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Odor mystifies officials

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

There is a mysterious smell in the first-grade classrooms at Beechwood School in Mountainside.

No one can find out what it is, what is causing it, nor even why it is "slightly better" now.

All of this came out during the public comment portion of the Mountainside Board of Education meeting on Sept. 28, when two sets of parents raised the subject again.

"We have a son in first grade at Beechwood School, and there seems to be an 'environmental problem; indoor air quality there," said Richard Wurst.

Interim Chief School Administrator Walter Rusak, who also serves as principal of Beechwood School, responded with a lengthy list of all the steps taken to remedy the situation.

"We started to look at this in May. We detected the smell coming from the air conditioning unit in classrooms 110, 111, 116 and 117."

Rusak said on May 15, school officials met with Paul Otto Construction — the firm that recently renovated the school — and the designer of the air conditioning system, John Krupka of The Musial Group.

"Everyone present smelled the odor. However, The Musial Group did not get back to us," said Rusak.

Experts in environmental matters, Enviro Techniques Inc., were called in on May 27, and they collected six samples inside the building and one sample outside the building, to test for mold. The tests all came back negative.

In June, Enviro Techniques sprayed odor absorber and ozone treatment inside the classroom ducts. However, this still did not remove the smell.

In July, samples were taken from the duct insulation, tested, and an odor was found to be coming from the insulation.

On July 12, cameras were placed inside the ducts in the classrooms to identify any dead animals or particles. None were found.

On July 22, samples were taken from the roof itself. All test results were negative to mold and/or bacteria.

In August, the entire wrap insulation was taken off, and a small amount of the odor was still present.

Then additional samples were taken later in August of the insulation and the classrooms, and analyzed by Pary Paul Laboratories. All tests came back negative once more.

On Aug. 20, the school power-washed the coils and the odor was still present. On Aug. 30, Rusak and other school officials met with Paul Otto to discuss available options.

"They power-washed the coils a second time. They investigated Deerfield to see if one of the air conditioners could be switched. The inside of the classroom planks were tested for moisture," said Rusak.

Rusak said after fogging all four of the classrooms, Noel Musial and staff recommended charcoal filters, which were installed last week.

"It is an air purification system which will circulate air quality in the classrooms," Rusak said.

Gary Whyte, another parent at the meeting, reiterated the same story about the smells.

"Believe me, after bringing in all these experts, we still cannot find the problem," Rusak said. "I would do anything to alleviate it if I could."

Board of Education President Peter Goggi also assured the parents that the odor is not harmful.

"At least we are certain there is no mold, no bacteria, which can harm the children. We will not give up and will find the cause of the smell," said Goggi.

A better look at the book



Bianca Wass, 3, gets a better look at the book being read to the group of children gathered for Preschool Storytime at Mountainside Free Public Library last week. Photo By Joseph A. Sorrentino

Resident promotes solar power

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

Clark Beebe of Springfield is taking advantage of sunny days.

The Bryant Avenue resident is part of the growing New Jersey population that is using a state-sponsored program to add solar electric to their homes, helping not only the environment, but their bank accounts, as well.

"Personally, I feel it's both environmentally and financially a reasonable buy," said Beebe, an engineer eager to promote the usefulness of the new trend. "I believe in promoting the technology so that the cost can go down as production goes up. It's a reasonable alternative."

The system, which is run by the New Jersey Clean Energy Program, requires homeowners to submit a copy of a current electric bill which shows the total kilowatts per hour, which is the basic unit of electricity as billed, for a 12-month cycle.

The state uses that number to assign a maximum number of installed watts that they will co-sponsor with the subsidy.

It is expected that for each watt installed, one would generate approximately 1.5 KW per hour each year. In Beebe's case, he is looking to generate more than 9,000 KW hours of power

each year, which would save him between \$1,000 and \$1,200 each year, at current rates. As electricity prices inevitably rise, Beebe explained, he'll only be saving more as time goes by.

The panels installed on the roofs of houses are guaranteed for 25 years and require no maintenance, not only continually saving more and more money over the span of a quarter century, but also extending the life of the roof shingles by protecting them. The panels also save air conditioning costs by preventing the sun's heat from entering the house through the roof in the first place.

Beebe explained that one of the advantages can be related to the black-out last year, when power from Ohio could not make it to New Jersey.

"If you had solar capability in New Jersey," Beebe said, "power no longer needs to travel 1,000 miles, as the requirements for transmission lines is then diminished."

Beebe also added that most black-outs come during the summer, when air conditioning is popular, but with the sun shining its brightest during those months, it's the perfect time to prevent extensive power outages.

The only possible downfall, Beebe said, would be if a major storm damaged the panels on the roof. As a min-

imal added cost to his homeowner's insurance, Beebe said it would be extremely rare for something of that nature to occur.

"This is the future," said Township Committeeman Sy Mullman, an advocate for energy-producing windmills to be put up in Springfield and other parts of New Jersey. "Utility bills are going up and it's about time to press this."

Mullman said that his effort to spur the installation of windmills will thrust forward when he attends the annual League of Municipalities conference next month as he looks to expand upon the idea with others who are examining the future of New Jersey's energy production.

Mullman also said that he will be looking closely at Beebe's home to see if the Police Department headquarters may be able to benefit from the panel installation, as well.

While the windmills are rare in New Jersey, Atlantic City recently installed a few large ones, more than 262 feet tall. Beebe also knows of at least a couple of personal home windmills, which he considers a step in the right direction.

For information about home solar power, Beebe urges any resident to call him at 973-379-9089.

Hopefuls get can Springfield downt

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

Accompanying the season of fall each year is the rising of lawn signs from properties all over town. In Springfield, it's no different, as election season is upon the public and issues begin to resonate throughout the township.

One topic that seems to never go away during election time is Springfield's downtown district from the Morris and Mountain avenues intersection to Morris Avenue and Caldwell Place.

Questions of what the problems are, what the solutions may be, and what will eventually become of the troubled block have been posed consistently during the last couple of years. This year, two incumbent Democrats, Mayor Clara Harelik and Committeeman Steven Goldstein, along with their Republican challengers, Frances Graziano-Corcione and Gary Russkoff, offered their opinions.

"Our downtown must exist and should offer the quaint feel that a colonial town should exude," said Russkoff. "We're a Revolutionary War town and people should visit in recognition of this."

"We need some sort of proper development," Goldstein said, "that will attract people to live there."

Goldstein explained that if businesses opened up and brought residents in, the area could prosper.

Still, he said it would take a perfect world for everything to be torn down and rebuilt. Grant money could be used to fix up store fronts, as well, he thought.

"We need to bring in an outside developer or talk to the owners," said Goldstein, explaining that this would be the right path to attracting businesses.

Corcione sees the downtown in contrast to what it once was.

"I'd like to see way it was when I noting the baker restaurant and gi present.

Corcione said i ple moving into the area, as condominiums may be built in the Church Mall area, one would imagine that businesses would want to flourish in the downtown part of Morris Avenue.

"I do not believe Morris Avenue's downtown strip is conducive to pedestrian shopping," said Harelik. "I believe, in its current form, there's problems with parking, people passing by as they drive, and it's too late to turn around."

Harelik said that successful businesses should stay there and some should be replaced by condominiums or professional buildings, allowing for more booming business.

"Over the years, we taxpayers have paid for consulting fees and elaborate plans," said Russkoff. "Nothing tangible has gotten done. We must not waste money."

Goldstein said that while development is still a long process, he's hoping for a planner to look over the area soon. He also said that grants are being looked into on a daily basis to help obtain any possible money for the project.

Corcione finds the main problem to be the property owners, saying that the township doesn't put enough pressure on the landlords to maintain the area the right way. Parking, she said, shouldn't be looked at as a major problem.

"You want people to drive down, stop, park, get out, and go shopping," said Harelik. "Right now, unfortunately, that's not how the area is."

Harelik added that while the town has done what it can with what it has at this point, she's enthusiastic about a professional vision eventually being developed by a planner.

Early PSAT testing will provide analysis

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

With only two members of the public in attendance, Springfield's Board of Education recently used much of its Monday meeting to discuss not only the education for the recently approved administration of Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests to sixth- through 10th-graders, but to address what misconceptions parents and residents may have about these tests.

Traditionally, 11th-graders take the practice examination when they usually begin thinking about college and eventually prepare for the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

Superintendent of Schools Michael Davino said that all the literature and research indicates that an ongoing assessment and program analysis that is tied to each year's school standards will provide the district with instruments to assess students, as well as give feedback concerning curriculum successes and downfalls.

"State assessments don't give an item analysis," Davino said. "We can't pinpoint where a (student or curriculum) deficit is."

Davino explained that while state tests provide results, there is little analysis available. If, for example, there are low scores concerning mathematical measurements on the PSATs, the Educational Testing Service would specify the trouble area, which could include anything from perimeter and volume to using a yardstick or protractor.

Board member Jacqueline Shanes said the public may feel that the tests are not necessary for those students who are not planning on going to college, though Davino said it would be unfair to count college out of a student's future while he or she is still in middle school.

Another issue raised by the board was the amount of funding needed to provide tests for the additional grades.

According to school Business Administrator Matthew Clarke, 700 students would be given the exam at a cost of \$11 each, totalling \$7,700. The \$11 includes the physical booklet and grading. An additional \$80 is necessary for the item analysis that the board will focus on in the first place.

Board member Judy Millman said that parents may think that the test results are going to be used as a measuring stick, even though the younger students wouldn't be familiar with much of the exam's contents.

Davino assured that the results are not the bottom line for assessing a student's future in the district.

"It's going to be used for diagnostic purposes," he said. "It will show what we're doing well and what we need to improve upon."

As far as college preparation is concerned, Davino said that isn't the main point for allowing students to take the exam at an early age.

"We don't write curriculum just for college," he said. "We write it to inform and educate."

Shanes also expressed the parents' possible concerns that a student will be placed in certain levels of classes based on test scores.



Clark Beebe, a resident of Bryant Avenue in Springfield, stands outside his house, where he has added solar electric through special panels that have been installed in his roof. Photo By Barbara Kekkalis

Anniversary commemorates Route 22 green space initiative

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

The New Jersey Blue Star Memorial Highway Council conducted a commemoration of the anniversary of the first project undertaken by the Garden Club of New Jersey and the New Jersey State Highway Department, which is now the Department of Transportation, yesterday in East Brunswick.

The project, which consisted of the planting of 6,000 flowering dogwoods along a five-mile stretch on Route 29, which is now Route 22, was a living memorial to the armed forces,

meant to beautify the countryside for troops returning from war.

The Route 22 stretch of highway which was covered with the dogwoods reached from Mountainside to North Plainfield, carried out by the voluntary cooperation of residents who hoped to pay homage to those defending the nation during World War II.

"Any commemoration to our troops is always a good thing to do," Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti said.

Vigilanti said that he would also like to see new signs pointing out the Blue Star contribu-

tions around the borough's highway, adding that at certain points surrounding Borough Hall, residents and Boy Scouts maintain plantings.

Almost a decade ago, Vigilanti said trees which were planted on the highway were brought to the borough already dying, and that he would have rather have seen money for maintenance before trees that weren't going to last long, anyway.

Still, Vigilanti said that in conjunction with the Memorial Highway Program and Garden Club of New Jersey, the Mountainside Zoning

Board of Adjustment has helped set the borough's section of Route 22 apart from surrounding communities, especially with high-priced housing located just off the highway.

"We're very protective of our zoning ordinances on Route 22," he said, noting that the first green, garden-like atmosphere on the highway is usually noticeable upon entering Mountainside.

"Having started in World War II, it's become something for all armed forces, even now," said Marianne Buck, a two-year member of the Garden Club of New Jersey.

Buck said that what is so fascinating about the project is how well the state's Department of Transportation and Garden Club have worked together, explaining that it's hard to keep the Blue Star project noticeable with all of the commercialization around the state.

"It's very hard to spot original sights of Blue Star," Buck said.

"That's one reason why we're having it where we are. It would be harder at any other place."

The project was launched with the slogan, "A dollar plants a tree on the Blue Star Drive."

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Monday: The Senior Citizens Club of Mountaintop will meet in Community Presbyterian Church, Deer Path and Meeting House Lane, at noon for a program with guest speaker Mayor Robert Vighiani...

Tuesday: Mountaintop Active Retirees will meet at 10 a.m. in Mountaintop Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, for a program "How to Create a Fall Centerpiece..."

Wednesday: Mountaintop Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, will present storytime theater for kindergarten-age children on Wednesday through Oct. 20...

Thursday: 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.

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

Saturday: The Board of Trustees of Mountaintop Public Library, Constitution Plaza, will meet in the meeting room of the library at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday: The Springfield Chamber of Commerce Candidates' Night will be conducted at 7:30 p.m., in the Jonathan Dayton High School Auditorium on Mountain Avenue.

Monday: 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.

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Motor vehicle stop yields arrest

Mountaintop: Aaron Robinson, 26, of Piscataway, was arrested at 9:21 a.m. Monday after being stopped on Route 22 East for driving an unregistered vehicle.

POLICE BLOTTER

At 12:04 p.m. Sept. 20, firefighters responded to a South Springfield Avenue apartment complex for a medical service call.

Township supports nuclear ban

By Rick Klittich, Staff Writer. For more than half a century, Springfield resident Silvia Zisman has been part of the ongoing fight to rid the world of weapons of mass destruction.

FD responds to MV accident

Springfield: On Saturday at 2:50 p.m., firefighters responded to Route 78 West for a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

FIRE BLOTTER

At 9:14 p.m. Sept. 20, firefighters responded to a Northview Terrace residence for a light fixture problem.

Once a speakeasy, historic home a 'treasure box' of past

By Amy S. Bobrowski, Staff Writer. The Madsens moved into the Norris-Oakey house less than a year ago, but they still are finding things about it they love.

The house, built in 1750 by Nathaniel Norris, later was added onto in 1820. "It was a humble farmhouse," said the Rev. Remo Madsen, the current owner of the property...



Located in Cranford, the Norris-Oakey house is the oldest standing home in the township and is currently owned by The Rev. Remo Madsen, senior pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Springfield.

Fall hike explores Lake Surprise

At Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road in Mountaintop, participants can join a park naturalist on Saturday, Oct. 23 from 10 to 11 a.m. and explore the rainbow of fall colors on a hike to Lake Surprise.

Northern New Jersey Fall

Participants can search for shades of red, orange, yellow, gold, rust, and purple. Learn to identify trees by leaf shapes and colors. The fee is a suggested donation of \$1 per person.

Farmers' Market now at Ruby Field

The Springfield Farmers' Market will continue every Monday from noon to 6 p.m. at Ruby Field, through Oct. 25. For information, call 973-912-2201.

Celebrate Fall at the YMCA's Block Party. Saturday, October 9, 1 - 4 PM. WE WANT YOU TO HELP US CELEBRATE 6 YEARS IN THE COMMUNITY! Enjoy Carnival Games, Arts & Crafts, a DJ, Hot Dogs, Soda, Italian Ice, Popcorn, Moon Bounce & more!

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Temple to dedicate Holocaust Memorial Garden at ceremony

Temple Beth Ahm will dedicate a Holocaust Memorial Garden on the temple grounds at 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, during Shabbat services, Friday, Oct. 22, beginning at 8 p.m. The guest speaker will be Bret Schundler, addressing the topic of "Faith and Remembrance." Everyone is welcome at the service.

Schundler, former mayor of Jersey City, was the Republican candidate for governor of New Jersey in 2001. The garden, located in front of the temple, will serve as a focal point for future Holocaust memorial gatherings and for private prayer and meditation to recall the six million Jews, including family members of the Temple Beth Ahm congregation, who were murdered by the Nazis during World War II.

