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Ready for turkey day

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

Colder mornings and darker nights mean winter is quickly approaching, but during the transitional period of color-changing leaves and additional brisk winds, the more obvious observation is that the holiday season is falling upon us.

For some, Thanksgiving means spending time with family and friends. For others, it means feasting on food cooked by grandparents. As for Mrs. Cladek's kindergarten class at Edward V. Walton School in Springfield, it means all of the above, and then some.

"I'm thankful for presents," said Brian Schramm, whose birthday falls just before the holiday. He also looks forward to eating turkey on Thanksgiving, as well.

Giovanni Delmauro wasn't sure what he was doing for the holiday, but he was thankful for the same thing Brian was looking forward to: turkeys.

Sarah Adler, who will be going to her aunt's house for Thanksgiving, was thankful for a different reason altogether.

"I'm thankful for the wishing star," she said, explaining that it takes wishes from people. Recently, Sarah explained that she had seen about 100 wishing stars near her home and was thankful that they could be given out to others, as well.

Ahmad El-Daly, who also wasn't sure what he was doing Thursday, was certain about what he was thankful for.

"My bike," he said, "because it has a motor and it goes very fast."

On Monday, the 5-year-olds were busy making their turkey books, filled with turkey facts and decorations. They had already made pilgrims, Native Americans and head dresses, and were eager to continue in their craftwork.

Several students emphasized ocean life as one of the things they are thankful for.

"I'm thankful for sharks," said Will Hodic, who didn't know where he would be on Thanksgiving.

Sam Sekyi-Williams, however, was thankful for more than just sharks.

"I'm thankful for three things," he said. "God, sharks and babies."

Although at first, sharks seemed to be the most popular sea creature during turkey day, several students countered with a counterpart that they are thankful for.

Greg Wolz and Michael Zacieracha, who are both going to their grandparents' houses, said that they are thankful for dolphins.

Other students, such as Molly Barnett and Rochelle Shvartsman, joined Schramm in thoughts of being thankful for presents, even if their birthdays are far away.

Some students were happy to show their appreciation for a higher being.

"I'm thankful for God," Hannah Williams said, adding that she'll be visiting her grandparents' house.

Franklin Sun, however, was thankful simply for "man."

Needless to say, the children at Walton School will leave after their traditional Wednesday feast for not only a break from their daily routine at school, but to spend time with those closest to them. Whether they're thankful for sharks or dolphins, the holiday spirit has definitely gotten to them.

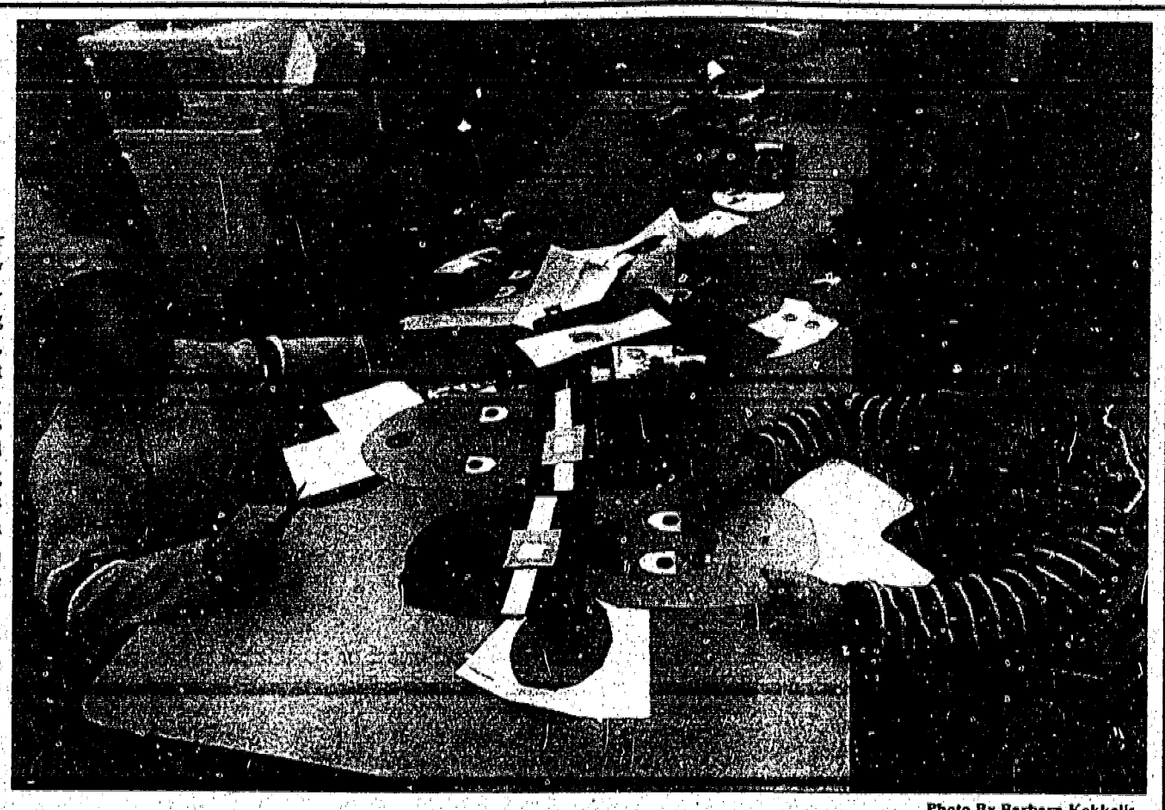

Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Students in Mrs. Cladek's kindergarten class at Edward V. Walton School in Springfield are learning all about Thanksgiving and what it means for them. Working on their festive projects are, left, Giovanni Del Mauro, Lori Schneider, Justin Herscu and Hannah Williams.

Grant gives gre rec opportuniti

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Springfield and Mountainside were recently awarded thousands of dollars in grants they applied for months ago, just a fraction of the nearly $1 million recently awarded to Union County municipalities through the Kids Recreation Trust Fund.

In Springfield, the funding from the $42,500 grant will go toward several improvements and alterations in various areas, including the installation of a fence at Chisolm Park, where the softball field is considered unsafe to those using the playground areas in the outfield.

Sy Mullman said that keeping up-to-date with recreation equipment and improvements cannot be overlooked.

"It's extremely important," Mullman said of the grant money. "Every penny we can get, we try to get." Mullman added that the town's fields are always an issue during elections, and that with 10 fields, even $40,000 doesn't go too far.

The township will be matching the grant, however, also looking to install dugouts at Ruby Park to provide shelter and a more realistic baseball field atmosphere. Funding is also in place for a grass infield that would improve the condition of the land and alleviate maintenance of an already large field.

The Chisolm Community Center will also be provided equipment for quality programming for teenagers in town, and a wall structure will provide a quiet room for reading, music and youth group meetings.

Mayor Clara Harelik said that obtaining grant money is always a priority of the township, and that the money awarded will certainly improve recreation in the township.

The grant money is also going to be used to pay for services necessary to make improvements.

In Mountainside, a grant totalling more than $50,000 will also be matched on the local front; as the borough has four specific improvements in mind. A total of $30,000 is allocated to go toward an overlay paving of the existing tennis courts at Deerfield School, which are more than three decades old and have major cracking throughout them. The money will be matched by the borough.

The Little League field at Deerfield will also be aligned in order to create new spacing for another field already in place at the school. According to Recreation Director Susan Winans, the realignment of the field will allow the other field to be in use during the evenings, when the sun would currently affect the sight of the players. Roughly $17,500 is being matched by the Little League organization for these improvements.

A space between Deerfield and Our Lady of Lourdes Church that recently had a public restroom installed will also become home to two batting cages, one for softball and one for baseball. The borough property's addition will cost about $15,000, to be matched on the local front.

The Police Athletic League will also contribute to the approximate $4,800 grant that will go toward two pitching machines that are to be placed in the batting cages. That money is also being used to add face-masks to 75 softball helmets, a required safety regulation.

"These grant programs have been fantastic," said Winans, noting the added safety the funds add for fields and equipment.

District hopes football goals stay within sight when co-op ends

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

Amid last summer's thoughts that the Springfield and Kenilworth co-op sports program may no longer include football, precautions are being taken to assure that the once prideful reason for many residents to gather and cheer each Saturday will not become a future impossibility.

According to Board of Education President Irwin Sablosky, certain athletic directors that compete in Springfield and Kenilworth's Mountain Valley Conference felt that the higher number of athletes involved could give those participating in a co-op program an advantage. While their initial thought was to vote the schools out of the conference before the start of this school year, it was soon found to be an unacceptable option, unfair to the students and districts, alike.

"The NJSIAA has rules to start a co-op program," Sablosky said, "but there's no exit strategy. Obviously, we can't just make a clean break."

The agreement between the two schools ends in 2006 and will not, most likely, be renewed.

Several parents of younger Springfield residents who participate in youth recreation football were present at the most recent Board of Education meeting, asking for an explanation or plan.

Questions arose, more specifically, to the possibility of football ever coming back to Jonathan Dayton High School at all. Taken into consideration was the growing number of children in Springfield taking part in the youth program, which reached 92 members this year.

"Every reasonable, rational step to bring it back to Dayton will be taken," said Michael Davino, superintendent of schools. "We're also confounded by rules and regulations of the conference," reminded Davino.

A letter was recently sent to the NJSIAA that included an exit strategy, Sablosky said. Hopefully, Sablosky said, the district could begin to seriously start to look at a resurrection for Springfield football in the spring.

The exit plan deals with bringing players back in the ninth, 10th, and even 11th grade, if they would want, to form a sub-varsity squad. Coaches would also have to be hired.

Sablosky said that in redeveloping a high school football team that could eventually play varsity, the team and those involved would probably look toward playing games against other teams in the same situation, such as junior varsity squads. This would help the team develop and progress, Sablosky noted.

Sablosky hopes to move quickly and hear back from the NJSIAA by January. The exit plan, he says, should hold up.

"It's plausible, it makes sense and it gives them the groundwork for having an exit," he said. "I don't see any problems with it."

If the plan doesn't fulfill the needs of the conference and the two schools are voted out, there would be an appeal, Davino said.

"There's tremendous pride behind most football programs," Sablosky said, adding that Springfield would be no exception. "It brings the community together," he added, noting the inclusion of a band and cheerleaders, as well.

Meisel Avenue Park, should it open by the expected fall 2005 timeframe, would be examined for usage in a Springfield high school football program.

Sablosky said that the best case scenario would be for Jonathan Dayton High School to have a varsity team that's ready for competition by 2007.

The co-op program also includes gymnastics, swimming, wrestling and hockey. Currently, football is the only sport that may not be renewed at the end of next year.

'Sportscaster' plays with big stars

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Seventeen-year-old Jonathan Dayton High School senior Zach Links has known what he's wanted to be when he grew up since he was much younger. Last year, he began taking every step he could in that direction.

"Ever since I can remember, I always wanted to be a sportscaster," said Links. "Last year, I heard about the Independent Study program and I pitched the idea."

When Links' idea to interview sports show and news personalities at the high school's television studio was approved, he wasted no time in contacting prospective interviewees.

Links said he contacted candidates through e-mail and explained his study, which, this year, has become his senior Gifted and Talented project.

The life-long New Jersey Nets fan explained to the candidates that all proceeds would go toward the Healing Heart Foundation in memory of two friends, David Nehmer and Jordan Fish, Springfield residents who died of Leukemia in their early teens. Proceeds would also go to various projects in memory of his late principal, Dennis McCarthy.

Links sent a letter to local businesses soliciting donations to have their names appear on the show's credits. Last year, Links estimated that he raised at least a few hundred dollars.

Taking two or three weeks to prepare for each show, Links said that most of the time was spent booking the guests. Outside of that, the research he did in order to compose questions certainly couldn't be considered work, he said.

"I do tons of research," he said, "and try to find anything I can about them. I try to ask them something different, something they wouldn't expect."

Links did seven shows last year, including interviews with Nets play-by-play voice Ian Eagle, *Star-Ledger* sports writer Brad Parks and New York Knicks legend Willis Reed. The independent producer even got ESPN's Tony Reali to join him in the studio.

"He was a great guy," said Links, adding that he's glad he got his own show on the network.

Links will start his show again, titled "15 Minutes of Shame," again this December. The guest list is as expansive and prominent as ever. Besides Nets President Rod Thorn and ESPN "Dream Job" Producer Carol Silver, Links expects ESPN personality and "Sportscenter" anchor Stuart Scott to join him in early December.

"He's very motivated and very excited about his work," said Barbara Trueger, head of the Gifted and Talented program at the high school. "He's an inspiration for those who have an idea for any career and want to pursue it."

Links said that most of his offers receive a positive response.

"I really feel lucky to get them on the show," he said.

Links said that the best part is getting to know those he interviews for who they really are. "I get to know them outside the forum of what I already know them as," he said.

