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## Library project continues

By Rick Klittich  
Staff Writer

A \$349,150 project that was approved several months ago to renovate the Springfield Free Public Library is now 75 to 80 percent complete, according to Library Director Susan Permahos.

"We're more or less at a stop for the moment," said Permahos, explaining that the library is waiting on the skylight that will be installed in the audiovisual room. The light needs to be built and installed specifically to the library's designs by an outside company. It is expected that the light will be put in place in late November, and at that point, contractor AB Designs of Summit, can continue with the interior of that area.

"In that same space, a corridor will connect the library to the museum," said Permahos, noting that people won't have to cut through the middle of the library to reach the museum.

All of the emergency doors have been widened, to become handicap-accessible, and ramps have been put in, as well. Railings are yet to be installed. The doors are 5 inches wider than the previous 31 inches they measured in width.

Two bathrooms were renovated and one is currently handicap-accessible, while Permahos described the other as "mostly" handicap-accessible. Both facilities are unisex.

The staff's office space renovation has been completed, with fabric partitions in place and extra room made to improve organization. The only things missing from the room now are furniture, Permahos said.

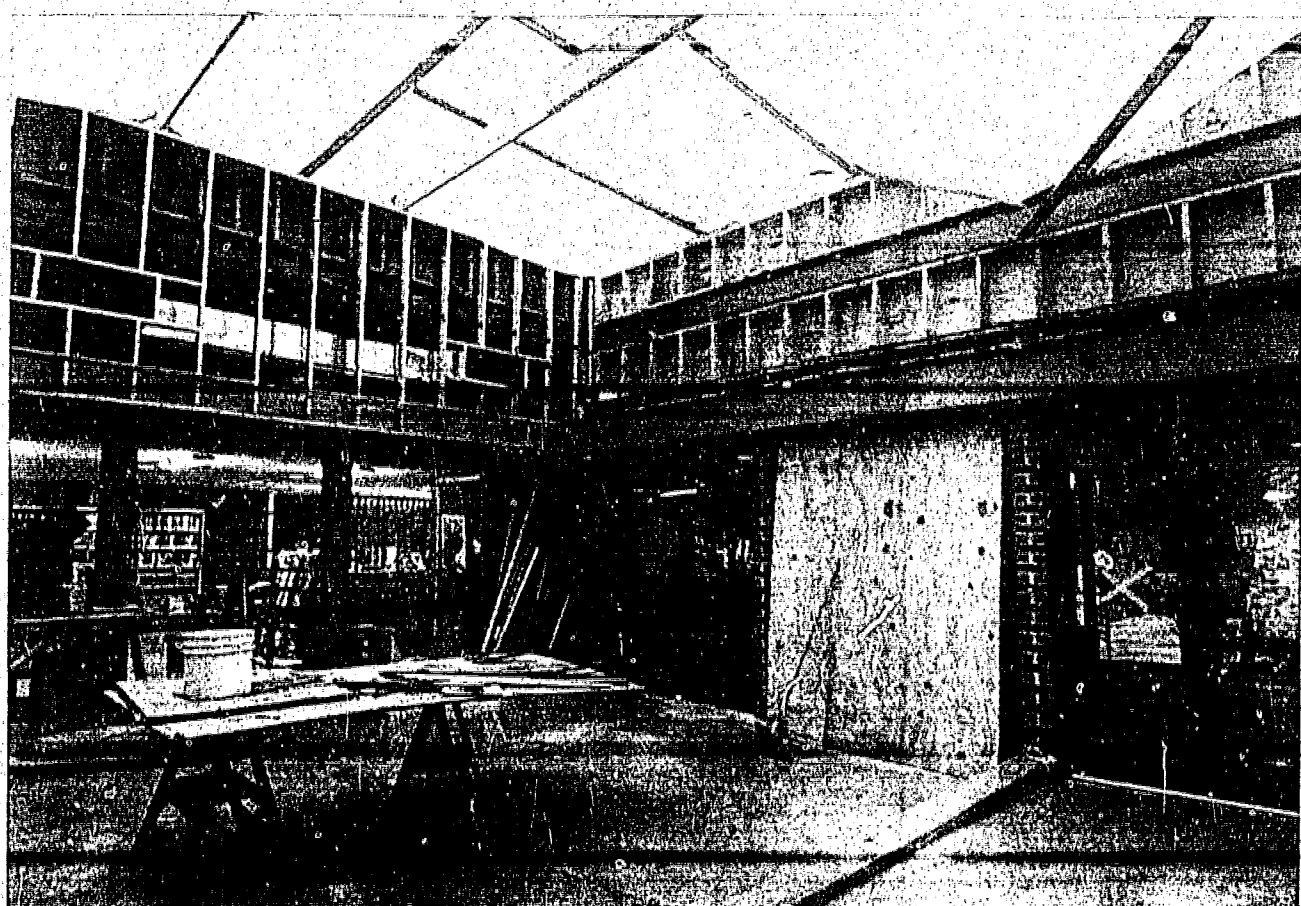


Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

The new audio/visual room at Springfield Free Public Library is still under construction and will soon have a skylight. Other renovations are still under way in the library as the project gets closer to completion.

Cabinets have been built to house the museum collection, and a lighting upgrade in the museum is finished and hoped to improve meetings and exhibit observations.

The "Teen Room," which will carry teen magazines and books, has taken shape and is awaiting the installation of exterior glass.

The quiet study room is also close to completion, as a divider was recently put in place this week, allowing for one big space or two smaller spaces. This room will be used for ESL tutoring and the proctoring of distance-learning exams, which is becoming a more popular way of expanding education. The room will also serve as a quiet study or meeting room.

The 90-day contract that AB Designs had agreed to will expire, Permahos said, only because of the outside company that must make and install the needed AV room's skylight.

"The contractor has been wonderful," Permahos said, adding that they are as quiet as possible, clean up after themselves, and even put up a wall between them and the public to avoid dust and distractions.

"They've done a great job of observing the library environment," Permahos said.

A Union County Community Development grant of \$21,200 is being used for the restrooms, while \$321,700 is being paid to AB Designs in total.

While currently on pace to complete the project without any major delays, the renovation bid passed by a narrow 3-2 vote, as Committeemen Harold Poltroek and Steven Goldstein had both thought that the bid offered by AB Designs may be too low. Both felt that legal fees, delays, and litigations could cause a rise in the amount of money spent on the project. Two other bids, both rejected, were both over \$100,000 more than AB Designs.

Permahos said that the reason the bid by AB Designs was so low was that it is a small business and much of the overhead expenses associated with other companies do not burden the contractor.

## Candidates squall at first public forum

By Rick Klittich  
Staff Writer

A candidates night forum Monday in the auditorium of Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield drew a full crowd, centering on issues that have been dwelled upon throughout the township in recent years, including Meisel Avenue Park, the Morris Avenue business district and communication with the public.

On stage sat Republican challengers Fran Corcione and Gary Russikoff, hoping to convince a room of voters that it is time to replace incumbent Democrats Clara Hareluk, the current mayor, and Committeeman Steven Goldstein.

"I want (Springfield) back for my kids like I had it," said Corcione in her opening statement, touching on the downtown area and atmosphere of the township when she was younger. "I'm around. You can call me," she assured the public. "You know I can do anything I set my goals to do."

Russikoff, who also explained that he would set specific goals to improve the township, pointed to Meisel Avenue Park and the new firehouse as two projects that have not been handled correctly.

"We have the experience, knowledge and record that has proven to this town that we can get the job done," Goldstein said.

Hareluk agreed, noting that the night would provide a chance for residents to see what has been accomplished during the two Democrats' time on the committee.

In a first-question response, Hareluk and Goldstein explained that the Meisel Field project is moving along, and that delays were caused by environmental problems outside of the anyone's control.

"It was an obvious lack of communication," Russikoff countered. "We put our trust in them."

A question regarding the budget allowed the incumbents to specify the problems concerning fixed costs of salaries and health care. Russikoff, noting he is a certified public accountant, said that he would look at cutting costs once he got a hold of the budget. Corcione, reminding the public that she is an "outsider," said she would cut corners and "spread it out a little more" once she has the chance to look at it closely.

Hareluk and Goldstein said the best way to deal with budget costs is to raise revenue, noting a proposed cell tower and the hiring of a grant writer as two recent additions to raise money for the township.

The topic of a deteriorated downtown was answered first by Russikoff and Corcione, as they agreed that its appearance is currently unacceptable, with Corcione noting the money spent on consulting fees over the years.

Goldstein noted that a plan is in the works, though very preliminary, while Hareluk agreed that a mixed-use zone may be the best way to develop the strip of land along Morris Avenue.

Asked about how communication can be improved, Russikoff promised that he would be involved with the Board of Education, county, and state, being involved completely and remaining a communicator. Corcione reiterated the sentiments, reminding the public that communicating is something she does very well. "I will get to the people more," she said.

Goldstein and Hareluk reminded voters of the town Web site, the "Talk of the Town" newsletter, and the mayor's mail and phone line. Both said they have and always will be available to the public, and that the best way to communicate is to attend meetings, where they have solved problems of residents.

## Parent pleads for solutions to ongoing odor problem at Beechwood

By Rick Klittich  
Staff Writer

After writing letters to the Mountainside Board of Education and receiving no significant response or answer, resident Gary Whyte spoke to the Borough Council Tuesday night, pleading with them to help either remove children from the Beechwood School classrooms affected by an unknown odor, or to figure out a solution to the ongoing problem.

Whyte said his 7-year old son is having "extreme trouble breathing," adding that he doesn't know if the problem is pneumonia, bronchitis, or something else, but he does not

want to visit Overlook Hospital for what would be the third time.

Whyte questioned the expertise of those looking into the situation, asking if the proper people are in the position to know what is going on. "In my opinion," he said, "they don't."

A meeting this past Friday that school representatives had with Union County Environmental Services and the Westfield Board of Health denied parental involvement, Whyte said, and although the Board of Education said that a letter would be sent home with children to update the situation, nothing has been

received.

Whyte also pointed out in a 25-page report which he received from school Business Administrator Paul Vizzuso that recommendations were made by a laboratory to do a thorough analysis of the building envelopes, including the walls and ceiling, but that in earlier areas of the report, it said the problem had been resolved.

"In my opinion, they should have never let the children in these rooms," said Whyte.

Whyte noted that he lived through this problem before, as he had breathing trouble after moving into a new office. He said that

eventually, he paid for an investigation of the problem and an industrial hygienist was hired and determined that there were problems with bacteria living behind walls.

"The Board of Education is an autonomous organization," said Borough Council President Werner Schon, who was the acting mayor for the night in Robert Vigilanti's absence. "I think the residents of Mountainside have to go and demand a resolution to this problem."

Borough Attorney John Post and Councilman Paul Mirabelli said that it was their understanding that the Westfield Board of Health would be returning to the school to make a rec-

ommendation sometime soon. Mirabelli added that he thinks qualified people may be obtained for an independent study and evaluation.

Whyte said that while the Board of Education has taken many steps, it is possible that they don't understand the magnitude of the problem.

The council agreed that Post should make a recommendation to the Board of Education to address the problem further, but the council maintained that they could not offer a definite plan or solution, as they are separate from the school system.

## Speaker shares her storytelling heritage

By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer

Kindergarten teachers from all over New Jersey had a treat last week, when Beverly Friend, a member of the Cherokee nation, talked all about Indian culture, history, and folklore at Beechwood School in Mountainside.

"I am Cherokee on my mother's side, and grew up listening to Indian stories and immersed in their culture," she said before the show began, as she was arranging a long table in the school's media center, filling it with Native American artifacts.

She believes in sharing this heritage, especially with young children through her lecture/workshop, titled "How to Share with the Young Child Our Native American Cultural Heritage."

The event became a party and was arranged by teacher Jana MacMillan through the Union County Chapter of New Jersey Association of Kindergarten Educators.

MacMillan's contact was with Lynn Bilman of the county chapter, who donned an Indian head dress for the occasion. Beechwood has five kindergarten teachers; and all were expected to attend. Teachers began filling up the parking lot and coming from all over the state to participate in her workshop.

Teachers had to register, and there was a fee of \$10, but evidently all were anxious to add to their teaching skills this unique experience. As the lecture began, more than 50 teachers had filled the media center/library, enjoying refreshments provided by the Beechwood staff.

Wearing a Cherokee costume — a

long, flowing dress with many beads — Friend has been studying and lecturing on Native American culture, history, and stories for more than 20 years. She is a speaker for the New Jersey State Council for the Humanities, and has visited companies as well as schools throughout the state.

There was a picture of an Indian chief framed on her table of artifacts. "That is Lone Bear, former chairman of the New Jersey Indian Office, a Lenape chief, and my mentor. He died a few years ago," she explained.

Asked if Indian tribes ever intermarried, such as the Lenape and the Cherokee, she said, "Oh, yes; it was customary with those two tribes as they lived side by side throughout the country." Her name in Cherokee is, "Ageya Tsisqua" which means "Bird Woman."

"A Cherokee has to earn the name," she said. "I always loved birds and still care for sick birds; they called me that because of this." She said Indian culture was complex. "Every area and every nation had its own language."

Friend recalls stories from her grandparents, whom she said were wonderful storytellers. "This is why I love working with children; they understand everything with pure hearts. I tell them that things that are small — ants, small animals, are very important — just as they are small and are so very important. The Indians believed this."

She said she explains to them that yes, they did hunt and kill animals for food. "There were no stores then; of course," said Friend, "but Indians believe all animals are sacred, and use



Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

Beverly Friend, a woman of Cherokee heritage, teaches kindergarten teachers from all over New Jersey a friendship dance of Native Americans at the end of her presentation about Native American culture at Beechwood School in Mountainside.

every part of an animal if they kill it. That is why they use the skins, and even bones."

She had on the table skins of a coyote, a mink, an otter, and used these in the lecture. There was also a beautiful large Indian Chief head dress with multiple feathers and beads. "Now this is an example of what the Cherokee do not use — this is only for the Western tribes," said Friend. "Our chiefs wear just a band with a simple feather and beads."

There was a realistic mask, painted and carved, made out of wood, which Friend said was used for ceremonial

purposes. Cooking utensils and hand-made baskets were also on the table and beautiful Indian rugs and blankets.

As for telling stories to children, Friend said, "I leave them with the message that no matter how little or big you are, you learn to share and live in harmony with Mother Earth."

Her lecture included how stereotypes are distorted about Native people. "Most Native people have assimilated into today's society; your neighbor could be a Native person. It is important for us to understand Native Americans in a way that allows us, and our children, to see the uniqueness

of their culture, while instilling respect for their diversity," she said.

She explained that the Eastern Woodland peoples ranged from Maine through the Carolinas, and these included the "Lenape" and "Mohawk Nations. She explained how their lives changed after the Europeans settled the Atlantic coast.

"One major change was the relocation of Native peoples — the Mohawk people were moved out of New York to a reservation in Canada; the Lenape were moved to Oklahoma, and this changed their natural way of life forever," she said.

## Violence reports decrease

By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer

Every school district must submit a violence and vandalism report to the state every year, and Mountainside's showed a big improvement over the 2002-03 school year.

Acting Chief School Administrator Walter Rusak, who also serves as principal of Beechwood, gave the report at the Oct. 12 Board of Education meeting.

There were just two incidents of violence and three of vandalism, for a total of five incidents.

During the 2002-03 school year, the district had a total of 13 reported incidents.

"This is a big decrease," said Rusak. This year, the violence involved threats between two students and two fights, he said.

Rusak said the cost of the vandalism was \$400 to the taxpayers, and the parents made restitution of that amount to the Board of Education.

"This shows we not only had a marked decrease, but a handle on the students this year," he said.

There were no incidents in any of the other categories of the report, such as substance abuse and weapons.

The Mountainside Police Department was not notified of any incidents. However, there were six out-of-school suspensions for the students who took part in the vandalism.

There were no victims of violent criminal offenses, and no other disciplines needed.

Board President Peter Goggi thanked Rusak for his report.



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The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To read a schedule, send it to E. 687 Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, NJ 07083.

**Today**  
 • The Great Books Discussion Group of Springfield Free Public Library, 56 Mountain Ave., will meet at 10 a.m. to discuss Dewey's "Habit and Will." For information, call 973-376-4930.  
 • The Jonathan Dayton High School PISO carnival will be from 6 to 10 p.m. in the front parking lot of the school, 139 Mountain Ave., Springfield. The festival will feature four days of rides, games of chance, 50/50, vendors, food and beverages.

**Friday**  
 • The Senior Citizens Club of Mountainside will meet in Community Presbyterian Church, Deer Path and Meeting House Lane, at noon for a Program with guest speaker, Police Chief James DeBrie.  
 • For information on any of the programs, call 908-234-6280.

**Saturday**  
 • The Jonathan Dayton High School PISO carnival will be from 6 to 10 p.m. in the front parking lot of the school, 139 Mountain Ave., Springfield. The festival will be four days of rides, games of chance, 50/50, vendors, food and beverages.

**Sunday**  
 • Participants can join a park naturalist from 10 to 11 a.m. and explore the rainbow of fall colors on a hike to Lake Surprise, sponsored by Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside. Call 908-789-3670 for information.

**Monday**  
 • The Jonathan Dayton High School PISO carnival will be from 4 to 10 p.m. in the front parking lot of the school, 139 Mountain Ave., Springfield. The festival will be four days of rides, games of chance, 50/50, vendors, food and beverages.

**Tuesday**  
 • A rally to show public opposition to the Morristown and Erie Railway reactivation through Springfield will be conducted at 211 Mountain Ave., across from the new Springfield Firehouse at 1 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
 • The Springfield Farmers' Market will be open from noon to 6 p.m. at Rains Field, Caldwell Place before closing for the season.

**Thursday**  
 • The Springfield Historical Society will present its annual "Ghost Tour" of the Historic Cannon Ball House at 126 Morris Ave. at 8 p.m.

**Friday**  
 • The candlelit tour, which begins on the grounds, features a mystery tombstone, burial customs, local graveyards, ghosts and murders over the last 200 years in Union County. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$10. For information, call 973-376-4784.

**Saturday**  
 • Mountainside Active Retirees will meet at 10 a.m. in Mountainside Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east, for a program "Carbohydrates, the Big, the Bad & the Ugly," which will offer answers to the most current consumer questions on weight loss and what is effective and safe, presented by Karen Enkle, department head from Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County.

## Man charged with embezzlement

**Mountainside**  
 Eddie McGill, 59, of Neptune, was arrested Oct. 17 at 2:17 p.m. and charged with second degree theft by deception for allegedly embezzling more than \$70,000 from his employer, TriCo Plumbing, located on Route 22 West in Mountainside.