Cannon Ball House open for public tours

The Cannon Ball House in Springfield will be host to two sets of guests on the weekend of Oct. 16 and 17 as part of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs "Four Centuries in a Weekend."

The Cannon Ball House at 126 Morris Ave. is a circa 1740 survivor of the Battle of Springfield on June 23, 1780. Approximately 1,500 American militia and regular Army defended the village against 6,000 British and Hessian troops and although the village was burned by the retreating army, the engagement convinced the British their cause was lost in New Jersey.

Pivtorak earns semifinalist status in merit program

Charles Serson, principal of Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, announced that Boris Pivtorak has been named a semifinalist in the 2005 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Also, Adam Sherman, Alexander Peiser and Adam Shai have been named as commended students in the 2005 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The young men and women named commended students in the 2005 National Merit Program have exhibited an outstanding academic performance for which they are being honored," commented a spokesperson for National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

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Take an angel home



The Women's Association of The Community Presbyterian Church of Mountainside are crafting angels in preparation for their Christmas Boutique to be conducted at the church on Nov. 2. The proceeds of the sale will benefit local charities.

Local walk benefits children with autism

Hwang Karate members will participate in the Walk for F.A.R. for NAAR, the National Alliance for Autism Research on Sunday, Oct. 17.

Hwang Karate has been instructing martial arts for 30 years in the Springfield/Millburn area. The 2-mile walk will take place at Nomahegan Park in Cranford at 1 p.m. and is the signature fund-raising event of the National Alliance for Autism Research.

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SENIOR NEWS

PREP provides support for caregivers

SAGE, a major community resource for elders, offers a monthly support group for caregivers of the third Wednesday of each month at SAGE's Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center, 550 Springfield Ave., Berkeley Heights.

People Responsible for Elderly Persons - PREP - provides caregivers with emotional support, community resources, effective problem-solving and coping strategies and the chance to share common concerns with others who are caring for their aging loved ones.

For information, call Ellen McNeal, SAGE InfoCare director, at 908-273-4598.

SAGE serves as a major community resource in the establishment and delivery of innovative services for older adults and their caregivers, providing them with dignity and choice. These services allow the elderly to remain independent and living in their own homes.

Present SAGE programs include Home Care, Meals-on-Wheels, SHIP - State Health Insurance Assistance Program - of Union County, Checks and Balances, a shopping service, InfoCare and Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center, currently located in Berkeley Heights.

For information, call 908-273-5550 or log on to the Web site, www.sagenj.org.

AARP meets for gambling topic

The Summit Area chapter of AARP will conduct its next regular monthly meeting at 10 a.m. on Oct. 25 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave., Summit. Coffee and social begin at 9:45 a.m.

This month's topic will be "A Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey Inc." with speaker Terry Elman.

For information on upcoming meetings, call 908-273-2239.

Spring Meadows offers seniors events

Spring Meadows Summit Assisted Living Residence, 41 Springfield Ave., Summit, will offer several upcoming events for seniors that are also open to the general public.

Along with the Alliance for Retired Americans, Spring Meadows will host a Medicare reform program on Oct. 18 at 2:30 p.m. Call Susan at 908-522-8852 for directions.

The program includes a video presentation narrated by Walter Cronkite on the Medicare prescription program and other health related issues for seniors. A question-and-answer period will follow.

On Oct. 23, the public is invited to join Spring Meadows for an afternoon of wine and cheese tasting from 2 to 4 p.m.

SAGE, a major resource for elder-care services since 1954, offers an Eldercare Sensitivity Training Work-

SENIOR NEWS

MARS meets

Mountainside Active Retirees meet at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Mountainside Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

The E-mail class helps seniors set up their own personal e-mail. It will meet on Nov. 18 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The fee is \$15.

Beginner Internet will show seniors how to surf the Internet. It meets on Tuesday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The fee is \$15.

Internet for Advanced Beginners will further explore search engines for locating material on the Internet. It meets on Nov. 9 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The fee is \$15.

For information, call the Mountainside Recreation Office at 908-232-0015.

Senior club gathers

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

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

On Nov. 5, the club will have Dan Kalem update members on Social Security and Medicare. On Nov. 19, the singing group, The Golden Lights, will entertain members at the start for the holiday season.

For information on any of the programs, call 908-233-6280.

Computer classes for seniors offered

Upcoming computer classes for sessions at the Computer Center in the Borough Hall Community Room, 1385 Route 22 east, Mountainside, are scheduled for October and November.

Absolute Beginner, the basic class, provides a step-by-step demonstration on how to start the computer, use a mouse, and an overview of the hardware, software, and keyboard. The

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Bike tour traverses Union County

Union County (Continued from Page B1) ... tandem bike with her husband because she's panning out from the waist down.

"That's a day we will always remember," she said.

Many towns in New Jersey currently are seeking alternative paths for bicyclists to ride without having to worry about being struck by a car, reasoning that it is healthier to pedal rather than drive.

"It's horrible when doing something for fun can be lethally dangerous," Sexton said.

The greenway runs about 2,000 miles from Maple to Florida and about 17 of those miles run through Union County in Rahway River Park going north into Clark through Linden into Winfield Park and up to Cranford, then onto Kenilworth Boulevard going northeast into Iron and Hillside and finally hitting Essex County's Woodcliff Park.

The lengthy trip, causing a flat tire on every bike every 100 miles, began the way it continued, with tales to tell.

"Before we left Maple, the Native American tribes gave us a smudging ceremony," Jack Kurrell, 74, said. The ceremony included blowing smoke around the riders standing in a circle. Then the tribe handed the riders a piece of wood with a Native American message on it and asked that it be given to a tribe in North Carolina.

"We don't know what the message says," Sexton said. "But, the ceremony, they said, was for good luck."

Bosly said that next year this time bikers will be able to go on this tour again.

"This is a great trail," she said. "Unfortunately, in all of New Jersey we only pass by one farm in Cranford."

Before stopping for lunch, the cyclists rode to Dreyer Farm, where they were given hand-picked apples and cider. Others said that riding in rural areas can be difficult because of insects and animals that may cross their path.

"We have already seen a black bear, mouse and porcupine throughout the tour," Skott said. "We carry fly dope that keeps the bugs from nuzzling on us and an emergency axe to scare the large animals away." He added that dogs also can become a nuisance and for them carry pepper spray.

For information on East Coast Greenway tours go to www.greenwaynj.org.

Barn dance for people with disabilities

The Union County Department of Parks and Recreation will present the annual Barn Dance for people with disabilities on Sunday at Watchung State, 1160 Summit Ave., Mountainside from 4 to 7 p.m.

Pre-registration is required. The registration fee for each person attending costs \$10. Call 908-527-7096 to register.

Italian-American Heritage Week

The Columbus Parade Association of Union County continues Italian-American Heritage Week with its 2004 annual celebration honoring Christopher Columbus 512th anniversary of his discovery of America on Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Peter-

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There are three stores selling ... there's ... **Barn Dance for people with disabilities**

For ticket information, call ... **Support the Troops pancake breakfast**

A support the troops pancake breakfast will take place at the Westfield Armory, 500 Rahway Ave., Westfield, Oct. 16 from 7 a.m. to noon. Donation is \$6 per person.

Proceeds support the soldiers and families of The New Jersey National Guard's Family Readiness Council, and the Family Assistance Center at Westfield.

Tickets are being sold in many areas, The Artist Framers, Cranford, Kings, Garwood, while in Westfield

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Jazz singer Jeanie Bryson set to dazzle Union County Arts Center

By Jeff Cummins - Associate Editor

The beauty of Jeanie Bryson's approach to music is that she revels in making music that people enjoy. She has no grand, market-the-music-to-the-masses plan, and she doesn't intend to get one.

No, Bryson takes an old-fashioned, straightforward approach to making music: She hones her craft in the hope that she'll play music that will strike a certain chord with people, eliciting a particular emotion.

And many times her music has done just that.

Needless to say, Bryson hopes that this Sunday will be one of those times. She'll be playing at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, where she intends to offer the audience an interesting recipe.

"There are some songs people always want to hear," said Bryson, "but I'll throw in some things people have never heard before. I love to cook, and music is a lot like cooking. I take a little pinch of this, and a little pinch of that."

Bryson has recorded four of her own albums, and has appeared on as many as 15 other albums, collaborating with friends, including Grover Washington Jr., Terence Blanchard and Kenny Burrell, among other artists.

She's performed on a tribute album to Billie Holiday and on another tribute album for Peggy Lee.

And even though the MTV crowd isn't familiar with her, Bryson has played jazz around the globe, performing in Greece, and also at a memorable performance on her final night in Brazil.

It was on Ipanema Beach and we were playing for the townspeople," Bryson said. "It was a free concert on the last night we were in Rio, and we were on the beach. We looked out, and there was the sand, the people and the sea. The people were so generous and

so appreciative, and we just kept playing and playing. At the end of the gig, my pianist and I were crying."

That's the essence of what Bryson's music is about: emotion, something that's often drowned out by the marketing plans for many musicians.

The shame is, there was a time when we appreciated performers just for their music, not for their image.

And, as Bryson discovered in her study of the music of other cultures while in college, not every culture values music to the same degree.

"Music is very integral to other societies, more so than to our culture," she said. "We're a little odd in this culture about the mythical status we give to musicians. We've gotten away from 'Who cares what the singer looks like, we care about the music.' Before MTV, many people didn't even know what performers looked like, unless they saw an album cover. Now, you have to look a certain way. Now, all



Jazz singer Jeanie Bryson will perform at the Union County Arts Center on Saturday.

Keillor entertains with thoughts on America and pertinent topics

By Astera Argyris and Helen Argers

Garrison Keillor is today's minstrel and storyteller par excellence, and he came last week to New Jersey Performing Arts Center to bring the New Jersey audience up-to-date on life—or life as it could be if you had the grand New Jersey Symphony Orchestra backing you up.

Emily Dickinson said it all when she wrote, "The only news I know is bulletins all day from immortality." So too did Keillor give us his daily bulletins about the small-town life he knew as a child. And we began to believe we had lived it with him, even if we never left the big cities or his chic suburbs.

Is that the real America? Or our image of what it once was? Whatever, we go along with Keillor in believing that people long ago were kinder, gentler, concerned only about such things as bringing in the best row of corn and

keeping it "fresh from the garden."

Yet, there is a sophisticated Keillor as well. A man who first wrote for the New Yorker and had an apartment in New York City and has strong political views. Not that he expressed these before the near sellout crowd. He did add a slightly political touch by doing one monologue about a Democratic woman and Republican man who marry and find themselves throughout their lives wondering how they could have done such a thing. The Republican man watches car races on the television while his wife asks how adults could do this when he could just as well have gone out and watched "the cars go by on the highway." He approves of hunting and she abhors it, and he tells her, "Violence is a part of nature." He instructs her that you either kill for what you want to eat like tigers do—and get rewarded by having football teams named after you—or wait around and eat what others

kill. Republicans are the first group and Democrats the second. In response, the woman spends her time on line, reaching out to intelligent Democrats and forming an alliance with a man from San Francisco.

While appearing in a conventional tuxedo, Keillor showed his individuality by accessorizing it with red sneakers that caught the eye as he walked through the program began with a little song he made up about the symphony orchestra who very kindly reduced itself, both in size and importance, to being his combination backup music and comic straight-man, laughing on cue.

It was odd to see the revered orchestra sitting there grinning throughout and holding silent instruments and then jumping in with snippets of masterpieces and fun songs when required. When Keillor spoke of the joys of marriage, the orchestra blasted out a rousing "Wedding Chorus," Mendelssohn's incidental music for "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The orchestra also affably added a background of Bizet's "Habanera," when the folk letter told an ensat tale of Georges Bizet being actually a secret Swede from Minnesota with French airs. The state orchestra also supplied mood music with bits of best known, songs from Gershwin to Sousa and even one duet that really tested their downplaying mettle, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." That mixture of songs sounded like those two album advertisements on television selling classic highlights.

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Show features fine quality crafts

By Jeff Cummins Associate Editor

So it's a lazy fall afternoon. Sure, you could turn on ESPN, or work out at the gym, or hang out with your friends, but the memory of getting chuffed out for a less-than-spectacular gig on that last special occasion is still haunting you, and the same date will be coming around on the calendar pretty soon.

— You swore this year would be different. This year, you wouldn't have to absorb the same verbal beat down you've taken in other years.

— So, you could go through your usual routine, or you could be creative and try to do something different, something that would resonate all year.

— What you don't want to get is something that's instant re-gift material.

— At just about that time, a friend in the office mentions something about some juried art show that happened in Nomahegan Park in Westfield. Says the same thing will happen in Brookdale Park in Bloomfield and Montclair on Oct. 16 and 17. That sounds cool, you think.

Of course, you're thinking, "What's a juried art show." Don't be embarrassed, it's a common question. "In a juried art show, people have to send in pictures of their work and their display to be accepted into the show," said Howard Rose of Rose Squared Productions, which will host the Fall Fine Art and Crafts Show in Brookdale Park. "The reason for the display is we're trying to get people to create a little gallery or store in each booth."

Of course, if you attended the show at Nomahegan Park, you're bound to notice some differences at Brookdale Park.

Rose pointed out that the show at Nomahegan Park was focused more on country and folk art.

For the sake of argument, let's say that you're headed there with a purpose in mind. You're looking for something, but you don't know what, and you're wary of situations where you might feel out of your element.

— No, to worry. That's already been thought of.

— One thing we try to do is the exhibitor is at the show, so you can meet them, talk about the techniques, and you'll appreciate the amount of time and creativity that goes into each piece," said Rose, who certainly knows his craft. This is his 23rd year of presenting art shows.

"We began as potters. We were exhibitors ourselves," said Rose, who named his firm Rose Squared for two reasons.

— His mother's name was Rose Rose, and his firm would be run by two Roses, he and his wife, Janice. "Because I have a graphics background, and Janice is a very organized person, we could promote fine art and crafts shows."