"I get to know them as people, as opposed to sports figures."

"What's beautiful is that he has taken this independent project and parlayed it into the Gifted and Talented project," Trueger said. "He just keeps raising his own bar."

While he doesn't know what college he'll be attending after this year, Links said they'll have to offer a chance for television or radio time, because he's ready.

Jonathan Dayton High School senior Zach Links, right, is on the fast track to his dream job of interviewing sports show and news personalities at the high school's television studio for his senior Gifted and Talented project. Here he is with New Jersey Nets voice Ian Eagle.

November weather is for the birds

Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Not too many people were out and about on a gray and gloomy Sunday morning. Even much of the local wildlife stayed out of sight, but this lonesome bird at the edge of the pond at Briant Park in Summit appears to be venturing out for some breakfast.

Offices close for Thanksgiving holiday

The offices of this newspaper will be closed tomorrow and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving Day holiday. We will reopen on Monday.

The deadlines for the Dec. 2 edition are as follows:

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- Display ads — Monday, 5 p.m. for Section A and noon for Section B.
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Headlights stolen from eight cars

POLICE BLOTTER

Springfield

On Nov. 19 at 7:55 a.m., it was reported that 15 headlights had been stolen from eight Nissan Maximas overnight at a Route 22 west car dealership.

• At 6:30 p.m. Nov. 20, headlights were stolen from a car parked in the Echo Plaza lot on Mountain Avenue.

• On Nov. 20 at 7:45 p.m., it was reported that a Shunpike Road resident had his driver's side window broken and both headlights stolen from his 2004 Infiniti, which was parked at the residence.

• Five golf clubs were reported stolen from the Route 22 East Sports Authority Nov. 19 at 12:03 p.m. The clubs are valued at $500 each.

• At 8:34 a.m. Nov. 18, Lauren Chesley, 25, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and for having less than 50 grams of marijuana.

• Two clocks, valued at $500 each, were reported stolen from the lobby of the Christopher Reeve Foundation on Morris Avenue at 11:35 a.m. Nov. 18.

• At 4:30 p.m. Nov. 18, Vonetta Sterling, 23, of Plainfield, was arrested for receiving stolen property, theft by deception, fencing stolen property and conspiring to fence stolen property.

• A New York City Fire Department Motor Vehicle placard was reported stolen from a car at the Route 22 east Autoland on Nov. 18 at 9:50 p.m.

• At 4:43 p.m. Nov. 17, a wallet with various credit cards and personal papers was stolen from a locker at Bally's fitness club on Route 22 east.

• At 4:07 a.m. on Nov. 17, it was reported that the ignition of a 2001 Audi was damaged during a motor vehicle attempted burglary at the Bed, Bath and Beyond located on Morris Turnpike.

• On Nov. 16 at 9:48 a.m., it was reported that a pocketbook with keys, a cell phone and makeup, among other items, was stolen from below the desk of a victim at a Morris Avenue business. The estimated loss of items is $650.

NEWS CLIPS

Scouts host wreath sale

Saint James Troop 73 Boy Scouts will be hosting their annual Christmas wreath sale starting this weekend. Festive handmade, balsam door wreaths, as well as large and small grave covers, individually decorated by the scouts themselves, will be available for sale after all Saturday and Sunday masses at Saint James The Apostle Church in Springfield, from Saturday through Dec. 12.

Also available for the first time this year are luminaire kits.

Springfield PD offers firearm lock kits

The U.S. Department of Justice and National Sport Shooters Foundation have teamed up with local police departments to participate in Project Child Safe, a program that allows residents to obtain a lock for any firearm that they own.

Made possible by a $50 million grant, 12 million safety kits, consisting of the locking device and instruction manual, have been distributed to municipalities around the nation.

The main purpose of the locks is to prevent child injuries or death. Springfield has been distributing them to new obtainers of gun permits and will continue to distribute the kits until none are left.

To receive a free kit, call Crime Prevention Officer John Rowly at 973-921-1775.

Firehouse continues 'Toys for Tots' drive

The Springfield Fire Department will continue spreading the holiday spirit as they conduct their annual Toys for Tots drive through Dec. 17. The department is asking for toys from anyone around the community to donate to children during Christmas-time.

The toys, which must be new and not come in wrapping, will be distributed to children throughout the township who are in one way or another financially unstable. The Fire Department works with churches, temples and the Welfare Department. The United States Marine Corps then takes the remaining gifts and distributes them to other welfare associations, specialized hospitals, and varying organizations that focus on helping children in northern New Jersey. The Marine Corps is contacted every year by agencies in advance, asking for help in general during the holidays, as well as for specific items.

The event is co-sponsored by the township's Chamber of Commerce. Gifts range anywhere from yo-yos and dolls to bicycles and televisions.

This year, the organization is funding two banners that promote the month-and-a-half long event, costing more than $500.

This year's "Toys for Tots" is special in that it is being done in memory of Joe Pepe, a former Springfield firefighter who died in late March earlier this year.

Donations can be made to the Springfield Fire Department, 200 Mountain Ave., at any time or day of the week.

For information, call Tom Ernst at 973-912-2211.

Squad kicks off annual operating fund drive

The Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad recently kicked off its 2004 operating fund drive.

Fund drive chairman Raymond Netschert said that mailers have been sent to every home and business in Springfield.

Netschert reminds residents that the squad is a volunteer organization dedicated to providing emergency first aid services to residents, their families, and those working in or passing through the township.

It responds to more than 1,200 emergency calls each year and to date, there has never been a charge for these services. The squad does not use any outside marketing agencies or professional fund-raisers and as a result, 100 percent of all donations made will directly benefit the First Aid Squad and the Springfield community.

Discover more about the Springfield First Aid Squad by visiting its Web site at www.springfieldfas.org.

Attention churches and social clubs

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

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

Send information to: Lifestyle Editor, P. O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Saturday

• A used clothing drive will take place to benefit Project Graduation for Governor Livingston High School's Class of 2005.

The public is urged to bring wearable, used clothing to the following locations from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.:

• Berkeley Heights Community Center, 29 Park Ave., Berkeley Heights.

• Deerfield Elementary School, 302 Central Ave., Mountainside.

Items to be collected include all clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, hats, gloves, and scarves, in addition to table linens, bedspreads, towels and stuffed animals. Pillows and blankets will not be accepted.

Items should not be torn or stained and must be delivered in tied plastic bags.

Wednesday

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

• A blood drive sponsored by Westfield American Red Cross, will take place from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Chapter House, 312 Elm St., Westfield. Complimentary cholesterol screening will be offered for all blood donors.

For information call the BCNJ, 1-800-NJ-BLOOD, ext. 140. All donors must present a signed or picture I.D. and know their social security number. Also, participants are asked to eat a meal before donating.

Upcoming

Dec. 2

• The Foothill Club luncheon will be conducted at noon at B.G. Fields Restaurant in Westfield. The program will be one of the club's annual fund-raisers "A Christmas Boutique" with new and nearly new items for sale. New members are guests are always welcome.

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

Dec. 4

• Deerfield School in Mountainside will be conducting its annual holiday craft workshop from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Mountainside P.T.A., the holiday craft workshop will take place in the school gymnasium, 300 Central Ave.

All children are invited. Prices range from $1.50 to $5 per craft.

For information, call Sheila Hibberson at 908-233-6150 or Lori Palladino at 908-301-9116.

• Adults and children of all ages are invited to discover what materials animals use to make their homes from 10 to 11 a.m. as part of "Animal Homes," an Outdoor Adventures program at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

Hike the green and orange trails with a park naturalist to search for nests, burrows and other animal homes and hideouts. The fee for this program is a suggested donation of $1 per person.

Call 908-789-3670 for more information.

Dec. 5

• The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Recreation will present a holiday tree lighting and nature craft show at Watchung Stable, 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside. The event will be rain or shine.

The craft show opens at 11 a.m. Other activities begin at noon. Santa's arrival will take place at 1 p.m. and the tree lighting finale is at 5 p.m.

Activities include a visit with Santa Claus, petting zoo, Watchung Mounted Drill Team demonstrations, Lead-line horse rides, K-9 Unit demonstrations, Union County Police children's fingerprinting and bomb squad robot, holiday singers, barn tours, and the tree lighting.

Suggested admission is an item of dry or canned food, or a new unwrapped toy to be distributed through local charities.

• The Springfield Historical Society will host a Christmas open house from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Historic Cannon Ball House, 126 Morris Ave.

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture needs your help to wipe out the Asian longhorned beetle. If you live in one of these locations, do not transport firewood out of the area.

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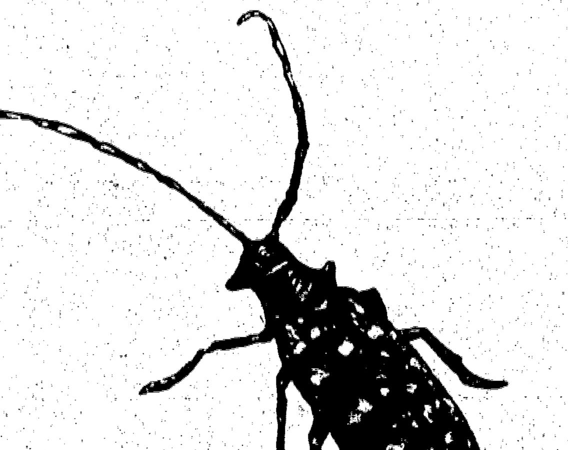

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Temporarily, it's the changing of the guard for Walton principal

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

Hung

With the temporary departure of Edward V. Walton School Principal Lisa Ferrare due to maternity leave, Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School Assistant Principal Susie Hung will take over as head of the school for at least the next two weeks.

Michael Davino, superintendent of schools, said that with the knowledge that Ferrare was pregnant, it was estimated that she would be leaving the district in the middle of December. Ferrare contacted Davino last week, however, and asked for a maternity leave adjustment, forcing Hung to begin the transition earlier than expected.

"Our first order of business is to ensure the education of all the kids at all the schools," said Davino at the Nov. 15 Board of Education meeting. After posing the question of how to maintain continuity of instruction at Walton School and the district as a whole, Davino said he has the utmost confidence in Hung.

Several questions arose at the meeting regarding the qualifications of both Hung and any other possible replacements that are being looked into. With parents unsure of how the transitions within the district would affect the schools academically, Davino assured those in attendance that all steps are being taken to provide students with the appropriate administration and faculty in place.

Davino said that it is important to note that the Walton principal position is not a vacancy, as Ferrare has every intention of returning, and as he has every intention of welcoming her back. For now, Davino said that he will recommend at least two possible interim principals to the board, and at the next meeting, he hopes that action will be taken. There is a possibility that Hung could stay at Walton, Davino said, and then the board would look into filling the assistant principal job at Gaudineer.

"She's a wonderful, great person," said Gaudineer Principal Tim Kielty. "She's been of tremendous support to me."

Kielty said that her duties as assistant principal, which included scheduling, mediation, discipline and staff supervision, will be handled by himself and others. Either way, he said, both Gaudineer and Walton are in good hands.

Davino said that the job is not being advertised for. Philosophically, Davino said that he likes to stay within the district's personnel and promote from within because those candidates are already aware of the instructional direction schools are going in.

"This is the more prudent course of action," he said, noting that it doesn't mean the position won't be filled by somebody outside of the district.

Hung previously spent nine years in Paramus and Westfield teaching on the elementary level and has her doctorate in education administration.

"It's a fabulous place," Hung said after her first day at Walton. "Everyone is great, the kids are adorable and the staff is wonderful. They were very welcoming and it was a very smooth transition," she said, adding that Ferrare assured her of the comfortable atmosphere the night before.

While Hung began at Walton on Nov. 9 to cover the immediate situation, Davino said that he had previous discussions with her regarding the move and that he respects her abilities.

"She clearly has the appropriate qualifications and credentials," said Davino.

If Hung or somebody within the district is officially appointed to the job, he or she will receive a pay increase.

Ferrare is expected to return no later than September 2006.

Firefighters respond to kitchen fire

FIRE BLOTTER

Springfield

At 12:21 p.m. Nov. 20, Springfield firefighters responded with a pumper to a Morris Avenue business in Summit for a kitchen fire on a request from County Mutual Aid.

• On Nov. 14 at 8:12 a.m., firefighters responded to a Linden Avenue residence for an activated carbon monoxide detector.

• Firefighters responded to the front of Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School for a leaf fire.

• At 1:14 p.m. Nov. 15, firefighters responded to a Brown Avenue business for a medical service call.

• On Nov. 17 at 1:24 p.m., firefighters responded to Jonathan Dayton High School for an activated fire alarm.

• At 10:32 a.m. Nov. 18, firefighters responded to a Morris Avenue business for an elevator rescue.

• At 10:49 a.m. Nov. 18, firefighters responded to Jonathan Dayton High School for a helicopter landing.

