

## Church Mall gets revisited

By Rick Klittich  
Staff Writer

After approving a change to a pending ordinance for Springfield's Church Mall area at its Aug. 24 meeting, the Township Committee voted 4-1 two weeks later to withdraw the proposed amendment and allow the Planning Board to review the land one more time.

"We decided to write a letter to the Planning Board asking them to continue the matter, expressing the feelings of the Township Committee that the historic nature and ambiance of the area is important and to review it with that in mind," Township Attorney Bruce Bergen said.

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

The proposed change in the ordinance came amidst possible expansion by Rica Realty Rental Group, a family-owned business that has addressed both the Township Committee and Planning Board, asking to adjust the ordinance so that they can expand on already-owned property within the area.

The Planning Board is expected to take up the issue at its next meeting, on Wednesday.

Harold Poltrok, the only Republican on the Township Committee, voted against sending the ordinance back to the Planning Board for review.

"Before we sent it back down to the Planning Board," Poltrok explained, "I wanted to study it a lit-

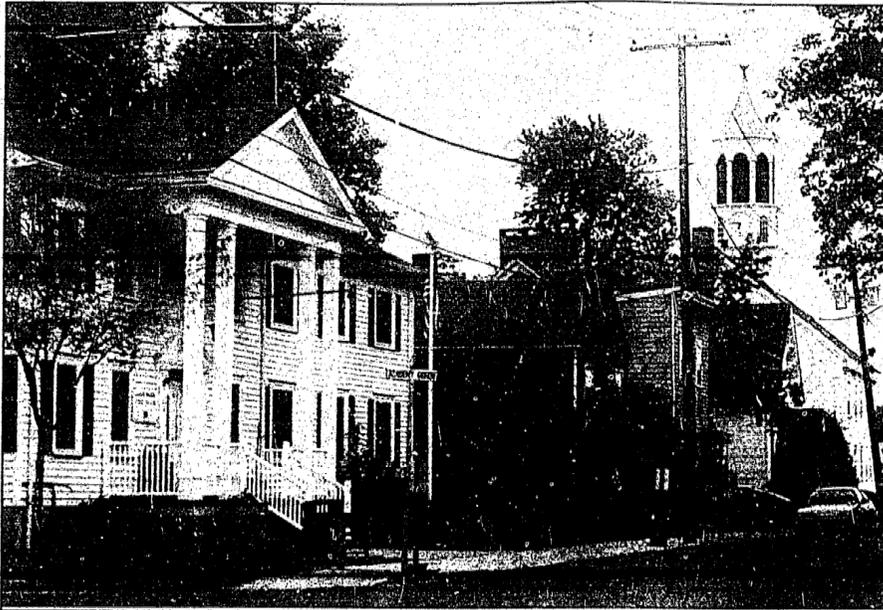


Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

The Springfield Township Committee recently decided to take another look at a change to a pending ordinance that could alter the historic look of the Church Mall area.

tle bit. I wanted to hang on to it for the next couple of weeks."

Poltrok explained that he wasn't for or against the change in the ordinance, but rather wanted a chance to review the situation and possibly think of a compromise that the developer and those who do not want change in the area, such as the Environmental Commission and Historical Society, could reach.

"It's really very pretty," said Poltrok of the area. "It reminds you very much of small-town America, except for the dilapidated dwellings located there."

Poltrok added that if the ordinance is too stringent, the township will continue to have three run-down

buildings in that area.

"In my opinion, that's unacceptable," he said. "I think it's a given that there will be development."

"We took heed of the concerns raised by the church, Historical Society, Environmental Commission, residents and businesses," said Mayor Clara Harelik.

A professional study that had been conducted determined that there was already too much change in the area to declare it historic and, therefore, untouchable.

A little more than two months ago, there was a rezoning proposal before the Planning Board to allow the expansion of appropriate uses. Since that action was taken, the mat-

ter has been between the Township Committee and Planning Board, with no definite conclusions being drawn.

The change in the ordinance would allow for the area's mixed use zone to include single- and multi-family residences, which would cater to what the rental group is looking to do.

As of now, the ordinance has no pending change. In fact, the process is subsequently sent back to its beginning, as any initial review is being looked at once again. Upon even further review, the Planning Board will look to meet with both Rica and members of the Township Committee in order to determine the best plan of action.

## Township O lights at fiel

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Staff Writer

Although a resolution to award a contract to Fai-Gon Electric Inc. for the installation of lights at Springfield's Roesner Field was in place, the Township Committee first opened the floor to the public and eventually amended the resolution at its Tuesday meeting, resulting in a unanimous approval to have lights at the Little League field. However, a resolution was table for further review regarding lighting for the basketball and tennis courts.

Beginning with a petition that tripled the number of signatures of residents who opposed the lighting two weeks ago, many residents were present to state why the lights are important for the community, and in particular, the children of Springfield.

"This would enable us to schedule other games," explained former Little League President John O'Reilly, reit-

erating the sentiments of several members of the community involved in recreation programs. "It's one of the best things the town can do."

The main argument made by those who opposed the lighting was that the sound, traffic and garbage would become a problem at all hours of the night, as many neighborhood residents said teenagers already spend time there not participating in any recreational programs or athletic activities.

"I agree that kids need to be safe," said Jason Schwanborg, "but this is a quiet, residential neighborhood. It's a park setting, not a ballpark setting."

One of the inquiries made by several residents involved what they considered a lack of communication on the Township Committee's behalf, though Township Attorney Bruce Bergen explained that legally, the resolution to award the bid, which is for \$73,600, could have been made with-

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## Police nab teens in \$30,000 jewelry theft

By Rick Klittich  
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Dovber Seigel, 18, of Springfield and two 17-year-old Summit residents were recently found with an estimated \$30,000 worth of jewelry that they allegedly stole from a Tree Top Drive residence in Springfield, police said.

The two Summit residents are facing juvenile delinquency and receiving stolen property charges, while Seigel faces charges of possession of weapons and marijuana, and receiving stolen property.

The teens were pulled over in Elizabeth for turning without signaling on Sept. 18. While asking for the driver's credentials, officers noticed an ASP, which is an expanding metal baton, between the seats, according to Elizabeth Police Capt. John Chisholm.

After the driver was told to exit the vehicle, one of the passengers opened the console himself and a marijuana leaf was found, Chisholm said. One of the juveniles also opened the glove

compartment and a pink purse was found with \$1,389 inside of it. Women's jewelry was also found on the front passenger's seat.

At this point, all of the teenagers were asked to step out of the car. Along with the jewelry were appraisals that bore the name of a Springfield resident, Chisholm said. After connecting with the Springfield Police Department, it was determined that the jewelry had been stolen during a party thrown the night before, Sept. 17, by the Springfield resident, whose parents were out of town.

Elizabeth police also determined that a good amount of the jewelry was pawned in Newark within hours of the theft. Almost \$2,000 was found on one juvenile and more money was found in a Union Center Bank envelope, according to Chisholm.

A knife was also found in the car, according to Chisholm, combining with the baton for weapons possession charges.

## Test results show weak spots in math areas

By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer

A rundown of students' test scores was the main item on the agenda for the Mountainside Board of Education Tuesday night, pointing out weak spots in math vocabulary, problem-solving, proofreading and editing.

Curriculum Coordinator Angela Cosimano presented the standardized testing results to the board members and parents present.

"We have administered several standardized tests, and recently got the

results of the Terra Nova tests given to third- and fourth-graders, as well as GEPA, for eighth-graders," she said.

Included were scores for special education students. She noted that the Mountainside district has 14 percent special education students, while some of the surrounding districts have a lower percentage. "We have one of the highest, and they did well, overall."

Two other tests, called NJASK3 and NJASK4 were also given to all third- and fourth graders, and results

varied. In language arts, the general student population in third grade scored a high 93.7 in proficient, yet just 3.2 in advanced proficient and 3.2 again in partially proficient.

Special education students scored 69.2 in proficient, and 23.1 in partially proficient, with just 7.7 in advanced proficient. Fourth-graders had 88 percent proficiency, and just 6 percent in advanced proficient category.

"One of our goals this year is to have more kids in the advanced proficiency class," said Cosimano. "We

also noted that we show weakness in language arts in proofreading and editing."

In the NJASK4 test, Cosimano noted, "We were a little lower this year, especially in math. The score was 13 percent partially proficient; yet this was still 10 percent better than last year," she added.

Mountainside is still at the top in all categories compared to other districts, in general category, but the teacher said these tests help her evaluate areas needing improvement.

## Scouts stay active

By Rick Klittich  
Staff Writer

Andrea Rousso, the new service unit manager of Springfield's Girl Scouts, has been involved in the program all her life, but with her new role, she hopes to expand the township's troops and emphasize its gains more than ever before.

Taking over the position for Fran Corcione, who is campaigning for Springfield's Township Committee this fall, Rousso grew up in Brooklyn and tagged along with her mom and sisters, never actually becoming a Girl Scout. After moving to Springfield eight years ago, she and her now 7-year-old daughter are entering their third year in the local program.

"I want there to be more community service this year than in the past," said Rousso, whose main duties now consist of making sure registration goes smoothly, along with advertising for recruitment in the form of fliers in schools. On top of her new district manager responsibilities, of course, Rousso still finds time to head two troops, which she has tried to do the past couple of years, as well.

This year, Rousso will lead the Daisy Troop, which is for kindergartners, and the second-grade Brownie Troop that her daughter is involved in. While troops don't typically meet and stay active outside of the September-to-June school year, Rousso even met at times over the summer at the Springfield Municipal Pool.

"My mom was a leader for mentally handicapped children in Brooklyn," said Rousso, "and I used to help out."



Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

Andrea Rousso of Springfield, second from right, supervises some Girl Scouts in an activity at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, including, from left Leah Rousso, 7; Gianna Delviscovo, 5, and her sister, and Michaela, 7, and Victoria Gainey, 5.

Rousso added that just seeing the looks on their faces when completing a task was enough to keep her coming back.

"The addition of Andrea in charge should help Springfield's Girl Scouts continue to grow," said Liz Durner, a third-year membership specialist for six communities, including Springfield. "Springfield has a good amount of older scouts and they have the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, which is a great place to be able to meet."

Durner went on to say that part of expanding Girl Scouts nowadays is stressing that it isn't as old-fashioned as it used to be, becoming more contemporary and keeping girls involved.

In Springfield's case, Durner said Andrea does a great job keeping younger girls enthused, so the expansion process could see growth at all age levels.

"I want Girl Scouts to be so positive that they can all say, 'I'm proud to be a Girl Scout,'" said Rousso.

"I want to keep them involved in community service and make it fun, so that they'll stay around," she said.

At the end of last year, Springfield's Girl Scouts reached a membership of 176.

"I think she has some great changes in mind to help it grow," said Durner of Rousso. "It should be higher this year."

Still, Rousso stressed that support from community members is vital for the program to keep flourishing.

"We need more parent support to keep our leaders around longer," said Rousso, adding that the formation of committees, similar to what the PTA does, would help lessen the load for those in charge of each troop.

Working previously in Manhattan and now in Livingston as a payroll accountant, Rousso said that it isn't necessary to be a stay-at-home mom in order to contribute to the success of the program. In the coming years, she hopes to continue to instill the values that make Girl Scout members who they are.

## Silcon promises to fix faulty firehouse items

By Rick Klittich  
Staff Writer

An agreement settled two weeks ago between the Township of Springfield and the contractor for the firehouse, Silcon Inc., stipulated that besides the exchange of \$31,000 involving liquidated damages and owed payments, the Elizabeth-based company would finish various punch-list items pertaining to the completion of the headquarters by Friday.

That day, Silcon showed up at the firehouse, but not to fix, replace or mend anything.

What they did do, however, was review the list of things needed to be done with Fire Chief Donald Schwerdt and assure him that they'd be in touch.

More importantly, they discussed plans to replace a generator pad, which stands out as the most critical item to be completed. The generator pad was not expected to be replaced by Friday.

"They didn't give another date," said Schwerdt of when Silcon would be back. "They're going to get back to me."

While Schwerdt did not say that he thought Silcon would show up that Friday and finish all that needed to be done, he hoped at least something could have been done.

"I was a little disappointed nothing was done," said Schwerdt, "but, at least it's all being addressed."

Township Attorney Bruce Bergen said Silcon agreed as part of the recent settlement to finish the punch list by last Friday, but that there are no punishments handed out just because they did not adhere to that.

Bergen has maintained that the township reserves the right to go to court if the building is not completed, and that they can seek damages from the insurance company in conjunction with a maintenance bond if that is eventually necessary.

Although Silcon arrived and went

over the punch-list with Schwerdt, the fire chief said that he was sure Silcon was already aware of the items on the list.

Mayor Clara Harelik said that one of the reasons Silcon did not complete the list by Friday is because certain parts needed for maintenance work are in the process of being ordered.

"We're moving toward completion," Harelik said.

"There's a punch-list of items that remains to be done, but the firehouse is still functioning in full capacity."

Schwerdt agreed, stating that he and his crew have been operating at 110 percent capacity with no problems at all.

"This list is more of nuisance items," Schwerdt said. "The generator is really the only major thing."

Harelik said that along with the generator, the other major problem is water leaking into the building, especially with heavy rain coming earlier this week.

"It's very common that when you put up a building of such magnitude, there will always be some things left to be done," said Harelik.

"We have a set of plans in place and that's the progress we're looking for."

