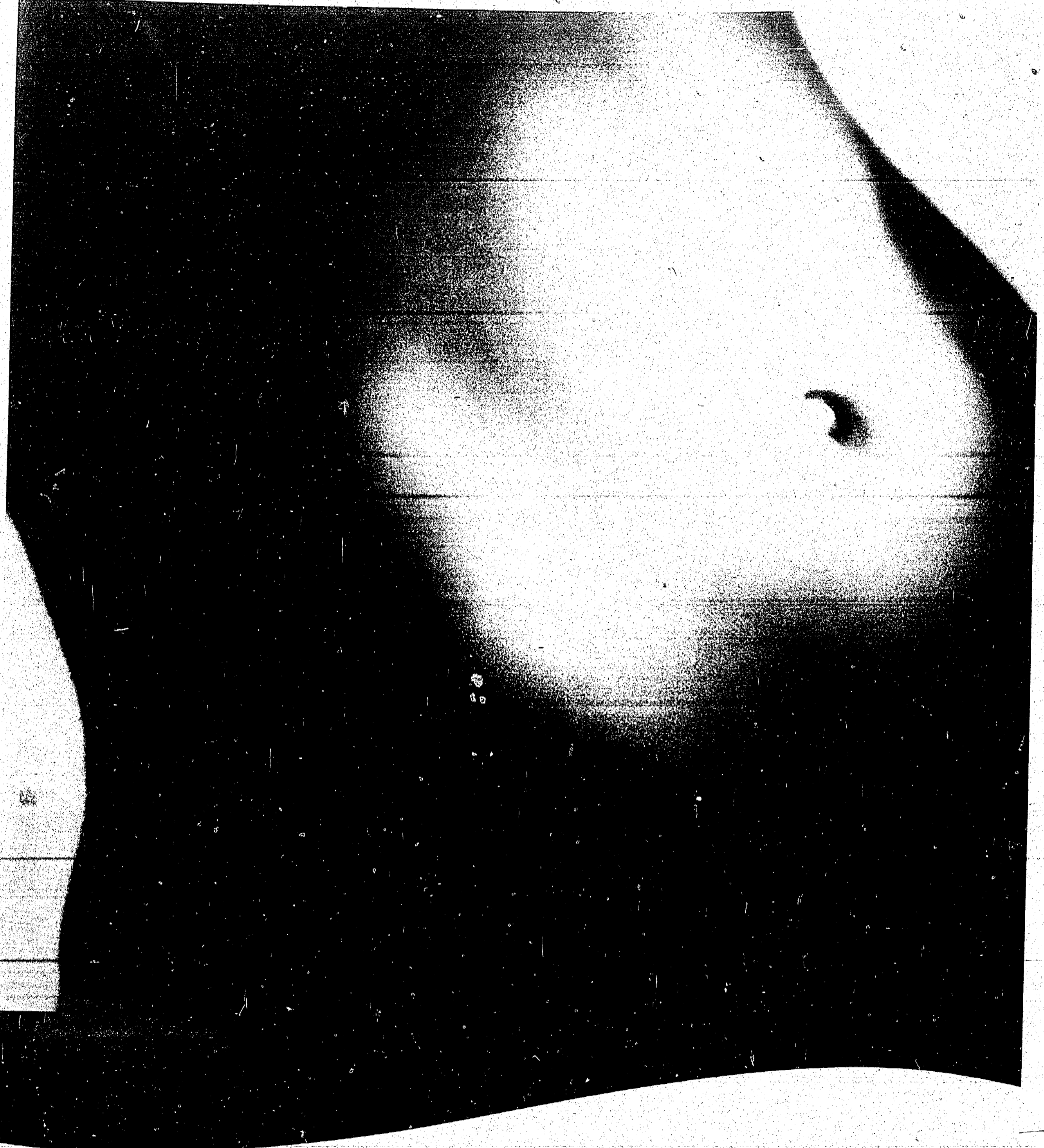
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OBITUARIES

Mary Coppola

Mary Coppola, 93, of Berkeley Heights, formerly of Summit, died Aug. 23 in Rumlens Specialized Hospital, Berkeley Heights.

Margaret Clarke

Margaret Amanda Clarke, 105, of Clearwater, Fla., formerly of Summit, died Aug. 16 at home.

She was a lineal descendant of Rhode Island Colonial-era Gov. William Arnold. Mrs. Clarke was a life member of the Order of First Families of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

John Padovano Jr.

John Padovano Jr., 84, of Springfield died Aug. 25 in Easton Hospital, Easton, Pa.

Sheila Bromberg

Sheila Geller Bromberg, 67, of Springfield died Aug. 27 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Depression support group in Spanish

Overlook Hospital is introducing a new support group for depression facilitated in Spanish by Odalys Cardona, LSW.

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Overlook offers Latino Health Day

On Sept. 19, from 2 to 5 p.m., Overlook Hospital will host its third annual "Latino Family Health Day" in Spanish at Overlook Hospital's Wallace Auditorium, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit.

World War II flying experience discussed

Robert Vaucher was in command on B25 B-29s as they flew over the Battleship Missouri in a "show of force" at the time of the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay.

Common Council from 1996 to 2001. He has also served on General Assembly Committees for Family, Women and Children's Services and Health and Human Services.

He participated in the first and last B-29 bombing missions over Japan. He introduced the first radar equipped bombers into combat.

Displays from Latin-American consulates will also be available. Overlook Hospital volunteers who speak both English and Spanish will provide supervised activities for children while parents attend lectures.

Self-help group meets. You are not alone. A bipolar and depression self-help group meets the first and third Thursday of every month in Conference Room 1 of Overlook Hospital, 99 Beauvoir Ave.

Total Wine & More SUPERSTORES

Advertisement for Total Wine & More Superstores featuring various wine promotions like Six Pack Savings, Bordeaux Savings, French Wine Savings, and Australian Wine Savings.

Wine price list table with columns for wine type (e.g., Cabernet, Chardonnay), brand name, and price per bottle.

Advertisement for Total Wine & More Superstores listing various spirits (Bourbon, Gin, Rum, Scotch, Vodka, Whiskey) and domestic/microbrew beer options.

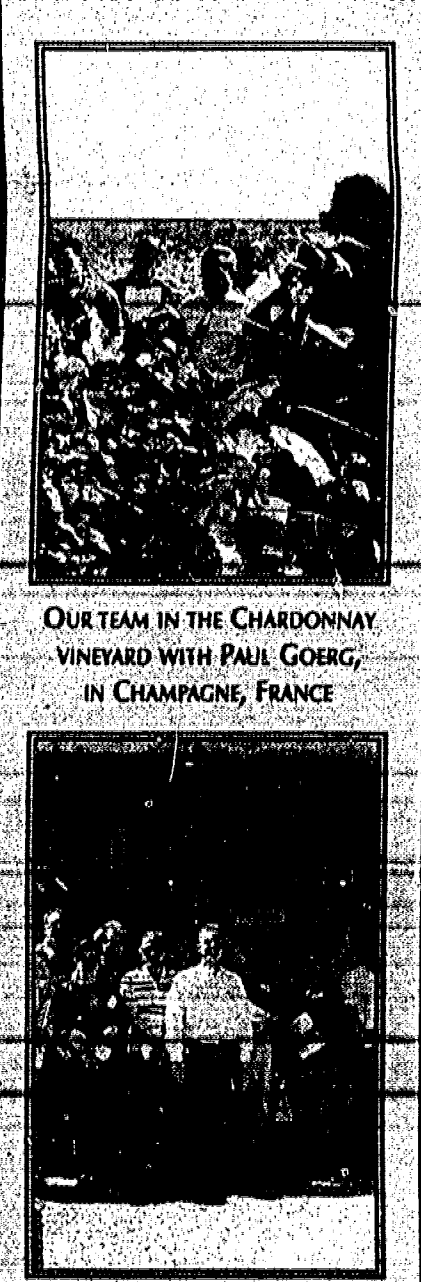
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Once again this year, BRIDGES will deliver new backpacks and school supplies to school age children living in shelters in Newark and Irvington.

Donations may be brought to BRIDGES, located in Christ Church at 561 Springfield Ave. in Summit, on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For other drop off arrangements, call 908-273-0176.

BRIDGES would like to distribute the backpacks and school supplies before Labor Day, but will accept them through Sept. 25.

BRIDGES, a Summit-based nonprofit organization, reaches out to the homeless populations in lower Manhattan, Newark and Irvington every week.

The group is also in short supply of summer clothing.

Donations may be brought to BRIDGES from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays or from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays.

RELIGION

Religious school accepts registration

The Summit Jewish Community Center Religious School, 67 Kent Place Blvd., is welcoming new students to join in the enthusiasm and excitement of a Jewish education.

Current non-member families of first-year students entering grades K-7 may enroll their children in school without joining the synagogue during the first year.

The Summit Jewish Community Center, a conservative synagogue, has been a fixture in the community for more than 75 years.

For full registration materials and information, contact Stacey David at 908-273-8130 or call 908-273-8130.