• At 4:44 p.m. Nov. 18, firefighters responded to a Redwood Road residence for a water condition.

• On Friday at 3:12 p.m. firefighters responded to a New Brook Lane residence for an activated carbon monoxide detector.

• At 8:34 a.m. Saturday, firefighters responded to a Morris Avenue business for an activated fire alarm.

• All units responded to a Briar Hills Circle residence for smoke in the house Saturday at 8:44 a.m.

Students inducted into Nat'l Honor Society

Twenty-two students from Jonathan Dayton High School were inducted into membership in the National Honor Society in an evening ceremony at the high school on Nov. 9. To be eligible for membership, students must have a cumulative grade poing average of 375. Members must also meet high standard of leaderships, service and character. Each member was evaluated and selected by the faculty council.

Students inducted into the society were: Dalila Boelin, Melissa Bookbinder, Anna Dachille, Emily DelGuidte, Alexander Grey, Melissa Guida, Fideliya Gulchina, Ilana Gutman, Alyson Helfand, Adam Hirst, Maria Inneo, Jaclyn Janowski, Michael Levy, Catherine LoSchiavo, Lam Nguyen, Boris Pivtorak, Daniella Scheer, Erica Sperber, Kathryn Stigliano, Michael Stromeyer, and Midhuna William.

Members of the Trial Lawyers Association of New Jersey help lead an effort to make sure The Center for Food Action was provided with turkeys after a shortage was reported this Thanksgiving season. From left are, Lawrence Simon, Michael Borneo, Scott Leonard of the Springfield-based Leonard & Leonard law firm, Dawn DeWeil and Gerald Baker.

Local attorney's efforts aid food pantry

The Center for Food Action has been working with individuals and families in crisis for more than 26 years. They operate five sites in Bergen and Passaic counties. Among the organization's programs is one that supplies needy individuals and families with traditional Thanksgiving dinners with all the trimmings. Last year, they distributed almost 2,600 turkey dinners.

This year, with Thanksgiving just days away, they had received only 26 turkeys.

Once they heard about this problem, the Association of Trial Lawyers of American-New Jersey sprang into action. ATLA-NJ's leadership, including Scott Leonard of the Springfield-based law firm of Leonard & Leonard secured commitments for 150 turkeys in less than one week.

According to the Center for Food Action, ATLA-NJ's efforts will results in 1,500 people being able to have a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

"It's a real tragedy when someone can't celebrate Thanksgiving simply because they're down on their luck or the victim of circumstance," said Leonard.

"We saw a need and decided to step up to the plate and do something about it."

On Friday, 100 turkeys were delivered to the Center for Food Action.

Eisenberg selected as Hadassah 'Woman of the Year'

Betty Eisenberg has been chosen as Woman of the Year 2004 by the Springfield chapter of Hadassah. She will be honored at the northern New Jersey regional annual Myrtle Wreath Awards brunch on Dec. 5, from 9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Venetian in Garfield. A life member of Hadassah, Eisenberg is currently the chapter's vice president for education.

The widow of Samuel Eisenberg, Betty Eisenberg has been a resident of Springfield since 1981. She is the mother of Ilene Perl of Short Hills, a life member of Hadassah and former Springfield resident and Lewis Eisenberg of Brookline, Massachusetts. Eisenberg is the grandmother of five.

A native of East Orange, Eisenberg resided in Union prior to Springfield and worked for 20 years in the Union law offices of Daniel G. Covine.

Also honored at the Myrtle Wreath Brunch will be women of the year from the region's additional chapters as well as Representative Louise Slaughter. Slaughter, a women's health care activist, a prominent voice on environmental concerns and a staunch supporter of Israel, sponsored the Genetic Nondiscrimination in Health Insurance and Employment Act.

The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah will honor Eisenberg at the annual woman of the year luncheon scheduled for April 21, 2005 at L'Affaire in Mountainside. For information, call 973-376-0516.

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EDITORIALS

A fresh start

In life, timing is everything. That couldn't be more true for Dick Codey these days. A longtime fixture in the state Legislature, Codey last week succeeded James McGreevey as chief executive of the state of New Jersey. Now acting governor for the next 14 months, Codey will remain president of the state Senate.

A state senator for more than two decades, Codey has worked outside the spotlight for many years, known virtually only in Essex County. The Democrat from West Orange served as co-president of the state Senate in 2002 before becoming the sole president of the upper house. Still, statewide, he remained a virtual unknown. That no longer will be the case.

The governorship of the state of New Jersey is one of the most powerful offices in the nation. Codey has much to do in his new position — first and foremost is to restore the public's faith in state government. Oh, and there's that projected $4 billion budget deficit next year.

While one man cannot change the cynical view of government these days, at the top of the to-do list for the new governor is ethics reform. Codey's predecessor did little more than lip service on the subject. In a state where many practices and appointments would raise eyebrows and spark the public's outrage elsewhere, reform is sorely needed.

Codey appears to be the right man, in the right place, at the right time. The Garden State badly needs principled leadership amid the ruins of the previous administration. Where McGreevey often was described as the typical politician driven by power and overriding ambition, Codey is known as a sincere and genuine public servant. That's one reason why many are hopeful that Codey is the right man, in the right place, at the right time for New Jersey. Regardless of whether he runs for governor next year, there's still plenty of time to embark on an agenda to clean the dirt from the walls of our State House.

Time of Thanksgiving

With summer long gone and winter fast approaching, we enter into the part of the year that has become known as the "holiday season." While December has Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year's Eve for us to look forward to, the season actually starts at the end of November with Thanksgiving. Often viewed as a four-day weekend, this is when stores begin their holiday sales events and shoppers flock to the markets to find the perfect gifts before they're all sold. However, before you get lost in the throes of commercialism and mass marketing, let's not forget the holiday we are celebrating.

Thanksgiving is a time to literally "give thanks" to God for what we've been provided. The first Thanksgiving took place in 1621 when, after a hard and devastating first year in the New World, the Pilgrims reaped the bounty of a plentiful harvest and celebrated their first fall festival with neighboring Native Americans. They were thankful for the new world and the religious and social freedoms it provided them. This first Thanksgiving was also a time when differing cultures — the Pilgrims and Native Americans — came together in peace and harmony to share with one another their customs and ways of life.

The custom of celebrating Thanksgiving in the autumn after the harvest — a celebration dating back to the Greeks, Romans, Hebrews, Chinese and Egyptians — continued in America and, in 1817, New York adopted Thanksgiving as an annual holiday. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln appointed a national day as Thanksgiving, usually designated as the fourth Thursday in November.

While the origins of a successful harvest have been reduced largely to ceremony, the holiday of Thanksgiving is still celebrated with enthusiasm and joy. The "bountiful harvest" has been replaced by success and good fortune for our family and friends; indeed, for our entire nation. But the bravery of these first European settlers in America and nation on which their efforts was built still ring true.

Most important is the sense of brotherhood and community that first Thanksgiving taught. In the melting pot that is today's United States, it's important to remember those first steps toward a larger culture and to continue trying to imitate them. Only by being open-minded can we hope to continue to bridge the differences of race and creed toward a better world. We wish all of our readers and advertisers a happy Thanksgiving.

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— Colin Powell
Former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
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A SPECIAL VISITOR — A member of the U.S. National Guard makes a special stop to the field outside Springfield's Florence M. Gaudineer ~ Middle School to share his thoughts on the benefits of staying drug-free during Red Ribbon Week, where a series of activities took place.

Philosophy that will guide me in governor's office

Point Of View

By Richard J. Codey

Elected officials often are asked why we chose to enter public service. It's a good question. After all, who in their right mind would voluntarily turn over their personal life and freedom to the public and the media?

Indeed, there have been times when each of us have gone home after a particularly bad day and asked "Why in the world am I doing this?" But then something happens — a neighbor asks for help or a parent glows about her child's teacher or a new park in town — and we remember why we do this.

It's for the ability to make a difference. Public service is where you can make a difference for those who have been left behind or forgotten by society. That's the philosophy I bring to the governor's office.

My personal experiences, the values of my late mom and dad, have not only shaped the man I am, they define me as a public servant.

The years I spent working in my father's funeral home — seeing the dignity he showed to grieving families instilled in me a sense of respect and compassion for our fellow citizens. I saw how hard it was to run a small business, how important it was to be a man of your word and to treat others with respect — regardless of their status in life.

Watching my wife battle depression while raising a family taught me about class and courage in the face of very real struggles. Even in her deepest, darkest moments, Mary Jo saw beyond herself and put the needs of others first. She emerged stronger, and so did our family.

These experiences form the basis of my public service and the motivation for the issues I care about.

It's amazing how many people have advice for you once you become governor. Most people start out with "Why would anyone want to be governor at this time in our history?" I tell them I didn't run for the job and I wasn't elected to it, but I won't run away from it.

So when people say we have tough problems, I ask "Which one?" Is it the more than $4 billion deficit? The property tax crisis? The aura of scandal that hangs over the New Jersey political landscape?

Let me tell you what tough is — watching your wife as she lies in a coma and having your children ask you whether their mom is going to die. That's tough.

If you want to talk about real problems, go to Greystone Psychiatric Hospital and try to answer the patient who asks when will I get out? Or ask the father making minimum wage about how hard it is to raise a family or the single mom who can't help her kids with her homework because she has to work a second shift.

These are real problems being experienced by real people, and these are the problems that we in government must face. I don't want to downplay a multi-billion budget deficit, but we can't lose sight that there is a difference between the problems of government and the problems of real people. Those problems — the ones faced by the people who don't have time to read the newspaper because they're too busy taking care of their family — are the problems government must focus on. I do not know how long I will be governor, but I am not going to change who I am or the values I hold. I want to serve my time with dignity and provide stability to our state government. I want to start the process of restoring the public's trust in the institutions of government.

I want to be an advocate for people who are in need but without the resources to hire a lobbyist or make a political contribution. I want to reach out and help the families and individuals who struggle every day with mental health.

I want to make our schools a safer place for our children. I want to make sure that the potential of stem cell research is realized right here in New Jersey. And I want to build bipartisan consensus and solutions.

These are the values that I am going to bring to the governor's office — the same ones that have served me my entire life. We have some great challenges ahead of us; I need and ask for all of your help.

A resident of West Orange, Democrat Richard J. Codey is acting governor and president of the state Senate.

We could do a lot worse than re-elect Bush

Point Of View

By Richard Lime

There are four or five books in the library telling us what a terrible president George W. Bush is, books with eye-catching titles like "Worse Than Watergate," written by frustrated liberal hacks. Just shows you can't believe everything you read.

I voted for Bush but was sort of surprised he won. I watched the debates and, frankly, I felt Kerry won all of them. He looked relaxed and smooth, whereas Bush appeared antsy and made sour faces at some of Kerry's answers. Just shows you can't believe everything you see.

So why did John Kerry lose? It's probably a combination of things. Maybe people disapprove of his abrasive, loudmouthed millionaire wife or his reference to Dick Cheney's daughter being a lesbian. Maybe it was felt his vice-presidential candidate was no good. In the vice-presidential debate, Cheney came off as dignified and knowledgeable, whereas Edwards' shortcomings were painfully obvious; he acted like a smart-mouthed schoolboy.

I'll tell you what I didn't like about the Kerry campaign. First, I admire him very much. I think Kerry is basically a decent guy, the kind of guy you'd chat with in a long line at the post office or Department of Motor Vehicles. Unlike Clinton, who was always "on," Kerry seems an unpretentious person, a regular guy. We may be looking long and hard for him in 2008. But every time Kerry campaigned somewhere, you'd always see pictures of him with Bon Jovi or Bruce Springsteen or some other "entertainer" and I think that turned a lot of people off.

I don't know about you folks, but I don't give a hoot about Bon Jovi's or Springsteen's political inclinations and I resent these so-called celebrities hovering around a presidential candidate. It cheapens and tarnishes our image abroad. Whether or not you are a Bon Jovi or Springsteen fan — and I am not — it's inappropriate, to say the least.

Actions by these and other luminaries displayed an insulting lack of respect for President Bush and I think this is outrageous. Isn't it amazing about Oprah, Streisand, J. Lo, George Clooney, Sean Penn, Eminem and others? The beautiful people. Their bank accounts are dwarfed by their ignorance. Our president is not perfect, but how many times in his first term has he committed marital infidelity? The liberals remain silent. For all his shortcomings, Bush is not a sexual predator, a womanizing profligate like his immediate predecessor. To this day, I have never figured out how any woman could possibly support Clinton, given the fact that he was such a blatant sexist.

Some people have said Kerry was felled by the new morality. To be honest, I have yet to see any evidence of this. All I see are cell phones everywhere. As for the Democrats, what can you say about people who on one hand support abortion and on the other hand oppose the death penalty? Think about that a minute. In their opinion, it's okay to kill unborn babies but not killers, rapists, child molesters and terrorists. Their civil rights must not be violated. Unborn babies, of course, have no civil rights and are entirely at the mercy of airhead, pre-teen, alcoholic, drugged mothers. Maybe that's why he lost.