With leaks, damaged gutters, old door locks and the generator pad among the necessary maintenance items to eventually be taken care of, those occupying the building will be waiting on Silcon's contact for further information.

Until then, Schwerdt said that much is being exaggerated about the firehouse's problems.

"The building isn't falling down or anything. It's just that items need to be fixed."

The \$3.5-million, three-story firehouse that also holds the Office of Emergency Management is 26,000 square feet. The building was slated for construction in January 2002.

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The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To mail a schedule, send it to Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3009, Union, 07083.

**Monday**  
• Mountain-side Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, will present preschool storytime on Thursdays through Oct. 7 from 2 to 2:30 p.m.  
For information, call 908-233-0115.

**Saturday**  
• The James Caldwell School PTA will conduct its annual fall festival at 36 Caldwell Place in Springfield from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. This year's "It's a Magical World" theme promises a fun-filled carnival complete with a tin can auction, rides, games, prizes, food, and more. Pay only \$10 for unlimited rides and the Mystical Magic Show. All ages are welcome. For information, go to [JCSPTAfestival@aol.com](http://JCSPTAfestival@aol.com).

**Monday**  
• The Springfield Farmers' Market will continue every Monday from noon to 6 p.m. through Oct. 25 at Ruby Field, Caldwell Place.

Stands will feature fresh produce, fresh cut flowers and baked goods, among other treats. The popular weekly sale of fresh goods is a yearly summertime event that attracts residents from Springfield and the surrounding communities. For information, call 973-912-2201.

• The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the instructional media center of Jonathan Dayton High School, 139 Mountain Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
• Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will present the film "New York: Heroes of 9/11", as part of its Lunchtime Video Series at noon. All programs are free and open to the public. For information, call 973-376-4930.

**Wednesday**  
• Mountain-side Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, will present toddler storytime on Wednesdays through Oct. 6, from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Registration is required for both programs, along with proof of age at the time of registration. Proof of age is a first-time only registration requirement. For information, call 908-233-0115.

• Mountain-side Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, will present story-time theater for kindergarten-age children on Wednesdays through Oct. 20, from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. For information, call 908-233-0115.

• The Memoir Writing Group of Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will meet from 10 a.m. to noon.

• The Springfield Planning Board will meet in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 p.m.

• The Westfield/Mountain-side Chapter of the American Red Cross will be sponsoring a blood drive from 3 to 8 p.m. The drive will be conducted at the Chapter house located at 321 Elm St. in Westfield.

There will be complimentary cholesterol screening for all who donate. Walk-ins are welcomed. For information call the American Red Cross Westfield/Mountain-side Chapter at 908-232-7090 or go to the Web site at [www.westfieldmside-redcross.org](http://www.westfieldmside-redcross.org).

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• Mountain-side Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, will present preschool storytime on Thursdays through Oct. 7 from 2 to 2:30 p.m.  
For information, call the library at 908-233-0115.

• The Foothill Club luncheon will be conducted at B.G. Fields Restaurant in Westfield at noon. New members and guests are always welcome. For a reservation, call Genevieve at 908-232-3626.

The program that day will be "Gardening for Butterflies" presented by Holface Hoffman.

**Oct. 8**

• The Senior Citizens Club of Mountain-side will meet in Community Presbyterian Church, Deer Path and Meeting House Lane, at noon for a program with guest speaker Mayor Robert Vigilanti who will discuss the future plans of Mountain-side. Call 908-233-6280 for information.

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### Call leads to arrests at Loew's

**Mountainside**  
On Sunday at 5:43 p.m., officers received a call stating that two black males riding motorcycles on Route 22 had been in a verbal altercation with the caller, and that one of the males had a gun and the other a knife.

Officers located the two men near Loew's Theater and only one man identified himself legitimately. The other had stolen documents and was found to be Russell Whaley, of Plainfield, and he was placed under arrest for unlawful possession of a weapon, which was a boxcutter, and theft of property lost.

The other man, Tyrone Edwards, also of Plainfield, had an outstanding warrant from Monticello, N.Y. He was placed under arrest as a fugitive from justice.

Edwards is also a suspect of a possible late crime in Monticello, where he reportedly physically assaulted a man leaving a synagogue.

**Springfield**  
On Monday at 4:45 p.m., it was reported that a maple tree located in the backyard of a Jade Meadow resident had been cut down by an

unknown person. The estimated value of the tree is \$400.

• Carlos Gil, 47, of North Bergen, was arrested on Route 22 east Sept. 22 at 4:51 p.m. on an outstanding warrant for \$114.

• At 4:45 a.m. Sept. 22, the driver's side door lock, ignition, and steering column of a Prospect Place resident's vehicle were damaged during an attempted theft.

• On Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. John Aveni, 43, of Belleville, was arrested on Morris Avenue for three outstanding warrants out of Monmouth County, Ridgefield, and Paterson, totalling \$189, along with possession of drug paraphernalia.

• A Shelley Road resident reported her Ford stolen from her driveway Saturday.

The total estimated value of lost items, including the radio and speakers inside, is \$1,500.

### Lights delayed for other areas

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out hearing input from the public.

The bid had been out for some time, he explained, and the issue was tabled at the last meeting in order to hear what the neighborhood surrounding Roessler Field had to say, as well as what those who felt the lights were a good idea thought.

"Bear in mind this is a core 'unity-value' issue to be addressed," said Mayor Clara Harelik. "Once we heard from the neighborhood, we did take

steps to back off an out-to-bid project," she added, explaining that the committee wanted to determine the concerns of all parties involved.

Harelik said she doesn't see the lights at the baseball field staying on past 10 p.m. at any point, and that more than likely, they will be off by 9:30 p.m.

She plans on arranging a meeting that includes residents and recreation representatives in order to determine the positioning of the lights, shielding

of the glow and hours that they would stay on.

In the end, it was Andrew Schwartz, whose house backs onto the basketball and tennis courts, who demanded to know how necessary the lights outside of the Little League field are.

When Committee member Sy Mullman admitted that it should probably be looked into before awarding the bid, it seemed that maybe the only possible compromise was on its way.

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### Woman wins big on TV show

By Rick Klittich  
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"What state is the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally?"

Perhaps if Springfield resident Laura Melman knew a little more about the celebration of hogs and clippers, the recent contestant of ABC's popular TV game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" would not have had to settle for a measly \$16,000.

The episode, which aired Sept. 23 and Sept. 24, gave Melman the opportunity to win \$16,000.

"I watch the re-runs of the show at night with my son," said Melman, "and he kept saying that I had to go on."

Chuck Melman, a fourth-grader at Thelma L. Sandmeier school in Springfield, decided to take the initiative and sign his mom up on the Internet for a chance to get on the show. As luck would have it, Laura Melman received a call not too long thereafter and was asked to go to a studio in New York in order to take a test and be interviewed.

Being that Melman works in downtown New York and the show's studio is in midtown, the twenty minute subway ride was as convenient as she could ask for. After using her lunch break on a day in July to take a trivia test and be interviewed, the 38-year-old was called in August and told that on Sept. 2 and 3, she would have her chance.

Melman, who said she was surprised and impressed by how controlled the actual production of the

game show after interviews was a lock for tipping day.

"The only hard part was not being able to talk to family and friends from morning to night," said Melman, whose stint on the program lasted two days since she came on as a contestant on the bottom part of the half-hour show Sept. 2. While she was allowed to go home at night, the guidelines during the day bunched all the contestants together in one room.

Melman could have tried to answer the question about the motorcycle rally, but a wrong answer would've dropped her down to just \$1,000.

Meeting the other contestants and getting to know them and their backgrounds was one of the best parts of the experience," said Melman, who found out that the strict production of the show meant that she would be sequestered with the other contestants during the day of taping.

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Laura Melman of Springfield, with her son, Chuck, enjoy a day in New York City. Melman was a recent contestant on the TV game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" At the end of her episode, which aired last week, Melman walked away with \$16,000.

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### Perelli property to stay closed, unsold

By Rick Klittich  
Staff Writer

Property previously owned by William and Antoinette Perelli will remain closed and unsold to the Township of Springfield, unless a lower price is offered by Perelli's son, who took control of the land after his father recently died.

According to Township Attorney Bruce Berger, William Perelli offered to sell the land to the town. The property currently still features an old, shut-down gas station near the corner of Morris Avenue and Center Street. When the price was found to be too high, Perelli decided to hold onto it.

After Perelli's son attempted to sell the property, town officials have decided that unless another, more reasonable offer is made, the property will remain Perelli's.

"The range is, we believe, far and above what it's worth," said Berger, noting that this was first proposed several years ago. "I'm not sure what the township would do with it."

The land, which measures around 10,000 square feet, is assessed at \$113,500. With improvements, at a total of \$41,500, the property's total assessment comes to \$155,000.

Harelik emphasized that not much thought has gone into using the property because the asking price was unreasonable.

Berger said there are probably some options as to what can be done with the property, but that it's never realistically been a possibility, and so not much thought has been put into potential usage.

"Right now, there's no discussions anymore," said Berger.

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EVENTS

Caldwell School PTA conduct fall festival

The Caldwell School PTA will conduct its annual fall festival on Saturday at the Caldwell Trace in Springfield from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. rain or shine.

This year's Fall Festival theme promises a fun-filled carnival complete with a fun auction, games, prizes, food and more. Pay only \$10 for unlimited rides and the Mystical Magic Show. All ages are welcome.

For information go to R.SP@ptafestival.com

Blood drive set

Help celebrate life by donating blood.

The Westfield Mountside Chapter of the American Red Cross will be sponsoring a blood drive on Wednesday from 3 to 8 p.m. The drive will be conducted at the Chapter House located at 321 Elm St. in Westfield.

There will be complimentary cholesterol screening for all who donate. Walk-ins are welcomed. For information call the American Red Cross Westfield Mountside Chapter at 908-232-7090 or go to the Web site at www.westfieldmtside-redcross.org.

You can also contact TIC NJ 1-800-NJ-BLOOD ext. 140 for information.

All donors must present signed or picture ID and know their social security number. Donors should also try to eat a meal before donating.

Program explores beauty of wetland

On Saturday, Oct. 9 from 10 to 11 a.m., participants in the "Down By Seeley's Pond" program can investigate the historical beauty of a unique wetland habitat at Trantside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside.

Hike to the top of the Watchung Cliffs for a bird's-eye view of the pond and scan the sky for migrating raptors. Take the Sierra Trail and descend to an old mill site full of history and wonder.

Call 908-789-3670 for details. Trantside is a facility of the Union County Department of Parks & Recreation. All ages are welcome. Donation suggested.

Foothill Club meets

The Foothill Club luncheon will be conducted on Oct. 7, noon, at B.G. Fields Restaurant in Westfield. New members and guests are always welcome. For a reservation, call Genevieve at 908-232-3626.

The program that day will be "Gardening for Butterflies" presented by Helga Hoffman. The Foothill Club is a service organization and has been serving the community of Mountainside for more than 40 years.

President Ruthie Gionese has announced that annual donations have been made to the Mountside Restoration Committee, the Rescue Squad and the Volunteer Fire Department. Annual food baskets will be given out to needy families in Mountainside at Thanksgiving. Service and generosity, in short, is what the club is all about.

Mountside PAL conducts Cop Trot

The Mountside PAL 5th annual Cop Trot will take place at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave. in Mountainside on Saturday, Oct. 9.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the race to start at 9:30 a.m. Registration fee includes a T-shirt and computerized scoring results. Trophies will be awarded for overall best male and female in all age categories.

Again, this year, Trot Trot, for ages 6 and younger, race to start at 8:30 a.m. Applications are available at the Mountside Borough Hall, Recreation Department, Mountside Library, or by calling the PAL information hotline at 908-232-2400, ext. 725.

Dayton carnival set for next month

Jonathan Dayton High School PTA will sponsor a carnival Oct. 23, from 6 to 10 p.m.; Oct. 27, 6 to 10 p.m.; Oct. 23, 4 to 10 p.m.; and Oct. 24, 1 to 6 p.m., in the front parking lot of the school, 139 Mountain Ave., Springfield.

The event will be made possible through the effort of parents, staff and members of the community. The festival will be four days of rides, games of chance, 50/50, vendors, food and beverages.

For vendor information, call Fran Corcione at 973-376-6386.

B'nai B'rith plans Mohegan Sun trip

B'nai B'rith of Springfield plans a trip to Mohegan Sun, Conn., on Oct. 10. The cost of the trip is \$32 per person and the package includes breakfast at Bagel Chateau, 222 Mountain Ave., Springfield, next to the post office from 7:45 to 9:30 a.m. plus two \$5 free bet coupons, a \$10 meal voucher or full buffet - free seasons or sunburst buffet.

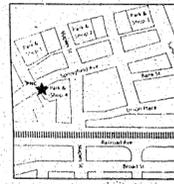
The bus will leave from Echo Plaza Mall at 10 a.m. between Mountain Avenue and Route 22 in Springfield. Reserve early.

Call Jerry Kamen at 908-687-9120 during the day or 908-277-1953 evenings. Mail checks to 2824 Morris Ave., Union, 07083.

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Second-hand victims

Karen Blumenfeld, an attorney for Summit-based New Jersey GASP calls it a time for political leadership. She has the title of director of Tobacco Control Policy and Legal Resource Center.

Facing entrenched opposition of the smoking lobby and those just hooked on tobacco is a tough task. This week Blumenfeld and allies will begin anew the call for smoke-free restaurants in the state.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

Armed with new statistics which show the devastating impact of second-hand smoke, there will be new bills in the Legislature to enact the ban.