McGill had been employed as the controller office manager of the company since 1996 and in February of this year, the president of TriCo noticed discrepancies in the payroll accounts of McGill and contacted the Mountainside Police Detective, Bucciano.

An investigation that was spearheaded by Detective Michael Jackson resulted in the issuance of the search warrant and criminal complaints against McGill.

Upon execution of the search warrant, more than \$50,000 in cash was seized. Financial records also showed various certificates of deposits and the purchase of a 2002 CLK Mercedes Benz valued at \$70,000. Two small caliber handguns and hollow point bullets were also found.

It had previously been determined that the money was embezzled by overpayments made to himself in petty cash, expense accounts, benefits, and overtime, according to police.

McGill was processed and released for a Superior Court appearance on Friday.

On Oct. 7 at 7:20 p.m., Jorge Pinedo, 52, of Elizabeth, was arrested on Route 22 east Oct. 18 at 11:25 a.m. for a motor vehicle equipment violation.

He was found to be driving with a suspended license. Hassan Sanders, 19, of Plainfield, was arrested Oct. 15 at 4 p.m. after being in a car accident and found to be driving while suspended.

Patrick Reilly, 35, of Garwood, was arrested on Route 22 east Oct. 17 at 10:55 a.m. after being stopped for operating an unregistered vehicle.

He was found to have two outstanding warrants out of Roselle and Garwood, totalling \$660.

Arthur Vaz, 22, of Newark, was arrested on Route 22 east Oct. 18 at 11:25 a.m. for a motor vehicle equipment violation.

On Oct. 17 at 12:47 a.m., it was reported that a residential burglary on North Derby Road occurred sometime between Oct. 14 and Oct. 17.

The rear door to the basement was damaged and forced open, leading to the loss of a computer and monitoring school class ring and \$1,000. Other damage to woodwork and the possibility of other stolen items is being investigated.

Kely Ahern, 43, of Summit, was arrested on Mountain Avenue on Oct. 15 at 10:32 p.m. for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.

Clinton Rekeimer, 28, of Hoboken, was arrested Oct. 16 at 10:16 p.m. on Morris Avenue for speeding, driving while intoxicated, breathalyzer test refusal, and failure to change address.

On Oct. 17 at 7:28 p.m., it was reported that a car parked on Morris Avenue had its headlights stolen and driver's side window smashed, along with other body damage.

Paul Dyzak, 23, of Hopelawn, and Joseph Santos, 20, of Westfield, were arrested Oct. 18 at 9 a.m. on Route 22 for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.

On Oct. 18 at 3 p.m., it was reported that a Springfield resident's locker was broken into at Bally's Fitness Club, leading to the loss of a wallet, personal documents, and a driver's license.

## 'Nanna' bridges age gap

Her name is Irene Green, but to the children in Joan McGee's kindergarten class at Edward V. Walton School in Springfield, she is known simply as "Nanna."

Every Tuesday, at 12:45 p.m., the children welcome her into their classroom with eager excitement as she opens a book and takes them away on a fantastic journey, reading a different story to them during each visit.

As she read aloud the book, "The Very Clumsy Chick," she kept her young listeners captivated as she brought the story of the cack beetle to life, entertaining questions when she was done.

Green was born on Dec. 24, 1904 in Vienna, Austria and is a Holocaust survivor.

She has been living with the Battle family in Springfield for three years and celebrates her 100th birthday in December. Green has one son, Ricky, age 76, and two grandsons, age 48 and 45.

Green speaks several different languages, including German, Polish, and French and is quick to share the importance of learning new languages with her captive audience.

"English is an international language," said Green. "Italian and Spanish are very important but I don't speak them."

While living in Austria, she said it was necessary to speak different



Irene Green, or 'Nanna,' as she is affectionately known by the children of Joan McGee's kindergarten class at the Edward V. Walton School in Springfield, reads to students each week with the help of student Ankhtra Battle, whose family she is staying with. She turns 100 in December and is a survivor of the Holocaust.

languages in order to get along with neighbors.

"Germany had a different language than Austria," she said. "They had nothing in common."

Green came to America at a young age and stressed that it was mainly because of politics and emphasized how important it is that Americans are free.

"Do you know what politics is?" she asked the captivated youngsters. "People make runs from very high above, if you run into such politics, get out of it," she said.

She described her native land with fond remembrance, recalling the many mountains that are the country's hallmark.

"It's a very beautiful country, the scenery, you fall in love with it," she said.

The students enjoy having her visit, and their many questions reveal the joy they feel in meeting her.

Kindergarten James Patania said he liked having books read to him, particularly "The Cuddly Bears."

Alexa Cicrelli said she learned how nice Nanna is and Sergio Quinn said he likes stories and he enjoys it whenever she reads.

Gabriella Juliano said she likes Nanna "because she reads to us and we learn different things from the books she reads."

Green appears to enjoy learning from the children too.

"I don't know much about the children, but I love them," said Green. "If they tell me something I don't know, I learn."

She appears perfectly at ease as she asks each one of them tenderly, "What would you like to know?"

## Van rollover brings firefighters

**Mountainside**  
 On Sept. 28 at 6:44 a.m., firefighters responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident on Summit Road. At the scene, it was discovered that a van rolled over and spilled motor oil and engine coolant onto the roadbed.

The driver was transported by Emergency Medical Services to Overlook Hospital and firefighters spread speedy dry material on the roadway to absorb the spill.

At 3:44 p.m. Sept. 28, firefighters responded to an activated central station fire alarm at a residence located on Grouse Lane. Fire officers at the

fighters responded to an activated fire alarm at a commercial office building located on Sheffield Street. An investigation by fire officers determined that a malfunctioning smoke detector in a rooftop HVAC unit activated the fire alarm.

On Oct. 3 at 2:58 a.m., firefighters responded to an activated central station fire alarm at Our Lady of Lourdes church located on Central Avenue. The fire alarm was activated by a dusty smoke detector. Firefighters cleaned the smoke detector and reset the fire alarm.

During the past 15 years, many people have been exposed to Stephen Covey's "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" by reading the book, seeing Covey speak, or attending a 1-3 day workshop to learn how to put the seven habits into practice.

In a similar framework, Athan and Strickland will present a workshop based on "The Four Agreements" from Don Miguel Ruiz's book of the same name. They will offer their perspective on how living these agreements can create a path to a better personal and professional life.

The "Four Agreements" come from ancient Toltec wisdom in Mexico. As Don Miguel Ruiz describes in his book, Toltec knowledge arises from the same essential unity of truth as all sacred traditions, found around the world. Though not a religion, it honors all the spiritual masters who have taught on the earth. While it does embrace spirit, it is most accurately described as a way of life, happiness and love.

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## Workshop covers 'Four Agreements'

Lisa Athan, M.A. will be presenting a workshop titled, "Living the Four Agreements" on Friday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall in Springfield. Helping Athan with the workshop will be management consultant, poet, and author Scott Strickland.

Effective People" by reading the book, seeing Covey speak, or attending a 1-3 day workshop to learn how to put the seven habits into practice.

In a similar framework, Athan and Strickland will present a workshop based on "The Four Agreements" from Don Miguel Ruiz's book of the same name. They will offer their perspective on how living these agreements can create a path to a better personal and professional life.

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## Foundation keeps Reeve's memory alive

really keeps us going."  
 Reeve, an advocate for funding and researching possible cures and advancements in paralysis, committed his life to the foundation and has seemingly left a void that will be hard to fill.

"The foundation extends condolences to the entire Reeve family," said Lewis, who worked at Kessler Institute in West Orange when Reeve was first paralyzed and rehabilitating. "Our thoughts are with all those who mourn in the passing of our chairman. He will be missed for his life, his work, his passion and his ceaseless courage in the face of adversity that brought hope to millions around the world."

The foundation raises funds to give to researches and helps support a paralysis resource center, as well. To date, the CRPF has raised more than \$50 million through contributions and donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations. The organization also plans special events year-round, including golf tournaments, dinners, and black-tie galas.

The board has not decided who will replace Reeve as chairman, but it is certain that there will eventually be a replacement.

"Christopher was a hero to many people," said Lewis, "yet he always said it was the ordinary people living with disability who were truly extraordinary. His memory will serve as inspiration for the work of the CRPF and we will continue in his honor to be steadfast in our goal of finding treatments and cures for paralysis."

The family of Reeve has requested that donations or cards be made in his honor to the foundation, located at 500 Morris Ave., Springfield, NJ, 07081.

Reeve, who has been with the foundation for six months but has been a close friend of Reeve for nine years, explained that the death was not a direct result of his spinal cord injury, but rather an example of how secondary complications can have fatal consequences for people living with the affliction.

The foundation, which merged in 1999 with the 1982-founded American Paralysis Foundation, had been located on Morris Avenue well before the actual merger.

"It has been overwhelming," said Lewis of the support being received for Reeve at the foundation.

"We're holding up. Chris taught us that one person really can change the world. That thought in our hearts

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### Rec dept. plans Halloween activities

Springfield's "Halloween Happenings" is sponsored by The Springfield Recreation Department, The Springfield YMCA, The Springfield Chamber of Commerce, and the Springfield Municipal Alliance.

Scheduled events will take place on Oct. 31:

- At 1:30 p.m., a parade begins at Jonathan Dayton High School. From 2:30 to 3:15 p.m., Halloween Treat Street and The YMCA "Hallow" way will take place.
- From 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. is the costume contest, with door prizes, refreshments and lots of goodies will be served.
- The parade will start at the high school and follow down

Mountain Avenue to South Springfield Avenue and enter the front doors of the Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave. for the remainder of events.

On Oct. 30, The "Halloween Night Dance" will take place at the Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave. in Springfield from 6 to 10 p.m.

The dance is open to all fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade residents of Springfield.

Admission is \$4 per child and includes refreshments, prizes, and more.

For information, call 973-912-2222.

### Events highlight Red Ribbon week

The Springfield Municipal Alliance for the prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse will sponsor activities throughout the community, elementary, middle and high schools in their efforts to heighten drug and alcohol prevention.

Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 23-31, is celebrated to honor DEA Agent Enrique Camarena who lost his life in the line of duty.

School events include: The Alternatives Club from the high school will be trying ribbons around poles and trees around town. They will also visit the middle school to hand out drug awareness wristbands.

There will be five days of giveaways at all of the schools, from elementary to the high school. The elementary schools will have a week full of activities planned such as Crazy Sock Day and Crazy Hat Day.

The middle school will participate in the Union County Fly-In Program, which includes a helicopter landing from the NJ Army and Air National Guard. The students will be able to ask questions about drug and alcohol prevention.

All of the schools will participate in "Red Day" on Wednesday. All of the students are asked to wear something red.

The middle school will be participating in the poster contest with the theme of "What's Your Anti-Drug?" The high school will also be participating in the poetry essay contest with the same theme.

There will be first, second and third prize winners.

The Alternatives Club will represent Springfield in the Union County Relay for a Drug Free Union County on Saturday at Nomahegan Park in Cranford. Representatives from different towns in Union County will be marching in at noon for a commemorative ceremony.

There will be plenty of food, pony rides, clowns, exhibits, and helicopter landings for all to enjoy.

All Red Ribbon Week activities are funded by The Springfield Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Abuse.

The camp theme is called "Created and Blessed." Children can have fun while learning to appreciate their own body's capabilities and disabilities such as blindness, deafness, paralysis, cerebral palsy, and mental retardation. Special guests will meet with the campers each day and activities are geared to the day's theme.

For example, on the day in which students focus on blindness or vision impairment, they will interact with someone who is blind and has a guide dog. Many of their games, crafts, music and other activities will be completed while wearing blindfolds.

The program is run by a licensed elementary teacher and church volunteers.

Those interested in registering their children are asked to call 973-376-1695 for a registration form. Scholarships are available for families with verified limited income.

Church Mall, a quiet street near the intersection of Morris and Mountain avenues in Springfield, will mark the spot for treasures to be found on Friday and Saturday.

Springfield Emmanuel United Methodist and First Presbyterian Churches will turn their fellowship space into a collector's paradise with inventories that include new or gently used costume jewelry, small appliances, household items, toys, clothing, art, and antiques.

An extensive holiday boutique with many brand new items will be included in this year's sale. Springfield Emmanuel will also have a table dedicated to items crafted by people living in Southern Appalachia. All of the profit from the sale of the "Red Bird Mission Crafts" is returned to the Crafters in Beverly, Kentucky. Breakfast, lunch, and baked goods will also be sold.

Proceeds from the sale benefits the church ministries and local charities. For information, call Springfield Emmanuel at 973-376-1695 or First Presbyterian of Springfield at 973-376-1320.

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For their volunteer efforts and outreach to the community, members of the St. James Boy Scouts Troop 73 of Springfield receive special pins from the Township Committee at a Town Hall meeting on Oct. 12.

### Troop 73 earns honors for volunteerism

On Oct. 11, family and friends of St. James Troop 73 of Springfield were invited to the Fall Court of Honor at St. James School.

A Court of Honor is conducted only two or three times a year to formally recognize and honor the scouts for achievements in rank and merit badges and to honor the troop as a whole for the awards they earned.

This summer, Troop 73 had a large turnout for summer camp at Camp Somers in the Allamuchy Mountains in Stanhope. Aside from having fun with a variety of activities such as swimming, rowing, canoeing, rifle shooting, scuba diving, and small boat sailing, the boys were also able to achieve many merit badges and work towards their advancements in rank.

On Oct. 12, some of the troop's scouts and leaders were invited to Town Hall to be honored along with the other volunteers in the community during a special ceremony as part of the regular Township Committee meeting. During the ceremony, members of Troop 73 received special pins for their volunteer efforts in the community.

These young men and women have been identified by taking the 2003 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test; these students have exhibited an outstanding academic performance for which they are being honored. A letter of commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation which conducts the Program, will be presented by the principal to these scholastically talented students.

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### Cannon Ball ghost tour uncovers historical events

The Springfield Historical Society is presenting its annual "Ghost Tour" of the Historic Cannon Ball House at 126 Morris Ave. on Monday, at 8 p.m.

The house, built c. 1741, was involved in the Battle of Springfield on June 23, 1780, and likely spared burning by the retreated British to serve as a hospital for the wounded.

The candlelit tour, which begins on the grounds, features a mystery tombstone, burial customs, local graveyards, ghost, and murders over the last 200 years in Union County. Most famous among them are Hannah Caldwell and Baltus Roll. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$10. For information, call 973-376-4784.

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Tom says that if elected he will voluntarily conduct a citywide re-evaluation of property values. No responsible municipality voluntarily spends close to a million dollars to re-evaluate property unless required to do so, especially at a time when commercial real estate value is at a low and the re-evaluation would place an even greater tax burden on residential property.

Tom says that if elected he will sell City-owned property to fund the "next capital call". Will he sell the Arboretum, Summit Library, City Hall, our parking garages, playing fields, or our schools?

Tom says that if elected he plans to eliminate tax exemptions for the 21% of the real estate in Summit not subject to property taxes. That includes non-profits like The Connection, YMCA, Sage, the First Aid Squad, all of our houses of worship and schools, and other city properties.

My plan to stabilize taxes is simple..... spend less by improving efficiencies and identify sustainable ways to increase revenues:

- Improve the efficiency of city government through actions like joint purchasing among departments, sharing and combining some city services like maintenance, sharing some facilities and services with neighboring communities, and most importantly controlling our spending.
- Identify sensible ways to generate new revenues through public-private partnerships, sponsorships, and consultants who can bring in more grants.
- Get more back from the County by improving relationships.

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, I hope to have your vote so I can keep working for you.

Sincerely,

**Michel Bitritto, Ph.D.**  
Councilwoman, Summit Ward 1

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### GL band performs at pageant

The award-winning Highlander Marching Band of Governor Livingston High School will host the 33rd Pageant of Champions on Sunday at Frey Football Field at the High School at 175 Watchung Blvd.

15 high school bands will participate in this year's competition, which starts at 1 p.m. The event is the high point of the band's competition schedule.

It's an opportunity for the people of Berkeley Heights and Mountainside to see their band on "home" turf.

This year, more than 50 students, many of whom are in honors and advanced placement classes, participate in the Highlander Band and its color guard. In addition to their strenuous competition schedule, the Highlanders are getting ready for their annual candy and coffee sale in and around Berkeley Heights and Mountainside. The generosity and support of the people of Berkeley Heights helped to send the band to Scotland earlier this year for performances and a tour of the U.K.

For information about the band or the pageant, call Janice Vecchione at 908-771-0186.

### STUDENT UPDATE

#### GL merit scholars

John Farinella, principal of Governor Livingston High School, announced that Andrew Ghosh, Craig Gorin, Emily Grosse and Veena Venkateshwaran have been named 2005 National Merit semi-finalists. More than 16,000 scholastically talented high school seniors have the opportunity to continue and compete for some 8,200 merit scholarship awards that will be offered next spring.

An honor student at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, Stromeyer is the president of the Junior Class. He is also a member of the baseball and swim teams, peer leadership, and volunteer club.

During the summer, he works as a lifeguard.

He is hoping to attend the U.S. Naval Academy.

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Stephanie Davis, Margaret Edinger, John Frank, Kate Hansen, Tariq Hasan, Freddie Mack, Judith Martin, Henry Namkung, Stacey O'Sullivan, Lyndsey Thomas, Albert Tsai, Ian Vo and Lawrence You have all been named Commended Students in the 2005 National Merit Scholarship Program. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise.

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The theme of NYLC is The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today. Throughout six days, Bento will interact with a variety of personnel who operate within the three branches of government, the news media, and the international community.

"We often hear from members of Congress, political appointees and members of Washington's press corps that it is a privilege to meet and interact with students like Michael Stromeyer because they are the face of our country's future," said Mike Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, the organization that sponsors the conference. "What these students learn at the National Young Leaders Conference will enable them to build coalitions with one another and exercise their own leadership skills within communities around the country."

Highlights of past conferences have included welcoming remarks from the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and a panel discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club, in addition to meeting with senators and representatives or appointed staff members to discuss important issues facing the nation.

To complement the schedule of special meetings and briefings, Stromeyer will also participate in a number of leadership skill-building activities and simulations. In one role-play activity titled "If I Were President," students act as the president and cabinet members responding to an international crisis. Students also participate in "flexing the Constitution," in which they examine actual Supreme Court cases. The conference culminates with the Model Congress, in which scholars assume the roles of U.S. Representatives, and debate, amend the vote on proposed mock legislation.