Fountain Baptist aids global mission

The Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, a leading international missions agency of African American heritage, generated more than \$100,000 on Aug. 11 in an effort called "Completing the Circle," an initiative instituted by Lott Carey President Pastor J. Michael Sanders. The aim of the effort was to enable Lott Carey to expand missions investments from four to six continents, now reaching 14 countries around the world, to strengthen domestic services to the marginalized and launch a new advocacy program for women.

"This annual session has been a tremendous experience for all of us involved in missions around the world," said Sanders. The church he serves, Fountain Baptist Church, in Summit, gave more than \$131,000 to international missions through Lott Carey last year. Specifically, "Completing the Circle" will:

1. Strengthen ministries to homeless persons in Philadelphia through 300 chosen ministries.
2. Provide computers and Internet access to libraries of five theological schools across the African continent through the "All-Africa Baptist Fellowship."
3. Assist leadership training for African immigrants in Italy with the Baptist Evangelical Christian Union of Italy.
4. Partner with Aboriginal-Australian Baptists to help develop pastoral leadership.
5. Mobilize African-American women to pray for and work for African women and girls forced into commercial sex work.

Leaders from Guyana, Haiti, India, Kenya, Liberia, Mozambique, Uganda, Suriname and Zimbabwe joined some 5,000 people from the United States in Philadelphia from Aug. 9 to 13 to inform and inspire one another to invest in Christian missions around the world.

"In addition to 'Completing the Circle,' we raised more than \$250,000 in four days to invest in ministry support, educational opportunities and health initiatives around the world," said Sanders. "It is clear that people have a heart for service and are willing to support when given a clear vision and credible voice for global ministries."

Five years ago, Sanders also led the Fountain Baptist Church to purchase a headquarters building for a Lott Carey partner in South Africa, the Baptist Convention of South Africa that cost \$300,000.

The mission of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention is to build a better world through Christian missions. Lott Carey is a family of Christians and churches that work together to extend holistically the Christian witness to the ends of the earth through empowering people spiritually, developing indigenous leadership, caring for those who suffer and cultivating global mission consciousness.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

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JEWISH-ORTHODOX

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

McMahon attends Masters Conference

Mountainside resident Jeff McMahon, a premier agent in Prudential's Northwestern Agency, located at 1243 Route 22 E., has qualified to attend the company's Masters Conference in Acapulco, Mexico, it was announced by The Prudential Insurance Company of America, a Prudential Financial Inc. company.

McMahon is performing Prudential Financial's top performing managers and sales representatives who qualified to attend the Masters Conference based on outstanding sales achievement and excellence in customer service.

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EVENTS

Fishing Derby casts off

The Newark Bait & Fly Casting Club will conduct its 27th annual "People With Disabilities Fishing Derby" on Sept. 11 at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside.

The event headquarters will be at the gazebo near the dam at the lower lake. The rain date is Sept. 12.

All handicapped individuals, regardless of age, can participate. They must pre-register by Sunday, by calling Ellen Chase of the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4096.

Fishing will begin at 10 a.m. and run through 2 p.m.

The Newark Bait & Fly Casting Club will provide fishing tackle and bait to all registered participants. There is no charge for any of the activities.

A lunch will be served and a clown/magic show will be presented. All participants will receive prizes and special awards will be given to those who catch the largest fish and most fish.

As many volunteers as possible would be appreciated to help the participating fish and enjoy the day.

Set aside a few hours and lend a hand.

Co-sponsors of the event are the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation and the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife.

For information, call Rich MacDonald, president, at 973-667-7642 or Art Dolgan, publicity chairman, at 201-242-0238.

Garden Club meets

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

The guest speaker is Clare Minick and the topic is "Fall Foliage." Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

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

Republican candidates conduct fund-raiser

Frances Corcione and Gary Russkoff, Republican candidates for the Springfield Township Committee, will host a fund-raising event on Sept. 27 at the Springfield Knights of Columbus from 6 to 9 p.m.

Sen. Tom Kean Jr. and Assemblyman Jon Bramnick will join the candidates at this event.

Areas of concern that the candidates will be focusing on include safe streets and community safety, improving relations with local, county and state officials and downtown development.

For information, contact Frances Corcione and Russkoff w/o Firenzia, Russkoff and Company, L.L.C. 372 Morris Ave., Springfield 07081 or by e-mail to mrs417@hotmail.com.

The contribution to the event is \$100. Contributions to the campaign are being accepted.

Las Vegas trip planned

The Msgr. Francis X. Coyle Columbianettes of Springfield are sponsoring a trip to Las Vegas, Nov. 8 to the 11.

The cost is \$559 per person, double occupancy.

The price includes round trip air via Continental Air Lines from Newark and four full days at the Monte Carlo Casino Hotel. Transfers and baggage handling will be in Las Vegas. Space is limited. Reserve by Sept. 12.

For reservations and brochure, call Frances Corcione at 973-376-6386 or Tony at 973-376-5612.

Square dancers meet

The Harmony Dancers, a local square dance group that meets in Springfield, will conduct barn dances at the YMCA on S. Springfield Avenue at 8 p.m. Sept. 11.

For information, call 973-379-3901.

Farmers' Market moves to Ruby Field

This summer's Springfield Farmer's Market will continue every Monday from noon to 6 p.m.

The market has moved to Ruby Field, through Oct. 25.

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League plans informational meet

The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills will host an informational coffee in September for prospective new members.

All women living in Millburn, Short Hills, Springfield, Maplewood, Livingston, South Orange, West Orange, Orange and East Orange are invited to attend and learn more about the Junior League, its tradition of volunteerism in the community and current membership opportunities.

An informational session will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. and at 7 p.m. at the Junior League Building, located at 105 Main St., Millburn. To RSVP or to receive information about the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills, call 973-379-9655.

The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills is a non-profit organization of more than 400 women, serving nine communities in the local area. Members of the Junior League volunteer their time through a variety of community-oriented placements, including: Tillmes House, working with teenage girls who reside in this crisis intervention home in East Orange; State Political Action Committee, advocating for statewide legislative initiatives that address issues of concern for women and children, and Done in a Day, developing monthly, hands-on volunteering opportunities to address immediate needs in our communities.

Founded in 1913, the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills is committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The Junior League reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to volunteerism.

For information, call 973-379-9655 or by e-mail to JLOSH1913@aol.com.

Lecture highlights WTC history

In honor of the Sept. 11 anniversary, Angus Kress Gillespie, professor of American Studies at Rutgers University, will give a commemorative lecture at the Mountainside Public Library at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 9.

Author of the bestseller, "Twin Towers: The Life of New York City's World Trade Center," and several other books, Gillespie has been featured on many television networks, including ABC, CNN, CNN, C-SPAN, NBC, MSNBC, the History Channel and the Travel Channel, as well as on National Public Radio.

Today, the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center stand only in our memory, an image that calls to mind sorrow and loss.

But during the years that they straddled the skyline, they were symbols of America. Completed in 1976, this edifice was the tallest man-made structure in New York City. Adorned with fountains and sculptures, the complex rose like Emerald City in lower Manhattan.

Gillespie explains the political maneuvering that was necessary for the co-sponsor, the State of New Jersey, to agree to situate the project in New York. Through portraits of the engineers, architects, politicians and contractors who proudly and ambitiously dreamt, designed and built the World Trade Center, he shows how its backers were second to none in self-promotion.

Gillespie shares the story of the engineers who prepared the site and solved complex problems in order to erect the towers, each 110 stories tall.

He discusses the contrast between the architectural community's almost universal disdain and the public's enthusiastic acceptance of the building as a symbol of New York.

To the crowds of tourists who visited daily, it was a man-made wonder with a breathtaking view. Finally, he tells the story of its heartbreaking demise on Sept. 11, 2001 and of the efforts to remove the rubble and to construct an appropriate memorial within a new complex. What emerges is not only a tribute to a building, but an inspiring and intimate story of the birth and death of an American symbol.

This program is being offered by the Horizon Speakers Bureau of the NJ Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment of the Humanities.

To register for this program, call the Mountainside Library at 908-233-0115 or by visiting in the library at Constitution Plaza.

The library is also starting its fall programs in September, with a full slate of activities geared for children of all ages.

NEWS CLIPS

Senior Club meets

The Senior Citizens Club of Mountainside meets the second and fourth Friday of the month at the Community Presbyterian Church, at Deer Path and Meeting House Lane, at noon.

After a restful and happy summer, a Welcome Back Social and Luncheon will be conducted Sept. 10. On Sept. 24, Pharmacist Brian Pucci will give members the latest information on the Medicare Discount Pharmacy Card.

On Oct. 8, Mayor Robert Vigilanti will speak on the future plans of Mountainside, followed up on Oct. 22 by Police Chief Jim Debbie.