We can look to New York City, and later the state of New York, which enacted the ban. The restaurant business didn't waver as predicted. Blumenfeld says the "political leadership" of the mayor and governor in New York guided the ban to enactment.

Sitting Monday morning at a small eatery in Cranford, a local postman came in, sat down and casually lit up. My options were to give him a dirty look, grin and bear it, or get up and leave.

That's why I feel so good about the effort by GASP to legitimize my rights to be free of second-hand smoke. It's more dangerous than the truck air pollution passing on South Avenue.

It's the reason GASP, which stands for Group Against Smoking Pollution, has been fighting since 1974 to make the point that non-smokers are victims. They publish lists of smoke-free restaurants in the county and state.

GASP has been helping municipalities enact tobacco control ordinances and make hospitals smoke-free. Now they are taking on the rough fight of smoke-free restaurants.

Down the ridge from Summit on Route 22, Plainfield Mayor Al McWilliams was taking on the cause of another victim, his own city. In a roundtable seminar with U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg, McWilliams said, "Half or more of the drug- and prostitution-related arrests in Plainfield involve non-residents. Yet the brunt of the cost of dealing with this activity falls entirely on our taxpayers."

His city has become a crime importer. McWilliams' point is that the traditional approach of containment of illegal activities is fine if you are outside the contained zone. "When you are inside the zone it is devastating."

McWilliams said his city suffers in the battle "to protect our borders from the infiltration of drugs and prostitution. Consequently, these problems have affected a few of our neighborhoods, taking up a disproportionate share of police funding."

There is an obvious parallel to the efforts of McWilliams and Blumenfeld. It's fighting for the rights of the innocent guy not to be the second-hand victim of the someone else's activity. Whether it's the postman lighting up or the guy driving his BMW into Plainfield to engage in illegal activity, it turns out there are second-hand victims.

It was announced last week that Chanté I had come to her senses and is bringing back the re-runs of "The Odd Couple" each night at 9 p.m.

I hope to see Dr. Melnitz again on the show who lectured Felix and Oscar about his sole goal over the last 50 years is to be just left alone. As such, not just another second-hand victim.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

Legislators push for stronger reform Gov's order limits state contributions

By Mark Hrywna Regional Editor

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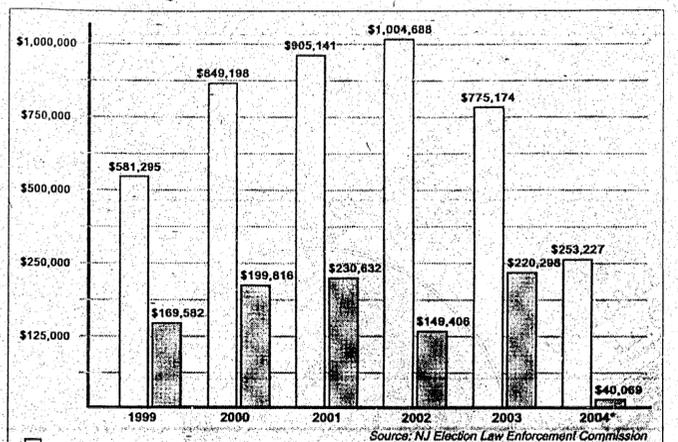
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prohibiting the county's Board of Chosen Freeholders from enacting its own pay-to-play reform "that goes further with respect to county contracts."

"The levels of money being thrown around in campaigns has made the political structure pretty unseemly and gives the average voter a bad taste in their mouth."

An examination of campaign finance reports by this newspaper last year indicated that about a third of campaign contributions to the Union County Democratic Committee come

from firms that receive contracts from the county. The executive order would prohibit any firm that receives state contracts worth more than \$17,500 from contributing to county political committees.

For example, that would affect law firms such as DeCotis, Fitzpatrick, Cole and Wisler, which handles contracts for the state as well as Union County, and is regularly one of the largest contributors to the county Democratic Committee.

One political insider said parties will get around that by simply having

contributors give money to certain committees before it's "wheeled" to other committees.

Democrats routinely have out-raised and outspent Republicans by considerable margins in countywide elections the last few years. Last year, Democrats spent about a half-million dollars on the freeholder campaign compared to the GOP's \$65,000. Only campaigns in Bergen and Mercer counties spent more on last year's countywide elections, according to documents filed with the state Elec-

tion Commission. See DEMS, Page B2

Sheriff's race focuses on homeland security

By Anna Kreyman Staff Writer

Republican Peter Lijoi says that although Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich has done a good job, he thinks he can do better. The two are competing for county sheriff in the Nov. 2 General Election.

Lijoi, an attorney for more than 20 years, said the public needs to gain more knowledge to combat attackers such as the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"We need to have community forums that teach residents how to react in the event of danger," he added.

"This needs to be done in such a way that does not frighten but instead educates the people. We need to make people more confident in law enforcement."

Froehlich, who was born and raised in Elizabeth and is serving his eighth term as county sheriff, said people have confidence in him because of his success.

"I've had a great career because I am always looking for new and better things to do as sheriff," Froehlich, a resident of Union, said. "People see me as a law enforcement person that produces, not a man of politics."

Froehlich, the first sheriff to broadcast a monthly "Union County's Most Wanted" list, said he wants to institute a program that would teach students in grade six through 12 about the law.

"Children in elementary school are the only ones to learn about such things as DARE," he said, referring to the program that stands for Drug Awareness and Resistance Education. "But, what about middle and high school levels? Shame on us for not keeping up with the law with our teens."

A resident of Summit and father of two boys, Lijoi said Union County government needs a mix of representation. All of the elected constitutional posts in Union County are currently held by Democrats and have been for

a long time. Democrats have an almost decade-long hold on the county's freeholder board. The party first gained the majority in 1996 before taking complete control in 1998.

If elected sheriff, "I would begin to look for ways to share local and regional services through out the county," Lijoi said. "We need to look at the purchasing of bulletproof vests and the providing of policing."

Froehlich's opponent ran unsuccessfully for county surrogate for 10 years ago but has never before run for county sheriff.

"We need to look more towards technology when it comes to improving the transportation of prisoners," said Lijoi, who earned his law degree from Pace University.

"He added that spending less money within the county is also one of his major goals.

"We need to save money without putting anyone out of a job," Lijoi said.

A member of the Elizabeth Police Department for almost 20 years, Froehlich said his second priority as sheriff is animal control.

"We have a lot of volunteers that are willing to help."

The duties of county sheriff include overseeing courthouse security, transportation of inmates, executing criminal and domestic warrants as well as investigations involving drugs and missing people.

Other services such as fingerprinting and gun safety are also taken care of by sheriff. County sheriff is one of three elected constitutional positions within the county, each with a three-year term and \$115,000 annual salary.

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State may be changing colors, but it's not the leaves

By Mark Hrywna Regional Editor

This year's presidential election has always come down to two things: red versus blue. From the start, New Jersey has been considered a blue state, solidly in Democrat John Kerry's corner.

While the Garden State might not be turning red just yet, that would indicate a Bush victory, there is some question as to just what color it might turn out to be in the end.

The New York Times is now considering New Jersey a swing state, like Pennsylvania and Florida, as Kerry's lead in New Jersey polls has all but disappeared. The Rasmussen Report still has New Jersey labeled as a blue state, for Kerry.

'New Jersey is not a swing state.'

State Sen. Ray Lesniak

who is considering New Jersey a swing state "is fooling themselves." In the 2000 presidential election, Democrat Al Gore carried New Jersey 16 points. Locally, Gore won Union County by 24 points, about the same margin Bill Clinton enjoyed in the 1996 race against Bob Dole.

# Dems hold significant financial edge on GOP

(Continued from Page B1) ... Through June of this year, Union County Democrats enjoyed a better than 6-to-1 advantage over their counterparts in funds raised: approximately \$250,000 to \$40,000.

Clearly, he said, there will be a transition of money toward individual accounts, rather than office or campaign committees. The Union County Democratic Committee has historically "organized the freeholders' campaign, rather than a "Committee to elect" organization.

Lesniak doesn't see much effect on the upcoming election, "just less money spent on campaigns."

# Polls: Jersey up for grabs

(Continued from Page B1) "We'll run a strong campaign on our own."

Vice Presidential candidate John Edwards will campaign in Jersey on Tuesday, with stops at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark and in Middlesex County. Said Lesniak of Edwards' campaign visits: "Presidents go to swing states, vice presidents cover the others."

Lesniak, who was involved in Al Gore's New Jersey campaign in 2000, said it would be good if Bush uses some resources in New Jersey, as it would take away from his effort in other states, but he doesn't see that happening. "They're not stupid. I know they're not stupid, they've taken a failed presidency and have a lead at this time. They're very smart."

One Democrat, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the recent poll numbers won't affect local races in Union County thanks to Sheriff Ralph Froehlich leading the ballot. "Froehlich routinely wins by 40,000 to 50,000 votes and always is the party's top vote-getter. In addition, James LaCorte, the incumbent surrogate also is very popular."

Froehlich and LaCorte are being challenged by Peter Lijoi and Michael Managos, respectively.

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The Union County Chapter of Mothers & More will host an open house for prospective members Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St., Westfield. All area women are invited without any obligation to join. The event will be held without children and door prizes will be awarded.

The open house will introduce women to the many services of Mothers & More. The Union County Chapter offers two meetings a month with topical discussions and/or guest speakers in addition to moms' nights out, playgroups, a book club, a craft club, skill-building volunteer opportunities and more.

Serving more than 7,000 members nationally, Mothers & More is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of mothers through support, education and advocacy. It addresses mothers' needs as individuals and members of society, and promotes the value of all the work mothers do, paid and unpaid, within and outside the home.

The Union County Chapter of Mothers & More holds meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Westfield YMCA. For more information about becoming a part of Mothers & More, call K.C. Bree at 908-789-8626 or

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The Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee's third annual golf fund-raiser will be Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Hyatt Hills Golf Course on Raritan Road in Clark. The event will raise funds for St. Patrick's Day Parade expenses.

Admission costs \$175 per person; dinner only costs \$75 per person. The program is designed for individuals with developmental disabilities and their family members. In addition to discussion about the DDD changes, there will be time for council members to meet with families concerning their interactions with DDD and its service providers.

The Family Support Councils were created to gather information from families in order to advise DDD on the allocation of resources in their specific regions, and to monitor those services and supports.

For more information, to RSVP, or if you need a translator, call Judy Lesscarrat at 908-232-7874.

Halfway to St. Patrick's Day at Union KOC  
The Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee will sponsor its second annual Halfway to St. Patrick's Day fund-raiser at Knights of Columbus 4504, 1034 Jeanette Ave., Union, Oct. 17 from 2 to 8 p.m. The event will help raise funds for St. Patrick's Day parade expenses. Admission costs a donation of \$10 per person.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## What could be more challenging than the 2004 presidential beauty pageant?

**The Art of Laughter**  
By Helen Argers

Watching the Miss America show, suddenly I saw the possibility of another great reality show — Mr. America. Except we already have such a contest — called the presidential election. But it is taking too long. Better to reduce the election to one night on television, copying exactly the Miss America format.

Think of it. The president and senator-elect would not have to spend half their time campaigning around the country or fund raising. Both could devote themselves to the jobs they were originally elected to perform. Through no fault of the candidates, the media presentation of this election has reduced the competition to surface personal qualities, rather than issues. Nor would the candidates have to play up to the media's need for blood sport with personal negative attacks. How uplifting that would be for the country. All the divisive feuding spreading throughout our land would fade. Miss America has shown us the way.

Here's how we'll do it. We'll leave the primaries as is, nobody pays attention to them anyway, and we'll get final candidates for the show. The contestants, OOPS, candidates will be President Bush, Senator Kerry, Ralph Nader — a choice of three. But to balance it, we'll make it four by throwing in Pat Buchanan.

As moderator, the unanimous choice is America's most favorite television star, Oprah Winfrey. She'll add all-in-one representation of African-Americans and women. Unlike the presidential race, the Mr. America president show will truly reflect America. Another plus for choosing Oprah is her ability to make guests seem human — a very good thing for overly-programmed candidates. As for judges, who else but us? Every single voting-age American would have to vote — just as we have to pay taxes.

comply with a jury notice or respond to the Census. In this mythical world, at long last, no more hanging chads or new, unreliable, computerized machines. Rather, every qualified voter will get a ballot number and vote either on-line or by snail-mail. Real elections!

But on with the show. Let's start with the most popular competition: The Briefing Suit Parade. The choice of briefs or regular suits would be up to the candidates. Whatever the choice, President Bush and Senator Kerry would clearly have the advantage here since President Bush jogs and bikes frequently and Senator Kerry is known as an all-around athlete.

Without question Pat Buchanan and Ralph Nader would choose the regular, Mr. Buchanan to hide his midriff spread and Mr. Nader his anorexic figure. As every lady knows, accessories make the difference for every outfit. As his accessory, Mr. Bush might well choose high-heeled cowboy boots to explain his well-known strut. Mr. Kerry, because of his height, would stick to sneakers to give

him that extra bounce a contender needs against a sitting president. To reflect that he is a sitting president, Bush could appear sitting on an oval chair, pushed in by Vice President Dick Cheney, carrying an American flag. Not to be outdone, Senator Kerry could then enter playing touch football with his vice presidential candidate John Edwards and with his own patriotic display of a football stamped with a pulsing American flag.