A few days before the election, a taped message from Osama bin Laden was released. Differing from his past harangues, this one seemed sort of a bizarre political commentary on the election, as if anyone desired his input. Kerry immediately seized on the refrain that, in three years, Bush has been unable to capture or kill bin Laden. Well, we all know why he's still on the loose, don't we? Start looking in Iran and you'll find him.

The sorest loser of all is probably the "filmmaker" Michael Moore, the man responsible for "Fahrenheit 9/11." Another disgruntled liberal, but this one is dangerous. His hatred for Bush is so great, perhaps he should be watched. Actually, the film is rather incredible. It manages to exploit a national tragedy and come off as pro-terrorist. As entertainment, its just plain excrement, and one wonders how this character can callously trash our country and the innocent people who died on Sept. 11.

The Patriot Act is another striking point. It is meant to protect us from terrorists. Naturally, the American Civil Liberties Union opposes it. Are you surprised? If it was up to the ACLU, we wouldn't have Megan's Law; no criminals would ever go to prison; convicted child molesters, rapists and murderers would live alongside you, working off their demons at our expense; the civil rights of terrorists would be vigorously protected. That's the kind of world the ACLU is striving for.

Finally, while its "four more years" of Bush, we should look ahead to 2008. Political pundits are already talking about the worst case scenario — Hillary Clinton for president. We ought to be thinking of this now. We have four years to avert a possible disaster.

Richard Lime is a frequent contributor to this newspaper.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

That's right, we're the good guys

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Sylvia Zisman's recent letter to the editor. Ms. Zisman talks of the shift in voting patterns in New Jersey as if they took a huge leftward turn, but nothing could be further from the truth. New Jersey went to Al Gore by 16 percentage points in 2000, this year the president lost by 7 percentage points.

The fact that a councilman in Scotch Plains or the mayor of Springfield supports a peace campaign for nuclear disarmament is meaningless, especially when it is sponsored by the United Nations. Do these people believe that we unilaterally disarm? As long as our enemies possess these weapons, we need to have them as well.

A nuclear weapons free world is desirable by all, but it is not realistic. I for one don't trust Iran, Syria, China and North Korea to give up their weapons or their programs peacefully. Thanks to President Bush's aggressive fight against terrorists, at least one nation saw the light and gave up their weapons program. Libya knew this president meant business.

As for Ms. Zisman's wish that a Department of Peace become part of the cabinet, I submit that it already exists by the name of the Department of Defense. God knows Americans have been keeping the peace and standing up for the little guy since the birth of our nation. We are the United States, we are the greatest nation on Earth. In short, we are the good guys.

William Laverty
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Non-profit aims to host local health fairs

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Health and wellness events offer cost savings to corporations seeking to lower employee insurance costs and raise awareness about fitness, nutrition, stress reduction and more. On site health fairs can offer a fun and relaxing atmosphere where employees can meet local health fair professionals, educate themselves on a wide range of health related topics, and even participate in health screening programs.

Through Health Fairs Plus vast exhibitor data base, professional benefits and human resource managers have access to local practitioners in various fields in northern New Jersey.

While the benefits open enrollment season is the most common time to host a health fair, "anytime is the right time to enhance wellness," said Health Faits Plus founder, Dr. Robert White, a Springfield chiropractor. "Health fairs can have a seasonal theme such as Fall into Fitness or Spring into Shape. They can also be custom tailored to align with corporate initiatives supported by company contributions in health and human services."

For example, a corporation such as Avon Cosmetics who has made significant contributions to support Breast Cancer Awareness and research might consider hosting a health fair during National Breast Cancer Awareness month in October to create excitement with employees and support corporate initiatives.

Non-profits or health and human services organizations can also initiate a health fair to raise awareness and create excitement around their cause. For example, a Police Department might consider a health fair in December to support the National Commission against Drunk Driving initiative. They could also incorporate other health/human services offered by the Police Department such as certified child safety seat inspectors, car and road safety, bicycle helmet safety, children's fingerprinting, and ID kits. Another non-profit driven health fair example might be a January Health fair to support the National Volunteer Blood Donor Month perhaps initiated by the local Red Cross or by NJ Blood Services.

Providing a health fair for employees is an excellent and no-cost benefit that can improve morale, increase productivity, and potentially decrease overall corporate medical expenses, including workman's compensation claims.

To learn more about hosting a Health Fairs Plus event or joining their team of practitioners/exhibitors call 908-393-2053 or visit www.healthfairs.com.

RECREATION

Program teaches rules of proper etiquette

The Mountainside Recreation Department is sponsoring the Manners Matter workshop for boys and girls ages 7 to 12 on Dec. 13, from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. in the Borough Hall Conference Room, 1385 Route 22 east.

The program will introduce students to the do's and don'ts of everyday manners and dining etiquette. The format of this class is fun and interactive with lots of role-playing, allowing the students to practice their new skills. Covering such topics as first impressions, telephone skills, introductions and party manners, this course will provide children with the tools needed to properly handle today's real life social situations.

For information or to register, call the Recreation Department at 908-232-0015.

Rec Dept. sponsors 'Disney On Ice' trip

The Springfield Recreation Department will sponsor a performance of "Disney on Ice — Finding Nemo," Friday. The event takes place at Continental Airlines Arena, with seating in the lower tier seats at 3 p.m.

Admission is $20 per person.

The fee includes transportation to and from the Continental Airlines Arena. The bus departs 1:30 p.m. from the Chisholm Community Center.

Register at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall in Springfield or by calling 973-912-2227. Make checks payable to "Township of Springfield." Register with payment by Friday.

Radio City trip planned

The Mountainside Recreation Department is again sponsoring a trip to Radio City for the Christmas Show on Dec. 7. The bus will leave from the Deerfield School parking lot at 5:30 p.m. and will return after the 8 p.m. show. The cost is $78 per person, and includes seating in the orchestra section and bus transportation.

Vets remember those still missing

Springfield's American Legion Post 228 and Jewish War Veterans Post 273 presented their annual Veterans' Day program before a large audience of local residents on Nov. 11 at Veterans Memorial Park.

In addition to the participation of the veterans groups, Boy Scouts, Springfield Fire Department and Auxiliary Police, children from four local schools were active participants in the program. They performed patriotic melodies, recited poetry and presented more than 100 letters to be given to the men and women at Lyons Veterans Hospital.

The presence of the children was important, for it helped to give them a more personal knowledge of the historical contribution of veterans to the country.

During the ceremony, Myron Katz, of Jewish War Veterans Post and Herb Quinton, of American Legion Post 228 placed the POW/MIA flag at the Veterans Memorial Monument.

This is done as a reminder of those who may still be held as prisoners of war or are missing in action from military operations.

It is placed with the hope and prayers that they may be returned to us one day.

Myron Katz of the Jewish War Veterans Post and Herb Quinton of American Legion Post 228 place the POW/MIA flag at the Veterans Memorial Monument on Veterans' Day. This is done as a reminder of those who may still be held as prisoners of war or are missing in action from military operations.

SENIOR NEWS

Senior Club meets

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.

Plans have been completed for the Christmas Party to be conducted on Dec. 10 at the Westwood Restaurant in Garwood. For information on the Christmas Party, call Ellen Kusalba.

The first meeting to be conducted in the new year, 2005, will be Jan. 14 and will be a social. The Jan. 28 meeting will be their popular Bingo games. For information on joining the club, call 908-233-6280.

Springfield Seniors Club seeks new members

If any senior citizen is looking for something to do in their spare time, the Springfield Senior Citizens Club is looking for some new members. They are located at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield. There are four senior groups, who meet twice a month. The groups have speakers, parties, play Bingo, etc.

If interested, call Theresa at 973-912-2227 or just stop in and visit on either a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

The price to join their groups is $6 per year to cover cost of coffee and dessert.

Everyone brings a sandwich and they enjoy lunch together. There are many activities throughout the year. Members go on day trips, have parties on special holidays, card playing, a choir to join, etc. Anyone interested is invited to come as a guest and see their groups in action.

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The professional facilitators who lead Pathways Women's Cancer Support Services, a program of the Women's Resource Center, meet to plan the upcoming series of winter programming for their members.

Pathways offers support groups

The professional facilitators who lead Pathways Women's Cancer Support Services, a program of the Women's Resource Center, met recently to plan the winter programming for their members. Under discussion for the future are special programs for children of women with breast and/or gynecological cancers, caregivers and families. Also under consideration are sessions on nutrition and fitness, childrearing and marital issues that accompany a diagnosis of breast or gynecological cancer.

Pathways offers free support groups to women diagnosed with breast or gynecological cancer and their families. To register, or for directions, call Mari Austin, Pathways Director, at 908-277-3663 or call the Women's Resource Center at 908-273-7253. All groups are free of charge, some still have openings, and are conducted at the center, located at 561 Springfield Ave., in Christ Church, Summit.

• The Monday Breast Cancer Group, After Cancer Addressing the Needs of Cancer Survivors, meets on Mondays from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. This is a program for women at any stage of their treatment providing a safe and supportive environment in which to share resources and ways of coping. Open discussion is facilitated by Lenore Lerner and guest speakers are offered.

• The Tuesday Gynecological Cancers Group meets from noon to 1:15 p.m. on Tuesdays. Ann Berkery, RN, PhD, facilitates this ongoing group of women at any stage of diagnosis and treatment using shared resources and coping strategies. As this group meets in a different Summit location, call 908-277-3663 for directions.

• The Young Women's Group meets Tuesdays from noon to 1:15 p.m. and is specifically designed for women younger than age 40 who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. Kay English, MSW, LCSW, and Mary Hill, MSN, facilitate open discussion on dealing with breast cancer at an early age.

• The Recurrent Breast Cancer Support Group, When Cancer Comes Back, meets from 1 to 2:15 p.m. on different days of the month. Call 908-277-3663 for details.

This group is for women who are dealing with recurrence or metastasis and focuses on facing change while finding meaning and value in a challenging time. Emy Hyams, MA, and Jackie Bennano, MA, RN, LPC facilitate.

• The Wednesday Night Group meets from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. This an ongoing support group for women diagnosed with breast cancer at any stage of diagnosis and treatment where resources and coping strategies can be shared. It is facilitated by Cynthia Weaver, Ed.S, and Lois Bonnell PhD.

• The Thursday Breast Cancer Support Group meets from 10:45 a.m. to noon. This is an on-going support group for women newly diagnosed and in treatment that is facilitated by Suzanne Koerner, LCSW, and Ellen Sande-Kerback, LPC, and provides a welcoming, supportive environment in which women can begin to heal.

• Family Focus is a roundtable discussion group that is conducted once a month, usually on the fourth Thursday, from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. The group, facilitated by Bob Farina, MSW, LCSW, and Ellen Sande-Kerback, LPC, invites individuals, family and friends dealing with cancer to explore the effect of cancer on their lives.

OBITUARIES

Astrid Peterson

Astrid A. Peterson, a lifelong resident of Summit, died Nov. 16 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Miss Peterson was a graphic arts director at A.C. Nielsen Co., New York City, for many years before retiring in 1987. She was a member of the Women's Club of Swedish Church, Murray Hill.

Lucille Lee Tardif

Lucille Lee Tardif, 79, of Summit died Nov. 17 at home.

Born in Columbia, S.C., Mrs. Tardif lived in Short Hills for most of her life before recently moving to Summit. She was active with St. Stephen's Church, Millburn. Mrs. Tardif was a former president of the Women's Association, a church choir member and a former president of the Southern Society. She also was a former president of the League of Women Voters of the Oranges, a member of the Junior League of the Oranges and a former vice president of the Senior Citizens Tenants Association in Summit.

Surviving are a daughter, Adair Tardif Matthews, a son, Frank Davis; two brothers, Rufus and O'Neil; five sisters, Louise, Inez, Christine, Winnie and Joanne, and two grandchildren.

Edward Twill Sr.

Edward Peter Twill Sr., 79, of Watchung, formerly of Mountainside and Summit, died Nov. 17 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Summit, Mr. Twill lived in Mountainside and Summit before moving to Watchung. He owned Twill Strictly Fresh Eggs, a Plainfield wholesale egg distributorship. Mr. Twill was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Suburban Golf Club of Union, the Skytop Club of Skytop, Pa., and the Plainwood Square Merchants Association of Plainfield. Mr. Twill was a former member of the Cranford Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club of Cranford.

Surviving are his wife, Lois Patricia; two sons, Edward Peter II and John Robert; a brother, Joseph; two sisters, Margaret Twill Murray and Emily, and four grandchildren.