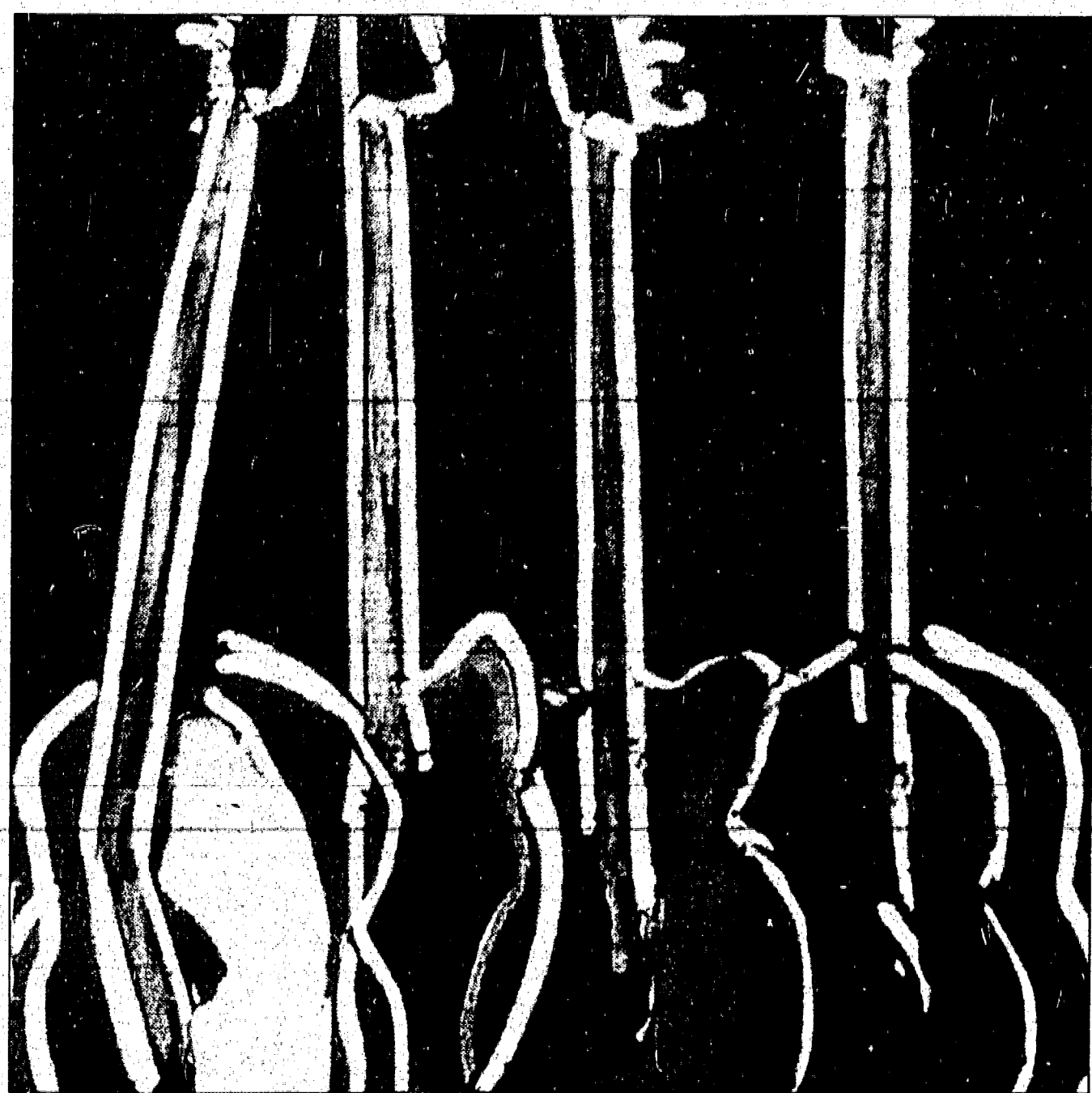
Rose has developed quite a name in the art field. He and his wife have a mailing list of 35,000 people in Essex and Union counties, yet they have customers who come from as far away as New York and Pennsylvania, and exhibitors who come from as far as Florida, Canada and Maine.

You're still worried. What do you do with the kids? Easy. For the Brookdale Show, Rose has partnered with New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit, which will present a free children's craft area.

Better yet, if you suggested that the whole family attend, that might just score some real points.

— And it's not as if there won't be a lot of people at an art and craft show. "When the weather is good, and the public attends, my wife Janet and I look at each other and we realize that we put on a party and everybody came, because we can have 10,000 people in a day," said Rose.

There will be many forms of art, including jewelry, beautiful furniture, clothing, glass, photography and sculpture.



A musical oil painting by Michael Babayk is one of the displays of art, photography and crafts available at the seventh annual Fall Fine Art and Crafts Show to be held in Brookdale Park on the border of Montclair and Bloomfield on Oct. 16 and 17, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Novel explores a volatile mix of past lives, history and romance

By Jeff Cummins Associate Editor

If you pay attention to a lot of the media today, the images of romance you'll see are more likely to show young people. Marilyn Bornstein of West Orange wants you to know that an older person can experience romance, even in two lifetimes.

OK, so it's not a true story. The fact remains that Bornstein has written a novel many residents of Essex and Union counties can relate to, particularly those who are at least 60.

Her self-published novel, titled "Hold Fast the Time," is centered on just what the first paragraph indicates, a woman who finds love in two lifetimes. Certainly, many in the prospect of retirement sound pretty enticing.

"The significance is that it's aimed at an older readership, offers the hope of romance for people who are older," said Bornstein. "I think that makes it unique because most romance novels take place between young people."

Bornstein's novel, which will be published by IUniverse, a self-publisher, is about a suburban Jewish widowed name Ora Shappel who's stricken with grief and goes into therapy. In therapy, her psychologist uses hypnosis to help her rebound from her mourning.

Suddenly, while under hypnosis during one session, she leaps into another lifetime, in which she is a 17-year-old Roman slave and prostitute in 130 A.D. named Julia Crispina.

A Roman centurion named Magonius purchases her and she becomes his mistress, and accompanies him on his assignment to Palestine.

While in Palestine, Crispina convinces Magonius to allow her to study Hebrew with a scholar.

Naturally, this development stuns both Shappel and her therapist. Shappel then decides to visit Israel, and after confiding in her friend Shoshanna about her trip to Israel, she visits the Israel Museum for information about the Roman occupation around 130 A.D.

While in Israel, she is offered a seat at the museum cafeteria by a white-haired Christian American man of Lebanese extraction. Feeling uneasy about their mutual attraction, she attempts to resist his persistent advances. The feeling that Michael seems so familiar convinces Ora to tell him about her mission to Israel, and she allows him to accompany her to Caeser, the setting of her hypnotic experience, where her past life begins to intrude upon her current life. Meanwhile, Michael, who is more Lebanese than Christian, gets into several political conversations with Shoshanna, a Holocaust survivor.

They have a heated discussion, and Michael is very sympathetic to the Palestinian cause, and has hostile feelings toward the Israelis.

Flashbacks enable Ora to follow Julia's reluctant move to Ein Gedi when Magonius is reassigned there. In Ein Gedi she meets and falls in love with Besas, a devoted Hebrew follower of Bar Kochba, whose revolutionary movement Magonius has been sent to suppress.

Suddenly, a parallel, tragic love story emerges between the Roman Julia Crispina and her Hebrew lover — and the Jewish, Ora Shappel and her Lebanese Christian lover, Michael Saunders.

Ultimately, the lives of Ora and Julia intertwine and reach their crescendos in the events that follow when Ora is drawn back to Israel by her friend Shoshanna's fatal diagnosis.

Bornstein acknowledged that there is a certain "West Side Story" feel to "Hold Fast the Time."

"West Side Story"? It could almost be. I didn't intend it, though," said Bornstein. "Julia Crispina's situation, religiously, was opposite from that of Ora. Ora was in love with a Christian. In Julia's life, she — a Christian — was in love with a Jewish man. She was a Roman."

Part of the allure of this book — and to a certain degree its sex appeal — is the very danger that's present in both lifetimes. There's an emotional danger of learning things about a different life that can be quite harrowing, and there's also the danger of the political upheaval that's ever present in the Middle East.

"For centuries, violence has been going on there," said Bornstein. "It's political, it's religious, and yes, it's violent."

Bornstein is confident that her novel "will appeal to our graying baby boomers and aging senior population. The bottom line is the book's universal appeal. 'The novel urges its readers to suspend belief that romance becomes history in our waning years,'" said Bornstein. "Love transcends all."

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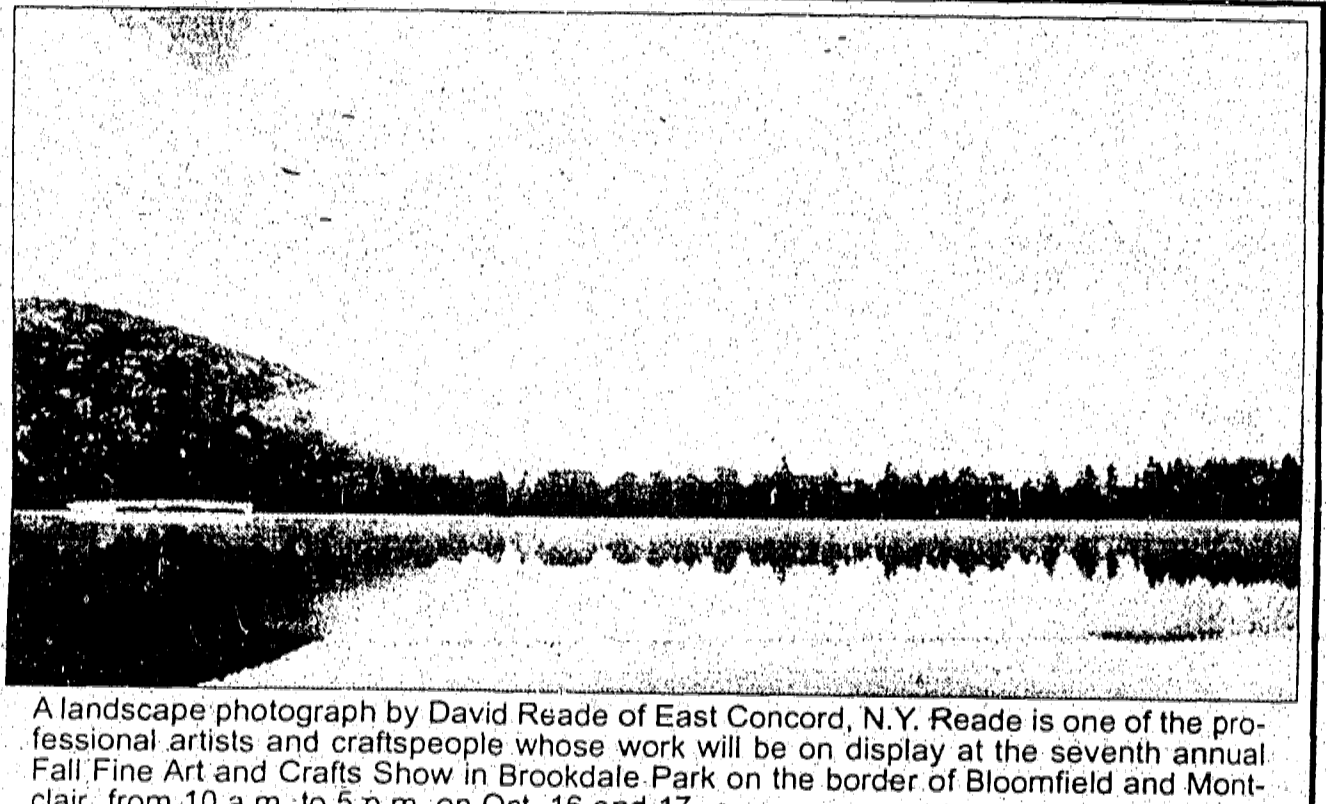
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A landscape photograph by David Reade of East Concord, N.Y. Reade is one of the professional artists and craftspeople whose work will be on display at the seventh annual Fall Fine Art and Crafts Show in Brookdale Park on the border of Bloomfield and Montclair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 16 and 17.

Liberty Hall Museum is celebrating its fifth anniversary

Liberty Hall Museum is celebrating its fifth season with many special events. The museum is located at 1003 Morris Ave. in Union.

Opened in 2000, the museum preserves the 225-year-old home of the Livingston and Kean families. Tours of the house with professional guides are offered every half-hour from April through December.

The home features a large collection of American antiques, textiles, ceramics and paintings. Explore the 23-acre manicured grounds complete with a formal garden and picnic facilities.

Every Wednesday, an afternoon tea is held on the porch overlooking the garden. This popular event features tea sandwiches, tarts, brownies, and scones with jam and clotted cream.

Advance reservations are necessary. The cost is \$24.

The tea is now available to private groups of as many as 24, and is perfect for Sweet 16 parties, bridal showers, and other special events. Call 908-527-0400 for more information.

In addition, the museum offers facilities for meetings and weddings.

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The gift shop has many items at a variety of prices including tea pots, afghans, serving dishes, mugs, books, and children's toys and games.

Liberty Hall Museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

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Ballet hires Hughson as director

The board of trustees of the American Repertory Ballet and ARB's Princeton Ballet School announced the hiring of Barry C. Hughson as executive director.

"We are very excited to have Barry joining us," said ARB artistic director Graham Lustig. "Not only does he bring a dance perspective to the job, he also brings his background as a performing arts administrator."

Hughson has served as executive director for Complexions Contemporary Ballet in New York, and as executive director for the Warner Theater in Torrington, Conn.

"I am thrilled at the opportunity to work with Graham Lustig and the ARB dancers and staff. Mary Pat Robertson and the faculty of the school, and the board of trustees," said Hughson. "My passions have always been in the ballet and education worlds, and I am looking forward to working with an organization with such a rich history in both."

Hughson was tapped for the position after an extensive nationwide search conducted by the board of trustees.

Board Chairman Joseph Sobo said, "The board is very much looking forward to Barry's arrival in October. We have recently been through a comprehensive long-range planning process, and he will bring a fresh energy and arts industry insight to the organization as we implement the plan."

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As a member of the Washington Ballet in Washington, D.C., he performed with the works of Goh, Balanchine, Tudor, and others in the United States, Europe, Asia, Russia, and as a resident company of the Kennedy Center.

In 1990, he was the only American male awarded a prize at the New York International Ballet Competition at Lincoln Center, and in December of that year, performed in the East Room of the White House.

He also became a master teaching artist serving as a guest instructor for a number of Connecticut organizations. Internationally, he has taught dance and theater in Norway and Hungary, and as a master teacher of Very Special Arts International, he has conducted workshops for people with disabilities in Connecticut, Idaho, and Guatemala.

He is an accomplished director, having directed numerous musicals and plays from "The King and I" to A.R. Gurney's "Sylvia."

In 1995, he directed Emmy award winning actress Susan Saint James in "The Miracle Worker."

He holds a Certificate in Arts Administration from New York University, and is an active member of a number of industry consortiums, including the Association of Performing Arts Presenters, the Consortium of Eastern Regional Theatres, the League of Historic American Theatres and the American Association of Community Theatre.

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Novices and the well-connected join forces to organize a concert

By Jeff Cummins, Associate Editor

With performers like Marshall Crenshaw and The Roches headed for Madison to take part in a concert on Oct. 17 at 7 p.m., an obvious question exists: Why would these performers play in a venue like the Maplewood Women's Club?

At first glance, the answer is simple: The concert is a benefit for the John Kerry campaign. Yet that answer misses the larger picture.

The event was organized by Maplewood residents Eve Levy, a professional fund-raiser, and David Mansfield, a performer who possesses a Rolodex filled with numerous names in the entertainment field. So this event was organized by people who are networked to the hilt, right? Not exactly. Much of the work to host this event was actually done by people who had never put together anything of this magnitude, and had little or no experience in terms of networking.

"I haven't done anything of this scale before with community volunteers," said Levy. "We had a core group of about 10 people, but we also had friends of friends of friends, so the total number of people involved is about 50, with multiple generations participating."

There is the charm of an event like this. Sure, benefit events are held for politicians all the time, and performers frequently take sides in a political discourse. But that's not what's impressive about this event. The impressive thing was that people who don't do this sort of thing frequently, people who might be shy, or might not be joiners at all, worked up the sheer moxie to knock on doors, make phone calls, and contribute to

organizing something that has the potential to be a very entertaining event.

Of course, it helps to have some people who have a few connections, and Mansfield — who played with Bob Dylan for many years, according to Levy — counts numerous musicians and entertainers among his friends, and he "opened up his Rolodex for the concert," according to Levy.

Mansfield's efforts resulted in a bill that includes Marshall Crenshaw, folk singer Odetta, country/folk singer Iris DeMent, Greg Brown and The Roches, marking the first time all three Roche sisters will perform together since 1997.

"I remember seeing them for the first time on "Saturday Night Live," said Mansfield. "They were so striking that it catapulted them to a sort of cult-like status. In Los Angeles, they could sell out the Wilshire Theater."

Crenshaw, who hails from Detroit, comes across as very Buddy Holly-esque in his style. "After his first album, his work became more wide-ranging, encompassing a form of contemporary folk," said Mansfield. Odetta performs in the folk genre, and Mansfield referred to her as "an iconic figure along the lines of Richie Havens, Joan Baez or Bob Dylan."