Next competition: Evening Wear. Both top contenders, and Mr. Buchanan, have to choose, but Mr. Nader is disqualified for his... Salvation Army suit that he wears both for day and evening affairs. The competition, however, will be sparked by each man's escort, his wife whose gown may very well sway the election. Laura Bush will appear in a conservative red gown. Mrs. Kerry in blue and Babe Buchanan, Pat's sister, in a red, white and blue gown with stars and stripes. Since this is such a solemn occasion, none of the gowns will be strapless or show cleavage for fear of a wardrobe malfunction.

Next event: The Talent Competition. President Bush has been practicing all his life for his talent, clearing brush. He will do that dressed as a cowboy and carrying a machete. See him swing it right and right, to the tune of "The Stars and Stripes Forever!" Oh, oh! He has cut his hand. This disqualifies him from the election. Ralph Nader votes A) Mandela. He is given the points on the grounds that if not the right answer, it should have been. That leaves Senator Kerry, who

is disqualified for not being aware that you don't vote for what is true, but what the people polled think is true. Senator Kerry has not yet learned to play the game, so it looks like the master politicians President Bush and Mr. Nader are tied to win that part of the contest. But it is up to you to determine the overall score.

Who of the remaining three will wear the crown? Who will tearfully march down the runway with Oprah singing, "There he is, Mr. America President!" It's your choice. Vote.

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# Former area resident's new book puts the capital 'T' in terror

**On the Shelf**  
By Bea Smith

When a novel, so frighteningly vivid, has the power to provoke a reader into a terrified state, looking over one's shoulder at each page turning, it can take its place with the best of horror books. And when it is a first novel called "Dark Woods," which was published by Berkeley Books, New York, and perhaps he will learn something new.

From the very first pages, a reader becomes terrified and fascinated by the narrative of the existence of legendary giant-sized animals, who appear somewhat human, lurking in the woods in Skookum County, Washington. They are reputed to have been

sighted in the woods in northwestern United States and British Columbia and are called Sasquatches, but few, if any, have actually had any contact with them — or have seen them up close. Well, according to Kumar, one shudders to report that Deputy Sheriff Frank Vaughn, who was on an average winter hunt with two other hunters, heard a rifle shot, an eerie, ear-splitting cry, and was horrified to discover the ripped and torn body of one of his hunters, and a dead deer, minus its heart and liver, lying alongside the hunter, in addition to another wounded hunter. Apparently, the mystifying animal, whose enormous footprints were visible in the mud, was shot and

wounded and hiding somewhere in the woods. Being a true hunter, Vaughn could never leave a wounded animal in the dark woods, so he decides to return. He is coerced into taking along Chris Mackey, a representative from Carolina Pacific Timber Corp., a company that cuts trees and utilizes the wood from the forest; a scientist, Dr. Arthur Lansing, who always seems to be wandering off — exploring, or so he says; and Alison Lombard, a young woman from the Fish and Wildlife Service, who works in the endangered species department, much to the dismay of Vaughn and Mackey. And before Vaughn left for the dangerous

journey, he was confronted by his wife, Katie, who had become estranged from him because of his persistence in his kind of work. Even the government has taken an intense interest in the atrocious creatures.

The story begins on Tuesday, May 7, and ends on Monday, May 13, and it all takes place in the cold, damp, dark woods. There are more than one Sasquatch, or bipeda primata or big foot as they are also called. And they are stalking the hunters, eating the animals in the forest and even frightening the bears. And the hunters can tell when they are nearby because they have odors that reek and are unbearable to tolerate.

Kumar has based much of his book on factual information and has written a story that both thrills and terrifies a reader. His characters are so interesting and so real to the reader, that one can reach out and touch them physically, or emotionally. Kumar is an absolutely wonderful writer. Stand aside, Stephen King books — this Jay Kumar book will have a shudderingly special place on the shelf of this reviewer's horror books. "Dark Woods" is a real bone chiller! The scariest yet.

Bea Smith is a staff writer who also reviews books for Worrall Newspapers.

# Variety of activities adds new life to old dance club in Elizabeth

**Chatmon, Konopinski strive to develop a new genre of film**

By Jeff Cummins  
Associate Editor

The Bayway Polish Club in Elizabeth had held dances for generations, but things were starting to change. Many Polish residents left the area, leaving the future of the dances in doubt.

So, did the Bayway Club move out of the area, as many old patrons had? No. Instead, it began to move to the rhythms of Latin dancing — in addition to the traditional Polka dancing and ballroom dancing it had hosted for years. Judging by the response of club spokesperson Joe Januszeki, the response to the addition of Latin dancing has been overwhelming.

"This is the third year we're offering Latin dancing," said Januszeki. "We get people from all over the state, they just love to show off their prowess on the dance floor."

This certainly wasn't the first foray the Bayway made outside of

Polka dancing. Years ago, it offered western dancing on Wednesdays, but it wasn't quite as successful as the addition of Latin dancing.

"The western dancing died out," said Januszeki.

No matter. With Latin dancing added to the club's traditional fare of Polka dancing and ballroom dancing, things are hopping at the Bayway, where dancing seems to be gaining steam.

"Before 1967, we were in another

building," said Januszeki. "They had bowling alleys in the old place." Of course, many Polish patrons still come to the club because they love to Polka.

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"It was a matter of economic survival," Januszeki said of the decision to add Latin dancing. "Kids are into hip-hop and rock these days. It used to be that on Fridays, Saturdays and

Sundays you'd just open your doors and people would come in to dance. Now, the Latin community really appreciates our club. We've got a great wooden dance floor, and two parking lots. On Friday nights, people come over the Goethals Bridge from Staten Island.

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of dancing at the club was the concept of these nights.

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# Chatmon, Konopinski strive to develop a new genre of film

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By Jeff Cummins  
Associate Editor

Pete Chatmon wants more than the same old opportunities. That's why he's striving to carve out a new niche in cinema.

"We're part of a new wave of American cinema," Chatmon said, referring specifically to his film production company, Double 7 Film. "There's a perception that if you're black, you've got to make a 'black' film, or an 'urban' film. I try to work on things that are more universal, to create an emotional story you can relate to that just happens to have black characters."

Chatmon, though still young in his career, certainly has what football coach Bill Parcells would describe as "pelts on his horse," or notches in his belt. He studied film at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, and his thesis film, "3D," was an official selection of the 2001 Sundance Film Festival that starred Dorian Missick, who also starred in "The Manchurian Candidate." He's written, acted and directed a short film, "Chameleon," about a young black man dealing with the expectations

and demands of a wide variety of people in his life. His latest film, "Confessions of Cool," is a six-minute film that will debut Saturday in its New Jersey premiere at the Burgdorff Cultural Center in Maplewood.

"This film is an entrance into the mind and world of Reginald Cool," said Chatmon. "You enter the world from his perspective. You see the way that people see him, you'll see a part of him where he's the ladies' man, but it also shows his confession of loneliness."

"It breaks down the stereotype. Sometimes the smaller you go, the more common it is to everyone. People can say, 'I can see that in my life.' When you watch the film, you can immediately relate it to something in your own life."

For "Confessions," Chatmon used a studio to shoot the film, contrasting with his approach to "Chameleon," where he shot in several locations, including a townhouse in Hillside, the Mountain train station and a law office in South Orange, the parking lot of Columbia High School in Maplewood, and Madison Square

Park in New York City.

And "Confessions" certainly won't be the last time audiences see the character of Reginald Cool. Chatmon and his company are currently working on a longer film titled, "Premium," that also features Cool's character.

"My idea with 'Confessions' was to make a stand-alone film, but I did it because I wanted to make a short that would show you Cool's whole world in a quick synopsis," said Chatmon.

For the "Premium" project, Chatmon explores Cool in greater detail, showing that the character is a struggling actor who is fed up with the traditional acting roles available for black men; he doesn't want to play a murderer or a drug dealer.

To finance his dream of an acting career, he works at his mother's boyfriend's gas station. One day his ex-fiancee shows up — Chatmon enjoyed a chuckle when asked if any of the idea was autobiographical — and announces that she's getting married in two days. Suddenly, he's got the biggest acting job in his life to try to win her back.

"The main theme is that it's a love

and local acts Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Each week, musicians and fans alike travel from all over the tri-state area to be a part of what has become a hotbed of area music.

The Crossroads once again will showcase the remarkable talent of Glabicki. Making his second appearance at the Garwood nightclub, Glabicki returns in the midst of a national tour, carrying him across the United States. Glabicki founded the multi-platinum band Rusted Root upon returning from a post-high school trip to South America in 1988. After a false start with one group of musicians, he spoke with an old friend with whom he'd collaborated previously, and asked her to sing

with him. Through her came their drummer, with whom she'd taken an African drumming class, a prerequisite established by Glabicki. Then the band recruited another distinctive player to play guitar. A year later, multi-instrumentalist, visual artist and bicycle messenger John Buynak and vocalist Jenn Wertz, originally hired to photograph the group, signed on to photograph the group, signed on to photograph the group, signed on to photograph the group.

Rusted Root would adopt a hard-touring way, their polyrhythmic multi-cultural rock and soul picking up devices like a junkyard magnet as they swept across the nation. In 1990, they self-released a CD, "Cruel

"Sun." The disc attracted Mercury Records, which signed the band and released "When I Wake" in 1994. Two more records, "Remember" in 1996 and the self-titled third in 1998, three EPs, "Evil Ways," "Live" and "Airplane," a video, "Rusted Root Live," and miscellaneous band and TV soundtrack credits followed, including "Twister," "Home for the Holidays," "Party of Five," "Homicide" and "Ice Age."

After several years and countless venues played with the band, Glabicki decided to get back to his roots and tour solo acoustically. His solo success has parlayed into several tours spanning the nation, playing to intimate crowds in every state. His

unique stage presence and distinctive music set him apart from the rest of his field and kept audiences coming back for more. This performance at The Crossroads will be his only stop in New Jersey on this tour.

Supporting Glabicki will be the Buster Cox Trio who burst onto the scene with their own fresh acoustic sound. With just two acoustic guitars, hand percussion and one voice, Vella, Richardson and Amadeo enthralled audiences without compromise. Vella's aggressive percussive acoustic guitar styling and strong, soulful voice are flawlessly meshed with Richardson's innovative and intricate accompaniments. On stage, Vella is nothing but raw energy.



"Confessions of Cool" is written, produced and directed by Pete Chatmon, above left. At right is Emily Konopinski, production manager.

story about the person you're with before the person you marry, who prepares you for marriage," said Chatmon. "They both grow and they both win."

Chatmon didn't say what other plans he's got in the works, or if he'll

continue to explore the character of Reginald Cool in future projects. For now, he's interested in seeing where "Cool," and "Confessions," head in the immediate future. One thing that is fairly sure is that Double 7 will continue to make films that a variety of people will take an interest in.

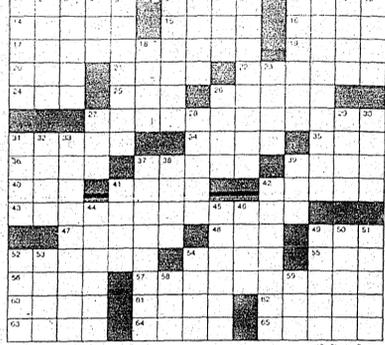
Emily Konopinski, production manager for "Confessions of Cool," summed the approach that Double 7 uses in its work. "We're striving to make films that can be appreciated by any audience."

Doors will open at 8 p.m. on Friday. For more information call 908-232-5666.

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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, 30-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.
• Roselle Park High School Classes of 1983, 1984 and 1985, 20-year reunion, Nov. 20, 7 p.m. to midnight, Gallowing Hill Inn, Union.
• 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 1994, 10-year reunion, Nov. 26.
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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 1974, 30-year reunion, Oct. 23.
• Union High School, Class of 1964, 30-year reunion, Oct. 30.
• Scotch Plains High School Class of 1975, 30-year reunion.
• Union High School, Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, 2005.
• 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.
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Terlizza is self-taught. He grew interested in photography while attending graduate school and living on Narragansett Bay in Rhode Island in 1976.