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#### Stromeyer to attend D.C. conference

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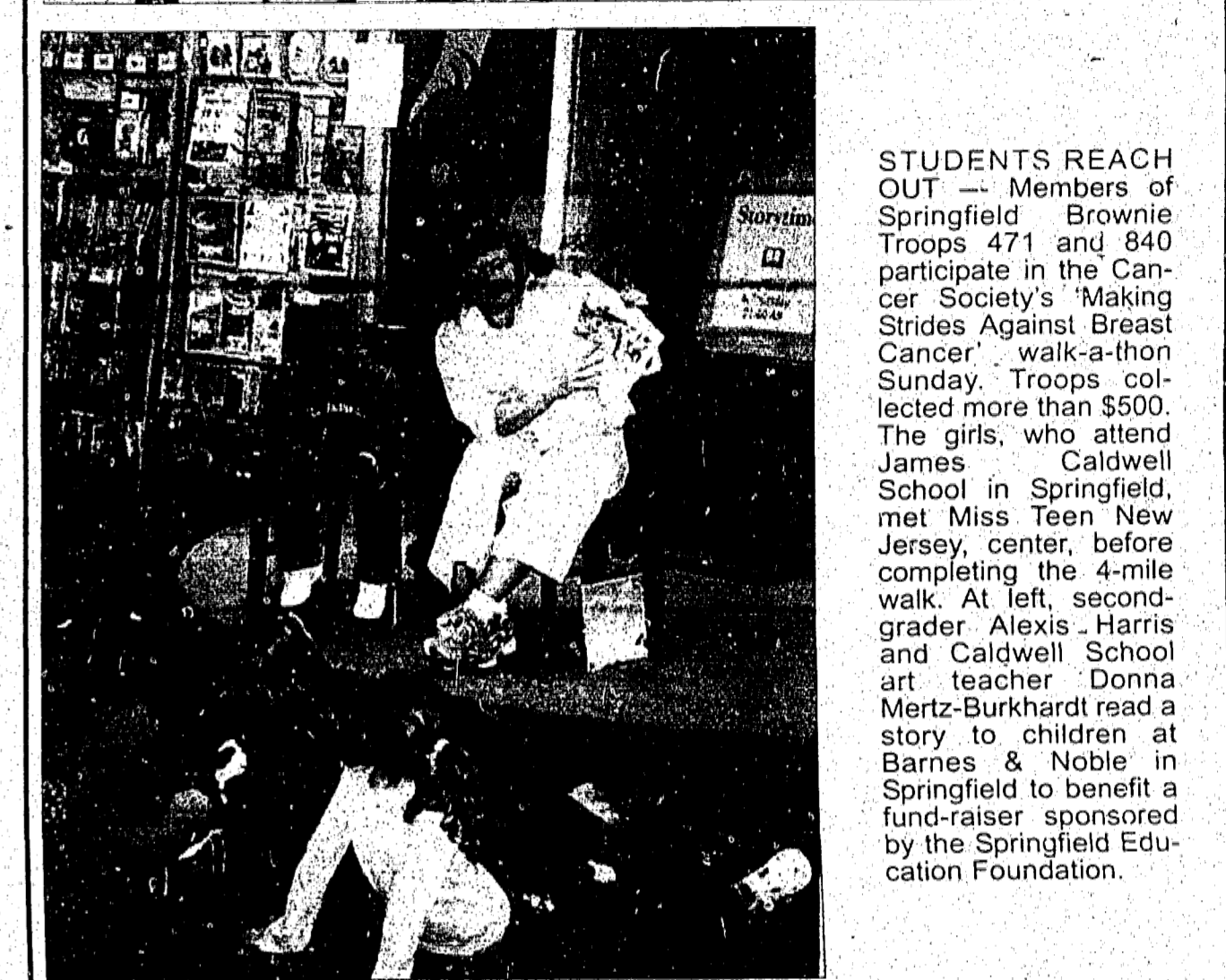
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STUDENTS REACH OUT — Members of Springfield Brownie Troops 471 and 840 participate in the Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk-a-thon Sunday. Troops collected more than \$500. The girls, who attend James Caldwell School in Springfield, met Miss Teen New Jersey, center, before completing the 4-mile walk. At left, second-grader Alexis Harris and Caldwell School art teacher Donna Mertz-Burkhardt read a story to children at Barnes & Noble in Springfield to benefit a fund-raiser sponsored by the Springfield Education Foundation.

# WE LIKE MIKE

The issues facing Summit are many and complex. Summit's Common Council is best served by a person of Mike Helmer's vision, intelligence and integrity. Please vote for Mike on Nov 2.

Tom Kean, Jr., Senator, New Jersey

Mr. Helmer was my baseball coach this year. I wish I was old enough to vote for Mr. Helmer because he gave me confidence and didn't yell at us when we made bad plays. Danny Byers, Age 11, Summit

I have served with Mike on several committees and I know first hand that his word is his bond. "The greatest small city in America" will be well served with his strong personal characteristics and astute business acumen. Steve Murphy, Independent, Summit

Mike will focus on property tax relief, continued quality public education, seeking to cut costs and raise non-tax revenues, and he will work to oppose the freight line. Bill Callahan, Republican, Summit

Mike understands the issues that face senior citizens and is committed to doing something about it. Summit's senior citizens should vote to elect Mike Helmer to common council, Ward II. Myrtle Cournoyer, senior, Summit

We are senior citizens and long time residents of Ward 2 in Summit. We have never before felt compelled to endorse a local candidate. Mike's sense of fair play and good fellowship will get things done in a way that will bring our City together. Summit and its seniors will be in good hands if we elect Mike Helmer. Dom & Barbara Guida, seniors, Summit

I believe that people of strong character and good intentions will continue to make this world and this city better off regardless of party affiliation. Mike Helmer, a Republican, fits this bill. David Flannery, Democrat, Summit

Mike Helmer will work with Republicans and Democrats alike to fight for representation on the county freehold board so we can get more than a dime back on every dollar we have to pay in county taxes. I think we have a winning team with the Mayor and the Council, especially when Mike is there. Dr. Deborah Axelrod, Democrat, Summit

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### A bad place for pedestrians

Let's face it. Route 22 is a mess. It doesn't take much thought to reach that conclusion, since any daily drive along the highway is a rather unpleasant, anxiety-filled, and sometimes downright frightening experience. Cars and trucks are constantly pulling in and out of numerous stores, shops, restaurants, gas stations, and all sorts of establishments housed within an asphalt jungle, all on a stretch of highway from Union to Springfield that has no traffic lights, excessive U-turns, and a center island with everything from convenience stores to furniture shops competing for space and attention.

Although the highway becomes less congested heading west out of Union and into Springfield, it's still a treacherous trip any hour of the day.

No easy fixes exist, and a recent Town Hall meeting in Springfield helped prove this point when the Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project was presented, offering a range of concepts being investigated. These include installing traffic lights, building sidewalks, adding signage to direct pedestrians, and relocating bus stops.

The bottom line is that pedestrians are not safe either walking alongside Route 22 or attempting to cross it, which should never be done. The only way to make crossing Route 22 safe is to build pedestrian overpasses at several key locations. But even this is not fool-proof, since these bridges can't be built every hundred feet.

Mountainside already has one near the New Providence Road exit, which connects with Borough Hall. This appears to be the only practical way to move people from one side of Route 22 to the other. The project should focus on other areas that could use pedestrian overpasses. This is the only worthwhile aspect of the proposal, as it is the most effective way to deal with pedestrian safety.

In the past, Route 22 may have been more pedestrian-friendly, but it certainly was not designed that way. Building sidewalks and adding signage will only encourage more people to walk along the highway, and attempt to cross it. Traffic lights will add to the congestion. If this project is to have any value, it needs to focus on building pedestrian bridges. Nothing but common sense will make people safe.

### It's a Catch-22

Needle exchange programs work. And they also don't work. It depends on what report you read. New Jersey is working toward legislation to create needle exchange programs that would provide clean, sterile syringes to drug abusers. The state administration now fully supports a needle exchange program, citing numerous reports that it has reduced the number of AIDS cases in many cities.

Needle exchange legislation already passed the Assembly, by a vote of 43-28-6 early this month. The state Senate's Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee has taken that bill, which would provide \$10 million for inpatient and substance abuse treatment programs but also give municipalities the authority to provide free, clean needles. A vote by the Senate could come as early as this month. The bill, stalled in the Senate committee last week, would allow someone to purchase up to 10 clean needles at one time at a pharmacy.

New Jersey is among just five states that still require a prescription for a person to have a syringe, and only New Jersey and Delaware do not allow needle exchange. Camden and Atlantic City enacted needle-exchange ordinances this summer but have not implemented them pending a court ruling.

One of the bill's biggest opponents is state Sen. Ronald Rice, D-Issax. "The needle-exchange program supporters ignore addressing the real solutions to the HIV problem, which are prevention, treatment, education, enhanced continued research and the funding needed for these types of initiatives," Rice said.

Needle exchange programs are a classic Catch-22 for elected officials. The goal is noble: to prevent the spread of diseases such as HIV, AIDS and hepatitis C. These diseases can spread through the sharing of needles by drug abusers. In theory, if they do not share "dirty" needles, and instead are provided clean needles, these substance abusers will not spread such bloodborne diseases.

If municipalities begin their own needle exchange programs, providing free needles to drug users, will cities also provide free needles for law-abiding citizens? What will mayors say to a diabetic constituent who must use several needles a day to manage their disease? They must pay for their needles but those who illegally abuse drugs are welcome to free, clean needles.

Something about that just is not right.

## CANDIDATES

### Fran Corcione

I'm Fran Corcione and some of you may know me as Fran Corziano. I was born and raised in Springfield. I have been married to Rusty for 18 years and we have two daughters, Ann Marie, 16, who attends Jonathan Dayton High School, and Gina, 12, who attends F.M. Gaudin.

I am very involved in the town of Springfield. From the Inter-City Soccer League for girls, I am the past president of four years at F.M. Gaudin. I am the Community Girl Scout Leader for the past 10 years. I am president of Msgr. Francis X. Coyne 5560 Columbianes. I am chairwoman of Springfield of the Municipal Alliance Drug Free Organization. I work very closely with all the sports that are in the town of Springfield.

I am currently vice president of fund-raising for the PISO at Jonathan Dayton High School. I am presently organizing a four day carnival at Dayton the end of October. I am on the girls softball committee and order the uniforms. Lastly, I organized the girls swim team.

I will work hard to ensure the Springfield Recreation sports and parks are up to the standards of all of our surrounding towns.

- There has been a lack of communication between the Township Committee and the community. If elected, I will make sure to increase the communication to everyone in Springfield.

### Clara Hareluk

The reason I am running for reelection to the Township Committee is for the opportunity to continue to make positive change to the community in which I live and work.

I have lived in Springfield more than 32 years, was educated in the Springfield schools and my entire immediate family resides in Springfield. I have a strong bond with the community. My commitment to the community is evidenced by my long record of service as mayor, deputy mayor and township committee-woman, as well as by my active membership on many boards and committees at both the local and county levels.

I bring to the Township Committee my experience and expertise in government combined with my professional skill as an attorney, mediator, and hearing officer, which are assets Springfield needs.

I have consistently tried to present Springfield in a positive light. I take pride in my community and want the residents to feel the same way. Some of the many accomplishments my running mate Steve Goldstein and I have been successful at attaining include:

- Better public safety with the hiring of four new police officers and four new firefighters;
- Improved facilities for the career and volunteer fire departments, Office of Emergency Management and Auxiliary Police with the building of a new state-of-the-art firehouse;
- Enhanced communication to the public through the Talk of the Town newsletter, a Springfield Bulletin Board on cable, a reverse 9-1-1 system, and a new mobile command center.

Increased tax savings through the hiring of a grant writing company to obtain additional grants.

- Resolved speeding and parking problems in many neighborhoods;
- Corrected the Insurance Services

Over the past six years, Steve and I have put Springfield first, improving services without negatively impacting taxes. It is very easy to make baseless accusations, as our opponents have done. It is much harder to confront and solve problems, as we have done. We have a plan for the future of Springfield. Our opponents have no plan nor do they possess the experience and qualifications needed to run Springfield's government.

Hareluk and Goldstein are the best choice.



Corcione

### Steve Goldstein

This is a critical election year. It is imperative that Springfield be represented by individuals with the experiences and qualifications that will allow Springfield to remain a desirable town to work and live.

I have served on the Township Committee for six years, one year as mayor. I served two years on the Planning Board. I served three years as the library board attorney. My opponents have no municipal governmental experience.

I graduated from New York Law School and SUNY at Albany. I am a guest lecturer in law at the Cornell University School of Hotel and Management.

I have resided in town for 11 years with my family. I am married with five-year-old twins.

There are many issues facing Springfield. The more prominent issues are the status of Meisel Park, the new firehouse, our downtown and the proposed freight train. Rather than just raise the issues, as our opponents have done, Clara and I have clear, definable plans to deal with them.

Meisel Park, a park owned by Union County, not Springfield, became an issue after the failed Board of Education referendum to renovate it. Union County then undertook a plan to renovate the field, with our input. Since I was mayor in 2002, and through the present, the Township Committee has repeatedly communicated with the county to complete the project. We were instrumental in getting a million dollar grant to complete this project. This project, the county has promised, will be completed by the fall of 2005.

The Springfield Firehouse was built because the old firehouse was completely inadequate for the fire department's needs. It was built with the future in mind. It not only houses our Fire Department, but also our Office of Emergency Management. It contains adequate space to be used by the community for emergency disasters, as well as for lectures and educational purposes. As time goes on, there is no doubt it will truly evolve as a centerpiece of the community.

For more than 30 years, township committees have grappled with its downtown. My vision includes elements of residential, retail, and commercial redevelopment. We plan to work with the present property owners, and if necessary, create an improvement district to allow a private developer to come in and develop the area.

We are committed to "stopping the train" from coming through Springfield. As soon as we became aware of it, we took action to stop it. We have invested in lawsuits in both state and federal court to stop the train. As of this time, the litigation is still pending. I resolve to fight the train as long as legally possible.

The responsibility of the Township Committee is not only to identify issues, but implement plans to solve them. This is what I have been doing for Springfield for the past six years and hope to continue in the future. Experience and qualifications set us apart from our opponents. Please consider this when you vote on Nov. 2. Thank you.

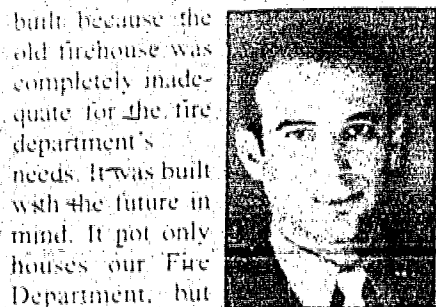
### Gary Russikoff

Hello, my name is Gary Russikoff, and I am a candidate for the Springfield Township Committee. My goal in writing this piece is to provide some background about myself, identify my position on certain issues, and establish the reasons why you should elect me to the Township Committee.

A resident of Springfield since 1986, I am married and have two sons attending Jonathan Dayton High School. My accounting firm is located on Morris Avenue in Springfield. I am committed to our town and expect to make a difference. I will set specific goals and be a leader in reaching these goals. Our costs must be controlled. Our park must not be reopened, and our costs must be contained as they directly affect our wallets in the form of property taxes. As a certified public accountant, I understand numbers. I am a property owner and, like you, I feel the effect of tax increases in my wallet.

Our incumbent committee members have not satisfactorily controlled costs. Approximately 29 percent of my tax bill is paid to our township, representing an increase of roughly 25 percent since 2000. In addition to the rising costs, we have suffered the loss of our Meisel Avenue field.

Our park has been closed for over three years. This is unacceptable. Our town has not been governed with the community in mind. Parks are where our children play, families meet, and people come together. I am proud of where I live and will not accept the condition of our parks and recreational facilities. I will explore the economic feasibility of grants to improve our community.



Goldstein

Our downtown should offer the quiet feel of a colonial town, reflecting Springfield's role in the Revolutionary War. I want people to visit our town, recognizing our historic past.

The improvements must be done in a careful, fiscally responsible manner. Over the years, we taxpayers have paid for consulting fees and elaborate plans to evaluate changes to our downtown. No apparent progress has been made, and our money has been wasted.

The incumbent candidates have failed to work successfully with the county fireholders. I want to improve communication with the county and be an advocate for Springfield. About 18 percent of my tax bill is paid to Union County, an increase of approximately 33 percent since 2000. I will represent the members of our community and be a voice for our concerns.

Our town is in a lawsuit regarding the reactivation of a rail line running through Springfield. Other recent litigation involves proposed improvements to the former Baltusrol swim club, and the old Saks Fifth Avenue property. Lawyers do not come cheap; we need to be mindful of why we litigate. It is the taxpayers who bear the cost of lawsuits.

I am an optimist and look forward to becoming a community leader, I will be proactive and keep residents apprised of developments as they occur on issues that affect the town's daily life. I want to give a voice to the residents' concerns and will be a positive force for change and action.



Russikoff

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Team sports conflicted with Cop-Trot

On Saturday, Oct. 9, the Mountainside P.A.L. conducted its fifth annual Cop-Trot. The purpose of the Cop-Trot is to bring the community out, young and old, and to raise funds for the P.A.L. so that they can continue to provide first class activities for the youth of Mountainside.

It also provides a great opportunity for police and our youth to co-mingle, thus cementing a relationship between the youth of the community and the Police Department, something which is essential in all communities.

As an ex member of the executive board of P.A.L. and an active member of the Cop-Trot committee from its inception, things were different this year than in the past. As usual, Pat Debbie, Corinne Moore, and the entire Cop-Trot committee did a magnificent job of making sure every detail was attended to, except the spelling of my name, but that's another story.

Many people don't realize the time and work that goes into something of this magnitude. The committee met in early summer and had countless meetings throughout the following months. There were refreshments available for the runners and attendees. There was music and balloons and prizes for every category. In addition to the many uniformed police officers in attendance, there were many members of the Rescue Squad and Fire Department on hand as well.

In other words, a real community event. Attendance has really never been a problem for the Cop-Trot but this year it was apparent that a number of youth, including two of my three sons, could not participate in the Cop-Trot event because they were on re-sponsored soccer teams and those teams had games while the Cop-Trot was under way.

The Cop-Trot committee had given ample notice to the Rec Teams and in-turn, and in my opinion, Rec had enough time to meet with the various coaches and rearrange the schedules, but they failed to do so. There have been a number of game cancellations throughout the season and week to week there are changes.

So what prompted there to be soccer games the same time as the Cop-Trot? Keeping in focus that these were traveling teams, the reality of the day was that both teams were home games on the field at Deerfield, and again, in my opinion, most probably something could have been worked out to avoid the conflict.