Mansfield also noted that Odetta was presented with a Medal of the Arts by the National Endowment of the Arts. "She's somewhat of a national treasure," said Mansfield. "She's in her 70s, but she performs constantly. The night before this concert, she'll be performing in Massachusetts."

Iris DeMent won a Grammy for her duets with John Prine. Her style includes country/folk influences, and her most popular album was "My Life," released in 1994.

"Greg Brown is the kind of artist who other artists are very aware of," said Mansfield.

Tickets for the event are \$100, and sponsorships are still available. There are also a limited number of tickets available at what Mansfield referred to as "lower prices," which will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Mansfield noted that he didn't have much difficulty getting musicians to play this concert.

"When I spoke to Marshall, he thanked me," said Mansfield. "He said that he'd been looking for a way to get involved, and this was perfect."

For Levy, after all of this work, the image of a successful event wasn't difficult to imagine.

"We're just hoping that everyone has a great time and that we get people to vote," she said.

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Santillo's

By Dan Burns Staff Writer

It's not tough to find a pizzeria in Elizabeth, but it's tough to find one with a 20x14-foot brick oven where the owners will fuss over your pie like a mother over her baby, until it's done exactly the way you like it. That's what you get at Santillo's on South Broad Street — delicious food cooked the way you want it.

Santillo's cooks about a dozen different kinds of pizza in their brick oven, from a crisp Sicilian to a 1959-style thick-and-saucy to a 1964-style pie, with a little olive oil and grated cheese on top. In fact, if they don't have exactly what you're looking for on the menu, they'll still make it for you.

"If you have a picture in your mind of the perfect pizza, come down here and we'll make it for you," said owner Al Santillo.

Santillo's pizzeria has roots in Elizabeth since 1918, when Lou Santillo, the current owner's grandfather, opened a bakery in Peterstown. The business moved to its present location in 1957.

I personally opted to sample a 1957-style extra-thin pizza with onions and peppers and a Sicilian pie with mushrooms.

I'm amazed I was able to stop eating the Sicilian pizza long enough to try the thin-crust one. Santillo cooks the pizza longer than most pizza chefs, allowing 50 percent of the cheese to turn golden brown before pulling it out of the oven. The resulting product is a Sicilian pizza unlike any other: crispy, cheesy and scrumptious.

After eating three Sicilian slices, I sampled the thin-crust pizza. It was delicious. The brick-warmed dough and the cheese blend into each just enough.

Pizza isn't the only food you can order at Santillo's. They cook brick-oven Italian bread daily at 4 p.m. and sell other dishes such as calzones, stromboli and mozzarella sticks. Their stuffed breads are popular too. Regular customer Brian Sandt gets cravings for Santillo's sausage-bread. He loves the bread because the sausage is never over-cooked and provides a tasty meal for \$5.

Santillo's prices are reasonable. Their large round pizza and large Sicilian pizza cost \$9.50 and \$13 respectively. They deliver within the Elizabeth area.

Santillo explained to me the secret to making a perfect brick-oven pizza. It's the little adjustments he makes to each pie that separates his pizza from others, like his ability to know where to place each pie within the oven and what temperature to cook them at. He slides the pies he wants to be crispier to the right side of the oven, because it's hotter.

Santillo pays constant attention to each pizza that's in the oven, frequently pulling them in and out on 20-foot long spatulas to inspect the crust and bubbling cheese. Often he'll allow customer to come into the kitchen to check if their pizza is done the way they like it.

The bottom line on Santillo's is the food is genuinely good and the prices are reasonable. My friends agree with me. I took the leftover pizza home to my Thursday-night poker game and it disappeared faster than my money. We were almost ready to run out and get some more.

As a vegetarian who still leads a thoroughly-American, fast-food lifestyle, I eat a lot of pizza. It's easy to get sick of it, but I don't think I could ever get sick of Santillo's. The pizza there is unique and even if you get sick of the menu items, Santillo will make you anything your heart, or stomach, desires.

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Van Beveren named music director

The New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra announced the appointment of Todd Van Beveren as its new music director.

Van Beveren, 37, is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he studied music and earned his M.F.A. in Music Education. He has been a member of the American Music Teachers Association since 1984. He has served as principal conductor of the Green in Summit, an instrumental ensemble of 120 students, and as assistant conductor of the Green in Summit. He has also served as a graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo, where he studied violin and viola with Oscar Kravitz of the New York Philharmonic. He served as principal viola in the university orchestra, as well as being a featured soloist with the violin. Van Beveren also attended the Pierre Monteux School for Conductors and Orchestral Players, where his love of conducting was born. He continued his conducting studies with Tom Carlo, Bo of Opera at Florham. Van Beveren is also the director of strings at Rutgers Preparatory School, and the artistic director and founder of the North New Jersey Youth Orchestra, now beginning its eleventh season. Van Beveren is a coach with the Roseland String Quartet and a member of the Montclair Chamber Ensemble. He was a finalist in the Kings Chamber Competition and the winner of the Oscar Ravina Talent Grant. In 2001, he served as guest conductor of the Ridgewood Festival Strings, an orchestra he played in as a student. His teaching experiences have taken him from the Hopi Indian Reservation in Arizona to an internship with

the New Jersey Chamber Music Society. He has also been a featured soloist on WFME radio.

The New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra is composed of more than 70 musicians who have ranged in age from 9 to 93. NJO's mission is to bridge the generations through a common love of music.

Founded by Lorraine Marks in 1974, NJO has performed at the World Conference on Aging in Madrid, Spain; the United Nations, the Generations United Conference, in Washington, D.C.; the Plaza at Lincoln Center and other venues in the metropolitan area. Media coverage has included features on CBS and NBC and in the New York Times as well as in such magazines as Family Circle, American Profiles and Starry Living.

Now beginning its fall season, the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra invites musicians of all ages and abilities to join.

For more information about the concert, registration and NJO, visit the NJO Web site or contact Alan Campbell or Susan Peterson at info@njo.org or at 908-650-0099.

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Gallery presents Polish artwork

The Skulski Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark, together with the Nowodvorski Foundation will present works by the renowned Polish artist Rafal Olbinski through Friday. The show is a part of his campaign promoting his newest book. The public is welcome, admission is free and refreshments will be served. The opening reception is Friday from 8 to 10:30 p.m., and attendees will have the opportunity to meet the artist. The opening program will also include a piano performance by Farrell Guarnaccio.

Born in Poland and educated at the Architectural Department of Warsaw Engineering College, Rafal Olbinski emigrated to the United States in 1981, where he soon established himself as a prominent painter, illustrator and designer. Olbinski's illustrations regularly appear in the major publications such as *The New York Times*, *New Yorker*, *Der Spiegel*, *Newsweek*, *Time*, *Business Week* and *Atlantic Monthly*. Playboy and Omni. For his artistic achievements he received more than 150 awards, including gold and silver medals from the Art Directors Club of New York, gold and silver medals from the Society of Illustrators in New York and Los Angeles and the "Big Art" 2000 Award by Critique magazine in San Francisco, day, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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Here's the season schedule of performances for New Jersey PAC

New Jersey Performing Arts Center has released a schedule of performances for its 2004-05 season. Note programs, dates and artists are subject to change. All ticket sales are non-refundable. For program dates and changes, visit www.njpac.org.

• "Once Upon a Time in the West" at the Mermaid Theater (company of Nova Scotia Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Victoria Theater Arts) and the Victoria Theater Arts 3 and 4 p.m. Victoria Theater Arts 3 and 4 p.m. Victoria Theater Arts 3 and 4 p.m. Victoria Theater Arts 3 and 4 p.m. Victoria Theater Arts 3 and 4 p.m. Tickets: \$19 and \$10.

• "An Evening With Danni Hoch" Oct. 23, at 8 p.m. The Chase Room. Critically acclaimed writer and performer Danni Hoch has long been one of the most prominent artists on the hip-hop scene. In his influential solo work, "Jazs, Hospitals and Hip Hop," he vividly portrays a variety of characters — and takes an unflinching, often humorous look at urban culture's staggering influence over the whole of modern America. "Hoch is a gifted performer who uses his mastery of jazz rhythms to inject his characters with remarkable energy and definition." — *The New York Times*. Tickets: \$20.

• Manny Oquendo and Orchestra Libre Latin Jazz All-Stars, Oct. 24, at 3 p.m. Victoria Theater Arts 11 and up. Experience the energy and artistry of world-class Latin jazz with master timbalero and percussionist Manny Oquendo and his Orchestra Libre — freely incorporating American jazz and Afro-Cuban influences. In association with NJPAC, 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 rest of the unforgettable songs we've all grown up with. Transport the entire family to Oz — and to a colorful world of unimaginable fun. Part of the AT&T Premier Artist Series.

• "Tosca," Stanislavsky Opera, Oct. 29, at 8 p.m., Prudential Hall. The Stanislavsky Opera Comp, established in 1918 as the opera studio of the famed Bolshoi Opera. Eighty-strong,

they return to NJPAC with their powerful production of Puccini's immortal masterpiece, "Tosca." This moving, multi-racial tale of courage, revenge and ultimate tragedy, is fully staged with authentic Italian with English subtitles. Tickets: \$65, \$56, \$48, \$38, \$24 and \$14.

• Groups/Corps, 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, lighting fast footwork and sultry sensuality. Its high-energy programs are as rich and multi-faceted as Brazilian culture itself. Tickets: \$38.

• Hale 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 dance, in the capoeira, and, above all, in the gaiety of the samba, this cultural, uniquely Brazilian group should absolutely be seen." — *The New York Times*. Tickets: \$50, \$44, \$36, \$28, \$20 and \$12.

• Vladimir Spivakov and 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, "Prelude and Scherzo"; and Shoenberg, "Verklarte Nacht." Tickets: \$56, \$50, \$42, \$34, \$22 and \$14.

• Michael Flatley'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, Flatley'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

panel discussion, poetry readings and workshops with legendary poets, as well as a re-imagined part of the hip hop generation. Tickets are free.

• Paper Bag Players, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. Victoria Theater, ages 8 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 shown in the form of Paper Bag Players return to NJPAC with their short plays, teasing songs, free-wheeling dances and audience participation, bringing imaginative new life to family objects. "In questionably the leading United States theater company for kids." — *People Magazine*. "They exemplify excellence in children's theater." — *The New York Post*. Tickets: \$19 and \$10.

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

• Peter, Paul and Mary, Nov. 13, at 8 p.m., Prudential Hall. This Grammy Award-winning trio has built a timeless musical legacy thanks to peerless 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, \$44, \$36, \$24 and \$14.

• "Deliverance," Planet Hip Hop hosted by Marjorie Barnes and Jerry Gant, 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 Turrence, Fuzi Ra Oof, Flo Brown, Jennifer C. Armas, Marcella Goheen, Marubi Selah, Pandora Scooter, Rasheed 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 Verse 4 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 Worksongs 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 Worksongs, will produce a full day of

Theatre Alliance wins state award for promoting quality and diversity

The New Jersey Theatre Alliance, the consortium of professional, not-for-profit theaters in New Jersey, has been awarded the Governor's Tourism Award for the Arts for the online ticketing program, njArtsTix.org.

The award was presented to the New Jersey Theatre Alliance for demonstrating that it is "instrumental in advancing New Jersey Arts and promoting the quality and diversity of New Jersey's arts community."

Joining Gov. James E. McGreevey and Nancy Byrne, director of the Office of New Jersey Travel and Tourism, in presenting the Arts Award at the gala luncheon attended by tourism professionals from across the state was Nina Stach, director for arts marketing and external affairs for the New Jersey State Council of the Arts. NJTA Executive Director John McEwen and Director of Marketing Dee Billia accepted the award on behalf of the New Jersey Theatre Alliance.

Under McEwen's leadership, NJTA has developed innovative programs that serve the arts community and the theatergoing public. Flagship programs include www.njArtsTix.org, the nation's first statewide discount ticketing Web site for the performing arts, and AT&T Family Week at the Theatre, a statewide week-long festival of free and discounted tickets for young people and their families that takes place during the first week of March, along with many other audience development/marketing initiatives that benefit the public and the

Sondheim musical in Cranford

Legendary Broadway composer Stephen Sondheim turns 75 this year, and the Cranford Dramatic Club is marking the event by producing two of his musicals this season. First up is "Company," opening Friday, followed by "Into the Woods" in May. Sondheim has had a profound influence on American musical theater, and these two shows provide a great opportunity for local theater fans to see why.

"Company," first produced on Broadway in 1970, follows a confirmed bachelor, Robert, on his 35th birthday as he contemplates his unmarried state. In a series of hilarious vignettes, we are introduced to "those good and crazy people," his married friends, and those of his girlfriends. Robert weighs the pros and cons of married life, and in the end he realizes being alone is "alone, not alive."

Rich Sichel, of Nutley, takes on the pivotal role of Robert in CDC's production. He is a veteran of numerous area theater productions and is highly regarded for his intelligent portrayal of characters in conflict.

The cast also includes popular CDC veterans Melissa Loderstedt, Jenny Colleen Kraft as Sarah, Anamaria Llanos-Carrizo as Kathie, Neve Ayson D. Pemoulie as Janine, Jeanne Heather Darrow, Matt Donohue, Robert Cox, Esther H. Cohen, Nuno de Sousa, Chantel L. Scott and Danielle Shepard. The show also features a vocal minority that sits off-stage with the orchestra and adds an additional layer of vocal texture.

This trio is comprised of Karen Chams, Jean McCauley and Tiffany Wilson. Director Joe Verno, of Westfield, characterized the cast as a group of highly talented performers, many of whom had significant professional experience in addition to participation in community theater settings.

"Company" will be presented on Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. from Friday to Oct. 23. Tickets are \$20 on a reserved seat basis, and can be obtained by calling the box office at 908-276-7611 or through the theater's Web site at www.cdclife.org.

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Artist's work is on display

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will present an exhibit of paintings by Cranford resident Alexander Mambach in the gallery space at the offices of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, located at 633 Pearl St. in Elizabethtown.

"The new exhibit in the Pearl Street Gallery features the work of award-winning portrait, still life and traditional technique painter Alexander Mambach," said freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada. "We are happy to exhibit his fine oil paintings."

Mambach earned his MFA in painting — cum laude — from the Graduate School of Figurative Art of the New York Academy of Art, a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in illustration from the Philadelphia College of Art, and he has studied painting and drawing at the School of Visual Arts in New York City. Mambach has exhibited extensively throughout New Jersey and New York, and he won numerous awards in juried exhibits.

As an illustrator, his work has been published by E.P. Dutton Publishing, Scholastic Books and Magazines, Homer Durham Advertising, and Hawthorn Books. He has received many portrait commissions. Mambach also has taught oil painting techniques to high school and adult students, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Arts Association, and other groups.

Mambach's paintings are on display at the Pearl Street Gallery in Elizabethtown through Oct. 29. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

"We are proud to see the work of one of Cranford's professional artists shown in the beautiful and historic St. John's Parsonage," said Estrada. "The talent and diversity of our local artists assures an ongoing variety of interesting exhibits. We thank Mr. Mambach for sharing his traditional paintings with us."

Union County artists whose works can be hung on a wall and who are interested in exhibiting in the gallery are welcome to apply. For more information about the Pearl Street Gallery, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabethtown, NJ 07202. For more information call 908-558-2550. NJ Relay users can dial 711. Or send e-mail to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

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ART SHOWS

SWAIN GALLERIES, 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call 908-756-1707.

THE SKULSKI ART GALLERY of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark, together with the Nowogrodzki Foundation, presents art works by Rafal Olbuiski through Friday. For more information, call 732-382-7197.