John Browne

John T. Browne, 89, of Fort Myers, Fla., formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 2 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Browne lived in Springfield before moving to Fort Meyers in 1981. He was a vice president of services at Carteret Savings and Loan, Newark, before retiring in 1980. Previously, Mr. Browne was the owner-operator of John Browne and Sons in Newark and Springfield for 30 years. He was a Navy veteran and served as a hospital corpsman with duty at the San Diego Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif., and Farragut Naval Training Center in Idaho from 1944 to 1946.

Mr. Browne was a member of the First Friday Club, Holy Name Society and usher at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Newark, as well as Phi Alpha Sigma fraternity. He also was a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Springfield and Fort Myers.

Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Kathryn "Kay;" a son, John; a daughter, Patricia; a brother, A. Philip; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Mary Eilen Arnold

Mary Eilen Arnold, 56, of Mountainside, formerly of Union, a teacher and coordinator in Elizabeth, died Nov. 18 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Arnold lived in Union before moving to Mountainside seven years ago. She was an elementary school teacher and technical coordinator at the Victor Mralveg School 21 in Elizabeth for 35 years. Mrs. Arnold received a bachelor's degree in education from Seton Hall University, South Orange, and a master's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Rutherford. She was a member of the New Jersey and Elizabeth Education associations.

Surviving are her husband, Jeffrey; her parents, John and Victoria Helszer, and a brother, Jack Helszer.

Obituary policy

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

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For more information, call 908-686-7700.

RELIGION

'Shabbat, An Island in Time' begins at temple

Temple Beth Ahm invites the public to experience their "Shabbat, An Island in Time" series of Shabbat services.

On Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m., they will begin Kabbalat Shabbat services featuring their Kitah Zayin students who will be participating in the service and leading prayers along with their very own Cantor Nadel.

Immediately following at 7:30 p.m., they are offering a traditional Shabbat dinner. Those who want vegetarian meals are encouraged to call first. Traditional blessings, Shabbat z'mirot — songs — and dances will be shared by all, and the special musical master of ceremonies Tuvia Zimber will lead them in creating lots of "nuah" — spirit.

RSVP to Temple Beth Ahm by Tuesday, at noon. No reservations will be accepted after this date.

The cost is $16 per person. Youth in grades 6 through 12 are free. Those bringing grades in are asked to let the temple know how many will be attending. Grades 5 and below are $8 per person, except Kitah Zayin.

Temple Beth Ahm is located at 60 Temple Drive in Springfield.

For information, call the temple office at 973-376-0539 ext. 11.

Fall programming continues at Shalom

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, continues its fall programs for both young and old. Children enjoy monthly Mishpachah minyans — interactive sabbath morning services; Tot Shabbat services, and often participate in the evening family sabbath services.

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

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

Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah classes are led by Amy Montouri in the evenings.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - "SERVING CHRIST IN THE 21st CENTURY" - 242 Shunpike Rd., Springfield. Rev. Frederick Mackey, Sr. Pastor. Sundays: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages - Nursery through Seniors; Spanish Sunday School 9:30 am and 5:30 pm. 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery care. 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11; 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesdays: 7:45 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study. Junior/Senior High Ministry. Active Youth Ministry. Wide-Range Music Program. Ample Parking. Chair Lift provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-2351. Mondays - 7:00 pm - ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

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

JEWISH-ORTHODOX

CONGREGATION ISRAEL OF SPRINGFIELD 339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield 973-467-3666. Chaim Marcus, Rabbi. Alan J. Yuter, Rabbi Emeritus. Solomon Greenfield, President. Congregation Israel is a Modern Orthodox synagogue. There are two daily weekday morning Minyans at 6:15 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Daily weekday Mincha/Maariv services are also held. Call the shul office for times. There are two Shabbat morning services at 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. as well as Junior Congregation at 9:30 a.m. the Nursery School conducts classes for children aged 2 1/2 to 4. A summer camp is also available to children of this age. Adult classes are held three nights a week with two weekly teen classes. We have an active Senior Set and very active Jr. NCSY and Sr. NCSY chapters for pre-teens. Our Sisterhood, Adult Education and Youth groups provide a wide array of communal programming. For further information call the synagogue office at 973-467-3666.

JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (973) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor. Education Director, Nina Greenman, Pre-School Director, Mindy Schreff, Family Life Educator, Edward Fink and Hank Rottenberg, Co-Presidents. Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:00 PM, with monthly Family and Alternative Worship. Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-3, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7, and Tuesday evenings for post bar/bat mitzvah students. Pre-school classes are available for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Renaissance Group and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (973) 379-5387.

LUTHERAN

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 973-379-4525. Fax 973-379-8847. Remo Maben, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 p.m.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL. 229 Cowperthwaite Pl., Westfield. Rev. Paul E. Kritsch, Pastor (908) 232-1517. Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship Times are as follows. Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

METHODIST

SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (SEUMC) - is a faith community ignited by God's love for all people. Join us for Sunday worship which begins with the entire congregation at 10:15 AM before children exit for Sunday School. Express God's compassion through outreach activities. Beginning and experienced vocalists and musicians are invited to participate in the music ministry led by professional musicians Ginny Johnston and Dan Crisci. Bible study, prayer, youth group and fellowship events enable all to grow in their faith. SEUMC is located at the far back end of Church Mall, near the intersection of Morris and Mountain Avenues, Springfield. Call 973-376-1695 for more information.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Summit is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue. Church School and Bible Study is held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m.; the emphasis of which is to always have a "good week" because of Paul's reminder to us in his letter to the Romans "that ALL things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose". The sermons are uplifting, Biblically sound and guaranteed to keep you awake. The music and weekly children's message are memorable. All are welcome to hear the Good News of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers nursery care, after worship refreshments and fellowship, and many lively programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you too can have a "good week". Call the church office or Pastora Gina or Rich Hendrickson, Senior Co-Pastors for more information at 908 277-1700.

PRESBYTERIAN

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 210 Morris Ave. at Church Mall, Springfield. 973-379-4320. Sunday School Classes for ages 3yrs - Senior High 9:00 a.m. in our Parish House. Sunday morning worship service 10:15 a.m. Children's Church is held during the worship service; Nursery care and facilities are provided. Opportunities for personal growth through worship, Christian Education, Choir, ongoing church activities, and Fellowship. Holy Communion is held the 1st Sunday of every month; The Ladies Evening Group-3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.; Kaffeeklatsch-1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Men's Fellowship-2nd Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m.; Choir-every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. We also host various Outs... group meetings: Springfield Garden Club, Children's Community Choir, Learning Disabled Group, and Alanon. For information about any of our programs or services, call Gessie at the Church Office: 973-379-4320. Mon. through Fri., 9:00 a.m.-1:00 noon; 1:00pm-4:00pm

ROMAN CATHOLIC

THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, 300 Central Avenue, Mountainside, 908-232-1162. Celebrate the Lord's Day: Anticipated Mass 5:00pm, Sunday at 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am. Weekdays: Monday-Friday 7:30am, Saturday 8:00am, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Saturday at 1pm. Perpetual Adoration Chapel for personal prayer and devotion. www.ollmountainside.org, office@ollmountainside.org.

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

UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST

UNITARIAN CHURCH IN SUMMIT, 4 Waldron Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901. 908-273-3245. www.ucsummit.org. Rev. Vannessa Rush Southern, Minister. Mitchell Vieira, Music and Choir Director. Sunday Services and religious education classes at 9:30 and 11:00 AM. Adult Education and other programs.

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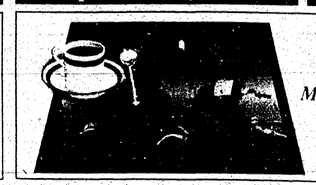

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Enjoying nature

Many second-grade students from McKinley Street School in Newark participated in the Summit Garden Club's 'Hands to Nature' program at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, which introduces inner-city children to nature with the help of a Reeves-Reed docent.

Holiday House Tour features festive sites

Reeves-Reed Arboretum will present the annual Holiday House Tour Dec. 9, featuring four unique Summit homes each decked out in festive style.

The benefit tour offers a look at four architecturally unique residences each decorated to reflect the owners' personal style. Step through the door of an elegantly restored brick Georgian and absorb the meticulous attention to detail from period elements to a flowing addition featuring a guest suite and pool house. The home is replete with holiday ideas from top — the safari playroom — to bottom — a personal gym.

A stop by the carefully restored Gothic Tudor reveals wood moldings, original fireplaces and peek-a-boo elements. Wander from the beamed ceiling foyer to the two-story, cathedral-themed sitting room and then out back to an outdoor living space and much more. This jewel-tone shaded gem mixes traditional elements with the owner's flare for southwestern design.

A notable English Tudor in one of Summit's finest neighborhoods uncovers the grand splendor of early 20th century architecture. Enjoy all the traditional spaces decorated for the holiday as well as some extras, such as the enclosed garden room and impressive stone terrace. Visitors won't want to miss the ruby red, etched glass doors leading to the sitting room or the goldfish-filled indoor water fountain. Weather permitting, visitors can take a stroll through the owner's garden.

For those looking for table top ideas, the tour offers a Dutch Colonial set for a holiday tea. After feasting on a sparkling table-top setting, visitors can move through the former Victorian to admire the American antiques flavoring the home.

Also on tour are the Summit Historical Society's 18th century Carter House with its annual Crafts Fair and the Wisner house on the grounds of Reeves-Reed Arboretum which will be decked out in full holiday splendor for guests. Mulled cider and home-baked goodies will be served at Reeves-Reed. After refreshments, don't forget to stop by The Garden Shop for holiday gifts or something special for your home. Tour hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and tickets are $25 by mail until Tuesday, and $30 thereafter. A buffet lunch will be served at the Beacon Hill Club for an additional charge of $30; seating is limited and must be reserved before Tuesday. Lunch seatings are at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

For information, call Reeves-Reed Arboretum at 908-273-8787, ext. 10.

Overlook names new Board of Trustees

The Overlook Hospital Foundation has announced the election of David Hartman of New Providence, as chairman of its Board of Trustees. Others elected to serve terms as officers on the foundation's Board of Trustees include Bruce — Toby — F. Wesson, of Summit, as vice chairman; Kathleen M. Hugin of Summit, as secretary; and Cassandra A. Hardman of Summit as treasurer.

Seven new trustees also were welcomed to the Overlook Hospital Foundation Board. They include Michael Helmer, Jennifer Millar, and John — Jack — Olivo of Summit; Meri Barer of Westfield; Lawrence Danielson and Brent Saunders of Warren and Brian Barry, of Annandale. The elections were conducted during the Overlook Hospital Foundation's annual meeting at Baltusrol Golf Club.

Hartman has been a member of the Foundation Board of Trustees since 1999. He has served as vice chairman, treasurer, and on its audit and planning/budget committees. A longtime supporter of Overlook, Hartman has also served on the hospital's Board of Trustees and Advisory Board.

Hartman is managing director, senior vice president and chief actuary at the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies in Warren, N.J. He began his career at Chubb in 1971, following a five-year career at Kemper Insurance in Chicago.

Wesson, a member of the board since 2000, has served as chairman of its investment committee and has been a member of the nominating committee. He is president and general partner of Galen Associates, a venture capital firm that invests in emerging healthcare companies specializing in device, service and information technology. Wesson and his wife, Betsey, have five children.

Hugin, a member of the board since 1999, has served on its annual giving, special events and nominating committees and as treasurer. In 2002, she co-chaired Overlook's Great Performances Gala. She earned a master's degree in public health from Columbia University and currently serves on the Institutional Review Board at Overlook. She is a past president of the Summit Junior Fortnightly Club.

Prior to moving to Summit, Hugin was program coordinator for a not-for-profit community health center on the Lower Eastside of Manhattan for two years. Her professional career includes positions in government bond trading at Dean Witter Reynolds and portfolio management for Merchants Bank & Trust in Norwalk, CT. Hugin and her husband, Robert, are the parents of three children. Hardman, a board member since 2000, has served on its audit and investment committees and as secretary. She is managing director of Johnston Asset Management, where she is responsible for international equity investments. She possesses more than 20 years of experience as an institutional investor, managing global and international portfolios for large corporate and public pension funds, as well as for high net worth individuals. Her volunteer activities have included serving as chairwoman of the Finance Commission and the Endowment Committee of Central Presbyterian Church.

Hospital fund-raiser helps child patients

The Mountainside TWIG of Children's Specialized Hospital and Douglas Cosmetics invite the community to make a difference in the life of a child.

This holiday season, there is a child whose "one true wish" is to be able to speak.

On Wednesday, you can be part of making this wish come true by joining them between 7 and 9 p.m. at Douglas Cosmetics in Westfield. Refreshments will be served and the Douglas Beauty Team will offer complementary makeovers and spa treatments.

During this time, Douglas Cosmetics will donate 15 percent of your purchase towards the purchase of a Voice Synthesized Computer Device to be used by the patients at Children's Specialized Hospital.

Tickets are $10 and 100 percent of ticket sales will go directly toward making a difference.