As a parent, the decision was made that my children devote their time and energy to the soccer team and avoid a 5K run. It was in my opinion that had they run the 5K, they would not have been up to par and therefore their game performance would have suffered and over-all, that would not have been good for them, or their team.

From my observations, the Mountainside teams do not have an abundance of players whereby the tired can rest for a few minutes and re-energize, thus allowing a fresh player to take the field for a while. Equally important to note is the fact that a great number of Mountainside youth are playing soccer in the Berkeley Heights leagues. What short-comings exist in Mountainside that make some children go out of town to play soccer?

And while where on the subject of short-comings, what happened to the annual tradition of the Heritage Festival Day on the grounds at Borough Hall?

So whereby some youth did not and could not attend the Cop-Trot in the morning hours, it was equally sad that the town as a whole did not have the opportunity to congregate and socialize that afternoon for what used to be... Heritage Festival Day.

Gary W. Whyte  
Mountainside

### Our event was a huge success

On Saturday Oct. 9, we at the Springfield YMCA celebrated our sixth year anniversary with a Community Block Party from 1 to 4 p.m., conducted at the Springfield YMCA. Our event was well attended by our neighbors, friends, and members. Some of the activities included: music, food, games, arts and crafts as well as a moon-boogie.

The Springfield YMCA would like to acknowledge and thank the following businesses for helping us create such a memorable occasion: JMK BMW/SAAB of Springfield, Kearny Federal Savings, Commerce Bank of Springfield, Hecht Chiropractic of Springfield, Fin & Feather of Springfield, Summit Vending, and Theresa Quinn Catering.

### Senior van provides transportation service

The Mountainside Senior Van is providing transportation service on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Mountainside seniors ages 60 and older. It is available for trips to doctors, dentists, shopping, hairdresser appointments, etc.

The van goes to Summit on Tuesdays between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., and Westfield, including the Garwood ShopRite on Thursdays between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

To make a reservation, call 908-232-2400, ext. 5, weekday mornings.

### 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 class meets Oct. 28 and Nov. 4 from 9:30 to 11 a.m., and the registration fee is \$30.

The E-mail class helps seniors set up their own personal e-mail. It will

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

Maggie Bauman, executive director  
Tracy Gaume, physical director  
Terri Clinton, childcare, youth, and family director

### Televised meetings provide extra coverage

The news item on the front page of the *Echo Leader* issue of Sept. 30, gave a brief account of the happenings at the Springfield Township Committee meeting. Its brevity was usually due to limitations for newspaper space.

However, isn't it about time that the meetings of the Springfield Township Committee were televised as is done in many nearby communities? Various issues were raised by the many persons speaking on the microphone before the governing body. A newspaper story could not adequately portray the sentiments and feelings of both the public and the town fathers of all of them.

It would certainly be an excellent lesson in civics and democracy to hear the citizens question and make requests to these elected officials. Hearing and seeing the intonations of how the words "yes" and "no" as well as full sentences are expressed offer an emotions in black and white lettering. Newspapers do a good job of reporting the news, but, in this electronic age, a televised meeting would certainly be the proper means of conveying the decisions and business to a viewer.

The lighting for Irwin Street Playground was first on the agenda. Many persons came forward and spoke on the microphone stating the pros and cons of the proposed lights. The adjacent residents were fearful that the lights would be an annoyance by shining through home windows, they would also bring many more people, noise, cars, traffic, soda pop cans and other garbage, backyard cut-throughs, disturbances for younger children who go to bed early, and the escalation of this field usage that would include adults and older children later at night.

On the other side, the Little League adult managers said that they desperately need more playground space so that more games could be scheduled, and that the players could be no older than 12. However, the neighbors were fearful that use of the tennis and basketball courts would grow to later and later hours, and the noise would escalate day and night.

Some people were angry that the Township Committee had not notified them of this \$73,600 lighting contract that was ready to be signed. They noted that when a resident expands his home, everyone within a 200 foot radius has to be notified. The township attorney answered that the town just had to put the information in legal advertisements in the *Echo Leader* and the *Star-Ledger*. I suggested that in the interest of good public relations that ordinary telecasts could have been sent to nearby residents about the proposed lights. I live in this area too.

The Township Committee admitted that it could have had more dialogue with the citizens, and might do so in the future.

Other items discussed were the reactivation of the railroad through Springfield, the Springfield Swimming Pool, the traffic situation in the Evergreen Avenue vicinity, the monetary fines owed to Springfield by the firehouse contractor, the hierarchy of the Police Department, this year's Christmas lights, water pipe drain changes, and the start of a history room in part of the old vacated firehouse similar to those in Westfield, Clark, Cranford, and other towns since all of Springfield's memorabilia was lost in the Town Hall basement during its flooding by Tropical Storm Floyd in September 1999.

With the use of television, Springfield residents could see and hear the activities of its elected officials in great detail, and take more interest in its actions. After all about three years ago, Springfield taxpayers paid for a brand new state-of-the-art, well-equipped television studio in the high school, and it has eager students who need training in this form of industry. TV Channel 36 could telecast too.

The cost could be small as student and other volunteers would be used. Newspapers are still needed, but how about asking the members of the Springfield Township Committee to shed their old-fashioned thinking, and become a part of the 21st century by allowing the TV cameras to roll in the council chambers for the sake of a better informed public?

Hazel Harugrove  
Springfield

### Ring that bell



Joe Klecko and Mountainside resident Gary Whyte take aim at the bell for the opening of the American Stock Exchange on Oct. 11.

## Springfield Hadassah plans candidates event

Springfield Hadassah will conduct a "Meet your Local Candidates Morning" at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Wednesday, at 10:30 a.m.

Local residents attending the meeting — which will be open to all residents and not just Hadassah members — will be asked before the meeting to write questions for the candidates. Those questions will be picked up at the start of the forum and be given to an impartial moderator, yet to be named, to be put to the Township Committee candidates.

Seeking to fill the two Township Committee seats are incumbent Mayor Clara Hareluk and Committeeman Steven Goldstein, both Democrats, and their Republican opponents, Fran Corcione and Gary Russikoff. Following the forum, all attendees will be invited to a mini-luncheon.

For information, residents may call Lorraine Seidel, the Hadassah chapter's American Affairs chairperson at 973-376-5987. Hadassah, the largest women's group in the United States with a membership of 300,000, believes the candidates meeting exemplifies its commitment to its American Affairs initiative.

## SENIOR NEWS

### 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.

### 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 following programs are scheduled:

- Tuesday, day trip.
- Oct. 26, "Carbohydrates, the Big, the Bad and the Ugly," will offer answers to the most current consumer questions on weight loss and what is effective and safe, presented by Karen Ernst, department head from Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County.
- Nov. 16, "San Francisco and its Cable Cars", a slide presentation by Dr. Bilener from Cranford.
- Dec. 7, Christmas party.

For information, call 908-232-3488.

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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.

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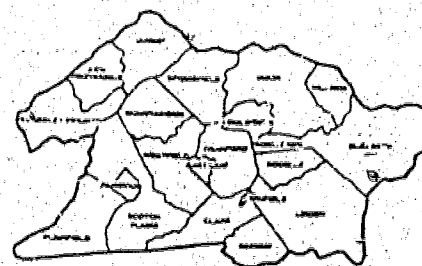
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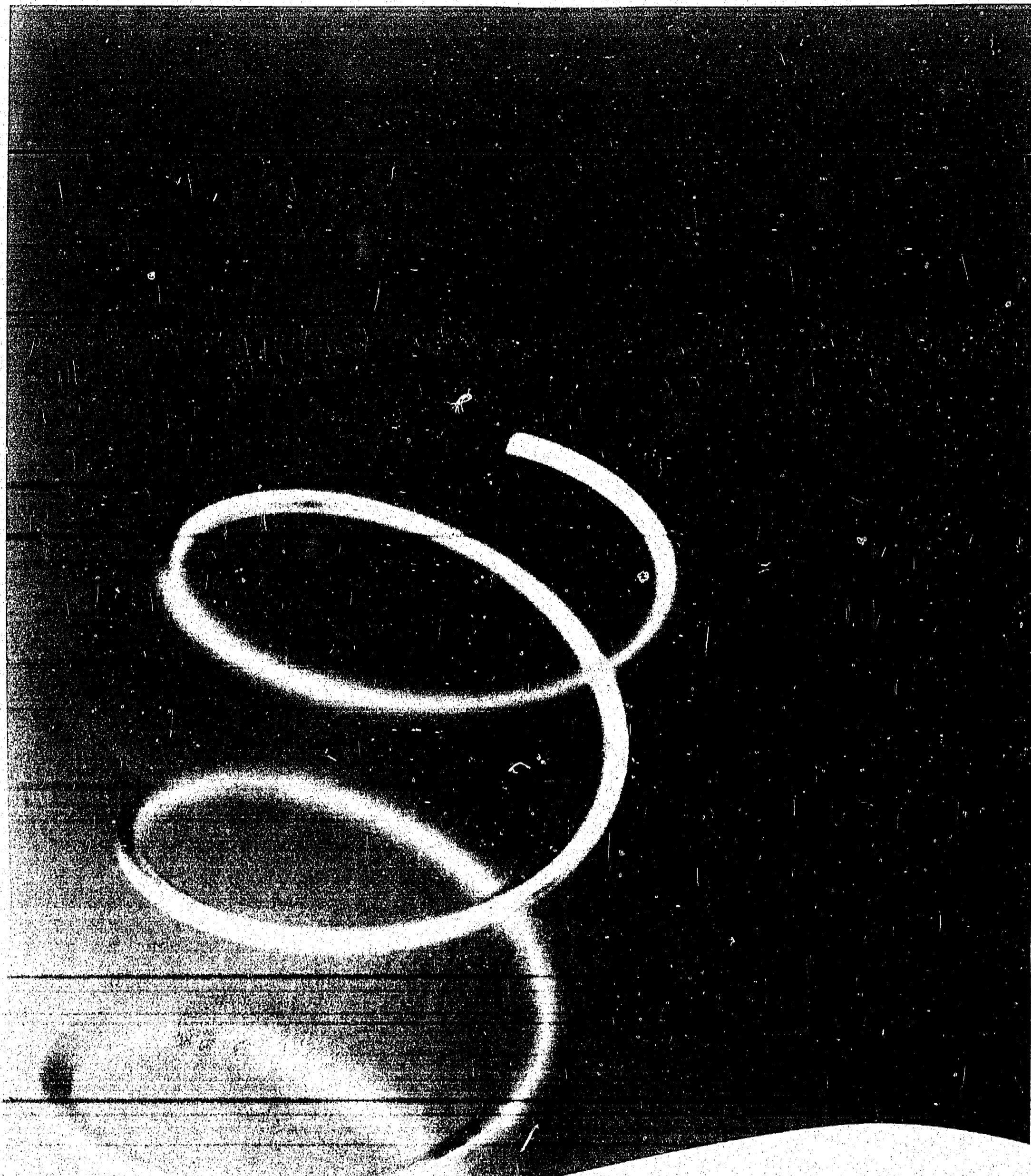




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## At Overlook Hospital, a tiny coil of wire makes a big difference to patients with brain aneurysms.

An aneurysm is a bulge in a brain artery that can cause death or lifelong disability. Until now, the only way to treat a brain aneurysm was with risky, complicated brain surgery. But a revolutionary new procedure now in use at Overlook Hospital makes it possible to treat many aneurysms by using a tiny coil of wire.

Using computer-aided X-ray scanners, the physician first threads a tiny catheter and then a series of coils — smaller than a human hair — into the aneurysm. A small electrical current is passed down the catheter, causing the coils to detach and remain in the aneurysm. Blood clots on the tight mesh created by the entwined coils, effectively sealing off the aneurysm. The procedure requires just one small incision, and involves less recovery time and fewer complications than the traditional surgical approach.

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



## Battle for Raritan Rd.

Driving down Raritan Road in Clark after passing Barnes and Noble, the street becomes something of a political hotbed. The contested 2nd Ward race is pitting neighbor against neighbor in a fun kind of way.

Signs for Democrat Gerri Zimmerman and Republican Pat O'Connor seem to go back and forth from house to house. The side streets give you more of the same. O'Connor, a supporter of the incumbent mayor, is running to continue his programs. Zimmerman says the arrow of progress is pointing in the wrong direction and taxes have grown too high.

## Left Out

The fun thing is not only the signs but from all appearances the civility of the campaign. A guy who pops the sign on his lawn is making a statement.

The ward itself must be a delight for the local Home Depot. The lawns are impeccable, and many homes have the automatic light that goes on when you touch the driveway. To their credit, these residents understand the importance of the franchise.

For the local Dems, they have a disadvantage in that the Kerry campaign has put little money in the state, hence a dearth of signs for the party's presidential candidate ended up in the county. At GOP houses there are Bush signs.

We may actually see increased involvement throughout the county. County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi estimates a record 15,000 absentee ballots will be distributed. Rajoppi switched personnel from other areas to move the load. "We try to give same-day turnaround for all absentee ballot requests," she said.

One of the offshoots of the local political battles is the great debate over debates. In Roselle Park's 4th Ward, Republican Loren Harms performed a tap dance that would make Gene Kelly proud. He claims he can't debate his opponent because he hasn't had a chance to coordinate with the local Republican leadership.

I mean in a town a whole square mile, the coordination in a little ward doesn't require the physics facility from Princeton to get the debate scheduled.

Still, after watching the debate in Cranford you can't go wrong underappreciating the process. Democrat George McDonough has taken to pledging if he is elected he will give the computer training he charges the town for free.

This reverse of pay-to-play — pay to get elected — is no joke. McDonough actually believes it is OK to promise to do work for free to win the election. Heck, a dentist could run and promise to fill the workers' cavities for free, or an eye doctor could give exams. What a shame it's not permissible.

Not to be forgotten, his Republican opponent, Robert Donovan, has shot out the number that the township only gets 10 cents on every tax dollar sent to the county. That strikes as odd since within walking distance of the debate the county has rebuilt the Springfield Avenue and Alden Street bridges, both big-ticket numbers. Still Donovan had his hot button issue.

The strategy of attacking the enemy from without is nothing new. It is a very safe approach. The actual estimates are that the two major county cost factors are the welfare and jail costs. I guess under Donovan's logic the town that sends the prisoner would pay for the prisoner.

Back in Clark, since no candidate called for a debate none will take place. That brought out the indignation of retiring Councilman James Ulrich. He states, "I see the Clark Democrats are up to their old tricks of innuendos, deception and outright lies." One other thing about the signs in Clark's 2nd Ward. They actually seem to raise the level of discussion.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.



The Peterson Farm, a 6-acre property in Plainfield near the Scotch Plains border, was purchased last week by Union County for \$1.9 million. The county will borrow the money for the purchase and pay it off through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

## Plainfield farm acquired

By Anna Kreyman Staff Writer

The Union County Board of Freeholders has announced its second open space purchase this month. Last week, just days after the county announced the acquisition of 17 acres of property in Berkeley Heights, it bought another 6 acres in Plainfield.

The county will borrow the money to pay the \$1.9 million purchase price, which ultimately will be paid off through the Union County Open Space Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

The Peterson Farm on Cushing Road contains a large two-story farm-style home, detached barn, in-ground pool, pasture fencing and livestock that includes cows and chickens, which are used to produce dairy and eggs, said Freeholder Daniel Sullivan, chairman of the board's Open Space Committee.

"It's been the priority of the inception of the Open Space Trust Fund to find and preserve land," Union County Manager George Devanney said. "We are doing what needs to be done to keep residents happy and satisfied with more open space."

According to Charles Peterson, owner of the farm, the county now owns the farm but Peterson is responsible for maintaining and operating it.

"We will continue selling natural products like we always have," Peterson said. "But, the county has ownership rights, that's all."

Devanney compared the Peterson Farm with a property that the county purchased last year, the Sevell Farm in the Scotch Plains. "Mr. Sevell and his wife operated the farm until Mr. Sevell died and then the county completely took it over as open space land," he said.

"The property was purchased on the condition that the Peterson family would be given a lifetime tenancy on the property, allowing for the continued operation of the farm," Sullivan said.

Sullivan, who is seeking re-election next month, said the county is in negotiations for property long before any acquisition is announced, adding that it is a "coincidence" that the Berkeley Heights land and the Peterson Farm were purchased so few days apart and weeks before the General Election.

"Our decision to save this farm will make a lasting improvement in the quality of life for all of Union County's residents and especially those who live in the western end of our county," Sullivan said.

"Families of the county will be thrilled to come to this farm. They can see what life was like in a simpler time and learn a little bit about our past."

The Peterson Farm was established in 1885 and the farm was used to raise cattle for dairy and grain for feed. The family also delivered milk and eggs to local hotels and a camp for New York children. The farmland is a location that was once a popular resort area for New York residents.

The farm was also known as "Oak Brook Farm" from a former stand of oak trees that were on the back part of the lot, by a brook that runs near the property. The family continues to sell farm products to the public, such as eggs and pumpkins.

The county has purchased approximately 127 acres of land since voters approved the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund four years ago. The trust fund raises approximately \$7 million annually through a dedicated tax of 1.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

## Linden attorney selected for seat

By Anna Kreyman Staff Writer

Less than two weeks before the General Election, the Union County Democratic Committee filled Freeholder Patricia Quattrocchi's seat with a female attorney from Linden.

Nancy Ward, 39, will serve the remaining 10 weeks of Wohlrab's original appointment. Because ballots have already been printed, Wohlrab will remain a candidate on the ballot.

If elected Nov. 2, Ward will serve in his place for the one-year term he was seeking. Wohlrab, 44, was arrested two weeks ago at his Linden home and charged with assault, stemming from what is believed to be a domestic violence incident.

Union County Democratic Chairwoman Charlotte DeFilippo said that Wohlrab was not pressured to resign and that "he decided out of his own free will that resigning would be better for the residents of the county."

"I am innocent of any wrongdoing in this personal matter," Wohlrab said in a statement released last week.

"However, I do not want this incident to distract me from important issues that must be discussed in the coming weeks."

Republicans feel that Wohlrab made the only decision possible.

"He really had no option but to resign," Republican freeholder candidate Patricia Quattrocchi said. "It's a criminal offense."

Quattrocchi added that an arrest for domestic violence may not be for a current assault, "but could be for a prior assault."

"If he is guilty, he should get some anger management therapy," she said. "They should've just left the seat open because it doesn't matter, the board is all Democrats anyway," Quattrocchi said.