THE TOMASULO GALLERY at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, presents "Reflected Light," a suspended sculpture by Meryl Taradash, through Nov. 18, with an artist's reception Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 908-709-7155 or visit http://www.ucc.edu/tomasulo_art_gallery.htm

THE WESTFIELD ARMORY hosts the 21st Westfield Artists Market on Nov. 12, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. A juried exhibition and sale featuring the work of top jewelry, fiber artists, woodworkers, visual artists, leather workers, glass artists and more. For more information, call 800-834-9437

BOOKS

THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN BOOK GROUP will meet at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Rantano Road, Clark, for information, call 732-574-1818.

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WOMEN'S READING GROUP meets the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Rantano Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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MARY WILSON, author of "Naughty Little Secrets," will appear Saturday, at The Town Book Store on from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, contact 908-233-3535.

COMEDY

THE WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER presents Comedy Night on the third Saturday of each month. The Comedy Night series at the Watchung Arts Center has managed to build a following in its suburban location by drawing from a mix of New York City comedy club stand-ups. Each show features new faces and fresh material.

Host Phil Hochman will present master of ceremonies John McMinna, a headliner and a feature performer. Ticket price includes light refreshments after the show. The show begins at 8 p.m. Oct. 16, and tickets are \$15.

The seating at the Watchung Arts Center is in an intimate art gallery, with limited capacity. Reservations may be made by ticket price, at www.watchungarts.org or by phone, calling 908-753-0190 or leaving a message if necessary. Tickets will be held at the door.

The Watchung Arts Center is located "on the circle" in Watchung, reached

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DISCUSSION
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THE INTERNET LOUNGE, 256 South Ave., Fanwood, hosts an Open Mic Karaoke Night. Join the group for a cup of coffee and coffee and a wide variety of organic foods and participate in an original poetry reading, a stand-up comedy routine or a musical number. There's no cover charge. To ask about a schedule of events, call 908-490-1234 or visit its Web site: www.themetelounge.com.

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TALES FOR TOTS PRESCHOOL STORYTIME will be offered at Barnes and Noble, Route 22 West, Springfield, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and

A special book by Borders Books and Music, offering books on arts and contemporary crafts, plus gourmet cooking, for children and adults.

Among the artisans appearing at the show are: Harvey Greenwald, who makes leather, portfolios, briefcases and handbags. "Using many types of leather, including glove leather, scotch grain and full grain, I construct architectural briefcases and handbags," he said. "My process goes from drawings to patterns to structure. The leathers are cut, glued, folded and sewn, creating multilayered designs with removable components." By stressing graphic design in his functional bags, the Warwick, N.Y., designer-craftsman has evolved a distinct concept of design, execution and function that has earned him numerous awards.

Nicario Jimenez, a retablo maker. Jimenez fashions retablos, which are sophisticated folk art in the form of portable wooden boxes filled with brightly colored figures arranged in intricate narrative scenes. From the 16th to the 19th centuries, retablos were carried through the Andean mountains by Spanish princes as portable religious shrines to Catholic saints. Later, they were adapted by the indigenous people to include their own deities and mythologies. Jimenez's award-winning compositions depict religious, historical and everyday events important to the indigenous people of the highlands of Peru. "However, I portray life beyond my native Peru, and focus on the world I experience as I travel to exhibit my work," says the folk artist. This work appears in the permanent collections of the American Museum of Natural History, the Smithsonian Institution, the San Diego Museum of Man, the Museum of International Folk Art in Santa Fe, and the Department of Latin American Studies at San Diego State University.

Jen Violette, a glassblower. Violette's whimsical interpretations of domestic objects, including chairs, watering cans and sugar and creamer sets — all in brilliant glass techniques and the artist's own interaction and experience with glass as a material. She works with geometric and organic shapes to create imaginative new glass forms. "Molten glass is so wonderful for creating character and personality in a piece," she says. "It is such a fluid material, and I try to freeze that feeling into my work, yet still show real control over it. Having a sense of humor in the glassmaking process, as well as striving for individual unique designs, are both of great importance in my pieces."

POETRY

POETRY OUT LOUD! will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

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RADIO
TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Rantano Road in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-241-5768.

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

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JEWISH SINGLES Men and women 60 to 70-plus are invited to a Jewish singles gathering to meet, greet and make new acquaintances at B.G. Fields, 506 Springfield Ave., Westfield, on Oct. 24 at 1:30 p.m. Reservations are required as space is limited. Admission is \$15 with your R.S.V.P. by Saturday, which includes complete dinner menu. Possibly no same day admission. Contact 607-705 or 908-687-0274 for details.

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THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mic Night every Friday night, a disc jockey every Thursday night and solo artists and bands on Saturdays. Happy Hour is 4 to 7 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, with \$1 drafts and \$3 Long Island iced teas. Mondays are Mexican Mondays with \$2 shot specials, \$2 Coronas, \$2 margaritas and \$1 tacos. Wednesdays are Ladies Nights and Karaoke.

The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-6544.

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VAN GOGH'S EAR, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesdays are "Acoustic Tuesdays," some of which feature open mic from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. of jazz performance. Open mic participants sign up at 7:30 p.m. and get 10 minutes at the microphone. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. The cover charge is \$3 for all Sunday concerts, unless otherwise noted.

"The THEATRE PROJECT" presents "The Mystery of Irma Vep" by Charles Ludlum through Oct. 17 at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Tickets are \$18 and \$10, and reservations are recommended. For more information, call 908-659-5189.

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Weekly Mortgage News

McLennan, Freddie Mac (NYSE: FRED) today released the results of its Primary Mortgage Market Survey (PMMS) in which the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage (FRM) averaged 5.72 percent, with an average 0.6 points, for the week ending September 30, 2004, up slightly from last week when it averaged 5.70 percent. Last year at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 5.98 percent.

National Averages 30-year mortgage National Average: 5.72%, 15-year mortgage National Average: 5.12%, 1-year ARM mortgage National Average: 3.97%. LENDERS TO BE LISTED IN THIS SURVEY CALL 1-800-CNS-8525.

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2004 HONDA LIBERTY LIMITED 4 DR 4 cyl. auto. p/st/ABS/winds/lks, air, cd, moonroof, leather, alloy, 16,000 mi. S18#41053A. VIN#1B010730. \$18,607	2004 DODGE DURANGO SLT PLUS 4X4 4 DR 4 cyl. auto. p/st/ABS/winds/lks, air, cd, moonroof, leather, alloy, 16,000 mi. S18#41053A. VIN#1B010730. \$19,907	2004 DODGE GRAND CHEROKEE LTD 4X4 4 DR 4 cyl. auto. p/st/ABS/winds/lks, air, cd, moonroof, leather, alloy, 16,000 mi. S18#41053A. VIN#1B010730. \$20,707
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Local veterans earn top military award

Several residents of Springfield, Summit and Mountainside were among those honored during a special award ceremony Sept. 30 at the Westfield National Guard Armory in Westfield.

During the ceremony, 128 veterans of World War II, Korean, Vietnam, Persian Gulf and Operation Enduring Freedom, were presented with the state's top military award, the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal.

Distinguished Service Medal recipients include:

- Mountainside: Pfc. Fred G. Butler, with cluster, posthumous, Army, World War II.
- Springfield: Specialist Four, Jeffrey F. Walker, Army, Vietnam.
- Summit: Pfc. Robert Petraceo, with cluster, posthumous, Army, Vietnam.
- New Jersey Korean Service Medal: Springfield: Sgt. Salvi P. Consales, Army, and Airman First class Andrew S. Herkalo, Air Force.
- Mountainside: Petty Officer 3rd Class Pasquale Femicola, Navy, and Sgt. William J. Leber, Army.
- Summit: Staff Sgt. Halon Freedom, Army.

The New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal was originally issued in 1858 for those who distinguished themselves in the New Jersey Militia, but was used infrequently until authorized by Gov. Thomas Kean in 1988.

After the Spanish American War, the Mexican Border Expedition and again after World War I, the state of minted special medals for returning New Jersey veterans to honor their service. After World War II, Korea, Vietnam and subsequent combat actions no such medal was available.

The state was looking for an appropriate way to honor all of these returning combat veterans and acknowledge the debt the state owed them for their service. The New Jersey DSM was then authorized for that purpose. It is New Jersey's highest military award.

Since its reauthorization in 1988, more than 20,000 medals have been awarded to combat veterans from New Jersey.

To be eligible for the Distinguished Service Medal you must meet all the following criteria:

- currently be a resident of New Jersey
- have been a resident of New Jersey at the time you entered into military service
- have been honorably discharged
- have proof of having served in combat while on active duty during wartime

Those recipients whose service was recognized by the award of the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Air Medal or equivalent medal will receive a New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal with an oak leaf cluster.

The DSM can be awarded posthumously to the next-of-kin of a veteran who meets the criteria.

Anyone interested in applying for the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal should send a written request, e-mail or telephone call, requesting an application form to: NJDMAVA, Attn: Kathy Burek, P. O. Box 340, Trenton, 08625-0340.

Be sure to include full name, home address and a daytime phone number.

To e-mail: patricia.richter@njdma-va.state.nj.us

By phone: 1-800-624-0508, Press 7

Visit <http://www.state.nj.us/military/veterans/awards/forms/application.pdf> for an application.

The New Jersey Meritorious Service Medal is being awarded to those combat veterans who were not residents of New Jersey when they entered the military service, but who are current residents of New Jersey and have resided in the state for the previous five years. All other qualifications are the same as for the DSM.

To apply for the MSM, send the application to the same address as the DSM.

To be eligible for the New Jersey Korean Service Medal, veterans must meet the following criteria:

- be a current resident of New Jersey and have resided in the state for at least the past five years.
- combat veterans who served on active duty on or after June 23, 1950 and on or before Jan. 31, 1955, in Korea, Japan or contiguous waters or



Claire Butler of Mountainside, a World War II veteran herself, accepts her husband Fred's posthumous medal for Distinguished Service.

airspace thereof, served one or more days with an organization directly participating in or supporting military operations or on temporary duty in contiguous areas for 30 consecutive days and 60 nonconsecutive days

- have an honorable discharge or be currently serving in the military
- Posthumous awards can be awarded; application must be made by the surviving spouse or immediate family member.

Paterson is a native of Canada who now lives in Hamilton, Ontario. She performs extensively throughout Europe and North America in oratorio, opera and concert. Farina and Multer are both members of the New York-based Elements Quartet, which has performed at Merkin Concert Hall and at the Caramoor Festival.

Bern in Moscow, Moston came to the U.S. in 1979 and has performed widely in the New York area. Cellist Carlo Pelletieri is a member of the Gainsborough Trio and has served as principal cellist of the New American Chamber Orchestra and the New York City Opera National Company.

Vines is artistic director of the Afternoon Music series and music director at the Unitarian Church in Summit. A native of Portland, Oregon, he plays frequently as a soloist and collaborative pianist in the New York area and throughout the United States. In September, he performed in Tokyo and Nagasaki with soprano Selina Miyazaki.

Afternoon Music's upcoming season features Sunday afternoon concerts by organist Jeffrey Brillhart, Jan. 23, Music for Piano and Winds, March 13, and An Afternoon of American Popular Song by cabaret singers Phillip Officer and Maricann Meringolo, May 1.

Concert tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors. Subscriptions, including all four concerts, are \$70 for adults and \$50 for seniors. Students are admitted free.

For information, call 908-273-3245.

WRC schedules women's support groups, workshops

Pathways, Women's Cancer Support Services, offers free support groups to women diagnosed with breast or gynecological cancer and their families.

Pathways is a program of the Women's Resource Center, a non-profit organization that served 4,500 women and girls in northern New Jersey last year.

To register, or for directions, call Maria Austin, Pathways director, at 908-277-3663 or go to Women's Resource Center, 908-273-7253. All groups are free of charge, some still have openings, and unless otherwise noted, are conducted at the center now located at 561 Springfield Ave., in Christ Church, Summit.

- The Monday Breast Cancer Group, After Cancer — Addressing the Needs of Cancer Survivors, meets from 7:15-8:30 p.m. This is a structured ten-week group for women at any stage of diagnosis and treatment, whose resources and coping strategies can be shared. It is facilitated by Cynthia Weaver, Ed.S., and Lois Bonnell, Ph.D.
- The Tuesday Young Survivors Group meets from noon to 1:15 p.m. and is specifically designed for women age 40 and younger who are diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Kay English, MSW, LCSW, and Mary Hill, MSN, facilitate open discussion on dealing with breast cancer at an early age.
- The Wednesday Breast Cancer Support Group, With Cancer on Back, meets from 1 to 2:15 p.m. This group for women who are dealing with recurrence or metastasis meets three Wednesdays of each month. Group focus is on facing change while finding meaning and value in a challenging time. Emy Hyans, and Jackie Bonanno, facilitate.
- The Wednesday Night Group meets from 7:15-8:30 p.m. This is an ongoing support group for women diagnosed with breast cancer at any stage of diagnosis and treatment, and will teach parents how to observe and describe behaviors specifically and accurately and thereby increase their own effectiveness in obtaining cooperation, avoiding misunderstand-

ings, supporting quality relationships and providing clear and powerful messages when speaking to their children. Parents will learn how to recognize the antecedent conditions, behaviors and consequences to aid them in changing poor performances for encouraging positive actions.

This fall, the Women's Resource Center will offer a variety of growth groups that will be conducted at its new location at 561 Springfield Ave. in Christ Church, in Summit. Professional therapists lead all groups which are limited to 10 women, so early registration is essential. To register, or for information, call the center at 908-273-7253.

- Relationships in Transition Part II — Starting Over After Divorce.
- Many participants of Relationships in Transition found "finishing up the business of the past" required more time.
- They voiced the desire to continue on this path of change and growth in the company of other women in the same situation.
- This group is for any woman who has attended Relationships in Transition and is looking for additional guidance in dealing with an ex-spouse, forming new relationships, handling family events as a single woman, and more.
- Eileen Sande-Kerback, MA, LAC, a family therapist and experienced group leader with a private practice in Chatham, will facilitate the program to be conducted on seven Tuesdays beginning Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- The fee is \$105 for members and \$135 for non-members.

Girl Project programs promote creativity, self-defense

The Girl Project, a program of the Women's Resource Center, has a variety of offerings this fall that will be held at their new location at 561 Springfield Ave., in Christ Church in Summit.

To register, or for more information about these or similar programs, call the center at 908-273-7253, or visit their Web site at www.womens-resource.org and click on Girl Project.

- "Girls Who Write" will be Nov. 12 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and the fee is \$20. Barbara Kennard, a social worker in private practice in Madison, will lead this workshop for girls ages 9 to 12 who like to write for fun and self-expression.
- Participants can experiment with different forms such as journaling, poetry or prose. Also experience or special skill is necessary and only a favorite writing tool and notebook are required.
- "How to Say What You Mean Without Being Mean (And Still Keep Your Friends)" is for girls in grades three to five and will be offered on Nov. 1 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and the fee is \$20. Girls can be so concerned with being nice that they lose their ability to be direct, genuine and assertive.
- Beth Smith will help identify common challenging situations and provide new ideas for creating the healthy social relationships girls deserve.
- "Standing Up for Yourself: Self-Defense for Girls Age 9 to 12" will be Nov. 14 from 2 to 5 p.m. at The Connection for Women and Families, 79 Maple St.
- Ruth Goldsmith, certified chimeria instructor will lead and the fee is \$28. Girls who feel confident in their ability to handle themselves have a crucial advantage. This workshop focuses on self-defense principles and techniques that are easy to learn with an emphasis on prevention while having fun and acquiring new skills.
- "Self-Defense and Sexual Harassment Prevention for Teens" will be Oct. 17 from 2 to 5 p.m. at The Connection for Women and Families, 79 Maple St. Adult women are welcome.
- Ruth Goldsmith, certified chimeria instructor

will lead and the fee is \$28. The discussions for girls age 13 to 17 will include the psychology of sexual harassment and how to draw the line between joking and harassment using verbal and physical strategies with a focus on prevention.