Looking ahead to Nov. 5, the club will have Dan Kalem update members on Social Security and Medicare. On Nov. 19, the singing group, The Golden Lights, will entertain members at the start for the holiday season. For information on any of the programs, call 908-233-6280. Eatery polls patrons Each patron going to the Spanish Tavern on Route 22 East in Mountainside will be asked his/her opinion on the outcome of the November presidential election and will be given a chance to receive one of the 50 lobster dinner certificates drawn among respondents every week. The weekly results of the poll will be publicly displayed outside the restaurant. To participate in the poll and in the lobster promotion, people can visit the restaurant. The winners of the 50 weekly lobster certificates will be chosen in a random drawing by the Spanish Tavern from all eligible entries received that week. Each winner will receive a certificate for a lobster dinner, to be redeemed prior to the assigned expiration date. For more information, call 908-232-2171.

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COUNTY NEWS

Arc golf classic Sept. 30

The Arc of Union County Inc. will sponsor the annual Fall Arc Golf Classic Sept. 30 at Shickamaxon Golf & Country Club in Scotch Plains. Proceeds will benefit the array of family support programs and services of The Arc of Union County.

Registration begins at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. brunch; followed by 12:30 p.m. modified shotgun start. A cocktail reception is scheduled to begin after play ends at 5:30 p.m., followed by the annual dinner and awards presentation.

Since 1949, The Arc of Union County serves more than 750 individuals and families each year and continues to provide a vast array of programs and services to individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities and their families throughout Union County. This year, The Arc of Union County celebrates 55 years of services and programs in the County of Union.

The Arc of Union County Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-sectarian membership based organization supporting individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities and their families in Union County. The Arc of Union County Inc., which is CARF Accredited, is affiliated with both The Arc of New Jersey and The Arc of the United States.

Several accomplishments of the past year include the increased enrollment and growth of The Arc Bright Beginnings Child Development Center, Cranford, and The Arc Kohler School in Mountainside; national CARF accreditation of the vocational services program; and a significant increase in the Transitional Program, "School to Career" for young adolescents.

This past year, 23 countywide residential home programs for clients were modernized and upgraded. Throughout Union County, The Arc continues to provide an array of quality family support services, including this summer's camp program in Rahway.

For more information regarding The Arc Golf Classic registration or sponsorship opportunities, call the Office of Resource Development and Community Outreach at 908-754-7422 or 908-754-7826.

If you prefer, e-mail ponetill@arcunion.org for this event. Visit their Web site at www.arcunion.org for a calendar of special events and monthly news updates.

Heart Walk Sept. 19

Cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 killer of women, claiming more than 500,000 female lives annually, including close to 15,000 New Jersey women.

Nearly 29,000 New Jersey males and females die each year from heart disease and stroke. Local education and health community leaders Kevin MacConnell and Stephen K. Jones will lead Middlesex and Union County residents, survivors, businesses and people from all walks of life on the road to reduce disability and death from New Jersey's No. 1 and No. 3 killers — heart disease and stroke — by chairing the American Heart Association's 2004 Middlesex-Union County Heart Walk.

MacConnell, associate athletic director, external affairs for Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, and Jones, senior vice president of operations for Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, have been named co-chairmen of the American Heart Association's Middlesex-Union County Heart Walk, taking place at Middlesex County College in Edison.

As co-chairman of Middlesex-Union County Heart Walk, MacConnell and Jones are overseeing the recruitment and organizational activities for the American Heart Association's Heart Walk.

Foundation exceeds fund-raising goals

It was less than a year ago that the Union County College Foundation officially launched its Partnership for the Future campaign through which it plans to raise \$7.5 million. It was at the foundation's Oct. 25 gala, a casino cruise on the "S.S. ScholarShip," that UCC Board of Trustees Chairman Victor M. Richeil of Berkeley Heights announced this aggressive goal had been set for the benefit of the students of the oldest two-year college in New Jersey.

Nine months later, Richeil, who also serves as campaign chairman, recently announced that donations have already exceeded the \$4 million mark. The campaign goal earmarks \$5 million for scholarship endowment funds that will exist in perpetuity and \$2.5 million dedicated to equip and furnish a state-of-the-art building planned for the college's Elizabeth campus.

As a member of the Union County College governing board for over 20 years, I have always known that the college community and the community at large are supportive of UCC," said Richeil. "But this outpouring of financial support in such a short time exceeded even my expectations."

According to Richeil, the generosity of the community is even more apparent when one realizes that the funds pledged to the campaign thus far come from fewer than 300 donors. "That means the average individual foundation, or corporate gift is over \$13,000," he added.

In praise of the campaign leadership, Thomas H. Brown, Union County College president said, "This is not only an historic benchmark for UCC, but for community college fund-raising statewide," noting that, "Donations to the campaign thus far represent a total that exceeds the fund-raising effort of any of the 19 community colleges in New Jersey."

"The college is grateful to those who have made early commitments and who have invested in the future of Union County College and its students," said Brown. "There is no doubt in my mind that public support for the mission of Union County College, that is — to provide access to excellent education for all citizens of the region — will allow the Partnership for the Future campaign to reach its \$7.5 million goal," Richeil added.

For information on the campaign or how to be part of it, call the Union County College Foundation at 908-709-7505 or visit www.uccfoundation.org.

Crystal Ball Room Oct. 2 at UCC campus

Readers and vendors are invited to participate in the fourth annual Crystal Ball Room on Oct. 2 at Union County College. This psychic and holistic adventure will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the college's Cranford campus at 1033 Springfield Ave. The event is a benefit for the Union County College Alumni Scholarship Fund, which financially supports part-time students.

The Crystal Ball Room is open to the community and all members of the Union County College community. Readers and psychics are welcome to purchase a table for the event for \$60 which includes a foot table and two chairs or \$100 for two 6-foot tables and four chairs. There will be a fee charged for each 15-minute reading session, and the monies raised will be split 50/50 with the Union County College Alumni Association that evening.

The Crystal Ball Room will be promoted through the UCC Alumni newsletter, About Union, 33,000 issues; a Web site, www.uccfoundation.org; fliers, posters, news releases and ads in the Inner Realm, etc. An admission fee of \$5 will be charged.

Space will be allotted on a first come, first served basis—reserve yours now. To request an agreement or for more information, call 908-709-7505 or send an e-mail to marchelitis@ucc.edu.

Springfield plans street fair

It is true that there will "plenty of 'soul-filled music'" at the Church Mall Street Fair on Sept. 11 from 3 to 7 p.m. in Springfield.

But organizers of the multi-faceted event talk about the heart and soul of this street fair in terms other than sound.

"The fair has an added dimension to the live music, games, food, 20-plus vendors and crafters," explained the Rev. Elaine Wing, pastor at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church.

"More than two dozen community agencies will provide information about their organization and offer free health screenings from its 'Healthy Avenues Vehicle' from 3 to 6 p.m. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras and take photos of their youngsters sitting behind the wheel of the township's fire truck."

"We believe a passive way to honor those who died on 9/11 is to improve the lives of our neighbors," added the Rev. Charles Bair, interim pastor at Springfield's First Presbyterian Church.

Both churches are located on Church Mall, near the intersection of Morris and Mountain Avenues in Springfield.

The two congregations decided early in the summer to co-sponsor a fair they hope will build a stronger sense of community among area townspersons.

"We believe in living out the Gospel and bringing people together

to help each other is one step along the path to a more peaceful, just world," explained the fair planners.

Some of the agencies participating in the fair include:

The Coalition on Family Caregiving, Angel Paws, the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County, the Boys & Girls Club of Union County, Newborns in Need, Literacy Volunteers of Union County, Catherine's Closet, the American Red Cross, the Union County Peace and Hospice, the Union County Peace and Social Action Committee and the First Aid Squad of Springfield.

At the fair, Overlook Hospital will offer free health screenings from its "Healthy Avenues Vehicle" from 3 to 6 p.m. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras and take photos of their youngsters sitting behind the wheel of the township's fire truck.

Nearly two dozen vendors offering products ranging from multi-cultural gifts, handmade Appalachian crafts, candles, collectibles, original artwork and jewelry and custom items will be sold.

The fair will move indoors to the two church buildings if it rains. A suggested donation of \$2 per teen or adult will be gratefully received at the fair entrance of Church Mall and Morris Avenues.

Academy Green and Church Mall will be closed during fair hours.

The public is asked to park in municipal lots near the library and behind Hunan Spring Restaurant and Dominos Pizza on Morris Avenue.

AmeriCorps seeks volunteers

Do you have a strong interest in community awareness? The Union County College Center for Economic and Workforce Development's AmeriCorps program may be perfect for you. The AmeriCorps program is looking for individuals who are either bilingual, have computer software skills or basic skills capabilities to work as teaching assistants.

At the Workforce Development Center and through other partner agencies, AmeriCorps will train unemployed, underemployed and ESL students from the surrounding community to help them improve their language and computer skills.

UCC's one-year AmeriCorps program offers to its part-time and full-time members a living allowance and an education award. Qualified, full-time members may receive health coverage and childcare. Members also

is a motivated person, 18 years or older, and want to make a lasting impact on your community.

Contact Jackie Elkin at 908-659-5166 or by sending an e-mail to elkin@ucc.edu to schedule an interview and learn more about this national program.