Union County Republican Chairman Philip Morin III said that having Wohlrab's seat filled just weeks before the election is a ploy and a show of manipulation by Democrats.

"This is just another way that the Democrats manipulate this county, but this time it's visible," he added.

DeFilippo said the county Democratic Committee had to fill Wohlrab's seat before the election for legal reasons.

Wohlrab, who is director of governmental and municipal relations for Waste Management Inc., was appointed to the freeholder seat after Nicholas

## Former United Way leader remembered

By Anna Kreyman Staff Writer

Union County mourns the loss of a woman who many described as "one of a kind." A woman who lived by the motto: "If it is to be, it is up to me."

Dolores Raudelunas was a wife, mother, grandmother and friend during her 67 years. Mrs. Raudelunas died of cancer on Oct. 12 in her home in Madison, surrounded by family. Her family wished not to comment.

Surviving are her husband, four children, four grandchildren. "She was a woman of action," co-worker and friend of eight years Jim Coyle, president of Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce said. "She made people excited about doing things by inspiring and motivating them."

Mrs. Raudelunas, a woman who many knew as "Dell" was chief executive officer of the United Way of Greater Union County for more than 30 years, before she retired four years ago.

The always strong, smiling Dell, as many saw her, spearheaded a program in Union County College that provided hundreds of residents with free computer training.

"She was very instrumental in the college's growth," Union County College President Tom Brown, who was Raudelunas' neighbor, friend and co-worker for 15 years, said. "She hired me 15 years ago and I will never forget it."

Mrs. Raudelunas was a member of Union County College's Board of Governors and chaired the nominating and audit committees.

Brown added that his friendship with her was never boring. "At meetings she would always write funny notes and pass them around whenever it got really tedious and her sense of humor was devilish."

According to United Way spokesman Gary Mignone, Judy Klauer's wish came true with her helping hand.

"Klauer, a single mother, yearned to find a way to transport her 26-year-old disabled daughter to and from their two-story duplex on Burnside Avenue in Cranford," he said. "She could no longer risk injuring herself and could not afford expensive ambulance services to carry her homebound daughter to physicians."

Mrs. Raudelunas led United Way to collaborate with Union County Central Labor Council and Carpenters Local 715 to build a 60-foot wooden access ramp outside Klauer's home.

The response from our community has been overwhelming. Chief Executive Officer of United Way Elisse Glennon said. "Everyone admired and respected Dell. She was truly a phenomenal woman. Her love for her family and her community is what drove her to get things done and keep our United Way ahead of the curve."

Mrs. Raudelunas retired in 2000, but continued to be active on the Tri-County Hospital Board, Union County College, and United Way of America's Retiree Association.

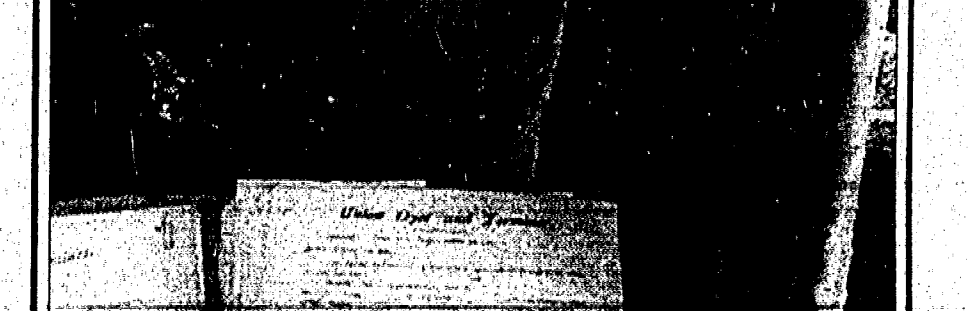
"She was a passionate fund-raiser, she developed innovative programs and she always acted with integrity," Glennon said.

Mignone said she led the United Way of New York City's Sept. 11 fund.

"She was just a real warm, loving and lively person," Brown said. "You can't ask me why she did all that she did in this life. I guess she just wanted to."

A memorial will be at St. Vincent Martyr Church, 26 Green Village Road, Madison, on Saturday at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Raudelunas Family Scholarship, which can be made by calling 908-709-7100.



County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, chairwoman of the Union County Courthouse Centennial Committee, and Bill Lee, facilities manager, examine recently discovered 100-year-old court documents that will be part of an exhibit in next year's celebration of the centennial.

## Centennial stuff

## Pay-to-play reform reaches candidates' radar screens

By Anna Kreyman Staff Writer

Pay-to-play reform has become a mutual issue for Democrats and Republicans running for freeholders.

Pay-to-play is commonly referred to the practice of rewarding campaign contributors with no-bid, professional contracts. Gov. James McGreevey last month signed an executive order banning forms of pay-to-play at the state and county levels. The nonpartisan state Office of Legislative Services this week rendered a legal opinion this week

that the order, which would ban state vendors from contributing to certain political committees, is unconstitutional.

"I want to see caps that are self-imposed by the freeholders on dollar amounts of awarded contracts that do not involve emergencies," Republican candidate Patricia Quattrocchi said, such as the flood in the clerk's office this year.

But for things like the renovation of the Union County Arts Center, "We need to be bidding for workers in order to ensure better and more dollar-efficient jobs," Republican Frank Arena said.

"It's a movement because New Jersey has a reputation of having a lot of money going in and out of political hands, Quattrocchi said of pay-to-play reform.

She added that the Union County freeholder board needs to impose its own form of ethical reform.

"I fully support the pay-to-play reform," Freeholder Daniel Sullivan, the lone incumbent in this year's race, said. "We are following the governor's measure."

He added that the freeholder board is considering imposing a specific reform for the county.



CANDIDATES

Bruce Paterson

Our state has lost its focus. It is the people that elect those in office but somehow the people are not being served nor heard.



Paterson Republican

Our state, county and some municipal levels of government are now being overrun by self-serving people and are controlled by the political bosses.

Disillusioned Democrats are embarrassed when they realize that those they had voted into power are not Democrats but are really self-serving, self-dealing characters.

Real Democrats care for the people. But the paid Democrats can't even make it onto the ballot since they have to pass muster with the controlling political bosses.

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In researching, we have uncovered huge amounts of waste, rampant patronage, inefficiency and pay-to-play. A "pseudo-Democrat," state senator's nephew and his wife are on the county payroll to the tune of \$225,000 a year.

These amounts of money are being given out to families on "services" without competition. Eight of 21 municipal chapters, one county chairwoman and two assemblies, all "pseudo-Democrats," were snuck onto the county payroll.

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There are many problems that come along with this overgrowth of administrators. One, the positions are being filled with patronage appointments, many unqualified and incompetent. Two, the salaries are draining the county coffers.

The claim that the increase in property taxes is beyond their control is outrageous. They have raised their portion of the property tax over 40 percent over the last four years.

I am a renter. My rent has increased almost \$200 in about two years. In fact, I just received a sizable increase. I don't fault my landlord, I understand his predicament, nor do I fault my municipality.



Renna Republican

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Quattrochi Republican

When push comes to shove almost everything comes down to the money and how it is spent. I believe that our county officials need to reset priorities and direct the tax dollars to programs and services that actually serve the people, helping them to at least maintain if not improve their daily lives.

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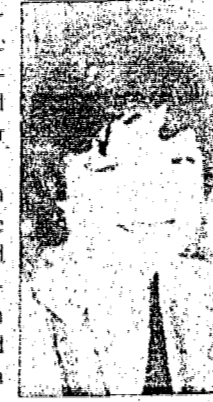
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With state and federal officials to purchase and distribute more than \$2 million in equipment to help police, firefighters and rescue personnel protect the public.

Finally, it was Democratic leadership that worked with Sheriff Froelich to develop the Municipal Transport system. This program uses sheriff's officers and secure vehicles to transport prisoners, freeing local police to stay on the job in their communities.

Bette Kowalski

Ten years ago, my husband and I moved back to Cranford, where I grew up and attended school. Why? For all the things that make Union County a great place to live: safe streets, good schools, beautiful parks, and the feeling of being part of a community.



Kowalski Democrat

For me, coming back to Union County has been a second chance to connect with my family and my community. I am very pleased to have the opportunity to serve the people who watched me grow up and have welcomed me back to my hometown.

The current Democratic freelholders have made great efforts to maintain and enhance our quality of life. I will support the continuation of the parks-oriented initiatives to take the courses at Union County College. And we will continue to provide transportation through the Paratransit system, ensure access to nutrition programs, and expand outreach and assistance through our Division on Aging.

These are just a few of the ways that the Democratic freelholders are delivering safety and services for Union County families. I hope that I can count on your support to continue this record of accomplishment.

My top priority as a freelholder has been to ensure that this county is prepared for any emergency. From training and equipping our first responders to putting more police in your communities, this board has focused on keeping communities safer and stronger.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'My Battle With Cancer' offers message of hope for those who suffer

We get so caught up in the minutia which makes up our lives that it's easy to forget what really matters. To varying degrees, that's true for everyone, and as Thomas Canavan Jr. soon discovered, sometimes it takes something as drastic as cancer to help us get grounded once again.

This book wastes no time in getting to the meat of the matter: Canavan has been diagnosed with a malignant tumor in his brain. Nor does it pull punches: the cancerous tumor in his brain originated in his lungs, the lungs of a 41-year-old man who had been smoking for more than 20 years.

The band's first CD, released in 2002, was titled, "Music In My Heart." The second CD was released in 2003 and is titled, "Road Trip."

Frezza's band is a profit-making venture, except that the band hasn't turned a profit yet — and the group continues to perform for numerous causes.

The band performs annually at Montclair's First Night celebration, the Summit Street Fair, the WalkFar for the National Alliance for Autism Research, the 30th anniversary of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at St. Joseph's Hospital in Paterson and the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation Benefit in Cranford Village, among others.

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statement is equally devastating. A large part of the book focuses not just on Canavan's attempts to treat the cancer, but on how it affects his life, both personally and professionally.

As the editor-in-chief at Worrall Community Newspapers for 10 of the last 17 years he has been employed there, Canavan's life is one of pressures and deadlines. Putting in more than 50 hours a week leaves little time to deal with outside problems, but cancer is not something he can just ignore or put off for a later date.

And it is here, when the human element is involved, that the book transcends from just a cautionary tale on the tragedies that can befall someone to a story of frustration and distress, of hope and life. Canavan relates how he gradually reveals to the rest of the staff first the source of the headaches and later the depth of his affliction. He doesn't look for sympathy or pithos; indeed, he just wants to continue meeting deadlines and getting his job done like he always has. But, when things get tough, the people he's worked with are there to offer support and friendship when he needs it most.

What stands out most throughout this book is not only Canavan's fight against cancer, but how much his family is there for him when he needs them most. His parents, themselves survivors of diabetes, angioplasties, open heart surgeries and even strokes, offer nothing but support for him. His sisters, Kim and Karen, are there for him whenever he needs them, whether it's to take him to Rahway Hospital when Tom is in pain he neither expected nor can explain or just to talk to him when he needs company or comforting.

But perhaps the biggest contribution to Tom's battle is his brother, Brian. Brian, certified in internal medicine, medical oncology and hematology, Dr. Brian F. Canavan had earned a doctor of osteopathy degree and is a respected member of the medical community. Through his brother, Tom is able to get an even more clear-cut picture of what is wrong with him and what needs to be done. And Dr. Canavan's familiarity with so many people in the medical profession makes Tom's treatment that much easier to arrange.

It comes as little surprise that someone in the field of journalism for as long as Tom would have something to say about his cancer. The column he writes about it and its subsequent winning of first place in the New Jersey Press Association's 2003 Better Newspaper Contest prove to be the impetus for this book, as well as a great therapeutic tool. And the column's publication during the week of the Great American Smokeout only adds to its value.

"I Don't Have Time For This: My Battle With Cancer" is more than just what its title espouses; it is a story of the strengths of family and friendship, and the hope they provide. As Canavan explains in the forward, you might not have cancer but, chances are, someone you know does, which will make this book all the more compelling. Its honesty and candor are quite revealing, but they add to the depth of story without taking away from the message: Through our bonds of family and friendship, we, like Thomas Canavan Jr., can be a "Survivor."

Canavan has self-published the book. It is available on amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com in hard cover and paperback.

David Jablonski is an editor for Worrall Community Newspapers.

Concern for children leads woman to start a rock band aimed at kids

As Rebecca Frezza's children started to grow beyond their toddler years, she was struck by a thought: There was no music that was ideal for their particular age group.

"These children are too old for the music of Laurie Berkner or The Wiggles, but they're too young to be singing the lyrics to Avril Lavigne songs," said Frezza.

Certainly, Frezza's sentiment isn't a novel thought. The difference is, she did something about it.

"I was teaching Music Together, a parent-child music program, and I started writing songs while teaching," said Frezza, whose band is known as Big Truck. "I was realizing a lot of parents were asking me what their children should listen to after Music Together. I started trying my hand at writing some songs that were slightly beyond that genre. I started out with two songs, 'Big Truck' and 'Superman.' They really were a hit with the kids, and with their parents."

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University offers free tickets for seniors

Kean University has announced the second year of its Senior Night Out program. In an initiative led by the university president, Dawood Farahi, free tickets to several of the stellar performing-arts events held at the university's theaters are available to seniors through local senior citizens centers.

"Senior citizens are very important to our communities," said Farahi. "As a leader in education, it is imperative that Kean University uses its resources to include them in the wonderful cultural offerings on this campus." He added that, while planning this program, Kean polled seniors living locally to find out what kinds of outings they would enjoy. The overwhelming response was for performing arts.

"We have great programming that we can share with our seniors. I know this plan will be especially beneficial for those living on a fixed income, who might otherwise not be able to see events of this caliber as much as they would like," said Farahi.

To request Senior Night Out tickets, contact the senior citizens center in your town. For more information, call Marge Devanney of Kean University at 908-737-6019.

Harpist Edie Elkan is set to perform at Arts Guild of Rahway

The Arts Guild of Rahway, in conjunction with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway, will present "An Evening With Bedside Harp," Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arts Guild of Rahway, 1670 Irving St.

The program will feature classical-trained harpist Edie Elkan, a certified master harp therapist, who performs music on a Celtic harp for patients and staff at area hospitals.

The evening will offer a unique opportunity to witness and experience the music played by Elkan and some of her current students and to learn of the remarkable effects that harp music has had on hospital patients during the course of their hospital stay.

The program will consist of demonstrations of harp playing and a talk about the Bedside Harp program followed by a question and answer session during which visitors can learn more about this program.

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'Under Glass' at Luna

If Kristine Thatcher is correct, infertility has become the health scourge of the 21st century, as supplies become DINKS — double income, no kids — and women put off having children until their mid- to late-30s.

Such challenges faced by Jean, 37, and her husband, Henry, 48, are the focus of Thatcher's new play, "Under Glass," now receiving its world premiere at Luna Stage. Over a three-year period, Jean undergoes microsurgery to open her fallopian tubes. Henry contributes his sperm for artificial insemination and the couple tries in vitro fertilization four times to enable Jean to complete her "cycle."

While the topic is timely, the play, at times, evokes in the audience a voyeuristic feeling; Jean's position on an examining table with her legs in the stirrups was a bit more information than most of would like to know about a character, especially one as winning as Jean.

And that's the paradox presented by this production. The play itself is too long and too talky and the topic too intimate, but the acting is among the finest I've ever seen on stage. Kudos should go to Susan Knight Carlin who doesn't as much "play" Furr, tells her off at a baby shower. And Linda Setzer is equally terrific as entirely believable as a 37-year-old

woman who has suddenly decided that she wants a child, only to find herself unable to conceive.

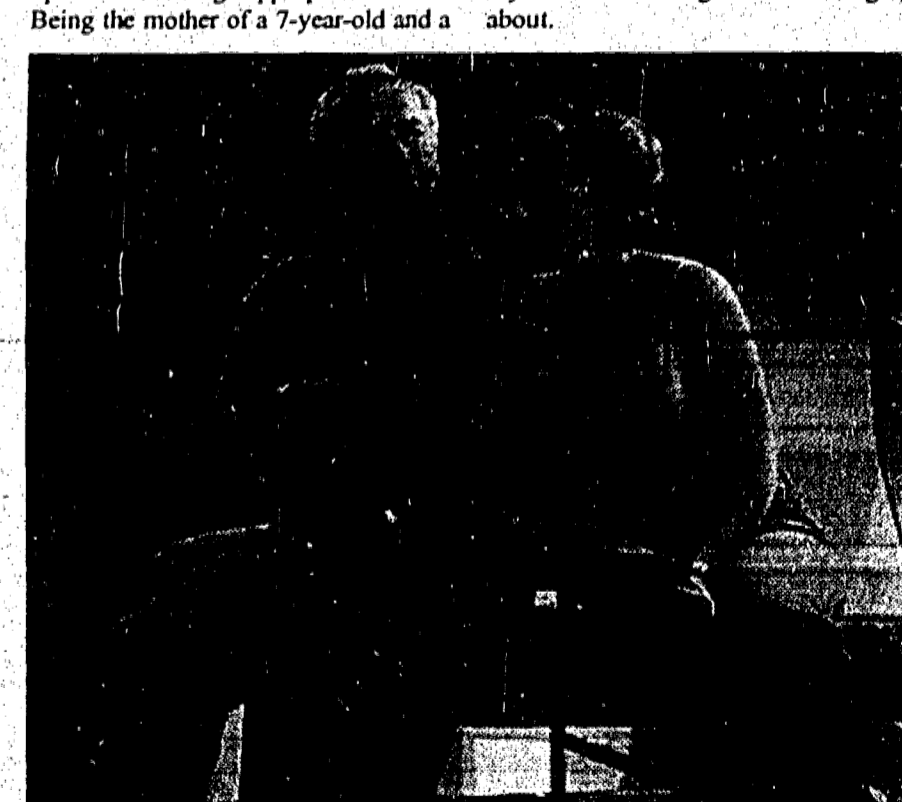
As her loving husband Henry, Bill Tatum matches Knight Carlin as Jean in the Luna Stage's production of "Under Glass."

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Ruth Ross frequently contributes to Worrall Community Newspapers.



Rebecca Frezza, with children from the 'My Morning Out' pre-school program at First Congregational Church in Montclair. Frezza started a rock band aimed at children to give children music that she felt was age-appropriate.



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patients and staff through music. This program is made possible in part by a HEART grant — History, Education, Art Reaching Thousands — from the Union County Board of Chosen Freelholders.

For further information about this presentation, about Bedside Harp, or to make a reservation, call 732-381-7511. The Arts Guild of Rahway is a non-profit multidisciplinary center for the arts, located at 1670 Irving St. in downtown Rahway.