Tickets are available at Douglas Cosmetics at any time or by calling Traci DeAngelis at 908-591-4517 or Laura Patterson at 908-518-0651.

Donations are being accepted for those who cannot attend. Make your check payable to: Mountainside TWIG and drop it off at Douglas Cosmetics or mail directly to: Carole Cahill, treasurer, Mountainside TWIG, 1379 Stony Brook Lane, Mountainside.

Garden Shop has got holiday ideas in store

Looking for that special something for your child's teacher, a parent or your own home for the holidays?

Treat yourself to a visit to Reeves-Reed Arboretum's The Garden Shop, 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. The shop is located in the lower level of Wisner House and offers a plethora of holiday and garden gifts.

This season's cast of holiday offerings leads off with a collection of frosty snowmen. The whimsical figures are ideal for the mantel or lightening up a tabletop display. For bird lovers, create a retreat indoors with wind birds or hang a glimmering collection of glass birds available in a variety of hues in any corner or on the tree. All types of fresh and artificial handmade wreaths are also on sale. Don't wait too long. Fresh wreaths, which go on sale Dec. 9, tend to sell out early.

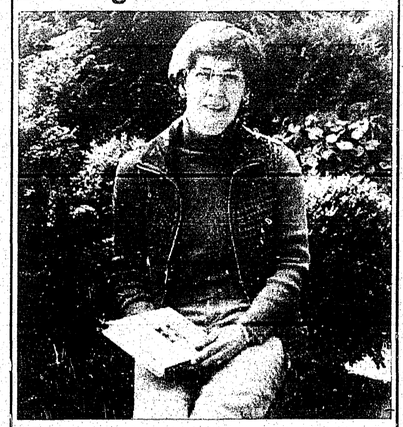
Maria Combias, manager of The Garden Shop, recommends the reindeer footrests or "Warm Wiskers" heating/cooling pads for those who especially enjoy comfort gifts. The reindeer footrest comes with a magazine/remote control pocket. "Warm Wiskers" are animal-shaped comfort creatures handmade in Vermont. They are ideal for soothing aching muscles, swelling, arthritis, earaches, backaches or nasty growing pains.

Other creative goodies include colorful red and green hand-painted wine glasses, holiday planters and beautiful creches, as well as note cards, hand creams, beaded coasters, ornaments and more.

Summit residents Marie Combias and Lillian Cochran have managed the shop and its volunteer salespeople for more than 10 years. The dedicated workers travel to all the major shows in Atlanta and New York for the shop.

The shop is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. When visiting Reeves-Reed Arboretum, pull up to the white line at the gate and wait for the automatic door to open. For information on The Garden Shop, call 908-277-1190.

Delving into Dickinson



Reeves-Reed Arboretum staff horticulturalist Marta McDowell will host a book signing of her new book, 'Emily Dickinson's Gardens' on Dec. 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Wisner House on the grounds of the arboretum.

Summit author slated to appear on History Channel

A documentary based largely on a book written by Summit author Robert R. Frump will be aired at 9 p.m. Monday on the History Channel.

Deepsea Detectives: "Ship of Doom" probes the mystery surrounding the wreck of the American flag merchant marine ship the SS Marine Electric in January 1983 off the shore of Virginia.

Frump's book, "Until the Sea Shall Free Them," is a non-fiction narrative account of the wreck and the trials that followed the wreck. Of 34 crew members, only three survived. Their testimony helped reform the inspection methods for American flag ships.

Frump and two of the three survivors are interviewed for the documentary, which includes a dive upon the wreckage of the ship.

Details of the documentary can be viewed at www.untilthesea.com.

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Dodgeball author speaks

Dodgeball is everywhere these days. The sport's resurgence has spawned a video game, a cable television show and a major motion picture. Now there's a humorous middle-grade children's novel that takes aim at dodgeball — "The Stupendous Dodgeball Fiasco" by former Springfield resident Janice Repka. Published by Dutton Children's Books in 2004, the new book has already garnered national attention and its popularity is growing.

Repka is returning to Springfield on Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. to read and sign copies of her new book at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 240 Route 22 west. This will be her only New Jersey appearance.

Illustrated by award-winning artist Glin Dibley, "The Stupendous Dodgeball Fiasco" uses the same fun style as his picture book "Don't Laugh at Me" by Steven Seskin and Allen Shamblin. A Reading Rainbow book, "The Stupendous Dodgeball Fiasco" has been named a Junior Library Guild Selection.

The main character is 11-year-old Phillip Stanislaw, who might be the only kid in the world who wants to run away from the circus. His dad is a clown and his mom is the Fat Lady, but all Phillip wants is to be normal. He finally gets the chance to live in a regular town. But Hardingtown is hardly normal — it's the unofficial Dodgeball Capital of the World. Instead of dodging cream pies thrown by clowns, Phillip is ducking screamers thrown by Junior Dodgeball Champion and school bully, B.B. Tyson. He takes the bully to court to pay for his busted glasses — and winds up battling the entire town.

Repka is a lawyer and currently resides in south central Pennsylvania with her husband and children. This is her first book.

"Dodgeball is a great subject for a novel," said Repka. "People either love it or hate it. Nobody feels neutral about dodgeball. If kids have half as much fun reading the book as I had writing it, I'll consider it a huge success."

AT THE LIBRARY

NJ Symphony Orchestra performs

A quartet from the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will perform at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., on Dec. 5 at 2 p.m.

The program, "Women Composers," explores the role of women in music and music history and features a piece by Maddalena Laura Lombardini Sirmen who lived in the same time as Haydn and Mozart.

Funding for this program has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

For information, call 973-376-4930. Pick up your free ticket at the Circulation Desk of the library.

Weismans exhibit artwork in museum

Ruth and Paul Weisman were married for more than 50 years, until Ruth passed away in 2002.

These Springfield residents did everything together — they traveled, they volunteered at the library, and they were both artists. Their artwork will be displayed in a show titled "Clay, Stone and Straw" at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library through Dec. 2. Paul made his first clay pot when he was in his mid-seventies and now, a dozen years later, his work will have its first public showing. Both hand-built and wheel-thrown objects — some functional, others purely decorative — form the body of the show, with small stone sculptures lending an interesting contrast.

Also included in the show will be Ruth's baskets. Ten years ago Ruth took a class at NJCVA on basket making. During her spare time since then, Ruth had been experimenting with different media and various techniques in creating highly unusual baskets — everything from reed to grapevine to wound paper.

From a native of the Blue Ridge Mountains, she learned how to construct baskets out of a solid piece of lumber. One of the baskets in the show is made from White Oak, cut into strips and woven together. Paul reports that it took a week of 8-10 hour days to create it. Her baskets have been described as whimsical.

After the renovation of the Springfield Library is completed, a room will be named in Ruth Weisman's honor.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Hours of the exhibit are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

Civil War saga continues video series

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Lunchtime Video Series, "Box Office Hits," on Dec. 7 at noon.

This Civil War saga addresses romance, friendship, and the ravages of war — both in the field and on the home front. Far more than a simple love story, Minghella's film attempts to capture the horrors of war for both those fighting it, and for those left behind. The film is based on the Charles Frazier novel. Rated R, this film is 155 minutes.

The series will continue on Tuesdays, Dec. 21 and Jan. 4.

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

Bring a brown bag lunch to the program. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

Book group examines murder mystery

The Good Books Discussion Group of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave, will meet on Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. to discuss "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" by Mark Haddon.

This is a murder mystery, of sorts — one told by autistic 15-year-old Christopher John Francis Boone. He is mathematically gifted and socially hopeless, raised in a working-class home by parents who can barely cope with their child's quirks. He takes everything that he sees — or is told — at face value and is unable to sort out the strange behavior of his elders and peers.

When Christopher comes across his neighbor's poodle, Wellington, impaled on a garden fork and is falsely arrested for it, he resolves — against the objection of his father and neighbors — to discover just who has murdered Wellington.

Call the reference department at 973-376-4930, ext. 228 to reserve a copy of the book.

Program highlights spiritual dances

"Dance, Rhythm and Vibration with the Universe: A Celebration of Spiritual Rhythm and Dance," will be presented on Dec. 11, from 1 to 4:30 p.m., Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

This unique program features demonstrations of four spiritual dance and rhythm traditions. Participants will also have an opportunity to participate in Sufi dancing. Included in the program are: Poetry as Entrancement, Thai Chi and the Alexander Technique, The Luigi Method and Feldenkrais Movements, and Dance in the Sufi Tradition. The suggested donation is $10.

For information, call 973-762-6722 or e-mail sunofnj@yahoo.com.

Film festival continues

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. continues its fall International Film Festival on Dec. 16 with "The Man Without a Past" at noon and 7 p.m.

Sometimes life is just a series of random events that simply...happen. A man steps off a train in a strange city, sits on a park bench, and is mugged nearly to death. Emerging from a coma, he walks out onto the street with no idea who he is. His hands are calloused and his face reflects a lifetime of disappointment, but he feels oddly liberated.

Known only as "M," he wanders until he insinuates himself into a community of people who live in abandoned shipping containers on the outskirts of town. There he finds friendship and even love with a Salvation Army worker who drowns her sorrows by listening to loud rock music. Like Harrison Ford's titular character in "Regarding Henry," he finds a life that seems marked by a newfound sense of grace and harmony.

This offbeat comedy won the Grand Jury Prize at the 2002 Cannes Film Festival. Directed by Aki Kaurismaki, this 2002 Finnish film is 97 Minutes and rated PG-13.

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

Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. Refreshments will be served.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

Shakespeare's 'Hamlet' to be discussed

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

Shakespeare's "Hamlet" will be discussed on Dec. 16. Hamlet, returning home upon his father's death, learns that his uncle, Claudius, has married his mother, Gertrude, and has assumed the throne of Denmark. The ghost of his father appears before Hamlet, claiming it was Claudius who killed him and urges the Prince to avenge his death. The clever Prince feigns madness in an effort to test Claudius' guilt but, in the meantime, overwhelms the woman he loves, the fair Ophelia.

Hamlet convinces a visiting troupe of actors to engage in a performance with a plot that resembles the events of his father's death. Claudius' violent reaction to the performance convinces Hamlet that he indeed murdered his father. Hamlet goes to his mother's bedchamber and proceeds to accuse her of complicity. He hears a noise from behind a tapestry in the chamber, and stabs his sword through the fabric, only to find it is Ophelia's father, Polonius, he has slain.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearings will be held by the Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside in the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ on December 9, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Kalellis, 385 Forest Hill Way, Block 3.K, Lot 46 - One story addition, contrary to Section 1009(c)(2) which requires a 30' front yard.

Public Service Electric & Gas, 1151 Globe Avenue, Block 23.C, Lot 21 - Installation of electric transformer, "control house" building, and switching gear on their substation site, contrary to Section 1003(e)(2)(B) height of an accessory structure over a principal building.

Rivendell Media, 1248 Route 22, Block 16.a, Lot 46 - Ground sign application violates Section 1007(j)(5) for bottom level height of sign.

Paul Gagliotti, Mill Lane, Block 24.D, Lots 2, 3, 5, & 8 - Continued from the November meeting.

All applications are subject to the Mountainside Land Use Ordinance and are subject to bulk variances, if required.

Other issues may be discussed and action may be taken.

Ruth M. Rees, Secretary
U95128 ECL Nov. 24, 2004 ($14.63)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, New Jersey until 10:00 AM on December 14, 2004 in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, at the Jonathan Dayton High School, Springfield, New Jersey for the following:

ITEMS FOR SALE

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Instruction to Bidders, Form of Proposal and description of vehicles may be examined at the office of the Secretary, at the Jonathan Dayton High School Board of Education Office, Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey.

All vehicles are for "AS IS" specification. Please direct any question(s) to Mr. Michael Moore, Director of Maintenance of the Springfield Board of Education office.

Bids shall be made only on the form provided with all blanks filled in and signed by the bidder.

Bids shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes giving the name of the bidder and the type of materials or services bid on.

No bidder may withdraw the bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in any bid, and shall, further make awards in any way it deems advisable to the best interests of the School District.

Bidders are required to comply with the rules and regulations of Chapter 127 P.L. 1975 concerning Affirmative Action and are furnish Notice of Compliance with the same with their bid. Bidders are required to comply with the rules and regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) concerning unlawful discrimination in employment.

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

From 14-2 - 7-2 in the playoffs and 7-0 in consolation games - to a record of 1-6 in the second round of the playoffs. Not good at all.

Union County now has just one team playing for a state title. That is New Providence as it will face Florence in the Central Jersey, Group 1 final. The Pioneers are seeking their first state title since winning North 2, Group 1 for the third consecutive year in 1989.

New Providence (9-1) has outscored the opposition 357-66 and has six shutouts and three in a row. Defending champion Florence (10-0) has outscored 10 foes by a 343-47 margin and also has six shutouts. Florence, winners of 22 straight, beat New Providence 7-3 at home in last year's semifinals.