Cardiac Golf Classic returns

Historic Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield will again play host to the American Heart Association Cardiac Golf Classic this year on Oct. 18.

The sixth annual American Heart Association Cardiac Golf Classic will be played on the par-70 Lower Course, ranked 22nd among Golf Digest magazine's list of top 100 courses in the United States and the course that will play host to the 2005 PGA Championship.

The American Heart Association Cardiac Golf Classic is open to corporations, businesses, organizations and individual foursomes and money raised supports research, education and programs to fight New Jersey's No. 1 killer. If you have questions about the Oct. 18 American Heart Association Cardiac Golf Classic, call the state office at 732-821-2610.

Advertisement for LIPOSELECTION™ by VASERO. Features a woman in a swimsuit and text: "I LOVE THE WAY HE LOOKS AT ME." Includes contact information for Mokhtar Asaadi, M.D., F.A.C.S. and a list of gyms.

Editor: JR Parachini Can be reached in Maplewood at 973-763-0700

SPORTS

THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini Sports Editor

How is a county judged on the football field?

One way is by how many championships it's won lately. Well, that's not the criteria Union County would like to be judged on.

Union County has produced only five state champions the past nine seasons.

From 1995 to 2003, Elizabeth won in 1997, 1999 and 2000 and Johnson in 1995 and 2002.

Is Union County football down a bit? It's a tough question to answer. The four sectional champions in North 2 last season were Piscataway in Group 4, Ridge in Group 3, West Essex in Group 2 and Becton in Group 1.

That's representation, from the first year of the NISIAA's reclassification, from Middlesex, Somerset, Essex and Bergen counties.

Union and Scotch Plains did well to reach sectional finals, but were thumped on the same night last December in Giants Stadium.

The Farmers were downed by Piscataway 29-7 before the Raiders were blanked by Ridge 27-0.

Summit failed, again, to reach the North 2, Group 2 final as the top seed.

Will Elizabeth bounce back from its first non-playoff season since 1994? What Union County teams will emerge as sectional championship threats this year?

Cranford and Governor Livingston moved from North 2, Group 2 to Central Jersey, Group 2.

Westfield moved back up to North 2, Group 4.

While Union County just took its first lead over Middlesex County in the summer Swamp Bowl All-Star Game (6-5), there are more Union vs. Middlesex non-conference matchups this year.

Roselle Park, for example, has three games scheduled against Middlesex foes, including contests against Metuchen, Highland Park and Middlesex.

Roselle Park also has six home games this season after playing only three games at home last year.

Gus Kalikas replaces Michael Katz as the head coach at Johnson, with Katz now the defensive coordinator at Marlboro.

Kalikas and Katz were assistants at Johnson under Bob Taylor in 2002 before Taylor, the principal at Johnson, resigned from coaching.

Kalikas was an assistant at Rahway last year under Kevin Conroy, who took over the head coaching reins from Mark Ciccotelli. Ciccotelli, who stayed on as an assistant at Rahway last year, is now the head coach at Freehold Boro.

With Lou Grasso resigning from coaching at Roselle but staying on as a teacher, former Ram player Chris Satterfield takes over.

Gary Mobley moved up to head coach at Rahway, while Terry Hanratty replaced Joe Hubert as the head man at Governor Livingston.

CONFERENCE CHANGES: There have been conference changes in the Watchung, Mountain Valley and Iron Hills.

Union County schools are members of all three conferences, all but one in the Watchung and Mountain Valley.

In pursuit



The Summit High School football, sparked by the talents of Pierce Talbot (No. 4) is scheduled to open its season Sept. 11 at home against Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division rival Morris Hills. Kickoff at Talbot field is set for 1:30 p.m.

Springfield golfer S. Suarez captures 6th tour event win

Fires three-over-par 75 to win by 2 strokes

Stephen Suarez of Springfield fired a three-over-par 75 to defeat Chris Piumelli of Mountain Lakes by two strokes to capture the boys' ages 14-15 division in last week's New Jersey Junior Golf Competition tour event at Sunegans Golf Club at Fort Monmouth in Shrewsbury.

For Suarez, it was his sixth tour event victory, the most of any player. Suarez was one shot better than Piumelli on each of the front and back nines. John Edwards of Colts Neck finished third with a 79.

Kevin Lee of Monroe Township grabbed his fifth ages 9-11 title by shooting a 39 to edge out Sean Elliott of Westfield and Chester's Max Barousse, who each carded a 41 for nine holes. Elliott was awarded second place on a match of cards.

Christina Hall of Wall Township posted her third victory of the season, winning the girls' ages 12-17 group with a round of 90, two shots ahead of Emily Linn of Englewood. Kristin Hutchinson of Piscataway was third, 10 shots off the pace.

Wall's Nick Szem was the boys' ages 16-17 winner, beating Mike McComb of Egg Harbor on the first hole of a playoff. McComb watched a four-shot lead dissipate over the final six holes of regulation and finished the round with a 77. Paul Zeidman of New Brunswick placed third with a 79.

Hamilton's Jake Murphy claimed the boys' ages 12-13 title on the final hole as he parred the 490-yard 18th hole to finish with an 80, while runner-up Mario Mastromarino of Staten Island took a bogey to lose by a stroke. It was Murphy's third win on the tour, while Dylain Lam of Kenilworth was third with an 85.

Monroe's Jessica Doyle won the girls' ages 9-11 group with a 53 for nine holes, while Hanna Ajman of Short Hills was runner-up with a 65.

The NJGC tour's final event was the Year-End Championship that was scheduled to tee off Tuesday at Royce Brook Golf Course in Hillsborough.

More information about the NJGC or to register for membership and individual tournaments, visit the organization's website: www.njgc.com or write: Chuck DeLo, NJGC, P.O. Box 617, Englishtown, NJ 07726 or call 732-683-9042.

Soccer registration is extended until Sept. 10

Forms available on website

The Soccer Club of Springfield has extended registration for its 6-and-under and 7-and-under recreational leagues, for youngsters born between the dates of 8-1-97 and 12-31-99, until Sept. 10.

Forms are available on the website: www.soccerclubofspringfield.org. Games are played Saturday mornings, beginning Sept. 18.

More information may be obtained by calling Brian Sheehy at this number: 973-376-1518.

The Soccer Club of Springfield Board of Directors meets on the third Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Chisholm School in Springfield. The public is invited to attend.

SOME OF THE TOP RETURNING FOOTBALL SENIORS IN UNION COUNTY

- CRANFORD: Steve Coda, L. (6-4, 250). Chris Drechsel, QB, (5-10, 180). Jamar Ingram, DB, (5-9, 180). Lester Manuyag, RB, (5-10, 185). ELIZABETH: Chris Collazos, L. (6-1, 290). Joe Gonzalez, WR, (6-2, 190). Jerome Murphy, DB, (6-0, 180). David Newsum, WR, (5-11, 175). Rob Doherty, RB, (5-10, 210). Kahim Shugis, RB, (6-1, 220). Nate Thompson, OLB, (6-2, 220). Corey Williams, WR-DB, (5-10, 165). GOVERNOR LIVINGSTON: Chris Bergeski, DB, (5-10, 175). Nick Sangiovanni, TE, (6-1, 205). HILLSIDE: Curtis Davila, WR, (5-11, 175). Shawn Gibson, QB, (6-1, 185). JOHNSON: Mark Washington, OLB, (6-1, 205). LINDEN: Michael Henderson, E, (6-3, 180). Julio Lopezano, RB, (5-10, 220). Ronnell Orr, L, (6-2, 230). NEW PROVIDENCE: Michael Conte, DL, (6-3, 240). Shane Mallory, L, (6-1, 225). James Muench, RB, (5-11, 210). PLAINFIELD: James Felton, DB, (5-7, 160). Aaron Hale, RB, (5-89, 180). Eugene Monroe, OL, (6-6, 320). James Williams, DB, (6-0, 180). ROSSELLE PARK: Leroy Anglin, L, (6-0, 235). LAKEMEN LOCKERY, RB, (5-10, 175). SUMMIT: Frank Pressley, LB, (6-1, 230). Daryl Toney, RB, (5-10, 185). UNION: Pete Tivko, LB, (6-4, 225). WESTFIELD: Mike Finne, L, (6-1, 240).

UNION COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE ALIGNMENTS FOR 2004

WATCHUNG CONFERENCE American Division (5): Union, Elizabeth, Plainfield, Irvington, Newark East Side. Defending champ: Union. National Division (5): Westfield, Linden, Scotch Plains, Shabazz, Cranford. Defending champ: Scotch Plains.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE Mountain Division (6): Rahway, Governor Livingston, Roselle, North Plainfield, Hillside, Johnson. Defending champ: Immaculata. Valley Division (6): New Providence, Roselle Park, Bound Brook, Manville, Brearley, Newark Central. Defending champ: New Providence.