- "Teens will learn how to recognize and avoid potentially dangerous situations and defend themselves physically with yells, kicks, strikes and releases from grabs.
- "Sex and the City & Your Teenager?" is for adults and will be Nov. 8 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Madison Library, 39 Keep St, Madison, with a fee of \$5.
- Dr. Walter Rosenfeld, director of the Adolescent/Young Adult Center for Health and vice-chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at the Goryeb Children's Hospital of the Atlantic Health System in Morristown, will continue to look at teen sexuality with a focus on the physical, psychological and social effects of teen sexual activity. This program is co-sponsored by the Girl Project, the American Association of Uni-

Film festival returns

The International Film Festival returns to Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St., with three more award-winning motion pictures.

The fall season debuts on Oct. 18 with "Respiro," an Italian film, about a free-spirited young woman at odds with her husband and neighbors.

On Nov. 8, the Academy Award-winning Canadian film "The Barbarian Invasions" portrays humor in the midst of tragedy, as a terminally ill man reunites with old friends, lovers and estranged family members.

On Dec. 6, "The Man Without a Past" awakens from a coma and rediscovered the world as he searches for his identity.

Each film will be shown at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. For information, call 908-273-0350.

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A HEARTWARMING TALE THAT SPANS GENERATIONS — Every Tuesday at 12:45 p.m., the children in Joan Magee's class at the Edward V. Walton School in Springfield gather to welcome Irene Green, a Holocaust survivor, as she reads a story to them. Green was born on Dec. 24th, 1904 in Austria, and is almost 100 years old. She speaks five languages and was raised in a wealthy family until World War II. Joining her at the readings is her 'greatson' Anikitra Maa Battle, who was born in 1999. Since he was 2 and 1/2 years old, Green was the only nana for Battle, and she has been living with the Battle family for three years.



NEWS CLIPS

Township Committee to honor volunteers
The Springfield Township Committee will be recognizing community volunteer organizations at its regular meeting at Tuesday, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
Among those present will be the Springfield First Aid Squad, Board of Health, Recreation Committee and Environmental Commission, among several other appointed organizations. Mayor Charles Harek said that this is being initiated to show the community the importance of every volunteer in town.
'I believe it is important to recognize all the volunteers who give so freely of their time to better our community,' she said.

AT THE LIBRARY

New titles this week
The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., has the following new releases available this week.
For information on any title, call 973-376-4930.
Fiction
'Are You Afraid of the Dark?' by Julie Ellis
'The Madman's Tale' by Jen Gish
'Nights of Rain and Stars' by Maeve Binchy
'Waiting for Teddy Williams' by Howard Frank Mosher
'White Hot' by Sandra Brown
Mysteries
'The Holmes Inheritance' by Brian Freemantle
'Beautiful Skin of Color' by Jennine Downie
'On Liberty' by Nov 18 and Shakespeare's 'Hamlet' on Dec. 16
The Great Books compilation may be purchased for \$20 at the Circulation Desk.
International film festival
Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will present 'Respiro,' Oct. 28 at noon and 7 p.m. as part of the International Film Series.
Storytime Theater
Storytime Theater at Mountaintop Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, will take place for kindergarten children on Wednesdays through Oct. 20, from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.
Clean Communities program under way
The annual Clean Communities program in Mountaintop will be conducted on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 9 to 11 a.m. starting at the DPW garage.
Chambers seeks volunteers for PGA
The Springfield Chamber of Commerce plans to promote local business during the upcoming 87th annual PGA Tournament at Baltusorg Golf Club from Aug. 8-15.
Romantic comedy highlights film series
The Springfield Free Public Library begins its Lighthouse Video Series, 'Box Office Hits,' on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at noon.
Public Notice
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
TAKE NOTICE that on the 19th day of October 2004, a public hearing will be held before the Zoning Board of Adjustment at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, at 10:00 A.M. regarding the appeal of application of Front & Co. for a variance of zoning ordinance No. 10-10 to permit the operation of a dance studio in a residential use zone R-20 on the premises located at 95 Victory Road, Springfield, New Jersey.
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OBITUARIES

Anthony Docchio
Anthony Docchio, 84, of Tamarac, Fla., formerly of Summit, died Sept. 25 at home.
Robert Maloney
Robert M. Maloney, 79, of Wilmington, Del., formerly of Summit, died Sept. 22 in Christina Hospital, Wilmington, Del.
Dennis J. Ryan
Dennis J. Ryan, 53, of Hopatcong, formerly of Mountaintop, died Sept. 28 at home.
Charles Gregory Straight
Charles Gregory Straight, 46, of Lyndhurst, formerly of Summit, died Sept. 26 at home.
Obituary policy
Obituary notices submitted by local funeral homes or families must be in writing. This newspaper cannot accept obituary notices by telephone.
Death Notice
REZAKI — On Thursday, September 30, 2004 Helen Gertrude Rezaki of Springfield formerly of Irvington, beloved wife of the late Paul B. Rezaki, devoted mother of Patricia Butterworth, loving grandmother of Eileen Marinacci, Paul K. Butterworth, Kathleen P. Butterworth and the late William C. Butterworth Jr. Dear great grandmother of William J. Daniel and Patrick Butterworth, Eric P. and Jennifer Marinacci, Anthony, Joseph and Victoria Butterworth. Relatives and friends were invited to attend the funeral from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the funeral home of the late Paul B. Rezaki, 1000 North Ave., Springfield, N.J. 07081. Interment will be held at 1:15 P.M. at the Holy Family Cemetery, Springfield, N.J. 07081. Call 973-376-4930.

Programs aim to build spiritual awareness

Interweave's Center for Wholistic Living in Summit will offer a variety of programs this fall, offering people a place to gather for fellowship, learning, and fun at a community learning center that promotes wellness, spirituality, and the common good.
First Fridays, located at 31 Woodland Ave., are informal 'coffee house' evenings of lively presentation and conversation, giving participants a fresh perspective on some current aspect of life in challenging times and energizing them for the weeks ahead.
Smoking cessation, weight loss workshops
The Hypnosis Counseling Center with offices in Bloomfield, Flemington, and Frenchtown will present a special set of workshops on Wednesday for Smoking Cessation and Weight Loss at Summit Middle School, 272 Morris Ave.
Barry Wolfson, who possesses a master's degree in counseling and 18 years of proven success in the art of hypnosis, will lead each workshop.

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Program combines music, art, movement for children

Leslie Lucas, director of Music Together at Summit, and Heather Auerbach and Debbie Sullivan of Leap and Learn are joining together to offer a new enrichment program of music, art, and movement.

Lucas has been offering Music Together classes in Summit for almost five years.

"I really wanted to offer something that picks up where Music Together leaves off," said Lucas. "I became aware that a lot of my older children were in afternoon programs for pre-k and kindergarten, and I really needed something to do on the morning so I decided to team up with Heather Auerbach and Debbie Sullivan of Leap and Learn who have a won-

derful program of aerobic activity utilizing a variety of props and tumbling apparatus, so the kids could have music, art and movement."

Some of the children that will be joining them for M.A.M. in the fall, have been coming to Lucas since they were infant and she said she's seen them learn how to walk and talk as well as sing and dance. A lot of these children are starting to achieve rhythmic and tonal competence.

They will be exposed to more instrument play as well as instrument recognition.

"When these kids hear a flute or violin I want them to be able to point to a picture of the instrument

at play as well as instrument recognition," said Lucas. "When these kids hear a flute or violin I want them to be able to point to a picture of the instrument they are hearing. I plan to expose them to classical, jazz, pop, and folk music as well as world music."

Lucas said participants will learn through game playing that incorporates singing, dancing, instrument play and with her partners from detailed art projects, perhaps making instruments such as drums. She has a background as a performer and songwriter but started working with children about eight years ago and found it to be a natural calling.

For information, call 973-269-9787.

Scrapbooking courses

Looking for a new craft? The Mountaineer Recreation Department has scheduled several classes for people interested in learning how to create scrapbooks.

Learn how to preserve your photos and stories for generations to come with a scrapbooking class in the Community Room at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east, Mountaineer. Classes meet from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$12 per person. Classes will meet on Oct. 14, Nov. 9, and Dec. 7.

Instructor Carolyn Williams will lead each class. Enrollment is limited, call 908-232-0015 for information or a registration form.

Jewelry making

Enjoy an evening of jewelry making using Swarovski crystal, handmade sterling silver Bali beads, sterling letter cubes and genuine stones. Choose a professionally designed pattern, or create your own work of art. This is an opportunity to socialize, learn a new hobby, and create some handmade gifts for the holidays.

The class takes place in the Community Room at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east, Mountaineer.

The class is for adults, and children ages 8 and older who are accompanied by an adult. The registration fee is \$5 per person, plus materials. Materials for jewelry start at \$25, a keychain costs \$15. A class is scheduled for Oct. 24 from 1 to 4 p.m. The registration deadline is Oct. 21.

For information, call 908-232-0015.

Create greeting cards

Learn to make your own greeting cards at the Greeting Card Stamp Camp. Make cards for birthdays, Christmas, Halloween, or any occasion.

The class will meet on Oct. 14 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east, Mountaineer. The class is for adults, and the registration fee is \$14 per person.

Call 908-232-0015 for more information.

Computer classes set

Would you like to master the mail merge or design a holiday newsletter on your computer? Need help formatting a spreadsheet in Excel? Then it's time to sign up for a computer class offered by the Mountaineer Recreation Department.

The two-session Word class will meet on Oct. 21 and 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Computer Center at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east, Mountaineer.

Instructor Linda Miske will unlock the mysteries of basic business correspondence, creating envelopes and labels, and basic formatting functions. The registration fee for the two-night class is \$44 per person.

Radio City trip planned

The Mountaineer Recreation Department is again sponsoring a trip to Radio City for the Christmas Show on Dec. 7. The bus will leave from the Deerfield School parking lot at 5:30 p.m. and will return after the 8 p.m. show.

The cost is \$78 per person, and includes seating in the orchestra section and bus transportation. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets will be sold at the Recreation Office.

Gym opens for fall high school basketball

The Mountaineer Recreation Department is again sponsoring open basketball for high school boys. The Deerfield School gym in Mountaineer will be open on Tuesdays from 8 to 9:30 p.m. through Nov. 16. There is no fee.

At presstime Tuesday, there were still several openings in under-12 boys' soccer.

For information, call the Recreation Office, at 908-232-0015.

Body sculpting offers total body workout

Get a total body workout and develop muscle endurance in the fall session of body sculpting.

Join Professional Fitness Athlete Laura Bass. Items for this challenging activity that uses lightweight 3- to 5-pound hand weights.

Classes meet on Monday and Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east, Mountaineer. The registration fee for residents is \$40 for Mondays only, \$54 for Wednesdays only, or \$100 for both nights.

The next session will meet from Nov. 1 to Dec. 15. Details are available at the Recreation Office.

Men's 40-40 basketball

Men's 40-40 basketball is for men whose waist or age is more than 40. The league meets on Mondays from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Deerfield School gym in Mountaineer.

The gym will be closed on Monday and Nov. 15 or if there are any school programs scheduled. The schedule may change when winter youth basketball programs begin.

Women's volleyball

Volleyball will meet on Wednesdays from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Deerfield School gym in Mountaineer. The gym will be closed on Nov. 17 and 24 or if there are any school programs scheduled.

Fun and participation are the key

Registration continues for fall 2004 activities

Registration is ongoing for adult programs at the Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., for the fall session through Nov. 14.

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

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

Fencing for adults meets Sundays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., and includes an introduction to the sport of fencing and is a good form of physical and mental exercise.

The fee is \$150 for YMCA members and \$170 for non-members.

For information, call 973-467-0838 or visit the Web site at www.summitarymca.org.

Springfield Y offers block party Saturday

The Springfield YMCA, located in the Chisholm Community Center at 100 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, will celebrate six years at its location with a block party on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Highlights include family-oriented games, activities, arts and crafts, plus an appearance by the Commerce Bank mascot. Admission is free.

For information, call 908-273-3330.

Program stresses father/child bond

Registration for YAdventure, a father and child family program at the Summit YMCA, 67 Maple St., is under way.

This is a family-oriented experience for fathers with children from ages 3 to 8. The program is divided into three groups: father and son, father and daughter and father and preschooler. Circles meet monthly October through June and participate in camps, games, songs, arts and crafts, and educational activities. The program runs from October through May.

Dad's Orientation Nights — for those who need to be placed in a group are scheduled for the following evenings:

Father/Son: Boys grades K-3, Tuesday at 8 p.m.; Father/Preschooler coed: Ages 3 to 4, Wednesday at 8 p.m.; and Father/Daughter: Girls grades K-3, Oct. 14 at 8 p.m.

For information, visit the Summit Y on the Web at summitarymca.org or call Amy Ketchum, senior executive at 908-273-3330, ext. 133.

Youth basketball signups begin

Fun and participation are the key

Emerson to be the topic of discussion

On Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m., book, theater and film critic, Jon Platt, will conduct a lecture/discussion on the works of Ralph Waldo Emerson at Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St.

Perhaps the most influential New England writer, Emerson is entering his third century of prominence in American literature and thought.

Platt calls Emerson "a dynamic and transforming American founder, who had as profound an impact on American literature and practical philosophy as Jefferson and Franklin had on government and everyday living."

Museum trip set

New York's world renowned Metropolitan Museum of Art is the destination on Dec. 2, a trip offered by the Mountaineer Recreation Department.

Several special exhibitions will be featured, including Gilbert Stuart, "China: Dawn of a Golden Age 200-759 AD," "Princely Splendor: The Dresden Court 1580-1620," and the "Christmas Tree and Neapolitan Credo."

The bus will depart from the Mountaineer Chapel on Spruce Drive, off Central Avenue, at 9 a.m. and leave the museum at 3 p.m. Participants will eat lunch on their own at the museum or at one of the many restaurants in the area.

The registration fee is \$23 per person, and includes admission to the museum and bus transportation. The fee for senior citizens is \$19 and museum members will be charged \$13 per person. Reservations for this trip has begun at the Recreation Office.

For information, call 908-233-0115.