The Arts Guild presents a yearly season of visual arts exhibits, musical performances, art classes, workshops and arts related activities for the Central and Northern New Jersey community. For further information about the guild, visit online at www.rahwayarts-guild.org, call 732-381-7511 or e-mail at artsguild1670@earthlink.net.

Red Ribbon Day

Union County residents will band together to celebrate the sixth annual Red Ribbon Drug-Awareness Day's "Relay for a Drug-Free Union County" — a free fun day for the entire family on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Nomahagan Park in Cranford. Rain date is Sunday.

Red Ribbons will be displayed throughout Union County during the week of Oct. 23-31, in commemoration of DEA Agent Enrique "Camarena who lost his life in the line of duty.

Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Day is coordinated by the Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse. The event kicks off with an overwhelming display of town pride as residents from all over the county "March Against Drugs" into Nomahagan Park at noon for a commemoration ceremony.

For more information, call the Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse at 732-381-4100 or e-mail UCCoalition@preventionlinks.org.

Special waste collection

The County of Union will sponsor the final household special waste collection day of 2004 on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Skating Center Parking Lot in Wanancopark, off Thompson Avenue in Roselle, near the Elizabeth border.

All county residents are eligible to participate at no cost. Pre-registration is not required.

A complete list of the household materials that will be accepted is available at www.unionnj.org/ewc. The household special waste collection will be held rain or shine, for Union County residents only and not for businesses. Proof of Union County residency is required.

For more information, call the Bureau of Environmental Services Hotline at 908-654-9889.

The next Union County Kerry Meetup hosted by Summit Democrats, will take place Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. in the second-floor Janet Whitham conference room of City Hall, 512 Springfield Ave., Summit.

For more information, call Meetup leader Michael Shapiro at 908-370-1158 or e-mail michaelshapiro@stanfordalumni.org.

Kerry Meetup planned

The next Union County Kerry Meetup hosted by Summit Democrats, will take place Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. in the second-floor Janet Whitham conference room of City Hall, 512 Springfield Ave., Summit.

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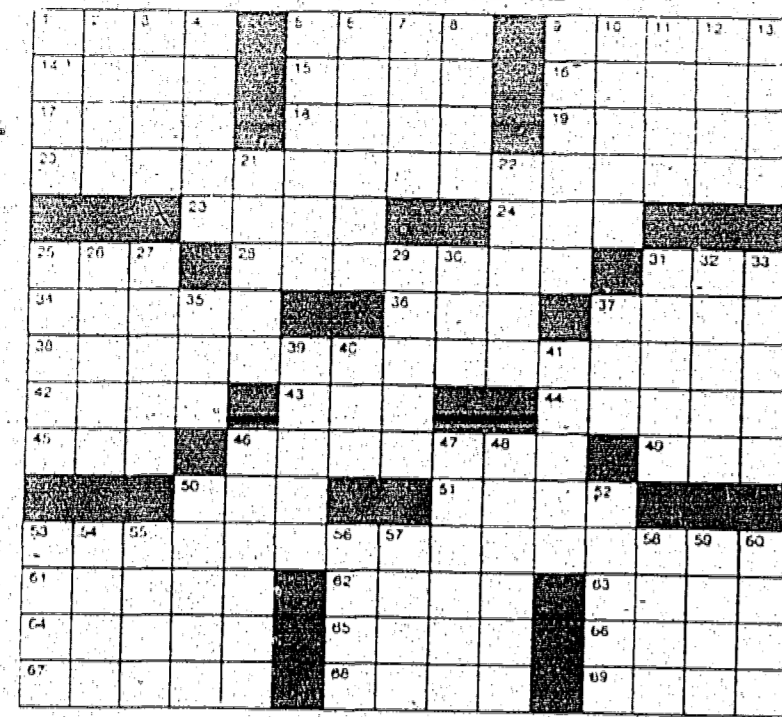
Advertisement for Pumpkin Patch Weekend at Liberty Hall Museum. Held Oct. 23 & 24, 10-4 P.M. at 1003 Morris Ave, Union. Includes activities like carving pumpkins and pony rides. Includes phone number: 908-527-0400.



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# What's Going On?

## RUMMAGE SALE

**SATURDAY**  
October 23rd, 2004  
EVENT: Rummage Sale  
PLACE: UJC, 1340 Burnett Avenue, Union  
TIME: 10:00am to 3:00pm  
PRICE: Free Come and Shop. Information 908-698-4333  
ORGANIZATION: Faith United Church of Christ

## FRIDAY & SATURDAY

October 29th, 30th, 2004  
EVENT: Rummage Sale-Short Hills  
PLACE: Short Hills Community-Congregational Church, 200 Harborside Drive, Short Hills  
TIME: Friday 9am-3pm Saturday 9am-1pm  
DETAILS: Clothes, Furniture, Household items. For information call 973-379-5600  
ORGANIZATION: Community Congregational Church

## AUCTION

**SUNDAY**  
OCTOBER 24th, 2004  
EVENT: Tricky Tray Auction  
PLACE: St. Theresa School, 705 Clinton Street, Linden, NJ 07036  
TIME: Doors open at NOON  
PRICE: Admission \$6 at door and \$5 in advance. For further information call 908-662-1619 and leave message.  
ORGANIZATION: St. Theresa School

## OTHER

**SATURDAY**  
October 23rd, 2004  
EVENT: ATTIC TREASURE SALE  
PLACE: 174 South Waverly Road, Hackett Street, near station of Water Road, West Orange  
TIME: 10am-4pm  
DETAILS: Quality sale with low prices. Everything from glassware to Waring blenders, artwork and musical equipment, jewelry and accessories, stuffed animals and baby strollers and records. Call 973-731-6588 for more info.  
PRICE: Free Admission  
ORGANIZATION: Ridgeview Community Church

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## HOROSCOPES

### Oct. 25 to Oct. 31

**ARIES**, March 21 to April 19: Pick a group investment over one where you will tread in unknown waters alone.

Spread the risk and share huge gains or big losses.

**TAURUS**, April 20 to May 20: Expect an invitation to a cultural or artistic event from someone from a different background.

Learn about how other people live.

**GEMINI**, May 21 to June 21: Take your time. Avoid getting overwhelmed with your assignments, chores or duties this week.

Set your priorities and get organized.

**CANCER**, June 22 to July 22: Children or younger siblings are likely to play an important role in your life.

Listen to their concerns and do what you can to address their needs.

**LEO**, July 23 to Aug. 22: It pays to keep your cool during an emotional encounter this week.

Calmly mull over the facts of the

matter in your head and think before you speak.

**VIRGO**, Aug. 23 to Sept. 22: Mental pursuits or intellectual stimulation leads to success.

Do not walk away from an opportunity to get inspired and come up with some brilliant solutions.

**LIBRA**, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: An unexpected financial gain is probable at this time.

Set the stage with a variety of exciting moneymaking activities or ideas.

**SCORPIO**, Oct. 24 to Nov. 21: The accent is on personal development and growth.

Step out of your routine and discover opportunities to expand your interests and find your niche.

**SAGITTARIUS**, Nov. 22 to Dec. 21: This week favors lying low, perhaps around the house or hanging out behind the scenes.

Don't give in to outside stress.

**CAPRICORN**, Dec. 22 to Jan. 19: Reach out to the people you will meet during this forecast period with honesty.

Connect with an individual and share your opinions.

**AQUARIUS**, Jan. 20 to Feb. 18: Celebrate a special career achievement with family members and loved ones.

Accept a token of success or reward to mark the moment.

**PISCES**, Feb. 19 to March 20: Gather all of the information you might need to prepare for a new project or assignment. Make a quick stop at the library or local bookstore.

If your birthday is this week, step out with enthusiasm and a sense of adventure during the coming year.

Your path is laden with opportunities for individual expression. Address a burning desire for freedom in creative ways.

You can make a powerful impact on those around you with a positive, never-say-die attitude. Go for the gusto and rally the troops all the way to success.

Also born this week: John Adams, Richard Dreyfuss, Jonas Salk, Emily Post, Mahalia Jackson and Pablo Picasso.

# 'So Far' presents excellent evening of dance at Kean's Wilkins Theater

By Bea Smith Staff Writer

It is always a special treat to ballet enthusiasts and the New Jersey Ballet Co. when internationally-known Elie Lazar, the former principal dancer, star and choreographer of the ballet company, returns by way of an exciting new work, "So Far." "So Far," a neo-classical work for 24 dancers, had its company premiere on Saturday when the New Jersey Ballet Co. presented "An Evening of Contemporary Ballet" in the Wilkins Theater at Kean University in Union.

Israeli-born Lazar, who retired as a dancer some years ago, and who organized the Jeffrey Ensemble dancers in 2000, serves as the Jeffrey company's artistic director. He was in the audience Saturday evening to watch a stunning performance by 14 excellent ballet dancers led by Julia Vorobyeva and Konstantin Dourya. This ballet, with music by Benjamin Britten and costumes by Paul H. McRae, can be considered classical, but it has a lot of modern styles combined with some intricate movements.

It also is acrobatic, reminiscent of its unique choreographer, who graced the Wilkins Theater stage for many years with his exuberance and exceptional talents. Hardly a traditional ballet, it is an impressive new style combining the contemporary with the classical.

Lazar appeared to take pride in watching every ballet dancer in perfect harmony and graceful movement, all thoroughly skilled. The dancers included Katie Pivarnik, Christina Theyroung, Violeta Angolova, Kotoe Kojima, Mari Sugawa, Era Korotava-Jouraveva, Gabriella Noa-Pierson, Sergio Amarante, Albert Davydov, Jeffery Hoover, Andres Neira and Vitaly Veretich.

On a completely different scale, an excerpt pas de deux from the ballet, "Carmen," was staged with a fiery performance by Saulte Ruchmedova in the title role, and an equally intensive performance by Tuvshin Bold.

Choreographed by the ballet company's George Tomal, with music by George Bizet and costumes by McRae, "Carmen" was enacted with a passion so great that it transmitted

itself to the audience. Ruchmedova is very expressive, and she has a special way of dancing to the audience, particularly in her Spanish flair, gypsy-style of dancing. She captures the spirit of the sensuous gypsy in love with the handsome corporal, Don Jose. Bold is a very powerful dancer and is an especially good partner. They are extremely well matched.

For a change of pace, "Death and the Maiden," choreographed by Robert North, with music by Franz Schubert, string quartet in D Minor, was fiercely dramatized with strong emotions and deep sympathy. The story had to do with the struggle of death, set to one of Schubert's most haunting works. "I wanted to create a ballet that will give every dancer a chance to shine." And so they do — and beautifully entertain the audience. Partnered are Ruchmedova with Bold, Kivark with Tamaki, Violeta Angolova with Sergio Amarante, Noa-Pierson with Davydov and deFremy with Vitaly Veretich.

The New Jersey Ballet Co. is in its 45th season and is an excellent source of culture for New Jersey, particularly Union — really, so close to home. With the utmost gratitude to Carolyn Clark, artistic executive director, who continues to make this possible year after year, and her magnificent staff and company, the New Jersey Ballet Co. offers New Jersey audiences as much, if not more, than the ballet companies in New York City.

students, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Arts Association, and other groups. Mambach's paintings are on display at the Pearl Street Gallery in Elizabeth 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 our graduates, a professional artist shown in the beautiful and historic St. John's Parsonage," said Estrada. "The talent and diversity of our local



A dynamic moment from 'Death and the Maiden,' one of the ballets presented by the New Jersey Ballet at Kean University on Oct. 16.

information about the Pearl Street Gallery, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202. For more information call 908-558-2550. NJ Relay users can dial 711. Or send e-mail to culturalinfo@ucnj.org

# Exhibit of Alexander Mambach paintings to be shown in Elizabeth

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 Elizabeth.

"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 has won numerous awards in juried exhibitions.

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

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., Elizabeth, NJ 07202. For more information call 908-558-2550. NJ Relay users can dial 711. Or send e-mail to culturalinfo@ucnj.org

## REUNIONS

- The following schools will conduct reunions in the coming months:
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  - Scotch Plains High School Class of 1979, 25-year reunion, Dec. 31.
  - Westfield High School Class of 1994, 10-year reunion, Dec. 31.
  - Westfield High School Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, May 21.
  - Scotch Plains High School Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, June 11.
  - Scotch Plains High School Class of 1975, 30-year reunion.
  - Union High School, Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, 2005.
  - Union High School, Class of 1995, 10-year reunion, 2005.
  - Union Hill High School, Class of 1975, 30-year reunion, 2005.
  - Union High School, Class of 1976, 30-year reunion, 2006.
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### Fat Tuesdays Cajun Bar & Grill

In search of lunch with some bite to it, and maybe some Southern delicacies, we headed south. Exit 135 on the Garden State Parkway, to be precise. Located on Main Street in Rahway, Fat Tuesdays Cajun Bar & Grill brings a bit of the French Quarter to the redeveloping downtown.

We started with the Bourbon Street Sampler: get a taste of several of the appetizers, popcorn shrimp, gator bites and stuffed olives. All three also are offered as their own appetizers.

The Gator Bites are served with a side of swamp sauce and the Louisiana Cajun Popcorn Shrimp with a Creole mayo. But our favorite of the bunch was definitely the Oh!Oh! Olives, olives stuffed with salsa, jack and cheddar cheese and rolled in spicy breadcrumbs.

For our main dish, we had the Creole Cordon Blue, a blackened chicken topped with ham and cheese in a garlic cream sauce, and the Chicken and Andouille Sausage Jambalaya, which includes chunks of chicken breast and Andouille sausage mixed with tomatoes, onions, peppers and rice in a spicy Creole sauce. My companion couldn't stop talking about the Andouille sausage and we couldn't get enough of the stuffed olives.

And where else can you kick back with a beer and munch on some gator bites?

Opened in April 2003, Fat Tuesdays might best be known as one of the local nightspots since the The Waiting Room closed last year. But there's more to Fat Tuesdays than just the bar and the occasional bands on weekends. That would be the dining room.

Fat Tuesdays has seen some changes to its menu since first coming on the scene last year. Some of the offerings might frighten the unadventurous diner, which owner Maurice Flynn concedes led to some "Jerseyfying" of the menu. But for every gator or crawfish that you might only find at Fat Tuesdays, there are the standard chicken tenders, burgers and sandwiches, including cheesesteaks as well as several New Orleans-style sandwiches.

The kitchen at Fat Tuesdays Cajun Bar & Grill, located at 1467 Main Street in downtown Rahway, is open until midnight on Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. on Sunday to Tuesday, and 11 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

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ART CLIPS

Collage to appear at Dusty's in Roselle

Dusty's Place, Union County's newest nightclub, will present DJ Tamir on Saturday nights this fall. Tamir will present a light and music show starting at 9 p.m. and continuing until 3 a.m.

Admission to Dusty's place is free before 10 p.m.

Thursday and Sunday nights are karaoke nights.

In coming weeks, Dusty's will host jazz nights, comedy nights and Monday night football.

Dusty's Place is located at 112 Chestnut St. in Roselle at the site of the former Cove Jazz Club.

For more information and directions call 908-241-1224.

Comedy in Watchung on Saturday night

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 McMinimen, a headliner and a feature performer. Ticket price includes light refreshments after the show. The show begins at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 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 e-mail at www.watchungarts.org or by phone, calling 908-753-0190 and leaving a message if necessary. Tickets will be held at the door.

The nonprofit Watchung Arts Center is located "on the circle" in Watchung, reached from Route 22, Plainfield overpass, or Interstate 78, exit 40. There is free parking adjacent to the building or around the corner at Best Lake.

Granian at Crossroads

Granian, Spin Magazine's best unsigned artist, is back with a solo album by singer-songwriter Karen Gueyikian. Armed with his guitar, Gueyikian creates thoughtful tunes and infectious melodies with an aggressive twist that has become his signature style. The wit of John Mayer blended with the power of Matchbox 20 makes for one of the East Coast's fastest growing live acts.

Gueyikian will perform tonight at 10 p.m. at Crossroads, 78 North Ave., Garwood. For information call 908-232-5666, or send an e-mail to www.crossroads.com. Tickets are \$5, adults 21 and over. The other band on the bill will be Beeftueled Mayhem.

Political farce comes to Wilkins Theatre, Union

The Marx Brothers meet Karl Marx in the audacious, irreverent and hilarious farce "Accidental Death of an Anarchist," written by Nobel Prize-winner Dario Fo and presented by Two River Theatre Company. Show times are 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. in Kean University's Wilkins Theatre, located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union.

Continuing its successful run at the Algonquin Arts Theatre in Manhattan, TRC brings the outrageous pranks and madcap characters of "Accidental Death" to Wilkins Theatre. A brilliant expose of political corruption, mass manipulation and political ideology, Italian style, the play is a biting satire based on the true story of an anarchist railway worker who, in 1969, fell to his death from police headquarters in Milan. At the center of this hilarious romp is a comic fool, played by actor Arnie Burton, who, posing as an investigator, playfully exposes cover-ups surrounding the accident.

"Arnie Burton had been around 80 years ago, the Marx Brothers undoubtedly would have adopted him," said *The Star-Ledger* in a recent review. "This Broadway and West End hit was a success when it first appeared 35 years ago, and is no less relevant today."

Tickets are \$25 for the public; \$21 for senior citizens; and \$17 for children. For further information, to order tickets, or request a brochure, call the Wilkins Theatre Box Office at 908-737-7469.

Rawlings to read her poetry at FDU

Jane Rawlings will offer readings from her book, "Penelopeia: A Novel in Verse," on tonight at 4:15 p.m. This free event will be held in the Library Orangery, on the College at Florham Campus, of Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison.

Rawlings, also known as Mrs. Jane Oldenweller, has patterned her novel after Homer's "Odyssey," according to Eleanor Friedl, a curator of special collections at FDU library. "It is poetry, but reads as heightened prose and is written from the imagined point of view of his wife, Penelope, in response to his adventuring away from her," she said. After her reading, Rawlings will discuss her research methods and the development process she followed in writing the book.

David R. Godwin, of Boston, known for publishing important literary works which frequently earn prize-winning design awards, published this book in 2003. For more information, call 973-443-8516.

Glenn Miller Orchestra performs at UACAC

The music of Glenn Miller endures as The Glenn Miller Orchestra returns to the Union County Arts Center on Friday.

Under the baton of Larry O'Brien, the 19-piece band continues to play many of the original Miller arrangements as well as more modern selections in the big-band style. The entire repertoire now exceeds 1,700 compositions, keeping the band popular with young and old.