IRON HILLS CONFERENCE Iron Division (10): East Orange Campus, Columbia, Seton Hall Prep, Roxbury, Livingston, Morrisstown, Randolph, Morris Knolls, West Morris, Mount Olive. Defending champ: Livingston. Hills Division (10): Parsippany Hills, Mendham, Morris Hills, Parsippany, West Essex, Weequahic, Dover, Summit, Hanover Park, Chatham. Defending champ: Summit.

Summit Boys' Soccer

- Sept. 11 Morris Hills, 10 a.m. Sept. 14 at Weequahic, 4 Sept. 18 at West Essex, 10 Sept. 20 Dover, 4 Sept. 22 at Parsippany Hills, 4 Sept. 27 at Chatham, 4 Sept. 29 at Mendham, 4 Oct. 1 Hanover Park, 4 Oct. 4 at Parsippany, 4 Oct. 6 at Morris Hills, 4 Oct. 13 West Essex, 4 Oct. 15 at Dover, 4 p.m. Oct. 20 Parsippany Hills, 4 Oct. 22 at Chatham, 4 Oct. 27 at Mendham, 4 Oct. 29 at Hanover Park, 4 Nov. 3 Parsippany, 4

Summit Girls' Soccer

- Sept. 10 Morris Hills, 4 p.m. Sept. 14 at West Essex, 4 Sept. 22 at Parsippany Hills, 4 Sept. 23 Chatham, 4 Sept. 27 at Mendham, 4 Sept. 29 Hanover Park, 4 Oct. 1 at Parsippany, 4 Oct. 4 at Morris Hills, 4 Oct. 6 Oak Knoll, 4 Oct. 7 Morrisville, 4 Oct. 8 West Essex, 4 Oct. 11 at Pingry, 4 Oct. 12 Watchung Hills, 4 Oct. 13 Gov. Livingston, 4 Oct. 15 Parsippany Hills, 4 Oct. 18 at Chatham, 4 Oct. 20 at Mendham, 4 Oct. 22 at Hanover Park, 4 Oct. 25 Parsippany, 4

Summit Girls' Volleyball

- Sept. 10 Mount Olive, 4 p.m. Sept. 11 at Cranford, 10 a.m. Sept. 14 at Parsippany, 4 Sept. 18 Linden, 11 a.m. Sept. 21 Chatham, 4 Sept. 23 Parsippany Hills, 4 Sept. 28 at Mendham, 4 Sept. 30 at West Essex, 4 Oct. 1 Morrisstown, 4 Oct. 5 at Roxbury, 4 Oct. 7 Hanover Park, 4 Oct. 8 at Mount Olive, 4 Oct. 12 Parsippany, 4 Oct. 14 at Chatham, 4 Oct. 16 Hackettstown, 11 Oct. 19 at Parsippany, 4 Oct. 21 at Mendham, 4 Oct. 26 West Essex, 4 Oct. 28 at Morrisstown, 4 Nov. 2 Roxbury, 4 Nov. 4 at Hanover Park, 4

Summit Field Hockey

- Sept. 10 Randolph, 4 p.m. Sept. 13 at Mendham, 4 Sept. 14 West Essex, 4 Sept. 18 at Johnson, 10 a.m. Sept. 21 at Morris Hills, 4 Sept. 23 Parsippany, 4 Sept. 28 at Chatham, 4 Sept. 30 Oak Knoll, 4 Oct. 5 at Parsippany Hills, 4 Oct. 7 at Randolph, 4 Oct. 9 at Westfield, 2 p.m. Oct. 12 at Mendham, 4 Oct. 14 at West Essex, 4 Oct. 21 at Morris Hills, 4 Oct. 25 at Parsippany, 4 Oct. 27 Chatham, 3:30 p.m.

Summit Cross Country

- Sept. 14 Meet away Sept. 21 Meet away Sept. 28 Meet away Oct. 5 Meet away Oct. 14 at Watchung Hills, 4 p.m. Oct. 19 Meet away

Advertisement for GYM SOURCE LABOR DAY SALE. Features a woman in a swimsuit and text: "15 to 50% OFF THE NEWEST MODEL FITNESS EQUIPMENT". Includes a list of gym equipment and contact information for various locations.

COUNTY NEWS

Mothers & More walking club

Want to get the kids and yourself out of the house, but need some motivation? Same area moms' members of the Union County Chapter of Mothers & More, have solved this problem by forming a walking club, meeting mornings in Tamaques and Nomahegan parks.

For some, walking with Mothers & More is about exercise. "Walking in the park is the only exercise I can fit in my day," said Cranford resident Linda Miklenic, mother of a boy and a girl, ages 4 and 18 months, respectively.

For others it is about support. "Since I am home full-time, some days if it weren't for walking with Mothers & More, I wouldn't have any adult conversation at all," said Karen Webb, a Westfield resident and mother of a 16-month-old daughter.

Moms meet at different times to accommodate kids' naps and moms' work schedules. Besides working full-time, Maria Beardley of Scotch Plains makes it to the park two mornings a week with her 15-month-old daughter.

"I find a peaceful walk in the park a great way to start my day when I am working from home," said Beardley. In addition to the walking club, the Union County Chapter of Mothers & More offers evening meetings on topics of interest to mothers, mom and tot outings, playgroups, a book club and a craft club.

Members also have the opportunity to participate in national e-mail support networks and to volunteer in a variety of areas including chapter coordination, membership, online services, publications, media relations, marketing, and advocacy. Mothers & More holds meetings

on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St., Westfield, which are open to the public.

For more information about becoming a part of Mothers & More, call K.C. Bree at 908-789-8626 or Kim Grossman at 908-889-2286 or log onto www.mothersandmore.org.

Adult survival skills workshop at Trailside

A new series of programs sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is being offered at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaintop. The new series invites adults ages 18 and older to learn about survival skills with instructors from the highly acclaimed Tom Brown Tracker School on Sept. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Tom Brown Tracker School is the largest tracking, nature awareness and outdoor survival school. The author of more than 16 books, Tom Brown learned his skills from an Apache elder named Grandfather Stalking Wolf. The survival skills workshop will be presented in the 2,060-acre Watchung Reservation, at the Sky Top picnic area in its open-air shelter.

The workshop offers hands-on training in two important outdoor skills: fire building and edible/medical plant identification. During the morning session, participants learn to make a bow drill utilizing the resources of the surrounding woods and then use their newly hand-crafted tool to start a fire. The afternoon focuses on the identification of local plants and their uses.

Participants will discover which plants are safe to eat, which can be used for medicinal purposes and how to prepare a salve to take home. The workshop will conclude with a peace-

ful closing circle in a magnificent pine forest nearby.

Space is limited, so pre-registration is required. The fee for this workshop is \$60 for Union County residents and \$70 for non-county residents. Light refreshments are included with morning registration.

A list of items to bring will be sent to participants along with a confirmation letter and directions to the Sky Top Picnic Area. The Tracker Workshop will be held rain or shine, so dress appropriately for the weather.

For more information about this or other adult workshops or upcoming events at Trailside, call 908-789-3670.

Rape Crisis Center seeks volunteers

The Union County Rape Crisis Center is looking for caring, supportive and committed individuals who can assist survivors of sexual assault during daytime, evening and weekend shifts. Bilingual and multilingual individuals are especially needed. Training will prepare Rape Crisis Center volunteers to provide emotional support, advocacy and information on the 24-hour hotline, while accompanying survivors at the hospital, police department, prosecutor's office and/or court.

This specialized training to become a rape crisis advocate, which is mandated throughout the state, will be scheduled twice weekly. Training addresses the different types of sexual assault, the trauma experienced by sexual assault survivors, their family members and related issues.

In addition to serving as a rape crisis Advocate, volunteers may become involved in giving educational presentations to schools or community groups on sexual assault topics.

The Union County Rape Crisis Center, 300 North Ave. East, Westfield, a program in the county's

Department of Human Services, Division of Planning is a comprehensive center working with survivors of all ages of sexual assault.

"It's very important for individuals to realize that adult males, females, teenagers and children are offered needed services whether the sexual assault/abuse took place recently or years ago," Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, county liaison to the Commission on the Status of Women, said. "These services are also available to their families."

Other services that the center offers are crisis intervention, counseling and therapy, which are provided free of charge by qualified professionals. Training will be held this year on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Sept. 28 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. and ending Nov. 18. All training sessions must be attended to become a volunteer.

Interested individuals can call 908-233-7273 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Interviews for volunteer training are currently being held.

Free firearm safety kits are available

The Union County Sheriff's Office will provide free firearm safety kits to county residents through a partnership with Project ChildSafe, a nationwide firearms safety education program.

The safety kits, which include a gunlock, will be available to county residents from Sept. 1 through Nov. 1. "Just as we alert motorists to drive safely because our children are back in school, it is also important to remind people about protecting our children from preventable firearm accidents," said Sheriff Ralph Froehlich. "Gun owners must realize how important it is to securely store their firearms in order to prevent a child or any unauthorized person from accessing a gun in their home."

Club activities depend on what club you join. If you join a pet club you'll learn about proper pet care and make crafts. If you join the horticulture club you'll make corsages or grow flower seedlings. No matter what club you join, the activities are a lot of fun.