Rahway lost at Raritan 48-0, giving up almost as many points as it did in its first nine games, which was 51. The Indians' previous playoff loss was a 46-0 decision to Morristown in the 1999 North 2, Group 3 final at Giants Stadium.

Top-seeded Piscataway (10-0) will face second-seeded Phillipsburg (10-0) in the North 2, Group 4 final. It will be the first time since 1997 that the top two seeds in this section will meet in the final. That year, second-seeded Elizabeth defeated top-seeded Plainfield 14-7 at Hub Stine Field.

Unbeaten county teams at home include Union (3-0), Brearley (5-0), GL (5-0), Elizabeth (5-0), Rahway (5-0) and New Providence (5-0).

Union and New Providence will seek to finish undefeated at home with wins tomorrow.

Summit, the only county school that is done for the season, finished 5-5 by winning its last three. The Hilltoppers went 4-1 at home, its only setback coming to Morris Hills 27-26 in its season-opener.

Scotch Plains ended up playing seven games on the road - five in regular season and two in playoffs - going 3-4. The Raiders are 2-1 at home and will host Elizabeth tomorrow for the second straight year.

Elizabeth, which has lost to Scotch Plains the last two years on Thanksgiving, is seeking its first perfect regular season since 2001.

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WEEK ELEVEN GAMES ON THANKSGIVING (8)
Thursday, Nov. 25
Linden at Union, 10:30 a.m.
Elizabeth at S. Plains, 10:30
Kearny at Cranford, 10:30
Rahway at Johnson, 10:30
Brearley at Hillside, 10:30
Roselle at Roselle Park, 10:30
Westfield at Plainfield, 11 a.m.
Gov. Liv. at New Providence, 11
Note: The GL at NP game may be moved to Saturday because NP is in Central Jersey, Group 1 final.

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WEEK TEN SCORES
NJSIAA SEMIFINALS
Friday, Nov. 19 (3)
North 2, Group 4
Phillipsburg 14, Elizabeth 12
North 2, Group 3
West Morris 28, S. Plains 21
Central Jersey, Group 2
Raritan 48, Rahway 0
Saturday, Nov. 20 (4)
North 2, Group 4
Piscataway 27, Linden 0
North 2, Group 2
West Essex 33, Gov. Liv. 7
Central Jersey, Group 1
Florence 33, Brearley 20
New Prov. 33, South River 0

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WEEK ELEVEN PICKS (8)
Linden over Union
Elizabeth over Scotch Plains
Cranford over Kearny
Rahway over Johnson
Brearley over Hillside
Roselle Park over Roselle
Plainfield over Westfield
New Providence over Gov. Liv.
Last week: 4-3
This year: 87-34 (.719)

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

Photo by Barbara Kokkalis

The Governor Livingston High School football team,-sparked by the play of quarterback Andrew Trivella (No. 6) and lineman Adam Foti (No. 57), posted its first winning season since 1997 and won its first playoff game since 1989. The Highlanders (6-4) will finish at New Providence tomorrow morning at 11.

HIGHLANDERS FOOTBALL

GL grid team is worthy

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

NORTH CALDWELL - Although Governor Livingston came up short against defending champion West Essex, the Highlanders can hold their heads high after representing Berkeley Heights and all of Union County well despite falling to the Knights 33-7 in last Saturday's North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 semifinals.

GL has clinched a winning season, its first since finishing 6-3 in 1997, and two weekends ago blanked visiting Morris Hills 28-0 to win its first playoff game since 1989 and only second overall.

GL, which fell at West Essex 23-18 in the 2002 quarterfinals, rebounded nicely from a 4-6 record of a year ago and should be applauded for coming within 48 minutes of playing for a state championship.

The Highlanders (6-4) are scheduled to play at New Providence (9-1) tomorrow morning at 11 in their annual Thanksgiving game. This will be the third straight year the two Mountain Valley Conference teams are playing on the holiday.

The game could be moved to Saturday because New Providence, winners of the MVC's Valley Division, reached the Central Jersey, Group 1 final against Florence.

GL's last win on Thanksgiving was a 21-0 victory at Hillside in 1995, which clinched a 5-4 winning season that year.

GL shouldn't feel too bad about not being able to stop the likes of running backs Larry Caprio, Joe Droz and David Caporizzo. After all, West Essex is 10-1 for a good reason. The Knights finished second to Mendham in the Hills Division of the Iron Hills Conference, falling at home to the Minutemen 7-0 on Nov. 6.

Mendham will play neighborhood rival West Morris in the North 2, Group 3 final. West Essex will face neighborhood rival Caldwell in the North 2, Group 2 final.

Caldwell has a daunting task against the Knights. Since 2001, West Essex is now 10-1 in the North 2, Group 2 playoffs. Its only loss was to Johnson in the 2002 final. West Essex defeated Orange in the 2001 final and Rutherford in the 2003 title game.

West Essex also won North 2, Group 3 in 1974 and North 2, Group 4 in 1980 and is the only football school in the state to win three different sectional championships.

West Essex has won four championships in football since the playoff era began in 1974, while GL is still after its first. GL reached the North 2, Group 2 final in 1989 after winning its first playoff game.

"We want to be like them," first-year GL head coach Terry Hanratty said. "We want to be able to someday say that we're going for our third championship in four years."

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GAME TEN
North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 semifinal
at Travis Field
West Essex 33, Gov. Livingston 7

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FIRST DOWNS: Gov. Livingston 8, West Essex 14
RUSHES-YARDS: Gov. Livingston 36-164, West Essex 42-381
PASSES: Gov. Livingston 6-15-0, West Essex 2-5-1
PASSING YARDS: Gov. Livingston 74, West Essex 33
FUMBLES-LOST: Gov. Livingston 1-1, West Essex 1-0
PUNTS-AVG.: Gov. Livingston 6-30, West Essex 2-35
PENALTIES: Gov. Livingston 8-65, West Essex 8-70

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Gov. Livingston	**(6-4)**	0	0	7	0 -	7
West Essex	**(10-1)**	7	6	13	7 -	33

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WEST ESSEX - Droz 1 run, Zurawiecki kick (WE 7-0)
(First quarter: 9 plays, 69 yards, 3:39 used)
WEST ESSEX - Caporizzo 5 run, kick failed (WE 13-0)
(Second quarter: 5 plays, 78 yards, 1:42 used)
WEST ESSEX - Droz 14 run, kick failed (WE 19-0)
(Third quarter: 5 plays, 72 yards, 2:10 used)
GOV. LIVINGSTON - Bergeski 5 run, Carmody kick (WE 19-7)
(Third quarter: 8 plays, 71 yards, 4:0 used)
WEST ESSEX - Droz 3 run, Cordasco kick (WE 26-7)
(Third quarter: 5 plays, 54 yards, 2:50 used)
WEST ESSEX - Caprio 28 run, Cordasco kick (WE 33-7)
(Fourth quarter: 10 plays, 91 yards, 4:34 used)

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RUSHING: Gov. Livingston - Chris Bergeski 4-58, one touchdown. Andrew Trivella 6-44. Brian Arrigoni 9-30. Ryan McAdam 5-17. Andrew Egan 5-10. Sean Carmody 1-4. Mike Manganiello 5-1. Jerry Ragonese 1-0. Totals: 36-164, one touchdown. **West Essex** - Larry Caprio 12-155, one touchdown. Joe Droz 15-151, three touchdowns. David Caporizzo 9-79, one touchdown. Alex Hayes 3-23. Clay Sisco 2-(-9). Pete Pantages 1-(-18). Totals: 42-381, five touchdowns.

PASSING: Gov. Livingston - Andrew Trivella 5-14-0, 66 yards. Brian Arrigoni 1-1-0, 8 yards. Totals: 6-15-0, 74 yards. **West Essex** - Clay Sisco 2-5-1, 33 yards.

RECEIVING: Gov. Livingston - Brian Arrigoni 4-51. Andrew Egan 1-15. Chris Bergeski 1-8. Totals: 6-74. **West Essex** - Larry Caprio 2-33. Totals: 2-33.

INTERCEPTIONS: Gov. Livingston - Chris Bergeski. **West Essex** - None.

SACKS: Gov. Livingston - Ryan McAdam. **West Essex** - None.

FUMBLE RECOVERIES: Gov. Livingston - None on defense. **West Essex** - One on defense.

- JR PARACHINI

Dayton soccer teams impress

Both had their moments

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Both Dayton High School varsity soccer teams proved to be highly-competitive this year as members of the Mountain Valley Conference.

Both also did well to qualify for their Central Jersey, Group 1 playoffs.

All in all, it was a pretty good season for both squads.

The boys' finished 8-7-2 after going 1-1 in the sectional playoffs. Dayton, the 10th seed, ousted seventh-seeded Florence 1-0 in the first round on Nov. 2.

Fred Vilasco scored the game's only goal off an assist from Ben Shabat some six minutes into the match. Standout goalkeeper David Sauerhoff made seven saves to post his fifth shutout of the season.

Dayton was eliminated in the quarterfinals at second-seeded Bound Brook by a 3-0 score on Nov. 5. Sauerhoff was steady again, this time coming up with 12 saves.

Dayton, the fifth seed, also reached the quarterfinals last year, falling at fourth-seeded Metuchen. The Bulldogs finished 8-6 in 2003.

Bound Brook ended up winning the section this year by blanking Metuchen 1-0 in the championship match on Nov. 12 in Metuchen.

Dayton began the season with a 3-1 home win over North Plainfield. In a win by a 7-0 score at Technology 10 days later, Dimitri Tereschuk had three goals and one assist.

Tereschuk had both Dayton goals in a 2-1 win at home vs. New Providence on Oct. 1. Assists went to Alex Chicoma and Kalifi Mohamad.

After tying Governor Livingston 1-1 in Berkeley Heights on Oct. 5, Dayton defeated Manville 2-0 in Manville two days later. David Sauerhoff made eight saves for his second shutout.

Matt Sauerhoff scored and Dave Sauerhoff made six saves in a 6-0 home win over Johnson Oct. 12. Sauerhoff made nine saves in a 3-0 loss at GL in a first-round Union County Tournament game on Oct. 16.

Dayton rebounded to beat visiting Oratory Prep 2-1 in overtime on Oct. 18. A goal by Vilasco, his second of the game, off a feed from Marco Pannella three minutes into the second overtime ended it.

Tereschuk and Vilasco scored in a 4-0 win at Dayton on Oct. 26. Tereschuk had two goals in a 2-2 tie against Roselle Catholic on Oct. 28.

The girls', who last year reached the section semis en route to a 13-5 finish, snuck into the section this year as the sixth and final seed.

Dayton was defeated at third-seeded South River 4-0 in the quarterfinals on Nov. 4.

New Providence, the fourth seed, won at second-seeded Florence 2-0 in the championship game played on Nov. 11.

The Bulldogs opened their season with a 3-1 win at North Plainfield. Senior Cristin Zavocki, who will attend Lafayette College on a women's basketball scholarship, scored two goals and assisted on a goal by Alexia Moriello.

Zavocki scored four goals and Samantha Kennedy one in a 5-0 win against non-conference foe Dunellen on Oct. 4.

Zavocki scored twice unassisted and Amanda DiCocco once in a 3-0 conference home win over Hillside on Oct. 14.

In a 3-2 home loss to Roselle Park on Oct. 26, Kennedy and Zavocki scored goals in the second half.

A banner season for GL girls' tennis

Highlanders win MVC-Mountain

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

It was a banner season for the Governor Livingston High School girls' tennis team.

The Highlanders enjoyed one of their finest seasons ever, finishing with an impressive 19-4 mark.

GL, which captured its second straight North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 championship and then reached the Group 2 title match, also ended up winning the Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division crown.

GL won the Mountain Division with only one loss in the division to Roselle Park by a 3-2 score in Roselle Park back on Oct. 8.

Roselle Park, which had the division lead until the end of the season, finished with three division losses after losing back-to-back-to-back matches to GL 3-2 in Berkeley Heights on Oct. 26, to Oak Knoll 3-2 at home on Oct. 28 and to Johnson 3-2 in Clark on Nov. 1.

Roselle Park, which had a 13-4 record as of No. 2, previously defeated Johnson 3-2 at home on Sept. 21 and Oak Knoll 3-1 in Summit on Oct. 5.

This was Roselle Park's first year in the Mountain Division after the Panthers had won the Valley Division title many times in the past, including last year.

The MVC was realigned once again this season after the conference had a third division - the Sky Division - the past two seasons.

GL defeated Hanover Park 4-1, Chatham 4-1 and Summit 4-1 to win North 2, Group 2. The Highlanders then defeated Rumson-Fair Haven 3.5-1.5 in the Group 2 semifinals before falling to Haddonfield 4-1 in the final.