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PLACE: Bellevue High School, 100 Pleasant Avenue, Bellevue, NJ (OFF JORDAN AVENUE ST.)
TIME: 9AM-5PM, Outdoors (indoors if it rains)
DETAILS: New merchandise, crafts, collectibles and a garage sale section! For information call 201-997-9535
ORGANIZATION: Sponsor by BHS Home & School

RUMMAGE SALE
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
October 1st, 2nd, 2004
EVENT: Garage & Rummage Sale
PLACE: Bellevue High School, 100 Pleasant Avenue, Bellevue, NJ
TIME: Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 9am-2pm
PRICE: Admission Free
INFORMATION: Coffee & Baked Goods On Site All Day Friday, Housewares, Dishes, Glasses & Stoneware, Tools, Small Appliances, Furniture, Books, Records, CDs, Toys & Clothing, Thousands of items. For information call 908-245-2237
ORGANIZATION: Daughters of Penelope

FRIDAY
October 15th, 2004
EVENT: Auction
PLACE: Community Center of St. Stanislaus & Helen Church, 510 Linden Place, Cranford, NJ
PRICE: Admission \$7
DETAILS: There will be many special prizes including gifts for the holiday and refreshments. Proceeds will benefit the many charities of the Daughters of Penelope. For information and to reserve tables call 973-731-8295
ORGANIZATION: Daughters of Penelope

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
October 8th, 9th, 2004
EVENT: Rummage Sale
PLACE: Battelle Hill Community Church, 777 Liberty Avenue, Union
TIME: Friday 9:30am-4:00pm, Saturday 9:30am-3:00pm
DETAILS: Come and find a treasure. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 908-688-LAMB
ORGANIZATION: The Moravian women of Battelle Hill Community Moravian Church

FRIDAY
October 1st, 2004
EVENT: Tricky Tray Gift Auction
PLACE: St. John the Apostle Church on Valley Road in Clark, near Siles Street
TIME: Doors open at 6:30pm and drawings begin at 8:00pm
PRICE: Donation is \$5 and refreshments will be available
DETAILS: Grand Prize is a new computer system. Ticket info call 732-382-5595. Proceeds from this event support scouting activities throughout the year and your support is greatly appreciated. Adults over 18 please.
ORGANIZATION: Sponsored by Cub Scout Pack #30

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HOROSCOPES

Oct. 4 to 10
ARIES, March 21 to April 19: Make compromise your key word this week. Take steps to meet a partner or friend half way and settle an ongoing disagreement or misunderstanding.
TAURUS, April 20 to May 20: Discipline is a valuable asset. Avoid scattering or wasting your physical resources or buying more than you can afford on your current budget.
GEMINI, May 21 to June 21: Friends are eager to expose you to a new social situation. Stay alert and learn the rules or regulations that will affect the success of your interactions.
CANCER, June 22 to July 22: A solid domestic or emotional foundation is important to your well-being. Take time to build strong and trusting relationships with family members.

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LEO, July 23 to Aug. 22: A lot of important or pertinent information is within your reach. Pay close attention to what is available and take clear and concise notes.
VIRGO, Aug. 23 to Sept. 22: Money promised to you may not come through in time to fulfill a need. Avoid any additional expenditures until you see improvement in your cash flow.
LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: You will find yourself at the center of attention this week. Get your ego out of the way and accept input or ideas from those around you.
SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 21: Details or secrets from the past are revealed now. Forgiveness is key. Own up to your mistakes and learn as much as you can from them.
SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 22 to Dec.

Museum exhibit offers rare glimpse into the possessions of royalty

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor
Go ahead, admit it: Everyone now and then, while you're working to pay the monthly bills, you wonder, maybe just for a moment, what it would be like to be royalty, to experience luxury as a matter of course.
Well, through Jan. 9, you'll have a chance to view royalty from a rare perspective. The Newark Museum, with considerable thanks to many other museums, is presenting an exhibit titled, "Nicholas and Alexandra: At Home with the Last Tsar and His Family." The exhibit features numerous personal belongings of the Romanov family from their residence in the Alexander Palace in Tsarskoye Selo, just 15 miles from St. Petersburg.

Washington, D.C.
"I've been interested in Russian history and arts for years," said Sweeney. "I was asked by the American-Russian Cultural Cooperation Foundation in Washington, D.C. to be a guest curator of this exhibition. I went to Russia several times to select objects held by several museums. Those museums lent us over 200 major objects from five Russian museums.
One object is a portrait of Nicholas that Sweeney said is more than 7 feet high, titled, "Portrait of Nicholas II." Another object she noted was a large

children cherished their toys, including some that have been lent to The Newark Museum for this exhibition.
"Russia," said Sweeney. Yet, more than a sense of how the tsar and his family lived, enabling visitors to the museum to imagine how a day with the tsar's family might have unfolded.
"The tapestry, this is a look behind the scenes at perhaps the most famous royal couple in the world and

Wilkins Theatre sets concert series

On Monday at 8 p.m., Kean University's Wilkins Theatre will present Alma Latina, the first concert in a series of four presented by the affiliate artist program. For the opening of the 2004-05 season, the affiliate artist program has been able to engage Patrick Mason, one of the country's leading baritone, who teaches at the University of Colorado at Boulder.
Wilkins Theatre is located on the main campus at 1000 Morris Ave. in Union. Tickets are \$10 and are available through the box office by calling 908-737-7469. Students, alumni, faculty, staff and seniors receive discounts.
"Patrick Mason, baritone, has appeared throughout the world in recitals and concerts of music from 10th century chant to contemporary scores written for him. Mason has been heard in London's Wigmore Hall with guitarist David Starobin and as baritone soloist with the Colorado Springs Symphony in Britten's "War Requiem."

Event will explore healing power of music

Can music heal the mind? Come find out what leading researchers and practitioners have discovered at an interactive day-long conference for mental health and social service providers, educators, caregivers, and artists.
"Music and the Mind: An Arts and Well Being Initiative" will take place on Oct. 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel, 1000 Spring St., Elizabeth. The event is sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Union County, the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.
Pre-registration is required. Students with I.D. is \$45 per person, which includes a continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and all materials. Registration is \$65. Registration on the day of the conference is \$75.

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encouraged to bring flyers and brochures to share at the resource table. To request a brochure or get more information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth 07202. For more information, call 908-558-2550. The e-mail address is culturalinfo@ucnj.org. Assi-tive services are available on request.
The conference features six workshop sessions: "Music and Aging," "Music Healing Trauma," "Music in Hospitals," "Music Reaching Special Needs Children," "Music and Schools," and "Music Enhancing Counseling." CEUs are available for professional development credit.
There also will be a panel discussion, "Vision of the Future," with experts about programs in music and healing moderated by Robert Perry of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. The panelists are Michael J. Bdzak, Ph.D., director of corporate contributions at Johnson & Johnson; Nancy-Marie Brice, Ph.D., executive director of the Mental Health Association of Union County; Daniela Mendelsohn, executive director of Artworks, the Naomi Cohain Foundation; and Robert Morrison, founder and chairman of the Music for All Foundation.
Networking opportunities will allow participants to share information with peers in the statewide arts and healing community. Attendees are

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## CONCERTS

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**THE WESTFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** performs Symphony No. 5 in C Minor at the Union County Arts Center on Tuesday. Tickets are \$50, \$40, \$35, \$30 and \$25. For more information, call the box office at 732-499-8226, or visit the Web site at www.uccac.org.

**RENEWED JAZZ VOCALIST PATTI AUSTIN** celebrates the spirit of bebop in her one-of-a-kind musical tribute to Ella Fitzgerald at the Union County Arts Center on Oct. 9 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$58, \$50 and \$45. For more information, call the box office at 732-499-8226, or visit the Web site at www.uccac.org.

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**THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC.** meets at 295 Jefferson Ave., Union, behind Home Depot on Route 22 East. The club is open to the public Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call 908-964-9724 or 908-964-8808. \$226, or visit the Web site at www.trmrc.com or visit the Web site at www.trmrc.com.

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

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

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• "Celebrating the Blues" with Dr. John and His Band, Charlie Musselwhite and Shenkita Copeland, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Prudential Hall. "Celebrating the Blues" brings together three of today's most prominent blues artists in a single evening. Four-time Grammy Award-winner Dr. John, whose real name is Mac Rebennack, stands with Louis Armstrong and Fats Domino as one of New Orleans' all-time distinctive voices, the living embodiment of the Crescent City's rich musical heritage thanks to hits like "Iko Iko," "Such a Night" and the classic "Right Place, Wrong Time." For almost 40 years, the name Musselwhite and the art of the blues harmonica have been synonymous. His 1967 debut album, "Stand Back," helped to put "white blues" on the map. Copeland is not yet 30, but she has conquered the blues community since the 1997 release of her debut album, "Turn Up the Heat." Her powerful voice echoes the foot-stomping urgency of greats like Albert King, Eric Clapton and Ruth Brown. Tickets: \$50, \$40, \$32, \$20 and \$12.

• "Guess How Much I Love You" and "I Love My Little Storybook." Mermaid Theater Company of Nova Scotia, Oct. 9 and 10, at 2 p.m., Victoria Theater, Ages 3 and up. The Magical Mermaid Theater of Nova Scotia returns, this time with a delightful stage adaptation of the popular children's book from author Jan McEwan. "Guess How Much I Love You" featuring narration by award-winning actor Beau Bridges, tells the heartwarming tale of Little Nuthatch Hare and Big Nuthatch Nana, a pair whose undying love tries to measure the immeasurable — the love between a parent and a child. "Excellent!" says *The Boston Globe*. "This story transforms two inures into remarkable characters." In "I Love My Little Storybook," a nager little bunny lies on the grass, opens his bunny, and within moments, the story he's reading comes to life in fascinating detail. Tickets, \$19 and \$10.

• Maurizio Pollini, piano, Oct. 10 at 3 p.m., Prudential Hall, Brendel, Kissin, Barenboim, Perahia, Watts — Italy's Maurizio Pollini is the last of the great piano virtuosos of our time to make his long-awaited NJPAC recital debut. Among today's keyboard artists, there is no one more revered by pianists and audiences alike, and his musical achievements are legendary.

• A breathtaking pianist! The most phenomenal precision and acute expressive power, every note precisely weighted, colored, and felt, says Gramophone. Tickets: \$65, \$50, \$48, \$38, \$24 and \$14.

• Saxophone Summit: Branford Marsalis Quartet, Joshua Redman Trio, Oct. 16, at 8 p.m., Prudential Hall. Saxophonist Branford Marsalis is equally at home on the stages of the world's greatest jazz clubs and concert halls. Over the course of 20 years, his 16 albums have earned three Grammys and his playing has reached a new level of emotional intensity and instrumental brilliance. *Chicago Tribune*, Joshua Redman has been making waves in the jazz world for almost 15 years, continually winning accolades, awards and polls from every jazz publication extant. *The New York Times* said it best: "There's only a handful of naturally gifted musicians, and Joshua is one of them."

• Gewandhaus Orchestra of Leipzig, Herbert Blomstedt, conductor, Gernik Ondras, piano, Oct. 22 at 8 p.m., Prudential Hall. Program: Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 1, Brahms: Symphony No. 2. Tickets: \$71, \$59, \$48, \$40, \$26 and \$17.

• Les Ballets Jazz De Montreal, Oct. 23, at 2 p.m., Victoria Theater, Ages 13 and up. This dynamic Canadian dance company brings a wildly eclectic repertoire that blends ballet, jazz and modern dance technique in works inspired by the spirit of jazz and other contemporary musical genres.

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• Manny Oquendo and Orchestra Libre, Latin Jazz All-Stars, Oct. 24, at 3 p.m., Victoria Theater, Ages 11 and up. Experience the energy and artistry of world-class Latin jazz with master timbalero and percussionist Manny Oquendo and his Orchestra Libre — while freely incorporating American jazz and Afro-Cuban influences. In association with NJM, Focus, Aspira and La Casa De Don Pedro. Tickets: \$23 and \$10.

• "Sing-Along Wizard of Oz," Oct. 24, at 3 p.m., Prudential Hall. Follow the yellow brick road — like never before! This interactive sensation combines audience participation with the timeless 1939 big-screen classic, digitally restored and remastered. Come dressed as your favorite character, compete for prizes a sing-along to subtitled versions of "Over the Rainbow." "If I Only had a Heart," and "The Wizard of Oz." The songs we've all grown up with. Transmitted to the big screen in HD with English subtitles. Tickets, \$65, \$50, \$48, \$38, \$24 and \$14.

• Grupo Corpo, Oct. 29 and 30, at 7:30 p.m., and Oct. 31, at 2:30 p.m., Victoria Theater. Grupo Corpo, the most successful contemporary dance company in Brazil, presents a vibrant fusion of ballet, jazz, modern dance and popular Afro-Brazilian dance styles, all infused with dazzling technique, lightning fast footwork and sultry sensuality. Its high-energy programs are as rich and multi-faceted as Brazilian culture itself. Tickets, \$38.

• Bale Folclorico Da Bahia, Oct. 30, at 8 p.m., Prudential Hall. Experience the sights, sounds and unique energy of Carnival with this show-stopping company — the epicenter of traditional Afro-Brazilian rhythm and movement — when they return to Prudential Hall with an all-new program. "With its choreographed carnival and slave dances, in the capoeira, and above all, in the gaiety of the samba, this exuberant, uniquely Brazilian group should absolutely be seen," says *The New York Times*. Tickets: \$50, \$44, \$36, \$28, \$20 and \$12.

• Vladimir Spivakov with the Moscow Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra, Oct. 31, at 3 p.m., Prudential Hall. Spivakov, one of the most famous violinists and conductors of our time, arrives at NJPAC with his internationally renowned Moscow Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra, an expert ensemble comprised of some of the top-ranking soloists from throughout Russia. Program: Strauss: Sextet for Strings from Capriccio, Op.85; Mozart, Violin Concerto No. 2 in D, K. 211; Bach, Concerto in C for Violin, Oboe and Strings; Shostakovich, "Preludium and Scherzo"; and Shoenberg, "Verk-larue Nacht." Tickets, \$56, \$50, \$42, \$34, \$22 and \$14.

• Michael Hatley's "Lord of the Dance," Nov. 2, at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 3, at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 4, at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m., Nov. 5, at 8 p.m., Nov. 6, at 2 and 8 p.m., and Nov. 7, at 3 p.m., Prudential Hall. The theatrical extravaganza that has helped catapult Irish dancing into the global spotlight returns to NJPAC. A mesmerizing blend of traditional and modern Celtic music and dance, Hatley's "Lord of the Dance" features more than 40 performers and is played out on a grand scale with precision dancing, dramatic music and vibrant costumes. *The New York Post* calls it "fascinating, rewarding and above all, entertaining." "A showpiece extravaganza," says the *Los Angeles Times*. Tickets, \$64, \$52, \$42, \$24 and \$14.