The Horticulture Club meets on the fourth Tuesday afternoon of every month at the Union County Vocational and Technical School on Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. Clubs are open to all boys and girls who live in Union County. Parents are sometimes asked to volunteer to take turns monitoring craft projects and snack time.

Tickets for Sunday Kids Club events are priced at \$12. Afternoons With The Arts events are \$15. Patrons who purchase the eight-show Sunday Kids Club subscription for \$70 save 25 percent off the price; those who purchase the five-event Afternoons With The Arts subscription save \$4 off each ticket.

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4-H Clubs accepting membership this fall

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Classic children's tales set for Community Theater in Morristown

Tom Chapin, Snow White, the Big Bad Wolf and Peter Rabbit will be among the artists and characters who will delight young audiences as The Community Theater in Morristown presents a comprehensive schedule of events in 2004-05 for children and their families.

From the popular Sunday Kids Club series aimed at younger children to the Afternoons With The Arts series targeted to families with older children, the Community Theater presents a line-up of music, theater, comedy, magic and much more.

"Our family programs are geared toward encouraging parents to introduce their children to live performance," said Allison Larena, executive director of The Community Theater. "These events are designed to entertain children and inspire them to make the arts an important part of their lives."

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New Jersey's Tap Ensemble, Jan. 30, ages 10 and up. See the debut of this Bloomfield-based troupe's newest work: "First Stop on the A Train: A Celebration of Black Artists in Tap." The Canterbury Tales, March 6, ages 14 and older. The New Viv Theater of London brings Chaucer's classic story to life in a style described as Monty Python meets Benny Hill at Rocky Horror's Castle. Featuring lots of audience participation.

Newark Boys Chorus, April 10, ages 10 and older. Jazz vocalist Marlene VerPlanck pays loving care to standards as well as songs from today's finest composers. "We know our songs are safe in the hands of Marlene VerPlanck," said songwriter Hugh Martin. A co-production with New Jersey Jazz Society.

Other family programming: Frogz, Nov. 5 at 8 p.m., ages 6 and older, \$27 to \$37. Escaped penguins, finicky frogs and other "things" leap off the stage in an absurd and audacious display of acrobatics that's pure wonder, whimsy and wackiness.

Virsky Ukrainian National Dance Company, Nov. 13 at 8 p.m., ages 6 and older, \$30 to \$42. This energetic troupe presents a rich tapestry of lively, passionate and colorful regional folk dances drawing on the humor, history and beauty of Ukraine.

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Broadway! The Big Band Years, Feb. 17 at 8 p.m., ages 12 and older, \$32 to \$47. Celebrate the songs that lit the bright lights of Broadway in the '30s, '40s and '50s in such hits as "Guys and Dolls," "Anything Goes" and "Gypsy."

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National Acrobats of Taiwan, March 24 at 8 p.m., ages 6 and older, \$27 to \$37. China's foremost acrobatic troupe amazes with fearless feats of energetic theatricality, awesome athletic skill, dazzling dexterity and sheer improbability.

The Reduced Shakespeare Company in All The Great Books, April 22 at 8 p.m., ages 12 and older, \$27 to \$32. A Little Dickens, A Short Longfellow, Reduced Proust. The bad boys of abridgement.

Ballet Folklorico "Quezalli" De Veracruz, May 1 at 3 p.m., ages 6 and older, \$20 to \$37. Enjoy a visual fiesta of culture and folklore featuring regional music, songs, instruments, costumes and dances of old Mexico.

Rockapella, May 6, 2005 at 8 p.m., ages 12 and older, \$27 to \$37. It's a finger-snapping evening with this unique a capella pop group, known best for its hit theme song from "Where In The World Is Carmen San Diego."

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National Acrobats of Taiwan, March 24 at 8 p.m., ages 6 and older, \$27 to \$37. China's foremost acrobatic troupe amazes with fearless feats of energetic theatricality, awesome athletic skill, dazzling dexterity and sheer improbability.

The Reduced Shakespeare Company in All The Great Books, April 22 at 8 p.m., ages 12 and older, \$27 to \$32. A Little Dickens, A Short Longfellow, Reduced Proust. The bad boys of abridgement.

Ballet Folklorico "Quezalli" De Veracruz, May 1 at 3 p.m., ages 6 and older, \$20 to \$37. Enjoy a visual fiesta of culture and folklore featuring regional music, songs, instruments, costumes and dances of old Mexico.

Rockapella, May 6, 2005 at 8 p.m., ages 12 and older, \$27 to \$37. It's a finger-snapping evening with this unique a capella pop group, known best for its hit theme song from "Where In The World Is Carmen San Diego."

Other family programming: Frogz, Nov. 5 at 8 p.m., ages 6 and older, \$27 to \$37. Escaped penguins, finicky frogs and other "things" leap off the stage in an absurd and audacious display of acrobatics that's pure wonder, whimsy and wackiness.

Virsky Ukrainian National Dance Company, Nov. 13 at 8 p.m., ages 6 and older, \$30 to \$42. This energetic troupe presents a rich tapestry of lively, passionate and colorful regional folk dances drawing on the humor, history and beauty of Ukraine.

Debbie Friedman "Light These Lights," Dec. 9 at 8 p.m., ages 6 and older, \$22 to \$35. America's leading Jewish vocalist weaves uplifting and traditional spirituality with modern sounds that draw inspiration from religious themes.

Mick Maloney Irish American Music and Dance Festival, Dec. 12 at 3 p.m., ages 10 and older, \$25 to \$37. Enjoy a festive evening of traditional, contemporary and holiday Irish

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The musical stylings of piano player Bob Richards give The Manor in West Orange an ambience all its own.

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When you meet Richards, he strikes you as a throwback to a bygone era. He wears a distinct cap, bearing a design of piano keys. He speaks with a "voice so soft" that you're tempted to lean in to hear better. But when he plays the piano, you simply let the music drift over you.

Certainly, Richards loves what he does. But still, even he had to be indoctrinated. That's where his grandmother's influence helped.

"My grandmother insisted all the kids have musical training," said Richards, who was cited for excellence in composition at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, and he also studied at Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn. "But I'm the only one who stuck with it."

Anyone who has listened to Richards play the piano can appreciate his dedication to the craft. And it's clear from his comments that few people in life enjoy what they do more than Richards enjoys playing

working on a second CD, which will be released in 2005. At this point in his career, there are few things that Richards hasn't accomplished. Still, he strives to expand his talents in every way possible. He's working on adding some new dimensions to his performance, putting more jazz into his musical act. He's also working on singing and playing at the same time, and he's done some traveling and performing, as always.

"I've done a couple of commercials for The Manor, too, but I haven't seen them," said Richards. As Richards looks back on his career, there are numerous things for him to reflect on and appreciate. But more than the accolades, more than the albums he's put out, the things Richards said he enjoys the most are the most basic signs of appreciation from listeners.

"When a little old woman or man in a walker or wheelchair comes over to the keyboard, and candidly pours out their emotions to tell me how my music has affected them, regardless of their age, that touches me more than anything."

Most 10 years ago, Richards was playing the piano at a hotel near Newark Airport, when he read that The Manor was looking for a pianist to fill in, so he called the Barry Herman Agency to inquire about the opening at the West Orange restaurant. Richards filled in for several weeks, and then took the gig on a permanent basis. Ultimately, his performances at The Manor led him to put out a CD in 2001, titled, "Bob Richards at The Manor," and featuring many of the tunes he traditionally plays for dinner audiences at the restaurant. Currently, Richards is

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PLACE: Prospect Presbyterian Church, corner of Prospect Street and Tuscan Road, Maplewood
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PRICE: Free Admission
Come get the great deals on clothing, toys, furniture, boutique items, antiques, collectibles, small appliances, sports and exercise equipment. \$5.00 Bag Sale on Saturday.
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Come, stay and sell your own furniture, instruments. Seller keeps 60%, makes 40% tax deductible donation to PW Mission fund. Great deals, great fun! Actual Sale takes place September 9th-11th. Call 973-763-2030 for more information.
ORGANIZATION: Prospect Presbyterian Women's Association

OTHER

THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY & SUNDAY
September 9, 10, 11 & 12th 2004
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TIME: Thursday & Friday 6pm-midnight, Saturday Noon to 8pm, Sunday 10am to 8pm
PRICE: \$1.00 Donation, Children Free
DETAILS: Lunch Under the Tent on Friday, Sept 10th from 12noon to 2:30pm. Greek foods and pastries, live Bouzouki music, souvlaki and gyro, folk dancing games and rides for the children, and much more. Call 908-664-7267 or 732-381-3681 for additional information.
ORGANIZATION: St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

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REUNIONS

The following schools will conduct reunions in the coming months:

- Rahway High School, all classes, Oct. 1 to 3, Sheraton at Woodbridge Place, 515 Route 1 South, Iselin.
- Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Springfield, Class of 1969, 35-year reunion, Oct. 8.
- Plainfield High School Class of 1954, 50-year reunion, Oct. 9.
- Westfield High School Class of 1974, 30-year reunion, Oct. 23.
- Union High School, Class of 1964, 40-year reunion, Oct. 30.
- Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, Clark, Class of 1974, 30-year reunion, Nov. 20.
- Hillside High School Class of 1954, 50-year reunion, Nov. 20.
- Governor Livingston Regional High School, Berkeley Heights, Class of 1979, 25-year reunion, Nov. 26.
- Union High School Class of 1969, 35-year reunion, Nov. 26.
- Union High School Class of 1974, 30-year reunion, Nov. 26.
- Union High School Class of 1976, 30-year reunion, Nov. 27.
- Westfield High School Class of 1984, 20-year reunion, Nov. 27.
- Westfield High School Class of 1984, 20-year reunion, Nov. 27.
- Westfield High School Class of 1994, 10-year reunion, Nov. 27.
- Scotch Plains High School Class of 1979, 25-year reunion, Dec. 31.
- Westfield High School Class of 1994, 10-year reunion, Dec. 31.
- Westfield High School Class of 1994, 10-year reunion, Dec. 31.
- Scotch Plains High School Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, May 21, 2005.
- Scotch Plains High School Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, June 11, 2005.
- Scotch Plains High School Class of 1975, 30-year reunion, 2005.
- Union High School, Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, Nov. 26.
- Union High School, Class of 1995, 10-year reunion, 2005.
- Union Hill High School, Class of 1975, 30-year reunion, 2005.
- Union High School, Class of 1976, 30-year reunion, 2006.
- Union High School, Class of 1981, 25-year reunion, 2006.
- Union High School, Class of 1986, 20-year reunion, 2006.
- Westfield High School, Class of 1980, 25-year reunion, 2005.

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- As in Athens
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- Novelist Zora
- Hurston
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- One-time link
- Minor deception?
- Shocked response
- Home on high
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- Ballet movements
- Goat's milk product
- Kojak's first name
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- Source of feeling, maybe
- Eruption fallout

ANSWERS ON PAGE B11

Poetry reading set for Fanwood

The Fanwood Cultural Arts Committee invites the public to a special Carriage House Poetry Reading on Sept. 9 from 8 to 10 p.m. The free reading will feature B.J. Ward, a dynamic performer whose poems are both eloquent and witty.

Ward's third book of poetry, "Gravedigger's Birthday," North Atlantic Books, was a finalist for the 2003 Paterson Poetry Prize. He is also the recipient of a 2003 Pushcart Prize for Poetry and a 2003 Distinguished Artist Poetry Fellowship from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

Currently, Ward is the visiting professor of creative writing at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey in Galloway Township. His work has been featured on National Public Radio, Poetry Daily, and the New Jersey Network's "State of the Arts" program, as well as in publications such as TriQuarterly, Poetry, Painted Bride Quarterly, Puerto Del Sol, Mid-American Review, and a host of other journals.

The Carriage House Poetry Series was established in 1998 and has featured many distinguished poets, including Pulitzer Prize recipient Stephen Dunn, National Book Award winner Gerald Stern, Joe Weil, Alicia Ostriker, Maria Gillan, Laura Boss, and Renée Ashley.

The Sept. 9 reading will be held in the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center, formerly known as the Fanwood Carriage House, which is located on Watson Road, off North Marine Avenue, on the grounds of the Fanwood Borough Hall.

An open reading will follow the featured reader, and guests are invited to bring their poems to read.

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Dancer/teacher opens his own dance company

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor

There was a certain sense of romance that drew Ad-versa Sampson to dance.

"It was my heart," said the Orange resident. "I was into the arts. I just love to dance. Even as a kid, I'd get out on the dance floor and make some moves, start poking at things."

Admittedly, there was a minor problem that Sampson faced; the usual peer pressure that teens deal with.

Fortunately for Sampson, he had plenty of positive role models to follow, and he began to look into musical theater.

"I grew up playing sports, but still I had dance as a love," said Sampson. "A lot of my peers are on Broadway already. They're doing different things, they're teaching. So I had a lot of people who kept me focused on what I wanted to do."

Sampson looked at the various opportunities within dance, and it didn't take long before he realized that choreography was what he wanted to do.

"I wanted to choreograph and be a teacher, but at the same time, I wanted to dance as well," said Sampson.

So Sampson went on to explore his teaching opportunities for dance, starting at the Hope Center in Paterson. Currently, he teaches at Union County College, National Dance Association of Affiliated Artists, and the Baird Center in South Orange.

And it's not as if Sampson doesn't have the requisite notches on his belt in terms of dance achievement. He's performed at Madison Square Garden and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, among others.

Could Sampson have been dissuaded from dancing by negative peer pressure? Of course. But when he realized that dancers are athletes, whatever doubts he had instantly subsided.

"Every athlete can benefit from dance training," said Sampson. "The key is footwork. If you're a point guard, you need good footwork. If you're a quarterback, you need good footwork. That's what dance gives you. You find a center of movement, and you need that center and that balance for sports."

Now, after years of performing and teaching, Sampson has established his own dance company, Ad-versa.

"I started my dance company this year, and I pretty much focus my time on people who want to be professionals," he said. Sampson is quick to admit, he still wants to have fun with dance, even though he's operating a business.

"I still do auditions and stuff in the city," he noted. "I'm still trying to stay up on my game, as well. I want to give back, but I still want to hone my craft. There's nothing like going to an audition and getting humbled."

Group shows how arts can aid education

The New Jersey Theatre Alliance, the consortium of professional theaters throughout the state, has published "Class Act: Learning Through the Arts."

"Class Act" is a comprehensive, annual guide to the educational and outreach programming available through the New Jersey Theatre Alliance's senior and associate member theaters and other educational arts organizations of note. Professional arts organizations are a wonderful resource for life-enriching educational opportunities.

Educators and parents know that arts generate excitement, help strengthen social and communication skills, build self-esteem, awaken creativity, build community, and enrich a child's education.

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New Jersey's arts organizations are making a difference in the enrichment of future generations through their educational and outreach programming detailed in this publication. Highlights include:

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With the establishment of the New Jersey Department of Education's Core Curriculum Content Standards for the Visual and Performing Arts have been included in this edition of "Class Act."

To receive a Free copy of the 2003-04 edition of "Class Act: Learning Through the Arts," either in soft-cover or CD-ROM, and to find out about the myriad opportunities available to engage young people in the arts, contact: New Jersey Theatre Alliance, 163 Madison Ave., Suite 500, Morristown, 07960, call 973-540-0515 or send inquiries via e-mail to info@njtheatrealliance.org.

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Local artist's diverse interests provide a unique perspective on life

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor

Thinking out of the box has become an almost trite phrase in the first few years of the 21st century. The phrase has been used so often that it's lost much of its original meaning.

Unless you're Jason-Michael Karpik, and you believe in destroying the box, not merely thinking beyond its boundaries. Karpik takes being well-rounded to new extremes. He's still working on his pre-med curriculum at Rutgers, he has a publishing contract offer for two of his songs, and his artwork is currently appearing at the Union County Cultural Center through Sept. 9.

Naturally, his diverse interests bring the question, why would a pre-med student put so much effort into art?

"I think medicine is the highest form of art," said Karpik, a native of Belmar who lives in Union. "You're using your brain and hands to save lives. That's not to disparage the other arts, it's just that medicine is life-altering."

And if Karpik sounds like an interesting person from his description, his artwork can be even more diverse. On the one hand, he paints floral portraits, traditional stuff that could be expected from many artists. Then there's the stuff that's really "out there." He does photographic work that is truly unique, such as the shot of a rest room wall with a political commentary written on it. Again, his work serves as evidence that Karpik does things with his own, unique approach.

"I've been doing the jumbled-thoughts, mixed-media stuff for years," he said. "I believe an artist should have the basic figurative ability to depict portraits, landscapes, and people, so that if he chooses to depart from that, it's out of choice, rather than a lack of ability."

One artist whose work Karpik appreciates is Jackson Pollack. "He had the idea that you don't necessarily need to use a brush," Karpik said. "He'd say, 'I'm just going to drip paint on a canvas.'"

Karpik also admires the work of Jean-Michel Basquiat. "His work was so urban; he was a product of the streets," said Karpik, citing the fact that Basquiat was discovered because of his graffiti. "He had no traditional training, but he was an artist. There was an expression of personality in his work."

Personality could easily describe Karpik's art work. Like many of us,

Craft artists' work will be displayed at Craftmarket in the autumn

Renowned contemporary craft artists from throughout the country will showcase their exquisite one-of-a-kind handcrafted work at the 28th annual Juried Morristown CraftMarket & Fancy Food Fest. The multifaceted show will take place Oct. 22 through 24, at the National Guard Armory, 430 Western Ave., in Morristown.