Tickets are \$28, \$22 and may be purchased by calling 732-499-8226, online by visiting the Web site at www.UACAC.org or in-person at the box office located at 1001 Irvington St., Rahway. Group discounts are available. Handicapped accessible seating is available. The theater is located within walking distance of the NJ Transit train station, exit 135 off the Garden State Parkway, and exit 12 off the NJ Turnpike.

The Union County Arts Center is a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to presenting quality performances. Major support of the Arts Center and its programs, comes from the City of Rahway, Mercer and Co., the County of Union Board of Chosen Freeholders, RSI, and Liberty Bank. Other funding has been made possible by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State.

Three-man exhibit now on display in Plainfield

Light, form and movement are common aspects of "Architecture, Landscapes and Equines," a three-man exhibit now through Saturday at Swain Galleries in Plainfield.

Timothy W. John of Piscataway, Louis Lanzafama of Toms River and S. Allyn Schaeffer of Fanwood have mounted their work in several solo Swain's exhibits, have participated in the New York art scene and have received estimable awards.

John experiences the architect's hand as he interprets what a building has to say. Light dances on a facade and the hard, cold stone seems to come alive, according to the artist who paints in oils. He was honored by the Art Students League, New York City.

Light and movement that change the mood are captured by Louis Lanzafama in his oil and seascapes. His open-skied quietude ascends from his views and his never informal portraits are serene. He was awarded by the National Academy, New York City.

Schaeffer handles the "sport of kings" with muscular motion that evokes the spirit of race horses as well as their glossy coats. Even his bicycling races show the muscular effort of

Red Ribbon Day in Union County

The Sixth Annual Union County Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Day will be held Saturday, rain date Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Nomichegan Park, Cranford.

A free family fun day for all ages. Activities include helicopter landings by DEA and N.E. Air and National Guard, moonwalk, petting zoo, pony rides, rock climbing wall, Showcase of Talent featuring Union County youth, essay contest winners, Batman, other exhibits and events.

For information, call Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Drug Abuse, an autonomous arm of Prescription Links, at 732-381-4100. This event is co-sponsored by the U.C. Board of Chosen Freeholders, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, U.C. Municipal Alliances, and Vietnam Veterans Against Drugs.

NJSO plans concert for adults, children

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will present the first family concert programs of the 2004-05 season with two performances in October and November. This concert series is designed for families to enjoy classical music together in a fun and educational setting. The program will feature excerpts from Dvorak's most famous works, including selection from Slavonic Dances, The American Suite and the "New World" Symphony. Each hour-long performance will engage you and your children through beautiful music. The orchestra will be led by guest conductor Mark Mandarano.

Performances of this program will be presented on:

- Sunday at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North, Plainsboro at 2 p.m.; and
- Nov. 20 at NJPAC, Newark, beginning at 2 p.m. This performance is made possible through the generous support of the Laraja Foundation Inc.

The NJSO's Family Concert Series is designed to provide parents and grandparents with the opportunity to spend important time with their children/grandchildren, in shared experiences that can bring both generations

pleasure and which permit the transfer of cultural traditions from one generation to another. This three-episode subscription series is presented in Newark and Plainsboro each season, and is an outgrowth of the orchestra's esteemed in-school education programs.

Tickets are available at \$19 and \$14, and can be obtained by calling the NJSO ticket office at 800-252-5476, Monday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or online at www.njsymph.org.

'Connections II will show photos by Summit artist

The Unique Vision Photography Workshop, founded by Summit photographer Ross Wagner, encourages photographers to search for their deepest connection with the world, prioritizing uniqueness of vision before the quest for technical mastery.

The photographs in this exhibit focus more on content and involvement than on technique. Accidental

images, too, are considered as they often are clues to the development of a photographer's unique vision. Color and pictorial imagery are de-emphasized.

The Unique Vision Photography Workshop views photography as a path of self-discovery. Thus, the images often say more about the subjects before the lens.

Frequently, the photographs ask more questions than they answer. The images invite participation by the viewer.

Some of the local photographers showing their work are: Jennifer Balle, Arnis Balgavris, Norma Bernstock, Ron Brown, George Bujarski, Marvin Chino, Brian Goldzler, Pam Greene, Linda Guerci, Fred Hedge, Tom Heller, Dot Kuehn, Sheila Lengs, Coleen Marks, John Martancik, Walter Oliver, Lester Pfeiffer, Judy Pfeiffer, Glenn Podol, Joe Riggio, Maureen Rock, Joan Shyers, Neal Snitow, Tom Stillman, Ray Yarus and Sue Zwick.

Mural is shown in Elizabeth arts center

Magnificent and imposing Renaissance-style paintings measuring 13 feet by 65 feet were recently unveiled in a special media preview at the newly restored Ritz Theatre and Performing Arts Center in Elizabeth.

Created by Colombian-born artist Jorge Posada, "Art, A Vision of Paradise," is a collection of colorful acrylic paintings depicting art, literature, music and theater coming together to benefit the world and its many cultures. Angels, goddesses and mysterious figures are among the dramatic images that come alive in hues of muted earth tones on the immense canvases.

"Posada's brilliant artwork truly elevates our theater and provides an impressive adornment for the Ritz proscenium that is sure to take the

breath away of all who enter," said George Castro II, owner of the Ritz theater and Performing Arts Center and Elizabeth resident.

Castro hosted the preview of the artwork, which was commissioned to decorate the 139-year-old theater's proscenium. Complementing the stunning new murals are the Ritz Theatre's elaborate ceiling moldings covered in gold leaf, marble wainscoting in the "double lobby" designed to resemble an Italian Renaissance-style temple, and Oriental side balconies. A 14-time award winner for the Best Acoustic Hall in the United States, with its close proximity to New York City and convenient transportation, The Ritz is again being recognized as a first-class showplace for top entertainers.

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Music's healing power explored

Can music heal the mind? Come find out what leading researchers and practitioners have discovered at an interactive day-long conference for mental health and social service providers, educators, caregivers, and artists.

"Music and the Mind: An Arts and Well Being Initiative" will take place on Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel, 1000 Spring St., Elizabeth. The event is sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Union County, the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Pre-registration is required. Students with I.D. is \$45 per person, which includes a continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and all materials. Registration is \$65. Registration on the day of the conference is \$75.

Leaders from Artsogenesis, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Music for All Seasons, and the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra will demonstrate ways to use music as a wellness tool," said Frecholder Vice Chairman Rick Proctor. "When words fail, music communicates."

The morning keynote presenter is

Kathleen Gaffney, co-founder of Artsogenesis, an arts-in-education organization that ignites creativity and accelerates learning. She is a nationally known speaker on the role of arts and healing, multiple intelligences, and differentiated learning. The afternoon keynote presenter, Richard Kogan, M.D., is a graduate of both Juilliard and Harvard Medical School, a psychiatrist and concert pianist, who has managed to excel at both demanding professions. His lecture performance will explore how the relationship between medical and psychiatric issues of George Gershwin influenced his creative output.

The conference features six workshop sessions: "Music and Aging," "Music Healing Trauma," "Music in Hospitals," "Music Reaching Special Needs Children," "Music and Schools," and "Music Enhancing Counseling." CEUs are available for professional development credit.

There also will be a panel discussion, "Vision of the Future," with experts about programs in music and healing moderated by Robert Perry of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. The panelists are Michael J. Dzjak, Ph.D., director of corporate contribu-

tions at Johnson and Johnson; Nancy-marie Bride, Ph.D., executive director of the Mental Health Association of Union County; Daniela Mendelsohn, executive director of Artworks, the Naomi Cohain Foundation; and Robert Morrison, founder and chairman of the Music for All Foundation.

Networking opportunities will allow participants to share information with peers in the statewide arts and healing community. Attendees are encouraged to bring fliers and brochures to share at the resource table.

To request a brochure or get more information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth 07202. For more information, call 908-558-2550. New Jersey Relay users dial 11. The e-mail address is culturalinfo@ucnj.org. Assistive services are available on request.

The event is funded in part by grants from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts; the Scheraga Plough Corporation; and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Grant rewards theater group

Kean University's Theater Management and Programming Office has been honored with several performing arts grants totaling \$15,390.

The awards will support the university in its mission to become the cultural hub of the area, as it brings internationally acclaimed performers to Wilkins Theatre for the upcoming 2004-05 concert season. Kean is located in the township of Union.

An ArtsCONNECT grant totaling \$4,340 will support the Wilkins Theatre performance of the Western Wind's "The Chanukkah Story," featuring Tony Award-nominated actress Tovah Feldshuh, on Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

The Western Wind is a vocal sextet that has devoted itself to the special beauty and variety of a cappella music.

The company, along with guest narrator Feldshuh, who has performed on Broadway in classics like "Yentl" and won a Drama Desk award for her current role in Golda's Balcony, explores Chanukkah's origins, spiritual significance and the

rituals and customs that have evolved to celebrate it.

"The Chanukkah Story" is comprised of 25 songs that weave together ancient Ladino songs of the Spanish Jews, Yiddish melodies of Eastern Europe and modern Israeli and Mexican tunes along with insightful and informed commentary.

The piece won *The New York Times* Critics' Choice award for favorite holiday recordings, and the Pittsburgh Press hailed, "This is a rich tapestry of sacred and secular fare, sung with the subtlety and fervor, accompanied by an ensemble of old new instruments."

Lindsay Gambini, executive director of the Theatre Management and Programming Office, is the driving force behind planning the 2004-05 season and winning the grants.

"I'm very grateful to the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation and the New England Foundation for the Arts for their support of these two programs," she said. "The funding they provide is crit-

ical to being able to bring innovative and exciting cultural events to Kean audiences."

For more information about Wilkins Theatre at Kean University and upcoming events, call the Box Office at 908-737-7469, or visit the Web site for the Wilkins Theatre at http://wilkinstheatre.kean.edu/home.html.

Wilkins Theatre is located on the campus of Kean University in Union. From route 22, traveling in both directions, drive under the Garden State Parkway and turn right onto the exit for Route 82 East. Continue toward Elizabeth. The campus is within 2 miles. If traveling westbound, drive under Parkway, keep right and follow signs to Elizabeth. Turn right on Morris Avenue. If you're traveling from the Garden State Parkway, heading northbound, leave the Parkway at Exit 140, keep right and follow signs for Route 82 East towards Elizabeth. If you are traveling southbound, leave the Parkway at Exit 140-A onto Route 22 West. Keep right and follow signs to Elizabeth. Turn right on Morris Avenue.

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# Stepping Out

## 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.

**LES MALAMUT ART GALLERY** will host the presentation of "A Garden Journal," a series of photographs of Union County Public and Private Gardens, by Nancy On of Berkeley Heights. The exhibit will continue through Dec. 1. The gallery is open at the Union Library, 1950 Morris Ave. Union, during regular library hours. Operated by the Wheelchair Gallery Inc.

## BOOKS

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

**BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN** meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

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## 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 Horhman will present a roster of comedians John McManis, a headliner and a feature performer. Ticket price includes light refreshments after the show. The show begins at 8 p.m. Saturday, 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 e-mail at [www.watchungarts.org](http://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 creek" to Watchung reached from Route 22 or Interstate 78. There is free parking adjacent to the building or around the corner at Best Lake.

## CONCERTS

**SANCTUARY CONCERTS** in Berkeley Heights will present musical acts in the coming weeks.

Concerts are presented at Union Village Methodist Church, 1130 Mountain Ave., Berkeley Heights. The Afro-groove band will perform with special guest Les Barker as part of Sanctuary Concerts on Saturday at 8 p.m. For more information, call 973-376-4946, or visit the Web site, [www.sanctuaryconcerts.org](http://www.sanctuaryconcerts.org).

**THE SEVENTH JAZZ SEASON** at the Arts Guild of Rahway continues on Nov. 12 with composer/pianist Diane

## FILM

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**SCI-FI DOUBLE FEATURE** and Halloween Film Event will be part of the Movie Palace Experience. On Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m., the Union County Arts Center will present a pair of movies from 1956, "Forbidden Planet" and "Earth vs. The Flying Saucers," with the second movie starting at approximately 9:40 p.m. On Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m. the Union County Arts Center and co-sponsor Garden State Theatre Organ Society will present "Nosferatu," a silent film with music accompaniment by Barrie Anderson Jr. on the Arts Center's original Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ. For more information, call 732-499-0441, ext. 232. The Union County Arts Center is located at 1001 Irving Street in Rahway.

## DANCE

**Y-SQUARES**, a local square dance club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Frnk K. Hehly School, Rantano Road, Clark. The fee for each lesson is \$4. For information, call 908-298-1851, 732-361-2535 or 908-241-9492.

**GREEK DANCE WORKSHOP** will be hosted by the Summit International Folk Dancers on Oct. 29 from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Donatella Tashie will host the event at the Connection on Maple Street in Summit. Tickets are \$5, beginners welcome, no partners needed.

## DISCUSSION

**JOURNAL WRITING GROUP**, led by professional life coach Jani Novak, meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Rantano Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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To request HEART Grant information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 603 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202, call 908-558-2500, Relay users dial 711; or send inquiries via e-mail to [culturalinfo@ucnj.org](mailto:culturalinfo@ucnj.org).

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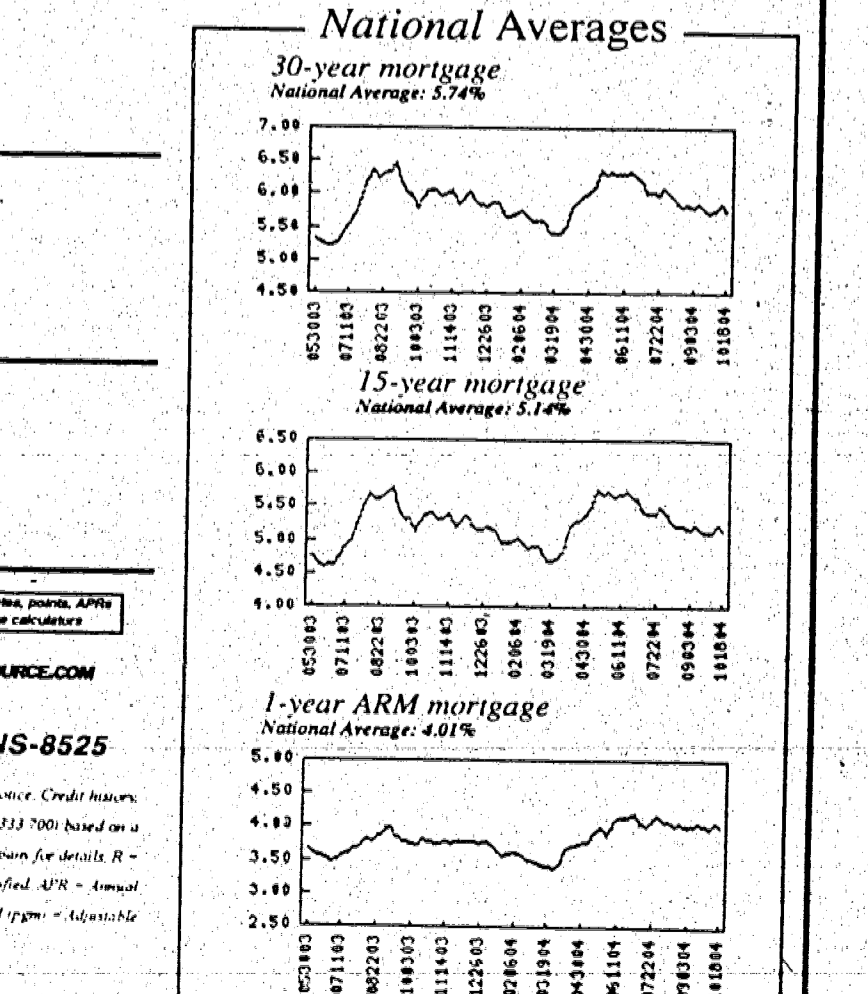
The average for the 15-year FRM this week is 5.14 percent, with an average 0.6 points, also down from last week when it averaged 5.24 percent. A year ago, the 15-year FRM averaged 5.26 percent.

One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 4.01 percent this week, with an average 0.6 point, lower than last week when it averaged 4.08 percent. At this time last year, the one-year ARM averaged 3.69 percent.

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

"The decline in mortgage rates was primarily due to a weak employment report for September, which suggested economic growth is still a bit subdued. As a result, we expect mortgage rates will continue to stay quite affordable over the next few months, benefiting future homebuyers," said Freddie Mac's Chief Economist Frank Nothaft. "Of late, there has been no compelling economic reason to believe mortgage rates would climb out of their recent range."

"Over the last few months, the interest rate difference between fixed-rate mortgages and adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) has thinned. If this continues, ARM's may lose some appeal amongst homeowners in the coming months," added Nothaft.



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The Sit-N-Lift power seat is available in the long-wheelbase versions of GM's midsize vans: the Chevrolet Venture, Pontiac Montana and the remaining Oldsmobile Silhouette.

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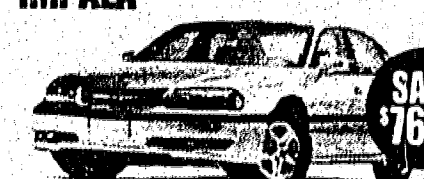
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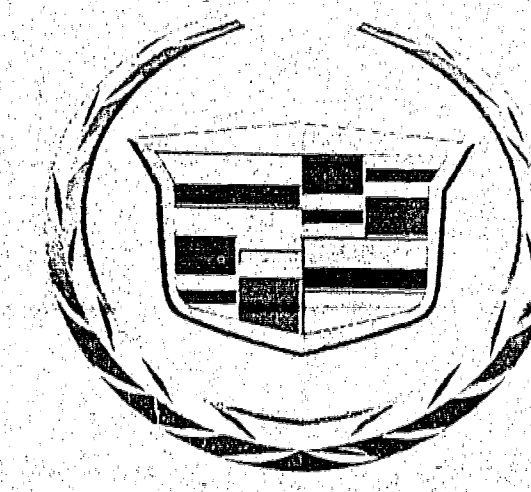
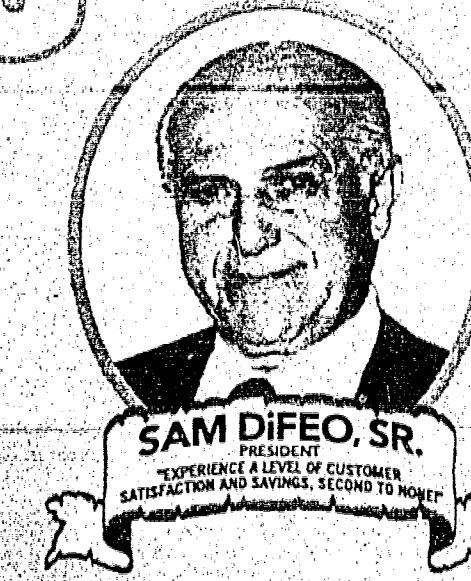
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## Concert series begins Saturday

String players from the New Jersey Youth Symphony join an internationally known vocalist and five professional instrumentalists on Saturday for the first Afternoon Music concert of the 2004-05 season. The chamber music program begins at 4 p.m. at the Unitarian Church in Summit, 4 Waldron Ave.