• Black 45's Lyrical Combat, MC battle, Curated and hosted by Black 45, Nov. 11, at 8 p.m., The Chase Room. As part of the Planet Hip Hop Festival, NJPAC hosts this electrifying MC battle. Participants will be chosen from Lyrical Combat's statewide competition, and a limited number of performance slots will be available on a first-come, first-served basis; cash prizes will be awarded to the top three contestants. Tickets: \$17.

• All-State Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Choir Concert, New Jersey Music Educators Association, International Association for Jazz Education, New Jersey Chapter, Mike Tomaro, jazz ensemble conductor, Nancy Stickle, choir conductor, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m., Victoria Theater, ages 8 and up. This special concert brings together some of the best young jazz musicians and vocalists from across the state for a dynamic group performance. The performance will feature jazz classics in the big band style under the musical direction of composer, arranger and musician Mike Tomaro, director of Jazz Studies at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, and vocalist Nancy Stickle, conductor of the Willingboro High School Jazz Choir. A For Kids, By Kids event, featuring young performers. Tickets: \$21 and \$9.

• Secret Circle Music and Jerry Chas, Nov. 12 at 8 p.m., The Chase Room. This evening of cutting-edge artistry welcomes some of the hottest, most innovative artists representing the latest trends in spoken word, poetry, hip hop theater and solo performance. Performers include Ella Turunen, Fauzi Ra Oof, Flo Brown, Jennifer C. Armas, Marcella Cohen, Marubi' Selah, Pandora Scooter, Raheed Adero, Steven Wong and Taalam Acey-Tickets \$17.

• Verse 4 Verse Open Mic, hosted by Ras Baraka and Juba Dowdell, Nov. 12 at 11 p.m., Flava, 24 East Park St., Newark, around the corner from NJPAC. Planet Hip Hop and long-standing poetry forum Verse 4 Verse invite both established and up-and-coming artists to exchange ideas and share their work at this lively open mic event. Come early and sign up as one of the evening's performers, or just sit back and listen to what's sure to be a diverse array of popular as well as undiscovered voices. Tickets: free.

• Poetry Speaks, an original program of Akita Workshops, Panel discussion/workshop curated and hosted by April Silver, Nov. 13 from noon to 6 p.m., The Chase Room. Silver, founder of the Brooklyn-based Akita Workshops, will produce a full day of panel discussions, poetry readings and workshops with legendary poets, as well as renowned poets of the hip hop generation. Tickets are free.

• Paper Bag Players, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m., Victoria Theater, ages 3 and up. This acclaimed troupe of performers specializes in subject matter that reflects a child's every day experiences — with a healthy dash of the fantastic thrown in for fun. The Paper Bag Players return to NJPAC with their short plays, rousing songs, free-wheeling dances and audience participation, bringing imaginative new life to familiar objects. "Unquestionably, the leading United States theater company for kids," says People Magazine. "They exemplify excellence in children's theater," says *The New York Post*. Tickets, \$19 and \$10.

• Heat, Se, 'ch, Tag, Nov. 13 at 8 p.m., Victoria Theater. Beat Box Entertainment and Scratch DJ Academy come together to present some of the most awesome, beatbox and turntable artists in the country, featuring local hip hop phenomenon Kenny Muhammad and others. Newark's own Jerry Gant will create a living art piece as the backdrop at this evening's event. Tickets: \$17.

• Bobby McFerrin & Savion Glover, Nov. 20 and 27 at 8 p.m., Prudential Hall. This Grammy Award-winning trio has built a peerless musical legacy thanks to its infectious hits like "Blowin' in the Wind," "If I Had a Hammer," "Leaving On a Jet Plane" and "Puff, the Magic Dragon." After four decades of recordings and live performances, Peter, Paul and Mary continue to lend their rich sound and strong social conscience to America's great folk music heritage. Part of the AT&T Premier Artist Series. Tickets, \$56, \$54, \$36, \$24 and \$14.

• "Deliverance." Planet Hip Hop After Party, Nov. 13 at 11 p.m., Masonic Oriental Lodge, 37 Fulton St., downtown Newark, around the corner from NJPAC. NJPAC's Planet Hip Hop invites you to dance, mingle and rock the house. "Deliverance," Newark's monthly underground premier dance party. This high-energy celebration will feature music, courtesy of the resident disc jockey for "Deliverance," DJ Aaron and special guest disc jockey, Hard Hittin' Harry, formerly of The Fugees. Tickets: free.

• DBA — Doing Business As Usual? Panel discussion, keynote speech, featuring Doug E. Fresh, Nov. 14 at noon to 5 p.m., The Chase Room. This day-long event will feature a panel discussion with noted leaders in the hip hop entrepreneurial community who will share their insights and strategies on building and doing business in the world of this vital, ever-expanding art form. Planet Hip Hop concludes with a keynote speech by trend-setting hip hop pioneer Doug E. Fresh. One of rap's first superstars, Fresh is known worldwide as "The Original Human Beatbox" and as the hit-maker behind classic cuts like "The Show," with then-partner MC Ricky D., and "Influential Albums," "Play" and "The World's Greatest Entertainer." Tickets \$12.

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• Solo Jazz Piano: Marian McPartland and Jason Moran, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m., Victoria Theater. Two generations of pianists come together for an evening of the very best in solo jazz piano. Marian McPartland is the "First Lady of Piano Jazz" and the host of Marian McPartland's Piano Jazz series on NPR. For more than 60 years, she has been delighting audiences in clubs and concert halls around the world and has recorded more than 60 albums and CDs. Jason Moran has achieved an incredible feat: unanimous praise among jazz critics. As both pianist and composer, he is rapidly blazing a trail as the most innovative and important new voice in jazz to come along in years. Each artist will play a solo set and then collaborate on two pianos. Tickets: \$42.

• Karen Akers, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m., The Chase Room. One of America's most riveting concert and cabaret stars returns to NJPAC from Carnegie Hall to Broadway "Grand Hotel," "Ning" — to the famed Olgork Room of New York's Algonquin Hotel. Akers has long delighted critics and audiences alike. "Akers is a great voice," says *The Los Angeles Herald-Examiner*, "an instrument with the power of Stravinsky, the dark passion of Piaf" and the lean irony of Dietrich's." Tickets: \$47.

• Howard Shore's "Lord of the Rings" Symphony, with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, John Mauceri, conductor, Sissel, vocalist, Montclair State University Chorus, Heather J. Buchanan, choral conductor, New Jersey Youth Chorus, Patricia Joyce, choral conductor. NJPAC and NJSO join forces to present the exclusive New York Metropolitan area premiere of "The Lord of the Rings" Symphony," featuring music from the blockbuster big-screen trilogy whose soundtrack successes have sold over four million copies.

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At request by the membership, a new meeting place for the Union County Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) has been located. For meeting dates of October 6, November 3, and December 7, 2004, the TAB will meet at 8:00 PM at the Facility Dining Room, located at the Building, Union County College, 1033 Springfield Avenue, Union County, NJ 07080. Meeting dates and the meeting starting time remain unchanged. Directions and information to the College can be obtained at its website: [www.union.edu](http://www.union.edu) or at daytime phone: (908) 709-7502 or at evening phone: (908) 527-4086. Meeting planning: (908) 527-4086. Union County College, 1033 Springfield Avenue, Union County, NJ 07080. (908) 527-4086.

**NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS (U.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:**

JOSE SARVIA, MARY A. THOMPSON, and each of their heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED TO appear in the Superior Court of the State of New Jersey, County of Essex, at 100 State Street, Suite 301, Mountaintop, NJ 07093, on October 1, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. to answer to the Complaint and to defend in a civil action, in and for the County of Essex, New Jersey, against PANY INC., Plaintiff, and ANTHONY GREENE, Jr., et al., Defendants. The Superior Court of the State of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket # 04-01-001, within thirty-five (35) days after September 30, 2004, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief sought in the Complaint and Amendment to Foreclosure Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of New Jersey, together with your check in the sum of \$375.00 representing the filing fee in accordance with the rules of civil practice, and procedure.

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**mortgage market place**

**Weekly Mortgage News**

McLean, VA - Freddie Mac (NYSE:FRE) today released the results of its Primary Mortgage Market Survey in which the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage (FRM) averaged 5.70 percent, with an average 0.7 points, for the week ending September 27, 2004, down from last week when it averaged 5.75 percent. Last year at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 6.01 percent.

The average for the 15-year FRM this week is 5.10 percent, with an average 0.7 points, also down from last week when it averaged 5.13 percent. A year ago, the 15-year FRM averaged 5.30 percent.

One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 4.00 percent this week, with an average 0.7 points, down from last week when it averaged 4.03 percent. At this time last year, the one-year ARM averaged 3.81 percent.

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

"This new millennium has proven to be very homeowner friendly. For instance, in the last four years we have set records in housing starts, housing sales, low mortgage rates, refinancing volumes and total mortgage originations," said Frank Nofziger, Freddie Mac vice president and chief economist. "As a matter of fact, low mortgage rates in August led to housing starts in that month that were the second highest in over two decades."

"Our Primary Mortgage Market Survey results this week show mortgage rates slipping again, which will all but guarantee that the housing industry will continue at its robust pace and set yet another record for both new construction and overall home sales."

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 homeowners in America.

Lender & phone	30Yr fixed rate/pls/apr	15yr fixed rate/pls/apr	ARMs(ppm) rate/pls/apr	Additional programs/information
American Federal	5.125-5.25	4.625-5.14	4.04-4.25(1/1)	All Rates and Fees are Guaranteed in Writing!
Monetta Corp	5.15-5(0/1)		3.0-2(1/1)	<a href="http://www.amneting.com">www.amneting.com</a>
888-321-6847	5.025-5(0/1)			
Colonial Bank	5.125-5.421	4.25-5.14	4.0-4.55(1/1)	70yr fix 5.0-5.532 to 10MM / 10yr fix
800-942-4889	5.375-5.25	4.52-4.84	4.25-5(0/1)	4.875-5(1/1) Ask about our construction loan
	5.025-5.14	4.11-4.44	4.025-5(0/1)	2nd & Invest home: Affordable housing discount
	5.15-5.05	4.05-4.09	3.125-5.05(1/1)	80/10 to no PM prog reduced dot & many more
First Mortgage	5.1-5.83	4.15-5.425	4.375-5(0/1)	Call 1-800-8FLEET1
800-466-3010				
Interstate Savings	5.15-5.751	5.125-5.026	4.025-5(0/1)	Other loan programs available.
Bank			5.00-5(0/1)	Loans to \$2 million.
800-252-8118			5.25-5.05(12/1)	Jumbo rate the same as conforming rates.
				Portfolio leader.
Loan Source	5.15-5.05	4.15-5.04	5.04-5(1/1)	N.J.'s lowest mortgage rate! Jumbo specialists.
800-561-5279			5.15-5.05(1/1)	<a href="http://www.loansearch.com">www.loansearch.com</a>
			4.85-5(0/1)	
Livestock Mortgage	Call	Call	Call	Call for great rates and service!
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Partners	5.125-5.17	4.5-5.04	4.25-5(0/1)	Zero pts., two low loans available.
888-841-5442				Free ratebase broker.
				<a href="http://partnersmort.com">partnersmort.com</a>
Street Bank	6.125-5.17	5.25-5.32	4.375-5(0/1)	Call us about our latest rates!
800-683-3038			4.875-5(0/1)	

**National Averages**

30-year mortgage National Average: 5.70%

15-year mortgage National Average: 5.10%

1-year ARM mortgage National Average: 4.00%

Information is current as of September 27, 2004 and is intended to be accurate but cannot be guaranteed and is subject to change without notice. Credit history, FICO Score and other factors may affect program rates. Rates based on \$150,000 single family home. Jumbo rates shown on \$111,700 loan based on a \$150,000 loan minimum down payment requirements, and other restrictions may apply. Closing costs may vary. Contact your lender for details. No prepayment penalties. 1.0% prepayment penalty and discount fees. Loan - rate lock period 60-90 days lock with specified ARM - Annual Percentage Rate and actual APR. Includes costs to obtain loan and prepayment penalties of required ARM program. Rate Mortgage program. Copyright © 2004, New York Systems, Inc.

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**LIFESTYLE**



Fred Carchman and Danielle Feldman

**Feldman, Carchman to wed**

Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Feldman of Longmeadow, Ma., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Danielle L. to Fred M. Carchman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Carchman of Springfield.

Ms. Feldman graduated from Brown University Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor of arts in international relations. She earned a master of science degree at the London School of Economics. Ms. Feldman received her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. She is an associate in the Insurance Coverage Litigation Group of Anderson Kill & Olick, P.C. in Newark.

Mr. Carchman earned a bachelor of arts in accounting from the University of Connecticut, Cum Laude. He was a candidate for the Joseph H. Cohen award for his score on the state CPA exam. Mr. Carchman earned his law degree from Rutgers Law School-Camden with a distinction and is currently pursuing a L.L.M. degree in taxation at New York University Law School. He is senior tax manager in the Mergers & Acquisitions Group of Deloitte & Touche in Manhattan.

A May wedding is planned.

**Genna, Maresca to wed**

Vito Genna and Trudy Genna, employed by Summit Board of Education of Summit as an inclusion teacher for grades 2 and 3, announced the engagement of their daughter, Michaela Maresca, son of James Maresca and Linda Maresca of Piscesat-away.