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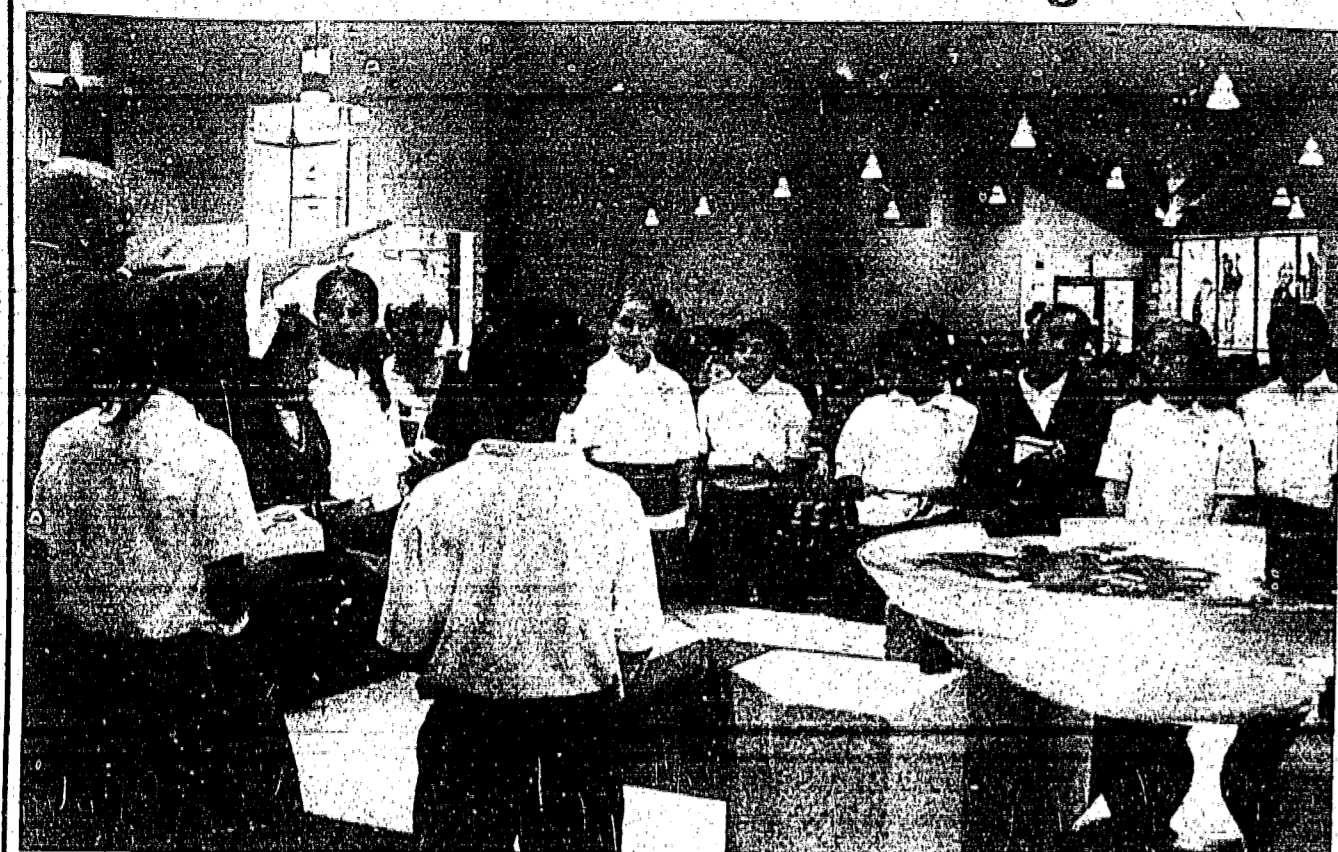
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Students receive Bible blessing



Sixth-grade students at St. James the Apostle School in Springfield hold their new Bibles, as Father Bob Slagg blesses them during the Opening of School Mass ceremony. Afterward, students gathered outside the church as Father Slagg blessed a small red bud tree planted in the spring, dedicated to the memory of Robert C. Slagg Sr.

RELIGION

Fall programming at Sha'arey Shalom

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, offers a fall calendar of events for the fall. Dynamic programming offers something for every age group and interest level.

Children enjoy monthly Mish-pachah minyanim, interactive sabbath morning services, Ten Shabbat services, and often participate in the evening family sabbath services.

Renaissance Group participants enjoy many activities including the Jewish Seniors lecture series and outings to various locations. All age groups are welcome at the Sabbath morning study minyan, evening book discussion groups, afternoon learning with the rabbi, and adult education series.

October starts off with a family picnic dinner and Bagel Binger brunch. Adult confirmation classes led by Rabbi Joshua Goldstein and conversational Hebrew classes led by Cantor Amy Daniels begin on Sunday. A Rosh Hodesh group — women's study group — will meet regularly and is led by Congregational Educator Mandy Schreff.

Goldstein will offer weekly a program on Thursdays at noon titled, "Thursday the Rabbi Had Lunch," a gathering to eat, drink and study Jewish topics of interest.

Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah classes are led by Amy Moutour in the evenings. Details on all classes and events are available from the office.

"Chai Noon" on Nov. 13 is a fundraiser offering roulette, craps and blackjack with a western twist.

Klezmer Shabbat will be Nov. 12. Shabbat dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., followed by a performance by the Hester Street Troupe during services, which begin at 8 p.m.

An RSVP payment for the dinner is required, so call the office if you can attend.

December will offer many ways to celebrate Hanukkah. The annual Hanukkah brunch will be Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Craft activities for the kids, entertainment, mitzvah mall

shopping and lots of food await. Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform Jewish congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism.

The synagogue is invited to most events and Friday night services, which are at 8 p.m.

For program information and to learn more about membership, call the temple office at 973-379-5387 or e-mail to office@shaarey.org.

Information is also available on the temple Web site at www.shaarey.org.

Church connects with current events

Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church offers Sunday school for pre-school children through eighth grade that connects current events and age sensitive social issues with bible-based skills.

"In October, we will use the exciting story of Noah's Ark to teach leadership perseverance, trust, and community-building skills through art, reading, games and music," Heather Robinson, children's ministries coordinator, said.

"One reason we chose to focus on Noah and the Ark was because of the exposure children have to 'visual reports' of flooding from the recent hurricane. We just finished studying the story of the Good Samaritan where children were learned the value of, and were affirmed for, being honest, helping others and being a good neighbor," added Robinson.

The congregation recently invited Springfield crossing guards and police officers into worship to offer a prayer of thanksgiving and safety as the school year began.

"Exposing children to this outreach and prayer time helps our children to extend biblical teaching into their day to day world," Pastor Elaine Wing said.

Springfield firefighters are invited to join the congregation for a similar purpose on Sunday, near the beginning of Fire Prevention Month.

Church service for all begins at 10:15 a.m. with a period of family worship exposing children to music and prayer before concluding with a

Family communion breakfast offered

The Rosary Altar Society at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Mountaintide, welcomes the public to Our Lady of Lourdes Annual Family Communion Breakfast, sponsored by after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday.

Breakfast will be from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at L'Abbaye Fine Catering, 1099 Route 22 East, Mountaintide. The guest speaker is to be announced.

Tickets will be sold after all masses. Cost will be \$14 for adults; \$7 for children younger than 12 years old.

For ticket information, call Julie Spinelli at 908-233-9684 or Jane Lape at 908-317-0444.

St. James auction benefits ministries

Saint James The Apostle Church, 45 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, will conduct its second annual travel, service and craft auction Oct. 29 at 7 p.m.

The event, featuring live and silent bidding, will benefit educational ministries of the Parish and the Coalition for the Homeless.

For information, call Sister Roseann Trester at 973-376-3044.

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be included. Admission is \$10 per person.

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social — Friday, noon. Entertainment — Friday, noon. Sports — Monday, noon. Letter to the Editor — Monday, 9 a.m.

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

THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

One of the best Group 4 teams in the state is Elizabeth at 4-0.

One of the best Group 2 schools is Cranford at 3-1.

One of the best Group 1 teams is New Providence at 3-0.

All three won big games last weekend and all three won those big games on the road.

In addition, Union County has pleased surprises this year in Rahway and Roselle. Both posted shutout victories at home last Saturday to improve to 2-1 and extending winning streaks to two games.

Rahway was 2-8 last year and Roselle 1-9. Rahway has not had a winning season since finishing 10-2 in 1999 and Roselle has not had a winning season since an 8-3 finish in 1998.

Rahway blanked Millburn 34-0 for its first shutout since 39-0 home win over Johnson in 1999.

Roselle blanked Johnson 6-0 for its first shutout since a 14-0 win at Roselle Park in 2002. Roselle also won two straight for the first time since ending 2001 with consecutive home wins over Chatham 41-7 in a consolation game and over Roselle Park 48-22 on Thanksgiving.

Another pleasant surprise is Governor Livingston at 3-1. The Highlanders, seeking a playoff berth in North 2, Group 2, have a big game at North Plainfield (3-0) tomorrow night.

Cranford is 15-3 in the regular season since winning 13-6 at Scotch Plains two years ago to improve to 2-3 in 2002.

Brearley, Elizabeth, Rahway and Roselle all won by shutout last weekend and for the first time this year.

Johnson, Hillside and Westfield are still winless. Johnson has lost three of its four games by one touchdown, while Hillside has lost one game by a touchdown and another by just one point.

FINALLY, SOME RIGHT - After picking games the first three weekends of the season, the record here was a pretty average 18-15.

Over the years, the percentage of games ranged from 720 to 750 by the end.

But last week's 10-0 performance will put the record on track.

WEEK FOUR GAMES

Friday, Oct. 8 (6)
Union at Elizabeth, 7 p.m.
Summit at Parsippany Hills, 7 p.m.
Gov. Liv. at North Plainfield, 7 p.m.
Bound Brook at Brearley, 7 p.m.
New Prov. at Newark Central, 7 p.m.
Highland Park at R. Park, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 9 (5)
DePaul at Johnson, 1 p.m.
Linden at Westfield, 2 p.m.
Scotch Plains at Shabazz, 2 p.m.
Roselle at Hillside, 2 p.m.
Dwight-Englewood at Rah, 2:30 p.m.
Off: Cranford, Plainfield.

WEEK THREE SCORES

Friday, Oct. 1 (3)
Brearley 26, Walkkill Valley 0
New Providence 37, R. Park 14
Shabazz 19, Westfield 7
Saturday, Oct. 2 (7)
Elizabeth 23, Linden 0
Irvington 14, Plainfield 6
Cranford 28, Scotch Plains 14
Gov. Livingston 14, Hillside 6
Rahway 34, Millburn 0
Roselle 6, Johnson 0
Summit 30, Dover 10
Off: Union.

WEEK FOUR PICKS (II)

Elizabeth over Union
Parsippany Hills over Summit
North Plainfield over GL
Brearley over Bound Brook
New Prov. over Newark Central
R. Park over Highland Park
Johnson over DePaul
Linden over Westfield
Shabazz over Scotch Plains
Roselle over Hillside
Rah. over Dwight Englewood
Last week: 10-0
This week: 28-15 (.651)

UNION COUNTY

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

MONMOUTH COUNTY

1. Scotch Plains (1-1)
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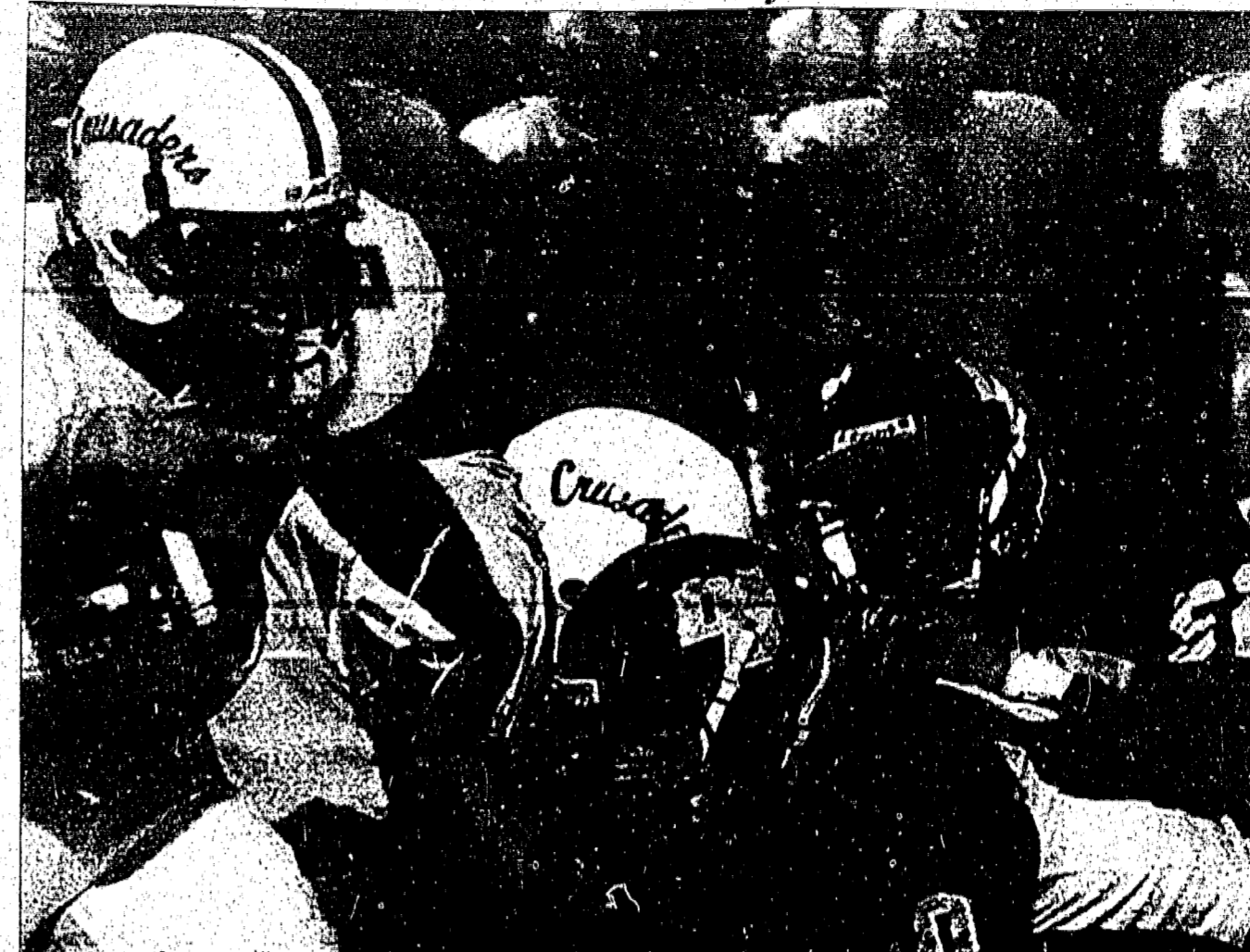


Photo by Barbara Kokalis

Dayton soccer teams triumph

The Dayton High School boys' soccer team improved to 3-1 last Friday after besting Mountain Valley Conference rival New Providence 2-1 in Springfield.

The team's leading scorer, Dimitri Tereshuk netted both goals to lead the Bulldogs past the Pioneers.

Earning assists for Dayton in the win were Alex Chicoima and Kalif Mohamad.

Dayton began the week with a 1-0 loss at Newark Central on Monday to fall to 3-2.

The Bulldogs opened their 2004 season with a 3-1 home win over North Plainfield back on Sept. 10.

Dayton then won at Newark Technology 7-0 on Sept. 20 before falling at home to Union Catholic 2-0 on Sept. 23.

Girls' blank Dunellen: Dayton's girls' team shut out non-conference foe Dunellen 5-0 Monday.

Senior standout Cristin Zavecki scored four goals and teammate Samantha Kennedy one.

The Bulldogs improved to 3-4 with the victory.

Springfield Minutemen grid squads impressive

Springfield Minutemen football teams excelled vs. Cranford last weekend.

The E Team won by a 30-0 score and the D Team was downed 12-6. The C Team remained undefeated with a 12-0 win and the A Team tied Cranford 14-14.

Fared Clayton scored four touchdowns to spark the E Team, his first coming on the first play of the game. Also running well for the Minutemen were A.J. Carlucci, Dylan Curry and Matthew Seal. Nicolas Matarazov scored a touchdown on a long run and Chas Bohannon gained yards on a quarterback sneak.

Joseph Wightman and Chris Gorgia played solid to open many holes for the running backs. Defensively, Michael Saladino led the charge with solid tackles all game long and also had a forced fumble. Craig Downey and Matarazov were in many key tackles all over the field. Clayton also had two interceptions, running one of them back for one of his scores. Connor McErmion helped the defense with a quarterback sack. Making tackles on the line were Adam Kennedy, Joshua Goldberg and Matthew Liebowitz. Michael Masia also played well.