The main part of the program features soprano Marjorie Patterson along with violinists Maxim Moston and Jeff Muller, violist Danielle Farina, cellist Carlo Pelletieri and pianist Mitchell Vines. Works include Chausson's "Chanson Perpetuelle," Shostakovich's "Piano Quintet in G minor," Rachmaninov's "Vocalise," and songs by Strauss and Woyrsch.

For the second year, Afternoon Music has arranged for the string professionals featured in its October concert to give master classes for the Youth Orchestra's string ensembles. After the Sunday master classes, a quartet of young string players will be selected to perform at the Afternoon Music concert.

Patterson is a native of Canada who now lives in Hamburg, Germany. She performs extensively throughout Europe and North America in oratorio, opera and concert. Farina and Muller are both members of the New York-based Elements Quartet, which has performed at Merim Concert Hall and at the Carmarion Festival.

Born 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 artist 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 offers women's programs

The Wise Wonderful Women of the Women's Resource Center are again offering their "Lunch and More," "Books & Company" and "Reel Women Go to the Movies" programs in Christ Church at 561 Springfield Ave. in Summit.

Call the Center at 908-273-7253 to register or for information about these and similar programs.

**Lunch and More:** "Traveling Solo: Hitting the Road on Your Own"

Eleanor Berman, author of "Traveling Solo," will be the speaker on Nov. 9 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Berman is a New York City resident and widely published travel writer who frequently travels on her own and has learned that it is not necessary to have a traveling companion in order to have a wonderful time.

Ineed there are benefits to solo travel: tailoring your vacation to suit your own tastes, energies, budget and timetable, and going where you please and doing what you want. In her award-winning book, Berman includes advice specifically for those age 50 and older, for women, and for those on a range of budgets. The topics vary from finding group travel for singles to advice for those who truly want to go it alone, all distilled from her own travel experience in 65 countries on six continents.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing by the author. This program is co-sponsored by the Women's Resource Center and The Connection for Women & Families in Summit. As a catered buffet lunch is included, advance registration is strongly recommended. The charge is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

**Books & Company: "Lucy"**

This group will meet on Nov. 8 at noon to discuss "Lucy," by Jamaica Kincaid. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch. "Lucy" is about a 19-year-old girl who comes to America from the West Indies to work for a couple and their four children.

This novel leaves the reader with the unforgettable experience of leaving met a (crosscously) honest woman on her own uncompromising terms.

The book should be read prior to the discussion and brought to the session. Phyllis Lieberman, MA, will facilitate the discussion.

**REEL Women Go to the Movies**

The movie on Monday will be "The Station Agent."

The optional brown bag lunch starts at noon, followed by the movie viewing at 12:30 p.m. and a stimulating, lively and an informative discussion at 2:30 p.m. with a \$5 requested donation.

The movie was launched at the Sundance Film Festival in 2003 where it won the Audience Favorite Award. Tom McCarthy, a native of New Providence, wrote the script and directed this comedy-drama about a recluse living in an old railroad depot who ironically ends up becoming a friend to several lonely souls.

"Autumn Sonata," will be shown on Nov. 15. The optional brown bag lunch starts at noon; the movie will be shown at 12:30 p.m. and an informative discussion with others who enjoy good films will follow at 2:30 p.m. There is a \$5 requested donation.

## Girl Project programs aim to build skills

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.womenresource.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. No 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.

"Sex & 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.

This program is co-sponsored by the Girl Project, the American Association of University/Women Madison Branch and the Madison Alliance Against Substance Abuse.



Planning the upcoming 'Collectors' Evening Art Sale,' hosted by the New Jersey Center For Visual Arts in Summit are from left, Estelle Fourrier of Summit, Eric Pryor, NJCVA president, and Summit residents Regan Wesson and Roland Weiser.

## NJCVA conducts annual art sale

On Nov. 20, the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts will conduct its sixth annual "Collectors' Evening Art Sale" to benefit the center's exhibition and educational outreach programs. Starting at 7:30 p.m., the event will take place at Kent Place School, 42 Norwood Ave. in Summit.

Featuring works by emerging and established contemporary artists, the sale will give seasoned art lovers and beginners an opportunity to add to or start their collections.

The evening includes a talk "The Joy of Collecting" by Holly Pyne Connor, Curator of American Art at the Newark Museum. The art sale will be ongoing through the evening. Wine, champagne, hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served. For tickets and information, call NJCVA at 908-273-9121.

## Aussie artist exhibits in Summit

International award-winning Australian artist Kryssia D. will be releasing her new collection of small, framed hand-signed prints for the first time at Plumquin, 12 Beechwood Road in Summit on Tuesday and Wednesday.

At 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Plumquin, Summit's premiere home decor and fine furniture store, will host a morning tea to introduce Kryssia D.'s new collection.

The artist, who has been featured in house and garden magazines both in the U.S. and Australia, will speak about how to make your home reflect your personality by integrating artwork into your design scheme.

Kryssia D. is known in Australia and in the U.S. for her large, colorful canvases.

She is currently exhibiting her work in Miami, Fla., Laguna Beach and Rodeo Drive, Calif., and Piermont, N.Y. Plumquin will also be displaying examples of her original artwork.

Many of Kryssia D.'s New Jersey clients will be familiar with her signature still-lives and unique arrangements of New Jersey beach scenes. Her recent collection of paintings from Italy was a resounding success, and a number of scenes from this series will now be available in her new print collection.

Interior designer Kevin Clark will be creating small vignettes around Kryssia D.'s artwork, using the vast array of new decorative home accessories and fine furniture that has arrived at Plumquin for the holiday season.

"I am very excited that Kryssia will be introducing her new collection here at Plumquin, and that she will be sharing her secrets to creating stylish rooms using her paintings and prints with Plumquin's home accessories," said owner Melissa Plummer.

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**'Habits and Will' to be discussed**

Once a month the Great Books Discussion Group meets to examine the great books of civilization. The selections range from essays to fiction. The group meets the third Thursday of each month at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave at 10 a.m.

**Baby, toddler programs**

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues October children's programming for babies, toddlers and young children, as follows:

**Mime Time offers interactive workshop**

On Nov. 10 at 4 p.m., Mime Time presented by the Theater Project of Union County College, will be offered at Mountside Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza.

**Author leads 'Good Books' discussion**

The "Good Books Discussion Group of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will meet on Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. to discuss "Sincerely Yours" by Gertrude Wood, led by the author.

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**International film festival**

Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will present "Respo," Oct. 28 at noon and 7 p.m. as part of the International Film Series. Refreshments will be served.

**Free class covers basic internet use**

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will be offering free classes on the use of the library catalog and basic Internet searching this October.

**Box Office Hits continue at noon**

The "Springfield" Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Lunchtime Video Series, "Box Office Hits," on Nov. 9 at noon.

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**Halloween fun arrives at Mountside Library**

On Wednesday at 4 p.m. Halloween Cabaret by "Inckers" Lakes Puppet Theatre will provide a show for children at Mountside Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza.

**Halloween activities get into the spooky spirit**

Children ages 6 and older are invited to share the spirit of Halloween with an icky craft or two, snacks, and

**Children's book sale**

A children's book sale will be conducted at Mountside Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. on Nov. 11 from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

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**Miller joins YMCA Board of Trustees**

The Summit Area YMCA Board of Trustees has welcomed new member Donna Miller from Summit. Miller and her family have been members of the YMCA since 1996.

**Pissott Reig earns Rutgers alumni award**

Springfield resident Linda Pissott Reig, a 1990 graduate of Rutgers-Newark College of Arts & Sciences, received a 2004 Alumni Meritorious Service Award at the Rutgers University Alumni Federation's annual awards dinner on Friday at Traves Hall on Rutgers University's Douglass Campus.

**Smith Weiss exhibits artwork at Bouras**

Cynthia Smith Weiss of Mountside will be exhibiting her bright, bold landscapes at the Bouras Galleries in Summit on DeForest Avenue. The exhibit will be at Bouras Galleries Nov. 2 through December. The galleries are open to the public by appointment only.

**Artist exhibits at Kent Place**

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HEALTH

Breast cancer survivor speaks in Summit

Lisa Capetta Bhatt will be the keynote speaker at a "Think Pink" event on Saturday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at The Connection for Women and Families, 79 Maple St., Summit. Her topic will be "Surviving Cancer." Her book, "I'm Sorry You Have to Be Here," is the story of her struggle as a young mother with breast cancer dealing with diagnosis, surgery and chemotherapy.

Support group offered in Spanish

Overlook Hospital is introducing a new support group for depression facilitated in Spanish by Odaly Cardona, Overlook Family Practice social worker. The goal of the Spanish-speaking support group is to provide members an opportunity to share their experiences, concerns, and hopes in their native language.

Pathways offers free support groups

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

Self-help group meets

A bipolar and depression self-help group meets the first and third Thursday of every month in Conference Room F of Overlook Hospital, 90 Beaveron Ave., from 7 to 9 p.m. The



Nancy Brinker — fourth from left — the founder of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, based in Summit, was the guest of honor at the official opening of Style for the Cure at the Mall at Short Hills.

Fund-raiser spreads awareness

Nancy Brinker, the founder of Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, passed away in Summit last August. She was a guest of honor at the official opening of Style for the Cure at the Mall at Short Hills. The week-long, educational, fitness and fund-raising event was sponsored by the Komen North Jersey Affiliate and The Mall at Short Hills. Funds raised support the program which provides mammography-based breast health education to those who took part in the event.

Ernest Csaszar

Ernest F. Csaszar, 58, of Mountainside died Oct. 10 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. Born in Orange, Mr. Csaszar lived in Mountainside for 48 years. He was an office manager at APKG Group, Somerset, for the last three years. Mr. Csaszar also was a chairman of the Cary, Livingston High School Highlander Band in Berkeley Heights.

Richard Peterson

Richard H. Peterson, 73, of Westfield, formerly of Mountainside, died Oct. 15 at home. Mr. Peterson was a longtime resident of Mountainside before moving to Westfield two years ago. He worked for McDonald's Corp. for many years before retiring.

Rita Zeiss

Rita Sharkey Zeiss, 90, of Cedar Grove, formerly of Union, who had been editor of the Mountainside Echo for seven years, died Oct. 17 in St. Vincent's Nursing Home, Cedar Grove. Born in Orange, Mrs. Zeiss lived in Union for 35 years, Seaside Park and Toms River before moving to Cedar Grove. She was a columnist and feature writer for the Suburban Publishing Co., now Worrall Community

Pearl Tuhscher

Pearl C. Tuhscher, 80, of Andover Township, formerly of Hillsdale and Summit, died Oct. 6 in Newton Memorial Hospital. Born in Bayonne, Mrs. Tuhscher lived in Hillsdale, Summit, Berkeley Heights, Sparta, and Fredon Township for many years before moving to Andover Township in 1997. She was a past member of the Summit Jewish Community Center, where she was involved with the Hadassah and the Sisterhood. Mrs. Tuhscher also was a member of the Jewish Center of Sussex County.

Alden Opie

Alden Opie, 81, of Summit died on Oct. 2. Mr. Opie was born in Carbondale Pa. He joined the Bell System in 1946. During his career in engineering and research, Mr. Opie had assignments at AT&T, AT&T Long Beach, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Western Electric Co., Southern Bell Telephone

OBITUARIES

Dr. Walter Lorenz

Dr. Walter A. Lorenz, 85, of Paoliack, who maintained a private practice in Cranford and was assistant chief of staff of psychiatry in a Summit hospital, died Oct. 13 at home. Dr. Lorenz, a well known leader in the field of psychiatry, maintained a private practice in Cranford and then in Berkeley Heights since 1960. He was on staff at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield, and was assistant chief of staff of psychiatry at Overlook Hospital, Summit. He also was an adjunct professor at Rutgers University and Columbia University, New York.

Robert Ruerup Sr.

Robert C. Ruerup Sr., 88, of Kissimmee, Fla., formerly of Summit, died Oct. 15 in the Oaks of Kissimmee Nursing Home. Born in Newark, Mr. Ruerup lived in Summit before moving to Kissimmee in 1992. He was a letter carrier with the United States Postal Service in Summit for 25 years before retiring. Mr. Ruerup was a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers and the Masonic Lodge 163 Congdon Overlook, Basking Ridge. Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Evelyn M.; two sons, Robert C. and E. Scott; two daughters, Lynn Ann Pico and Gail Murphy; 15 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

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Interweave events stress spiritual learning

Interweave's Center for Whole Living in Summit will offer a variety of programs this fall, including a special place to gather for fellowship, learning, and fun at a community learning center that promotes wellness, spirituality, and the common good.

The services of meditative prayer, breathers, and readings from different traditions are open to women and men of any spiritual background. ... 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.

Church connects with current events

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Temple dedicates Holocaust memorial

Temple Beth Ahm will dedicate a Holocaust memorial garden on the temple grounds at 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, during Shabbat services on Friday, beginning at 8 p.m.

Obituary policy

Obituary notices submitted by local funeral homes or families must be in writing. This newspaper cannot accept obituaries by telephone.

SPORTS

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

THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

The top six teams in the county - Elizabeth, Linden, Cranford, New Providence, Rahway and Brearley - all won last weekend.

Four Union County teams won by shutout last weekend, Rahway and Roselle Park for the third time, New Providence for the second and Summit for the first.

Rahway and Roselle Park lead the county with their three white-washings. Big games this weekend include Irvington at Linden Saturday at 1 p.m. at Cooper Field and Roselle at Rahway Saturday at 1 p.m. at Veterans Field.

Irvington had last weekend off, while Linden won at Shabazz 21-14 last Friday night, becoming the first team to beat the Bulldogs at Shabazz Stadium this year in four years.

Both Watching Conference teams are 4-1 and trying to gain entry in North 2, Group 4. Irvington defeated Linden 14-7 at Matthews Field in the season-opener for both last season.

Rahway (4-1) and Roselle (3-2) both already have more wins than they had last year. This key Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division clash features teams attempting to reach the playoffs in Central Jersey Group 2.

Both are guided by first-year head coaches, Gary Mobley for Rahway and Chris Satterfield for Roselle. Rahway defeated Roselle 28-18 last year at Arminio Field, which was a battle of 0-6 teams. Both have improved vastly this season.

Johnston and Westfield are still looking for their first wins. Johnston was a state champion two years ago, while Westfield was in the state playoffs last year.

WEEK SIX GAMES Friday, Oct. 22 (2) Cranford at East Side, 7 p.m. Hillside at Delaware Valley, 7 Saturday, Oct. 23 (7) Union at Westfield, 1 p.m. Irvington at Linden, 1 Shabazz at Plainfield, 1 Johnston at Gov. Livingston, 1 Roselle at Rahway, 1 Manville at New Providence, 1 Summit at Mendham, 1:30 p.m. Off: Roselle Park, Brearley, Elizabeth, Scotch Plains.

Soccer standouts



The Johnson High School girls' soccer team, sparked by the play of Jamilee Pilug (No. 11 at left) and Dayton, sparked by the performance of Elizabeth Rodriguez (No. 17 at right), battled in Mountain Valley Conference play Oct. 12 in Clark. Johnson won 7-1.

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GL girls' soccer advances in UCT

There were many expected victories and a few surprises in Union County Tournament competition in boys' soccer, girls' soccer, field hockey and girls' volleyball last Saturday. Play continues this weekend.

The Hilltoppers advanced to the first round after eliminating 16th-seeded Roselle Catholic 1-0 in Roselle in a pre-match contest Oct. 9. Playing well on defense for Summit were Justin MacPherson and goalkeeper Tim Fields, who made 10 saves for the victory.

Sam Goodspeed, Connor Donohue and Andrew Elliott scored in the second half, while goalkeeper Anton Abitante posted his sixth shutout and third straight to lead eighth-seeded Governor Livingston past ninth-seeded Dayton by a 3-0 score in Berkeley Heights. Dave Sauerhoff made nine saves for Dayton.

Seamless Olivia scored twice and Adonijah Ashley Union won to spark fourth-seeded Union in a 3-1 home win over 13th-seeded Brearley. Union won its 11th straight to improve to 11-1-1. Matt Felner scored for the Bears.

Tom Azydzki scored in the 62nd minute and Matt Glackin posted his fifth shutout by leading 12 saves to lead 11th-seeded Johnson past sixth-seeded Rahway 1-0. Pete Kowal made six saves for the Indians, who fell to 8-2. Johnson improved to 6-5-1.

Third-seeded Scotch Plains downed 14th-seeded Hillside 7-0. The week before, Hillside ousted 19th-seeded Roselle 2-0 at home in a pre-match. Second-seeded Elizabeth eliminated 15th-seeded Roselle Park 6-1 at Williams Field. The remainder of the tournament - quarterfinals, semifinals and final - will be contested at Elizabeth's Williams Field.

The quarterfinals are scheduled for Saturday at 10 a.m., noon, 2 and 4 p.m. Matches on the top side of the bracket include 5-Union Catholic vs. 4-Union and 17-Summit vs. 8-GL. Matches on the bottom side of the bracket include 11-Johnson vs. 3-Scotch Plains and 7-Cranford vs. 2-Elizabeth.

The semifinals are Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. and the final Nov. 6 at 8 p.m. GIRLS' SOCCER, first round: Second-seeded Governor Livingston continues to prove very tough to score on as the Highlanders downed Roselle Catholic 6-0 in Berkeley Heights.

GL improved to 12-0-1 with the victory and had not allowed a goal through those first 13 matches, with goalie Alyssa York netting yet another shutout. Chrissie Sidle scored twice and Maria Madan, Andi Barton, Crissy McCurdy and Catherine Dwelling came on.

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GL girls' tennis team nets another sectional crown

Highlanders were to play Rumson-Fair Haven. Sabrina Govindaraja defeated Emily Moore 6-1, 6-4 at first doubles, while Paige Geiger downed Megan Van Sickle 6-4, 6-4 at third.

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Roadrunners post first shutout victory

The Springfield Roadrunners 9-and-under boys' soccer team defeated the Wayne B&G Magic 7-0 last weekend to post its first shutout of the season.