The bride to be is a graduate of Kean University in Union, Cum Laude graduate, and is employed by Schering Plough of Kenilworth as a quality engineer.

A July 3, 2005 wedding is planned.



Michael Maresca and Danielle Genna

**Policy on weddings and engagements**

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the Lifestyle editor. Announcements should be typed, doubled spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification or it time a questions arise.

Information requested for engagements are parents names, date of wedding, where the wedding took place, who officiated, who attended the bride and groom, high school name and town, college name, town and degree, name of employer and towns where located, job title and where the couple honeymooned and will reside.

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**Family fun workshops, outdoor crafts highlight activities**

Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 -Hobart Ave., offers a variety of upcoming fall programs and educational opportunities.

For information on any of the following, call 908-273-8787 or visit [www.reeves-reedarboretum.org](http://www.reeves-reedarboretum.org).

Three- to 7-year-olds will learn about food hands-on at Reeves-Reed Arboretum this fall in after-school Family Fun workshops.

In November, participants will follow the trail from seed to table, learn about some of the plants people depend on for food. They'll turn flour

into a savory dough to take home and bake. Pre-kindergarten workshops are Nov. 8 and 12; a post-kindergarten workshop is Nov. 5.

The arboretum has also scheduled other Family Fun workshops. In October, children will learn about autumn leaves. In December, they will learn about wild canines.

All Family Fun workshops are from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Pre-kindergarten children should be accompanied by an adult.

The fee for each workshop is \$20 per child. There is a discount on Family Fun programs for arboretum members.

As Jack Frost lights on the pumpkin, activities at Reeves-Reed celebrate the bounties of nature. On Tuesday, adults may learn to fashion a rustic harvest wreath of grape vines decorated with dried sunflower, yarrow, quince, oak leaves and mosses. The wreath may either be hung on a wall or door, or laid flat on the table to surround a hurricane lamp. The fee for participating is \$40 per person.

Crafts for children include a Fall Colors Workshop. Children will hike the grounds to find autumn leaves in different shapes and colors, and preserve the leaves. Three-to-five year olds and their caregivers may attend on either Oct. 18 or 22.

**NJCVA prepares fall workshop schedule**

The non-profit New Jersey Center for Visual Arts is preparing for the fall 2004 semester beginning Monday for most classes and workshops.

Classes and workshops are offered in all the major areas of the visual arts and are designed for all ages and degrees of exposure, beginners and professionals alike. The curriculum includes semester 10-week long courses in drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture and jewelry, as well as one to three day workshop intensives. The fall 2004 semester runs through Dec. 12.

Walk-in registration will be conducted today and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at NJCVA at 68 Elm St. Students may view the 2004 catalogue online at [www.njcva.org](http://www.njcva.org) where they may print out a registration form which may be mailed or faxed in. Unfortunately, to secure registration, phone registration is not accepted.

NJCVA's fall 2004 offerings include a number of new classes and workshops.

- Figurative Drawing and Painting with John Varriano, offered over a course of 10 weeks, explores the principles of visual expression through the study of the nude and draped model with an accent on artistic anatomy, accompanied by occasional formal lectures.
- Introduction to Printmaking with Jessica Leonard is the ideal class for students looking to experience the many unique types of printmaking, while focusing on the development of ideas and execution.
- For everyone interested in finally getting the digital camera to work properly or for those looking to delve further into the medium, the class Digital Media with Don Palero will be offered this fall. The course provides students with an in-depth overview of digital imaging through discussion and demonstration. Prior experience is not needed, but beneficial.

No Time for a class or workshop? Set your own schedule.

- Open studios are available for NJCVA members and non-members, or any artist seeking to work independently in a professional environment without an instructor. Open studios are scheduled throughout the week for pottery/sculpture, jewelry and photography.
- Each open studio session is 2.5 hours and is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members and the general public.
- A discounted ticket book is available to NJCVA members in the registrar's office.
- For information and to view a complete class, workshop and open studio schedule, log on to [www.njcva.org](http://www.njcva.org) or call 908-273-9121.

**Choral group meets for rehearsals**

The Concord Singers, a unique non-auditioning women's chorus, is seeking new members as it starts rehearsals for the fall season. Rehearsals are from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Mondays at Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit. For information, visit the new Web site at [www.concordingers.org](http://www.concordingers.org) or call 908-771-0978.

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**NJDOT SEEKS YOUR INPUT ON SAFETY PROJECTS IN THE ROUTE 22 CORRIDOR**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING:**

Tuesday, October 5, 2004  
Springfield Municipal Building  
100 Mountain Avenue, Court Room  
Springfield  
4 - 8 p.m.

Presentations: 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The NJDOT Study Team invites you to attend the public information meeting to learn more about the project and the suggested improvements for various locations along the Route 22 Corridor.

Come share your concerns and suggestions.

**JAMES E. MCGREEVEY** Governor  
**JOHN F. LETTIERE** Commissioner

AT THE LIBRARY

'Images of Steel'

'Images of Steel,' an exhibit of photography by Howard Stern will be displayed at the Donald H. Palmer Museum of Springfield Free Public Library, 60 Mountain Ave., through Oct. 5.

As a photographer, Stern likes to capture "faces." This particular exhibit combines his love of sculpture, welding and photography to create a unique view of all kinds of found objects, such as sparkplugs, screwdrivers, wrenches and truck axles.

Hours of the exhibit are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 973-376-4930.

Fall activities planned

Mountain State Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, has a variety of activities planned for the upcoming fall months for young children in the community.

Pre-school Storytime will be Thursdays through Oct. 7 from 2 to 2:30 p.m.

Lunchtime videos

Springfield Free Public Library, 60 Mountain Ave., will conclude its Lunchtime Video Series with the film "New York: Heroes of 9/11," Tuesday at noon.

When two hijacked planes, crashed into New York's World Trade Center, one man rose to save the city.

To his political opponents, Mayor Rudy Giuliani, played by James Woods, was a bully and a tyrant. To women, he was irresistible, but couldn't be faithful. Yet, on Sept. 11, he became an American hero. This is the inside story of the man who held a terrified city — and a shaken nation — together with sheer guts and heart as

the towers fell.

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that public hearings will be held by the Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside in the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey, on the following dates:

THE SPANISH TAVERN, 1385 ROUTE 22, MOUNTAINSIDE, N.J. 07053.

CONSTRUCTION OF GANDY AND ENLARGEMENT OF STORAGE SHED IN SIDE YARD

VARIANCES REQUIRED FOR EXISTING CONDITIONS:

INSUFFICIENT LOT AREA, INSUFFICIENT FRONT YARD, INSUFFICIENT SIDE YARD, INSUFFICIENT SETBACK, GROUND FLOOR AREA, INSUFFICIENT LOT WIDTH, MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE, INSUFFICIENT PARKING

NEW VARIANCE: 10033 sq. ft. (2) 1st FLOOR INSUFFICIENT SIDE YARD FOR STORAGE SHED

Ruin M. Rovey, Secretary, 089178 ECL Sept 30, 2004 (512.38)

SHERIFF'S SALE

DIVISION CHANCERY COUNTY UNION DOCKET NO. F272102 PLAINTIFF: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. DEFENDANT: MARIE CHANTAL ANDERSON, KIMBERLY STENGEL, HIS WIFE, GAIL TANDALESSI, ETC.

WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2004

SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2004

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

Please take notice that the following decision was made at the regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment held on Tuesday, September 21, 2004.

Application # 2004-11 Applicant: James Pisauru

Site Location: 129 Short Hills Avenue Block 607 Lot 7

For: A front yard variance for construction.

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Ask your doctor about this lifesaving new technology, or, for a referral to one of our specialists, call 1-800-AHS-9580 or visit www.AtlanticHealth.org.



Advertisement for 'Professionals in a Directory'. It features a large header 'Professionals in a Directory' and a grid of services including Chiropractor, Space Available, and Professional services. At the bottom, it lists 'Hecht Family Chiropractic Care' with contact information: 235 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081, 973-564-5885, and website www.hechtchiropractic.com. The Atlantic Health System logo is also present.

Dr. Warren Nestler

Dr. Warren Nestler, 71, of Bergen County, died Sept. 23 of a heart attack at his home in Summit, N.J.

Dr. Nestler lived in Summit and Cape Cod before moving to Bangor. He was a physician in Summit and an administrator at Overlook Hospital, Summit, for many years.

He was a 1943 graduate of Columbia University, New York City. Dr. Nestler received his medical degree from Cornell Medical School, New York City, and completed his residency at New York Hospital. He then served in the Navy for two years as an officer during World War II.

In Summit, Dr. Nestler was a member of the Mountain Side Club, the Rotary Club and the Hudson Hills Club. He was active as a volunteer at the Great Swamp in Morris County and at the Monmouth National Seashore in Cape Cod, Mass. Dr. Nestler also was treasurer of the Frenchman's Bay Conservancy, co-chairman of the Fields-Pond Audubon Center and a children's tour leader at the Secrets of the Forest, all in Bangor.

Surviving are his wife of 12 years, Joan, three daughters, Sally O'Neill, Joan Fleming and Susan; three sons, J. Peter, Steven and Andy; four step-daughters, Elizabeth Woodcock, Mary Kielzman, Frank Templeton and Julie Trivette; three stepsons, John, Andy and Tim Woodcock; a sister, Jeanne; and 35 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Dr. Leonard Berman

Dr. Leonard M. Berman, 93, of Summit died Sept. 22 in the Glenside Nursing Home, New Providence.

Born in Brooklyn, Dr. Berman lived in Newark before moving to Summit 55 years ago. He was an attending physician at Overlook Hospital, Summit, and maintained a private practice in Summit for 50 years before retiring in 1986.

Earlier, he taught sociology at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, in the 1970s. Dr. Berman received a bachelor's degree and a medical degree from the University of Michigan, and a master's degree in sociology from Columbia University, New York City. In 1988, he was awarded the Gold Merit Award for 50 years of distinguished service.

Frances Russo

Frances Russo, 74, of Summit died Sept. 23 in Morrisview Memorial Hospital.

Born in Italy, Mrs. Russo came to the United States in 1946 and lived in Madison for five years before moving to Summit 53 years ago. She was a candlemaker for Chatham Candle Co., Chatham, for three years before retiring.

Thomas Flanagan

Thomas Flanagan, 85, of Toms River, formerly of Mountaintide, died Sept. 23 at home.

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Flanagan lived in Westfield for 10 years and Mountaintide for 30 years before moving to Toms River 14 years ago. He was employed by New Jersey Bell Telephone Co., Newark, where he worked for 47 years throughout northern New Jersey before retiring in 1983. Mr. Flanagan served with the Army Signal Corps during World War II.

Michael Gwirtsman

Michael Gwirtsman, 43, of Springfield, formerly of Elizabeth, died Sept. 21 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

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Arlene Commarato

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Mr. Burgess was born in Newark. He was a zoning officer for the Borough of Mountaintide for seven years. Mr. Burgess received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, W.Va., in 1974.

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11:00 PM SHARON SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, 973-370-5387. Jewish education, Hebrew classes, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and more.

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JOY'S CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 973-378-4025. Fax 973-378-8887. Remo Madsen, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 am.

PENTECOSTAL - NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST

UNITARIAN CHURCH IN SUMMIT, 4 Walden Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, 908-271-3245. www.usummit.org. Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Minister. Michelle Vines, Music and Choir Director. Sunday Services and religious education classes at 9:30 and 11:00 AM.

WEEK THREE GAMES

Friday, Oct. 1 (3) Westfield at Shabazz, 7 p.m. Walkill Valley at Brearley, 7 p.m. New Prov. R. Park, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2 (7) Elizabeth at Linden, 1 p.m. Irvington at Plainfield, 1 p.m. Cranford at Scotch Plains, 1 p.m. Hillside at Gov. Livingston, 1 p.m. Millburn at Rahway, 1 p.m. Johnson at Roselle, 1 p.m. Dover at Summit, 1:30 p.m. Off: Union.

WEEK TWO SCORES

Thursday, Sept. 23 (1) Gov. Liv. 48, Del. Valley 19. Friday, Sept. 24 (7) West Essex 41, Summit 7. Union 58, Newark East Side 0. Cranford 48, Shabazz 6. Irvington 23, Scotch Plains 0. Elizabeth 30, Plainfield 14. Roselle 32, Newark Central 18. Roselle Park 35, Manville 0. Saturday, Sept. 25 (1) Rahway 7, Hillside 6. Sunday, Sept. 26 (2) North Plainfield 34, Johnson 12. New Providence 22, Brearley 14. Off: Linden, Westfield.

WEEK THREE PICKS (10)

Shabazz over Westfield. Brearley over Walkill Valley. New Providence over R. Park. Elizabeth over Linden. Irvington over Plainfield. Cranford over Scotch Plains. Gov. Livingston over Hillside. Rahway over Millburn. Roselle over Johnson. Summit over Dover. Last week: 6-5. This year: 18-15 (5-45).

UNITARY COUNTY

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini Sports Editor

After three weekends, there are only three undefeated teams remaining in Union County. All three are involved in, perhaps, the two biggest games of the upcoming weekend.

The unbeaten are Elizabeth at 3-0 and Linden and New Providence at 2-0. New Providence will play at Roselle Park tomorrow night at 7:30 at Herm Shaw Field in a key Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division clash.

Linden will host Elizabeth Saturday at 1 p.m. at Cooper Field, a battle of Watching Conference squads seeking to get back to the state playoffs in North 2, Group 4. Both did not make the field last year after qualifying in 2002.