Among the pieces on display at this highly anticipated show will be hand-painted silk scarves in a rainbow of colors, exquisite handwoven jackets and suits, sleek handcrafted leather handbags and portfolios, beautiful handmade ceramic serving dishes, elegant handcrafted wood furniture, magnificent hand-blown glass vases and perfume bottles, finely crafted stained-glass panels, jewelry in a spectacular array of designs, handmade heirloom-quality wood toys, hand-

made paper wallhangings, whimsical handcrafted garden ornaments, and breathtaking graphics and photographs.

In addition to more than 137 artisans from 24 states, the show will dazzle the senses with sumptuous gourmet delicacies ranging from sparkling cider from La Provencate Cellars to fancy chutneys from Stanfield Farms, award-winning preserves and marmalades from Bittersweet Herb Farm, luscious desserts by Baker's Treat, specialty shortbreads, heavenly hot chocolate, and much more.

The Morristown CraftMarket & Fancy Food Fest is sponsored by the nonprofit Kiwanis Club of Randolph, with all proceeds going to worthy arts- and crafts-oriented projects and community service organizations. Several special events will also highlight the show, including:

- Free hands-on craftmaking projects for children, Oct. 23 and 24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and
- A special booth by Borders Books & Music, offering books on arts and contemporary crafts, plus gourmet cooking, for children and adults.

Among the artisans appearing at the show are the following:

- Harvey Greenwald, who makes elegant leather portfolios, briefcases, and handbags. "Using many types of leather, including glove leather, scotch grain and full grain, I construct architectural briefcases and handbags," he explains. "My process goes from drawings to patterns to structure. The leathers are cut, glued, folded and sewn, creating multilayered designs with removable compo-

nents." By stressing graphic design in his eminently functional bags, the Warwick, N.Y., designer-craftsman has evolved a distinct concept of design, execution and function that has earned him numerous awards.

- Nicario Jimenez, a retablo maker. Jimenez fashions retablos, which are sophisticated folk art in the form of portable wooden boxes filled with brightly colored figures arranged in intricate narrative scenes. From the 16th to the 19th centuries, retablos were carried through the Andean mountains by Spanish princes as portable religious shrines to Catholic saints. Later, they were adapted by the indigenous people to include their own deities and mythologies. Jimenez's award-winning compositions depict religious, historical and everyday events important to the indigenous people of the highlands of Peru. "However, I portray life beyond my native Peru, and focus on the world I experience as I travel to exhibit my work," says the folk artist. His work appears in the permanent collections of the American Museum of Natural History, the Smithsonian Institution, the San Diego Museum of Man, the Museum of International Folk Art in Santa Fe, and the Department of Latin American Studies at San Diego State University.
- Jim Violette, a glassblower. Violette's whimsical interpretations of domestic objects, including chairs, watering cans and sugar and creamer sets—all in brilliant colors—reflect both age-old Venetian glass techniques and the artist's own playful interaction and experience with glass as a material. She works with geometric and organic shapes to create imaginative new glass forms. "Molten glass is so wonderful for creating character and personality in a piece," she says. "It is such a fluid material, and I try to freeze that feeling into my work, yet still show real control over it. Having a sense of humor in the glassmaking process, as well as striving for individual unique designs, are both of great importance in my pieces."

The Morristown CraftMarket & Fancy Food Fest will be open Oct. 22, from 6 to 9 p.m.; Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adult admission is \$8 a person, children under 12 accompanied by an adult are admitted free. Senior citizens receive \$1 off. Discount coupons to the show are available on the CraftMarket Web site, www.morristowncraftmarket.com.

Laurie Sansone displays art in the Malamut Gallery of the Union Public Library

Laurie Sansone, the new director of Union Public Library where the Les Malamut Gallery is located, will hold a solo show of photographs and paintings, in the library on 1960 Morris Ave., Union.

The exhibit is a retrospective of work covering the past 20 years, detailing experiences from traveling around the world to living in San Francisco; hence the title, "East and West."

The show will continue to Wednesday. The public is invited. Sansone has been an artist since she was a child. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in fine arts from Fairleigh Dickinson University, but is mostly self taught.

Her interest in photography began while attending high school in Cape Cod. It really took off when she started to travel, back-packing through Europe during her junior year in college.

She has not stopped traveling since and uses photography and watercolor painting to record her experiences.

After graduating from college, Sansone became a graphic artist and lived a bohemian life for a while in San Francisco and Berlin.

When she returned to New Jersey, she became the staff artist for Englewood Public Library, in charge of publicity, art exhibits and library programs.

It was there that her career took a different direction and she decided to become a librarian.

She earned a master's degree in library science from Rutgers in 1993, and after much experience in various libraries became the director of the Union Public Library.

Sansone has exhibited at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Englewood Public Library, the Old Church Center in Dumont, Bound Brook Memorial Library, and the Gallery Works in Branchville.

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EAST AND WEST, photographs and paintings by Lucia Sansone, will be on exhibit at the Les Malamut Art Gallery at Union Public Library, 1990 Morris Ave., through Wednesday.

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KIDS

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.

TALES FOR TOTS PRESCHOOL STORYTIME will be offered at Barnes and Noble, Route 22 West, Springfield, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m., and the Kids' Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m.

RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY THEATER has announced its new name, corporate structure, and board members. Now operating under the name of New Jersey Association of Community Theater, or NJACT, its board will consist of nine community theater professionals.

POETRY OUT LOUDI will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield.

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

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains.

RADIO

ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY, 11 S. Broad St., will sponsor a series of free film classics at the Main Branch. All films begin at 10 a.m.

SINGLES

DINNERMATES and Entrepreneurs Group invites business and professional singles to dinner at a local restaurant.

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC. was founded in 1949 in the basement of the late Paul Mallery, who was a pioneer in the hobby of model railroading.

With the release of her third CD, "Upstate Songs," Devon Sproule joins the roster of artists on City Salvage Records.

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VARIETY

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mic Night every Thursday night, a disc jockey every Friday night and solo artists and bands on Mondays to Fridays.

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

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MOLLY MAGUIRE'S IRISH PUB in Clark will present entertainment in the coming weeks. Thursdays are Ladies Nights, and Sundays feature NFL games and \$2 drafts.

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.

Refreshments are served. 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.

For information, call 908-928-0127 or send an e-mail to info@secondsatursdays.org.

VAN GOGH'S EAR, 1017 Sloyvesant 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.

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HOROSCOPES

Sept. 6 to 12. ARIES (March 21 - April 19): When completing an important assignment, it is better to be slow and careful than quick and careless.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Find a way to take your mind off the problems around you and lighten up and have some fun.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): It is time to address issues pertaining to your cultural roots or heritage.

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mortgage market place

Weekly Mortgage News

McLean, VA - Freddie Mac (FREDDIE) today released the results of its Primary Mortgage Market Survey in which the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage (FRM) averaged 5.82 percent, with an average 0.7 points, for the week ending August 26, 2004, up slightly from last week when it averaged 5.81 percent. Last year at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 6.28 percent.

The average for the 15-year FRM this week is 5.21 percent, with an average 0.6 points, also up from last week when it averaged 5.19 percent. A year ago, the 15-year FRM averaged 5.60 percent.

One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 4.05 percent this week, with an average 0.6 point, up a bit more from last week when it averaged 4.01 percent. At this time last year, the one-year ARM averaged 3.84 percent.

(Average commitment rates should be reported along with average fees and points to reflect the total cost of obtaining the mortgage.)

"Mortgage rates were mostly unchanged this week, amid conflicting economic reports as to the strength of the economy," said Frank Notholt, Freddie Mac vice president and chief economist. "July home sales fell from their record rate, but remain strong by historical standards.

"Our housing outlook remains positive, and forecasts only a gradual rise in mortgage rates in the next few months, indicating another strong year for the housing sector." Freddie Mac is a stockholder-owned corporation established by Congress in 1970 to create a continuous flow of funds to mortgage lenders in support of homeownership and rental housing. Freddie Mac purchases mortgages from lenders and packages them into securities that are sold to investors. Over the years, Freddie Mac has made home possible for one in six homebuyers in America.

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30-year mortgage National Average: 5.82%

15-year mortgage National Average: 5.21%

1-year ARM mortgage National Average: 4.05%

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<p>2002 ACURA RSX 2 DR</p>  <p>4 cyl, 5 spd man, p/str/ABS/winds/lks, air, cd, moonroof, 16,924 mi. Stk#50005B. VIN#2C028273.</p> <p>\$18,702</p>	<p>2002 DODGE DURANGO SLT PLUS 4X4 4 DR FAMILY FUN</p>  <p>8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/seats, air, cass/cd, leather, security sys, 35,650 mi. Stk#6520. VIN#2F167881.</p> <p>\$19,902</p>	<p>2001 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN LS 4X4 4 DR</p>  <p>8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/seats, air, cass/cd, security sys, 33,810 mi. Stk#6454. VIN#71213308.</p> <p>\$25,902</p>	<p>2002 CHEVROLET AVALANCHE 7-71 4X4 4 DR REAR TV & DVD</p>  <p>8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/seats, air, cd, security sys, brush gnd, 24,852 mi. Stk#41095. VIN#2G147621.</p> <p>\$27,202</p>		

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