Kevin Knight scored the lone D Team touchdown. Anthony Prus threw an impressive 15-yard first down pass to Joey Balboni. Prus also gained major yardage with an awesome run. John Balboni was solid running up the middle to keep the Minutemen moving. Tough tackles were made on defense by Daniel Perez, Patrick Coyle, Tyler Endaz, Evan Krupp and Joey Balboni. Anna Liese stuffed an extra point attempt.

John Hoehn intercepted a pass and returned it 50 yards for the C Team's first touchdown. John Cimo had an 85-yard touchdown, while Nick Conte provided key blocks on Hoehn's and Cimo's scores. Doug Feder blocked down a pass and made a nice recovery on a fumble. Chris Masio recovered his third fumble in as many weeks. Glenn Wallace had a key interception. Brendan Downey led the team with eight solo tackles, while Matt McElroy played a solid game on both sides of the ball. Savon Maye, Alfonso Cascajora, John Ghilino, Ryan Kenner and Jake Kosloski all contributed to a solid effort.

Robert Yannazzone ran for 190 yards and scored two touchdowns and an extra point in the A Team's tie.

Ryan Nunley caught a nice 35-yard pass and Dylan Prus scored an extra point and caught five passes for a total of 35 yards. Matt Schweikert, CJ Scott and David Martinez provided solid blocking, while Justin Lam had 50 yards rushing. Tanner Endaz did well to recover a fumble, while Schweikert, Lam and Yannazzone led the team in tackles.

Springfield led into the fourth quarter before Cranford blocked a punt to tie the game late.

Springfield youth soccer teams have solid efforts

The following are Springfield youth soccer results from last weekend:
Long Valley 4, Springfield Power 1: Playing well in the 12-and-under Power girls' team were Brenda Worman, Angela Berardinelli and Emily McDonald. Long Valley scored three goals early to dominate before each team scored in the second half.

Parsippany Astros 4, Springfield Scorpions 1: The Astros scored their first two goals early in the first half, before Zack Haliczek cut the deficit to one goal when he scored on a penalty kick early in the second half of the 11-and-under Scorpions.

Springfield goalkeepers Brandon Moss and Peter Yablonsky kept the Scorpions in the game by playing outstanding each half. Ross Konesky, Nicco Izzi, Nick Pearl, Mike Disko, John Balboni, Andrew Homish, Matt Disko and Sergio Annunziata kept a lot of pressure on the Parsippany goalie, but could not get any other shots past him.

Ryan Cutino, Brian DiFiore, Max Kotler, Matt Lynn and Jake Rudolph played strong on defense.

The Scorpions have Columbus week off, but play the following week at the West Milford Eagles.

Haliczer to compete at MetroStars game: Haliczek will be competing in the 7th annual MetroStars Team Championship Saturday. The competition features soccer skills such as dribbling, passing and shooting.

Haliczer will perform at 3 p.m., prior to the MetroStars' 7:30 game against the Columbus Crew at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford. Tickets are available for the game.

Springfield Emeralds 3, Millburn Freedom 0: The first-place 10-and-under Emeralds girls' traveling team posted its third consecutive shutout by beating the Freedom in Millburn. Casey Sheehy and Heather Fritzen played well in goal for the Emeralds to combine for a shutout.

Forward Amanda Greenberg led the Emeralds with two goals in the first half, with Cara Bibbo and Allison Knapp assisting. Midfielder Jessica Condon scored Springfield's third goal in the second half on a blistering shot off a perfect pass from Amanda Stein.

Jaclyn Nardone, Caitlin Curry and Katie Condon controlled the midfield. Sabrina Bibbo, Rachel Lauletta and Deirdre McElroy provided an impenetrable defense all game long.

The Emeralds will appear in the Pequonneque Columbus Day Tournament this weekend, facing four opponents in two days.

Hanover Warriors 2, Springfield Roadrunners 0: The 9-and-under Roadrunners held the Warriors to their lowest scoring output yet as Hanover came into the game outscoring the opposition by a 21-5 margin.

Playing well on defense for Springfield were Boomer Sack, Chris Vega, Reese Petersen and Joey Iuliano, as well as goalkeeper Drew Farbstien. Also contributing for the Roadrunners were Vinnie Nagy, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Bailey Rudolph, Tommy Walsh, Phil Moore, Tyler Citrin, Will Francis and Manny Barrera. The Roadrunners host the Vernon Tigers Sunday at 1 p.m.

Springfield Sirens 1, Kinnelon Green Dragons 0: TJ Kanarek found the back of the net in the game's final minute off a scramble in front to lead the 8-and-under Sirens to victory.

Springfield controlled the ball throughout, with Conan Greco, Austin Knapp and Zachary Walcott playing strong. The Kinnelon goalkeeper made several outstanding saves to thwart Springfield.

Kinnelon was never able to put a shot on Springfield because of the tremendous efforts by defenders Larry Boyd, Brendan Burke, Kristin Alpiroz, Paul Asimenos and Max Cohen. Also contributing for the Sirens were John Apicella, Charles Bachman, Mark Jessen and Jonah Yesowitz.

The Sirens are now 1-2-1 and are looking forward to their rematch next week against West Morris.

Jewish Seniors sponsor lecture series

The Jewish Seniors of Springfield is sponsoring a fall winter lecture series, "America's Wars — How and Why They Were Fought."

The lecturer will be distinguished professor Eugene Lieber. The lectures each begin at 1:30 p.m. with blood pressure screenings available at 1 p.m. at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave. The scheduled dates for the program all to be held on Mondays: Nov. 8, Nov. 22, Dec. 6, Dec. 20, Jan. 3, and Jan. 17. The program is open to the public. Registration is required.

There is a fee of \$18 per person for the series. No single tickets will be sold.

The deadline for registration is Oct. 31.

Lieber returns as Jewish Seniors of Springfield guest lecturer after his successful series two seasons ago on "The American Presidents" and last year's series on "Topics in American History." Professor and historian Lieber of Essex County College has been lecturing widely in the metropolitan area for more than 33 years.

Jewish Seniors of Springfield is a coordinating council

formed by Springfield's three synagogues: Temple Sha'arey Shalom (Renaissance Group), Temple Beth Ahm (Hazak) and Congregation Israel (Senior Set).

The purposes of the group are to avoid scheduling conflicts among the activities for seniors in the three congregations, to publish a joint schedule of activities to enable cross-participation, and to sponsor a limited number of joint programs for all. Joining in this enterprise is The Congregational Nurse program, also sponsored by the three synagogues.

For information about Jewish Seniors of Springfield or the fall winter lecture series with Lieber, call Temple Sha'arey Shalom's representatives Arlene Newman or Margie Grossbarth through Temple Sha'arey Shalom's office, at 973-379-5387 or e-mail office@shaarey.org.

To register for "America's Wars — How and Why They Were Fought" make checks payable to "Jewish Seniors of Springfield" and mail by Oct. 31 to: Jewish Seniors of Springfield, c/o Rena Graham, 50 Maple Ave., 309, Springfield, 07081.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

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SHEVNA CHRISTIAN CENTER
242 Shampine Rd., Springfield, 973-376-0666
Mackey St. Pastors: Sundays: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages • Nursery through children's
Spanish: Sunday 9:30 am and 5:30 pm
10:30 AM Worship Service and Midweek Prayer
5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11, 6:00 PM Evening Service
Nursery care: Wednesdays 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study, Junior Senior High Ministry, Adult Youth Ministry, Wide-Range Music, Program Amphibious Church Lift provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4511. Mondays - 7:00 pm - ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

JEWISH-REFORM
TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, 973-379-5387
Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor; Pastor and Bible Study, Junior Senior High Ministry, Adult Youth Ministry, Wide-Range Music, Program Amphibious Church Lift provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4511. Mondays - 7:00 pm - ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

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Mark Mallach, Rabbi; Richard Sidel, Cantor; Marilyn Kadish, President; Beth Ahm is an egalitarian Conservative temple with programming for all ages. Weekday services Mon-Fri 7:00 AM Sun-Hurs 7:45 PM Shabbat (Friday) 6:00 PM & 8:30 PM Shabbat day 9:30 AM & 5:30 PM Sundays, 8:30 AM Festival & Holiday Programs 9:00 AM Family and children services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third-seventh grades) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for teens through twelfth graders, and a busy Adult Education Program. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

LUTHERAN
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 630 Mountain Ave., Springfield, 973-376-4525, Fax 973-379-8887. Reno Madsen, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

JEWISH-ORTHODOX CONGREGATION ISRAEL OF SPRINGFIELD 339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 973-467-0666
Cham Marcus, Rabbi; Alan J. Yuter, Rabbi Emeritus; Solomon Greenfield, President. Congregation Israel is a Modern Orthodox synagogue. There are two daily weekday morning Minyan at 8:15 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Daily weekday Mincha Maariv services are also held. Call the shul office for times. There are two Shabbat morning services at 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. as well as Junior Congregation at 9:30 a.m. The Nursery School conducts classes for children aged 2 1/2 to 4. A summer camp also provides children with fun age appropriate activities. There are three nights a week with two weekly Teen classes. We have an active

Senior Set and very active Jr. NCSY and Sr. NCSY chapters for teens. Our Sisterhood, Adult Education and Youth groups provide a wide array of continual programming. For further information call the synagogue office at 973-467-0666.

UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST
UNITARIAN CHURCH IN SUMMIT 4 Walden Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, 908-273-3235, www.untun.org, Sat. Veterans Ruth Southern, Minister, Mitchell Vines, Music and Choir Director. Sunday Services and religious education classes at 9:30 and 11:00 AM. Adult Education and other programs.

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Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available. Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC
THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, 909 Central Avenue, Mountaintide, 908-232-4162. Celebrate the Lord's Day, Anticipated Mass 8:00pm, Sunday at 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:00am. Weekdays: Monday-Friday, 7:30am, Sunday, 8:00am. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Saturdays at 1pm, Perpetual Adoration Chapel for personal prayer and devotion. www.ollmountaintide.org, office@ollmountaintide.org

PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081, 973-376-3044, www.stjames.org, Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Reconciliation: Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

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Summit observes Red Ribbon week

The Summit public schools, in cooperation with the City of Summit, the Summit Municipal Alliance, and the Summit Police Department, will conduct its 11th annual Red Ribbon observance from Oct. 15 through Nov. 1.

- Communities and schools nationwide observe the Red Ribbon celebration to promote safe, healthy, and drug-free lifestyles.
- The Summit schools have planned Red Ribbon activities for students at all grade levels:
 - Preschoolers will color placements with pictures that depict healthy lifestyles. This activity is sponsored by the Connection for Women and Families.
 - Kindergartners and first graders will receive Trick or Treat bags printed with the message "Say Boo to Drugs."
 - Second-graders will welcome guest readers to their classes who will read the week's theme book, "The Red Ribbon — A Story of Hope."
 - Elementary school counselors Jeff Lambert and Tom DeMuro will make special classroom presentations for third graders and present them with activity books.

• Fourth-graders will participate in a poster contest to illustrate "Safe, Healthy Alternatives to Drugs and Alcohol." Winners of the poster contest will be honored by the Rotary Club at a luncheon at the Grand Summit Hotel on Nov. 1.

• Fifth-graders will hang red ribbons throughout the elementary schools. Fifth-graders also participate in the district's DARE program, taught by officers of the Summit Police Department.

• Seventh-graders at the Layton C. Johnson Summit Middle School are invited to participate in an essay contest, the theme of which is "The Importance of Having a Drug-Free Life." Seventh-graders are also D.A.R.E. students.

• All middle school students will attend an Oct. 19 presentation on the prevention of substance abuse and anti-violence behaviors. The presenter, William Fern, has conducted this team-building presentation throughout the country and incorporates fun into a learning experience. The program will help students understand cooperation, resilience, peer pressure, and self-esteem building through magic and group work.

• Among other Red Ribbon activities, Summit High School students will have an opportunity for a hands-on prevention experience. A stationary drunk driving simulator car will be available for selected students to experience the feeling of being intoxicated behind the wheel and how it affects their driving. Other students will be able to watch this driving experience, which will be projected onto a screen near the car.

STUDENT UPDATE

Students score with Merit Scholarship

Five Summit High School seniors have been named semifinalists and 12 seniors were selected as commended students for their performance in the 2005 National Merit Scholarship Competition.

Summit's semifinalists are Geoffrey Brewer, Varun Gehani, Matthew Peterson, Patricia Ruane, and Ariela Schachter.

Summit's commended students are Jeffrey Barry, Amy Beamer, Jonathan Britt, Lawrence Galinsky, Jeremy Katz, Matthew Lincoln, Travis Ludwig, Peter Melcon, Eric Nellis, Matthew Ocone, Megan VanSyeckle, and Courtney Williams.

More than 1.2 million students across the U.S. entered the 2005 Merit Program when they were juniors by taking the PSAT, which served as an initial screen of program entrants. Fewer than one percent of those entered were named semifinalists.

To advance to finalist standing, a prerequisite to consideration for a merit scholarship, semifinalists must have an outstanding high school academic record, be endorsed and recommended by their school principal, and submit SAT scores that confirm their earlier qualifying test performance.

About 34,000 commended students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. They placed among the top five percent of the students who

entered the competition by taking the qualifying test.

Kanaley takes on role of resident advisor

Chris Kanaley of Summit, a junior majoring in marketing management in the Martin J. Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University, will serve as a resident advisor in Haven Hall for the 2004-05 academic year.

Nellis volunteers for welcoming program

Rachel Nellis of Summit is among the more than 545 students who participated in the Goon Squad this August as part of "Syracuse Welcome 2004: A Slice of SU Life," Syracuse University's signature orientation program for new students.

Nellis is a junior in Syracuse University's College of Arts and Sciences.

Established in the 1940s by Syracuse University students to spread school spirit and help incoming freshmen adjust to college life, the Goon Squad consists of volunteer upperclassmen who assist new students and their parents as they move into residence halls and at other events throughout the orientation program.

In addition to unpacking vehicles and moving new students in, Goon Squad members also answer questions and provide campus directions to new students and their families throughout the Syracuse Welcome program.



United Way starts campaign

The United Way of Summit, New Providence, and Berkeley Heights kicked off its annual campaign on Oct. 1 to raise \$385,000 to support 35 programs in 20 local certified member agencies that provide programs and services to meet the needs of the community. Residents are encouraged to watch their mail for the annual letter and pledge card asking for support in keeping the community strong.

United Way President Karen Pfister asks those who make their charitable gifts through payroll deduction during a workplace campaign to designate their gift to the local United Way using code 001529, or writing on the pledge card "Please forward my contribution to United Way of Summit, New Providence, and Berkeley Heights, 1282 Springfield Ave., New Providence, 07974."

She noted that unless a specific designation is made to the United Way, no portion of an employee's contribution will be received by the local organization. In addition, to ensure your gift reaches Summit, New Providence, and Berkeley Heights, she asks to be advised of designated gifts made to the United Way.

To make a gift directly to the local United Way, send a check to: The United Way, 1282 Springfield Ave., New Providence, 07974. For information, call 908-771-0717.

All contributions support the agencies and services that are used by two out of every three people in the communities of Summit, New Providence, and Berkeley Heights.

Attention churches and social clubs

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities.

Releases should be typed and include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day.

Send information to: Brian Pedersen, managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.



HONORABLE VOLUNTEERS — SAGE, a major community resource for eldercare honored its past board presidents at the annual meeting last month. They included, from left, Kay Britton, Judy Shipley, Caroline Lind-abury, Milo A. Moore, Dr. Tom Inglesby, Maty Anne McDonald, and Fred Roesse. At left, Bob Entwistle and Linda Hrevnack of C.R. Bard in Murray Hill accept the Community Partner Award.

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