Linden had last weekend off after opening with home wins over Plainfield and Cranford. Elizabeth has defeated Shabazz, Irvington and Plainfield at home.

Cranford won at Scotch Plains 13-6 two years ago, while Scotch Plains won at Cranford 33-22 last year, coming back from a 14-13 halftime deficit.

Cranford's win over Scotch Plains two years ago was the beginning of a nine-game regular-season winning streak that was snapped by the Raiders last year.

Elizabeth's wins over Scotch Plains and Cranford were the first games as head coaches last weekend - both on the road.

Satterfield's wins evened their record at 1-1 after winning at Newark Central 32-18 Friday night at Shabazz Stadium.

Mobley's Indians also evened their record at 1-1 after winning at Hillside 7-6 Saturday afternoon.

Governor Livingston first-year head coach Terry Hanratty has his Highlanders at 2-1, while Johnson first-year mentor Gus Kalikas is still seeking his first victory, his Crusaders off to a 1-0-3 start.

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GL girls' tennis off to an impressive start at 7-1

By Jeff Wolfram Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD - Young and fiery good. That's a fair assessment of the Governor Livingston High School's tennis team.



Photo by Barbara Kocalka

The Brearley High School football team, sparked by the play of senior quarterback Vinny Russo (No. 10) and junior running back Jake Floyd (No. 44), will seek to get back to the top of the Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division on Saturday night at 7:30 against non-conference rival Walkill Valley.

Brearley held its own vs. a tough conference foe

Coach Miller is proud of his team's effort

By Jeff Wolfram Staff Writer

NEW PROVIDENCE - Despite some questionable flags, calls and spots, Brearley High School head football coach Scott Miller felt his team's performance in a 22-14 setback to Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division rival New Providence Sunday afternoon at Lieder Field was a gallant effort.

"I'm always proud of how my team plays," Miller said. "They bust their butts for me and do everything that I ask of them. They put everything they got on the field."

With the loss, Brearley dropped to 2-1, while New Providence improved to 2-0.

Trailing 22-8 late in the fourth quarter, the Bears clawed their way back into the game at 22-14 with 7:09 remaining when senior quarterback Vinny Russo found senior wide receiver Nick Mascaro for a seven-yard touchdown pass.

The 10-play, 47-yard drive started with 6:04 left after the Pioneers were stopped three-and-out.

After opening the march with a nine-yard pass to Mascaro on first down, Russo threw incomplete on his next two attempts.

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SPORTS

Minutemen football teams triumphant

Top Cranford, Chatham, Irv.

Springfield Minutemen football teams were victorious in games that took place Sunday and Sept. 19.

Springfield's E Team defeated the Cranford Cougars at home Sunday, dominating play. Jared Clayton was the offensive standout with three touchdowns. Helping in the effort was Matthew Seale with two consecutive long runs.

Dylan Curry excelled at five different offensive positions, while linemenbackers A.J. Carlucci and Nicolas Matarazzo also had some quality runs. Quarterback Chas Bohannon connected with passes to Connor McTernan, Curry and Seale.

It was a stellar day for the Springfield defense, which was led by the performance of Joshua Goldberg. The linemen stopped several plays behind the line of scrimmage. Also playing well and making tackles on the line were Craig Downey, Chris Georgia, Adam Kennedy, Matthew Liebowitz, Michael Saladino, Joseph Wightman and Matarazzo.

The Minutemen D Team defeated Chatham 28-19 Sunday for its third straight win. Anthony Priss threw a touchdown pass to Anna Liles for Springfield's first touchdown. Tevin Knight ran in the second, while John Balboni handled the third and fourth. Balboni and Liles each ran in an extra point, while Knight made an awesome catch to score another extra point.

Excelling on the offensive line for the Minutemen (3-0) were Joe Policastro, Tyler Endaz, Jesse DiCocco, Matt Lyna and Patrick Coyne.

The Springfield defense held tough when called upon. Endaz had a huge quarterback sack, while Priss and Balboni had impressive tackles. The line was bolstered by the outstanding performances of Daniel Perez, Rondre Kelly, Sam Greenberg and Stephen Bratsch.

Springfield's C Team also improved to 3-0 after a 13-0 win over Chatham Sunday. The offense was led by John Hoehn, who scored the game's only two touchdowns.

John Cimo powered his way for a total of 75 yards rushing, while Glenn Wallace broke a half-dozen tackles for a total of 35 yards. Skyler Apicella broke free into the end zone for an extra point catch.

The C Team's defense was sparked by the efforts of Kareem Jackson, who had seven solo tackles and was in on many more. Brendan Downey and D.J. DiProffo each had five tackles, with DiProffo causing a fumble that was recovered by teammate Chris Masio.

Jake Saladino and Dave Wightman were solid on both sides of the ball. Phenomenal blocking was provided by Weston Balboni and Michael Stepien.

On Sept. 19, Springfield's D Team rolled past Irvington 26-0. Knight scored two touchdowns and Liles and Balboni one. Balboni and Knight also ran in extra points. Prus had an awesome run and the entire offensive line was unstoppable.

Irvington could do nothing against the Minutemen defense and was only able to accomplish one first down. DiCocco sacked the quarterback three times, while Endaz had two sacks and one fumble recovery. Balboni and Greenberg did an excellent job of containing the outside corners all day.

Also contributing to the shutout defensive effort were Evan Krupp, Luis Martinez, Lyna, Bratsch, Kelly and Coyne.

Springfield Power, Emeralds youth booters are victorious

The following is a look at how Springfield youth soccer teams performed last weekend:

Power 4, Lincoln Park Pumas 2: Alexa Williams and Jackie Loeschelle scored two goals for the 12-and-under Power. Jenn Russo, Remy Schaefer and Mallory DeMauro attacked Lincoln Park all game, backed up by the solid mid-field play of Gabrielle Pypiak, Rebecca Frank, Erika Seale and Jessica Gonzalez.

Playing strong defense and limiting Lincoln Park to a few quality shots on goalie Emily MacDonald were Kelsey Ricci, Stacey Shevitz, Angela Berardinelli, Natalie Bratsch and Brendon Warman.

Mountain Lakes Tigers 3, Scorpions 1: Zack Haliczar scored the lone Springfield goal for the 11-and-under Scorpions. Mountain Lakes scored once in the first half to even the game at 1-1 before adding two more goals in the second.

Also playing well for the Scorpions were Nico Izzi, Ross Konesky, Matt Disko and Sergio Anzuinoz up front; John Balboni, Ryan Cutino, Mike Disko, Andrew Homish and Ryan Schweitzer in the midfield and Brandon Moss, Max Kotler, Nick Pearl, Matt Lyna, Christian Schmidt, Brian Defore and goalkeeper Peter Yablonsky and Jake Rudolph on defense.

The Scorpions look to even their record Sunday with a game at the Parsippany Emeralds.

Asterals 3, Jefferson Lady Falcons 0: Forward Amanda Greenberg scored two goals and assisted on the other for the 10-and-under Emeralds. Midfielder Rachel Lauletto scored Springfield's first goal with a blistering shot off a pass from Greenberg. One of Greenberg's goals came off a lead pass from midfielder Heather Friven.

Forwards Cara Bibbo, Deirdre McElroy and Allison Knapp kept consistent offensive pressure on the Falcons. Midfielders Caitlin Curry, Casey Sheehy, Amanda Stein and Jaclyn Nardone kept alive in the Falcon defensive line.

Fullbacks Katie Condon, Sabrina Bibbo and Jessica Condon rarely allowed Jefferson to muster any offensive attack. Cara Bibbo and Frizen each made five spectacular saves in sharing the shutout, the Emeralds scored in a row.

The Emeralds improved to 3-0 in Morris County Youth Soccer Association play.

Vernon Tigers 5, Roadrunners 4: In a nip-and-tuck battle, host Vernon scored the game-winning goal with just 90 seconds remaining in regulation on Sunday. Manny Barrera scored all four goals for the 9-and-under Roadrunners.

Three of Barrera's goals were set up by the playmaking of forwards Bailey Rudolph, Joey Iuliano and Reese Petersen. One of his goals came on a penalty kick.

Also playing well for the Roadrunners were goalkeeper Drew Farbatin, defender Chris Vega, Phil Moore, Tommy Walsh, Boomer Sack, Ryan Fitzpatrick, DeYoung Don, Tyler Citron, Vinnie Nagy and Will Francis.

Springfield is scheduled to host Vernon Oct. 10 after hosting the Hanover Warriors this Sunday.

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Summit resident Dr. Christopher Magovern, a cardiothoracic surgeon with Morristown Memorial Hospital, lines up a put with the help of Dr. Jerry Lozner, a vascular surgeon with Overlook Hospital in Summit, while practicing at the Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield.

## Doctors take aim at golf outing

Summit resident Dr. Christopher Magovern, a cardiothoracic surgeon with Morristown Memorial Hospital, and Dr. Jerry Lozner, a vascular surgeon with Overlook Hospital in Summit, are co-chairing the sixth annual American Heart Association Cardiac Golf Classic at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield on Monday, Oct. 18.

Also chairing the event are Short Hills resident Dr. William Tansey III, a cardiologist with the Summit Medical Group, P.A., and Robert Lanz, vice president of public affairs with the Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

The American Heart Association Cardiac Golf Classic is open to corporations, businesses, and the public, and raises money to help fund the critically important mission of the American Heart Association to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

Nearly 29,000 people in New Jersey die annual from heart disease and stroke. The American Heart Association Cardiac Golf Classic will be played on Baltusrol's par-70 Lower Course, which is ranked 22nd in Golf Digest magazine's list of America's 100 Greatest Golf Courses, and which will host the 2005 PGA Championship.

For player or sponsorship information about the 2004 Golf Classic, call the American Heart Association at 1-732-683-9721.

## HEALTH

### Self-help group meets

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., from 7 to 9 p.m.

The group also meets in the same room on the fourth Saturday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m.

For information, call 908-233-7074.

### Depression support group in Spanish

Overlook Hospital is introducing a new support group for depression facilitated in Spanish by Odalys Cardona, Overlook family practice social worker.

The goal of the Spanish-speaking support group is to provide members an opportunity to share their experiences, concerns, and hopes in their native language.

The program takes place from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays at Overlook Hospital, Conference Room 4, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit. To register, call 908-522-5700.

### Red Cross conducts blood drive Monday

The Summit Area Red Cross will host a blood drive on Monday, from 2:30 to 8 p.m., at 695 Springfield Ave. in Summit.

The drive is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to donate. NJ

Blood Services will conduct the blood drive.

Donating blood is safe people and between the ages of 17 and 75 can donate every 56 days. Remember one hour of your time can mean a lifetime for someone in need of a blood transfusion.

Donors will need to know their social security number and have ID. For information, call the Summit Area Chapter Red Cross at 908-273-2076. The Summit Area Chapter serves Berkeley Heights, Long Hill Township, New Providence, Summit, and Springfield.

If your organization would like to host a blood drive, call 1-800-933-2566.

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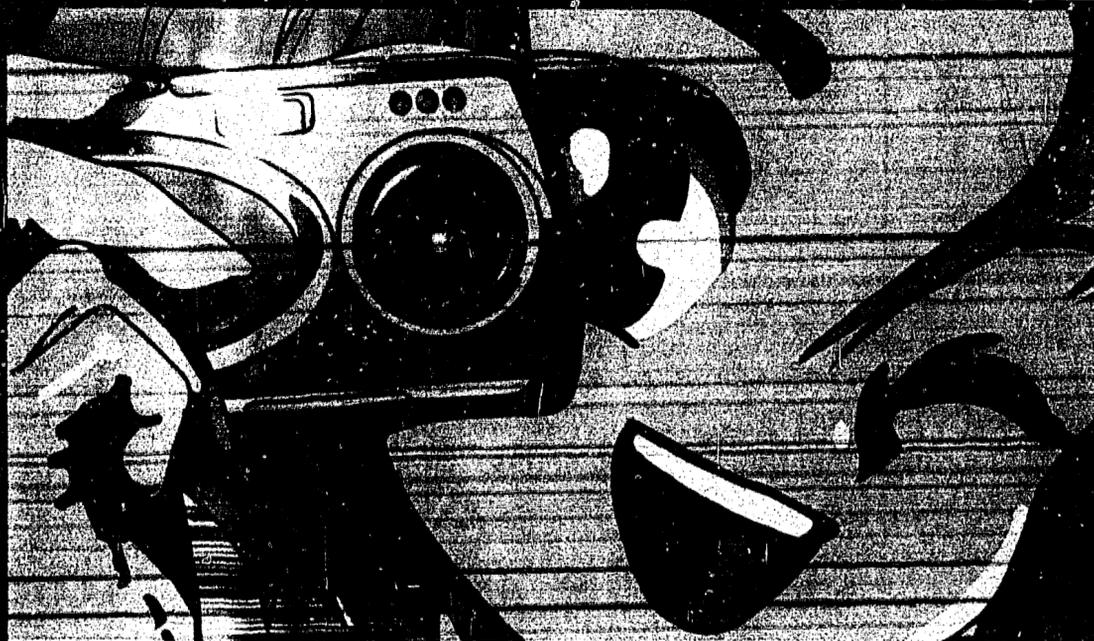
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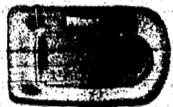
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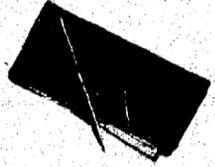


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