Springfield Roadrunners net five goals in season-ending triumph

The Springfield Roadrunners 9-and-under boys' soccer team defeated the Wayne B&G Magic 5-1 Sunday in its season-finale.

Springfield was able to score one goal in the first half and then add four more in the second half.

Bailey Rudolph, Drew Farbstein and Tommy Walsh, netting his first of the season, scored in the second half for the Roadrunners after they led by a score of 1-0 at halftime.

Boomer Sack managed to score a goal late in the first half to give Springfield a 1-0 advantage.

Others who excelled for Springfield were Tyler Citrin, Joey Iuliano, Will Francis, Phil Moore, DeYoung Don, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Reese Petersen, Vinnie Nagy, Manny Barrera and Chris Vega.

In its match the Sunday before, Springfield was defeated by the Hanover Warriors by a score of 5-0.

Sack made six saves in the second half.

Summit Boys' Basketball

Dec. 17 Morris Hills, 7 p.m.
Dec. 20 at Weequahic, 7
Dec. 22 at West Essex, 7
Jan. 4 Dover, 7
Jan. 7 at Parsippany Hills, 7
Jan. 11 Chatham, 7
Jan. 14 at Mendham, 7
Jan. 18 Hanover Park, 7
Jan. 21 at Parsippany, 7
Jan. 25 at Morris Hills, 7
Jan. 27 Weequahic, 7
Feb. 1 West Essex, 7
Feb. 3 at Dover, 7
Feb. 8 Parsippany Hills, 7
Feb. 10 at Chatham, 7
Feb. 15 Mendham, 7
Feb. 17 at Hanover Park, 7
Feb. 22 Parsippany, 7

Summit Girls' Basketball

Dec. 17 at Morris Hills, 7 p.m.
Dec. 20 Weequahic, 7
Dec. 22 West Essex, 7
Dec. 28-30 Millburn Tournament
Jan. 4 at Dover, 7
Jan. 7 Parsippany Hills, 7
Jan. 11 at Chatham, 7
Jan. 14 Mendham, 7
Jan. 18 at Hanover Park, 7
Jan. 21 Parsippany, 7
Jan. 25 Morris Hills, 7
Jan. 27 at Weequahic, 7
Feb. 1 at West Essex, 7
Feb. 3 Dover, 7
Feb. 8 at Parsippany Hills, 7
Feb. 10 Chatham, 7
Feb. 16 at Mendham, 7
Feb. 17 Hanover Park, 7
Feb. 22 at Parsippany, 7

Walton School sets registration dates

Registration for children eligible for the 2005-2006 prekindergarten program in the Springfield public schools, as well as for those children eligible for kindergarten in September 2005, who are not currently enrolled in the Walton School Early Childhood Center prekindergarten program will be conducted on the following days:

- Jan. 13, last name beginning with A-E from 10 to 11 a.m. or 1:45 to 2:45 p.m.
- Jan. 14, last names beginning with F-K from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. or 1:45 to 2:45 p.m.
- Jan. 18, last names beginning with L-Q, 10 to 11 a.m. or 1:45 to 2:45 p.m.
- Jan. 19, last names beginning with R-Z, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. or 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. Registration will be conducted at the Edward V. Walton School, Early Childhood Center, 601 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Parents are requested to call the school at 973-376-1305, if necessary, to schedule an alternate registration session.

To be eligible for prekindergarten, a child must be a resident of Springfield, and be four years old on or before Dec. 1, 2005. Children entering kindergarten must reach their fifth birthday on or before Dec. 1, 2005. Parents are requested to bring the following materials to the registration:

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Current Immunization Records
- Two-Proofs of Residency
  - NJ Driver's License
  - Utility bill, lease, contract.

Note: Your child's registration will be officially processed if both age appropriate vaccines and two proofs of residency are submitted at the time of registration.

EVENTS

Used clothing drive benefits GL graduates

A used clothing drive will be conducted on Saturday, to benefit Project Graduation for Governor Livingston High School's Class of 2005.

The public is urged to bring wearable, used clothing to the following locations from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.:

- Berkeley Heights Community Center, 29 Park Ave., Berkeley Heights
- Deerfield Elementary School, 302 Central Ave., Mountainside.

Items to be collected include all clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, hats, gloves, and scarves, in addition to table linens, bedspreads, towels and stuffed animals. Pillows and blankets will not be accepted.

Items should not be torn or stained and must be delivered in tied plastic bags.

Blood drive set

A blood drive sponsored by Westfield American Red Cross, will take place Wednesday from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Chapter House, 312 Elm St., Westfield. Complimentary cholesterol screening will be offered for all blood donors.

For information call the BCNJ, 1-800-NJ-BLOOD, ext. 140. All donors must present a signed or picture I.D. and know their social security number. Also, participants are asked to eat a meal before donating.

Foothill Club meets

The Foothill Club luncheon will be conducted on Dec. 2, noon, at B.G. Fields Restaurant in Westfield.

The program will be one of the clubs annual fund-raisers "A Christmas Boutique" with new and nearly new items for sale. New members are guests are always welcome. For a reservation, call Genevieve at 908-232-3626. The Foothill Club is committed to serving the community of Mountainside.

Columbiettes plan South St. Seaport trip

Msgr. Francis X. Coyle Council Columbiettes of Springfield will be sponsoring a trip to the South Street Seaport, New York on Dec. 19.

The bus will leave from the council which is located at Old Shunpike Road in Summit at 10:30 a.m. and leave the port at 6 p.m. This is a day on your own.

There are many sights in the area along with shops and restaurants that are very worthwhile. The cost is $22 including a tip to the driver. Call Fran Corcione for reservations at 973-376-6386.

PTA conducts holiday craft workshop

On Dec. 4, Deerfield School in Mountainside will be conducting its annual holiday craft workshop from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Mountainside P.T.A., the holiday craft workshop has become a perennial favorite for children of all ages who look forward to the fun-filled day of crafting and holiday preparation.

All kids are welcome and admission is free to the event which will take place in the school gymnasium located at 300 Central Ave.

Whether making something to keep or to give away, the crafts featured at this year's workshop offer a variety of choices for children of all age groups. These choices include glitter ball ornaments, apple-berry topiaries, magnetic fridge clips, tie-dye T-shirts, beaded bracelets, hair ties, snowmen globes, seashell ornaments, hot cocoa mugs, luminaries, spa gift bags and the ever-popular "decorate-your-own-cookie" — a big hit from last year. Prices range from $1.50 to $5 per craft.

For information, call Sheila Hibberson at 908-233-6150 or Lori Palladino at 908-301-9116.

Pat Cooper concert offered by KOC

Springfield Knights of Columbus presents "Pat Cooper in Concert," Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005, at a cost of $72.50 per person.

Includes meal, show, bus transportation and all taxes and gratuities. Seats are limited on a first come, first served basis. For reservations, call Tony Graziano at 973-376-5612.

Nature program shows where animals live

On Dec. 4, from 10 to 11 a.m. adults and children of all ages are invited to discover what materials animals use to make their homes as part of "Animal Homes," an Outdoor Adventures program at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside.

Hike the green and orange trails with a park naturalist to search for nests, burrows and other animal homes and hideouts. Call 908-789-3670 for more information.

Holiday tree lighting, craft show planned

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Recreation will present a holiday tree lighting and nature craft show Dec. 5 at Watchung Stable, 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside. The event will be rain or shine.

The craft show opens at 11 a.m. Other activities begin at noon. Santa's arrival will take place at 1 p.m. and the tree lighting finale is at 5 p.m.

Activities include a visit with Santa Claus, petting zoo, Watchung Mounted Drill Team demonstrations, Leadline horse rides, K-9 Unit demonstrations, Union County Police children's fingerprinting and bomb squad robot, holiday singers, barn tours, and the tree lighting.

Suggested admission is an item of dry or canned food, or a new unwrapped toy to be distributed through local charities.

Historical Society to host open house

The Springfield Historical Society will host a Christmas open house on Dec. 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Historic Cannon Ball House, 126 Morris Ave., Springfield.

The house, built c. 1741, was the home of the family of Dr. Jonathan Dayton and during the Revolution was operated by his widow Keziah as a tavern stop on the main road between Elizabeth and Morristown where George Washington and his army were at Jockey Hollow.

Located in the heart of the fighting during the Battle of Springfield on June 23, 1780, the house was hit by an American cannon ball which lodged in the wall and gave the house the name by which it has been known for many years. Seven rooms are open to the public and several will be decorated in colonial style for the holiday.

The society is requesting that anyone with photos or maps of Springfield locations which no longer exist, prominent citizens, or descendants of early settlers call 973-376-4784 or come to the open house on Dec. 5. Refreshments will be served.

For information, call 973-376-4784.

Children's chorus offers auditions

The Springfield Children's Community Chorus, after closing its 2003-04 season with a very successful spring concert, is now conducting auditions and rehearsals for the coming year. The chorus meets every Wednesday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield.

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Crossing boundaries

State Sen. Tom Kean Jr. probably didn't know the Rolling Stones released "Satisfaction" in the summer of 1965. Considering it was three years before he was even born it's a better bet Kean didn't know the flip side was the little played mock by Mick Jagger to fancy titles; "The Under Assistant West Coast Promotion Man."

What we do know is that Sen. Kean is already adept at coming up with some fancy titles. Last week Kean hired Richard Aregood as a "senior policy adviser".

Left Out

By Frank Capece

Aregood made his mark writing editorials in Philadelphia. He even won a Pulitzer Prize. Later with less fanfare he toiled at *The Star-Ledger*. A colleague and fan in Philadelphia called him a "take no prisoners type respected by his peers."

It is confusing why a state senator needs a senior policy advisor on issues like Notaries, Courtesy License Plates issuance or even property tax revisions. With less than Pulitzer clarity, Aregood said, "Kean is the kind of guy who can reach across these boundaries we have imposed on ourselves."

The boundaries I have imposed on myself are usually positive and important. They include passing by the Dairy Queen on North Avenue, making certain to pay my mortgage each month and being on time for court dates with the county assignment judge.

Still, when it comes to helping cross boundaries, Aregood may be on to something. Take the quandary of Mike Maris the owner of the Rustic Mill Diner in Cranford.

This past week others have come to appreciate the problem of people crossing his boundary. On the weekends he tolerates those who blithely park in his lot and walk over to the local movie theater.

With the opening of the popular Brick Oven on North Union Avenue, patrons have taken to parking in the private Cleveland Plaza lot, passing by the Pizza House Restaurant to walk to the new place.

Also last week Cranford saw the groundbreaking for the controversial Cranford Crossing project. For the short term that knocked out a huge chunk of parking spaces used by commuters and those who cross over to go to The Office restaurant.

As Mike Maris would have predicted, there was such a rush last week to the nearby free Drug Fair parking lot. So much so, that signs popped up limiting Drug Fair customers to only two hours. It's still unclear what happens to these boundary crossers who defy the signs.

With the groundbreaking picture at the Cranford Crossing showing a smiling Kathleen Prunty who already has the title of Downtown Management Corporation director with shovel in hand, it was another boundary being broken. She rejects the need to have personal contact with the very merchants she should be assisting. She has however, issued memos and packets on the South Avenue parking problem. Heck, this ground breaking could be the start of Prunty reaching out to her people.

Boundary crossing can also be the theoretical. Take the announcement last week by Forbes magazine that our state ranked 49th state in fiscal policy.

While Forbes would oppose any governmental oversight it's pretty depressing that with so many blue electoral states, Forbes thinks so poorly of New Jersey.

We just may need to some more ground breaking and boundary crossings to improve our image.

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.

Photos By Joseph A. Sorrentino

Lindsay Possumato of the Union County Vocational-Technical School jumps back as her bridge collapses.

Bridging the gap to victory

Students gather at UCC for annual engineering competition

By Anna Kreyman
Staff Writer

"A cheer goes up when the next push goes down," Union County Magnet School teacher Tricia Drevelus said, describing the scene at Union County College's annual bridge building contest. "Just hope it wasn't yours."

Union County College bridged the gap between learning and having fun in a competition that involved 12 schools around the county.

High school students, made up of two to six students per team, combined knowledge of engineering with creativity to build bridges using wooden popsicles on Nov. 18.

A program designed to enlighten students in the principles of structure, team work and engineering techniques, the bridge building competition, is in its ninth year and "going strong," said Union County College professor Lou Campo, initiator of the program.

"We provide the kids with a strict set of construction specifications and they do the rest," he added. "Every year, more and more individuals sign -up for this program."

Youth in grades 10 to 12 were provided with instructions that resembled the lyrics of a Christmas song: 500 tongue depressors, 330 plastic wires, 15 wooden dowels, one cotton spool and a bottle of Elmer's glue — materials used to dress the bridges.

"We use a box that is 4-by-4 inches wide to ensure that the kids have followed directions and have bridges with that size width," Drevelus said, about making sure that the builders qualify for the contest. "Once they pass that, they go on to the weights part."

Black, circular quarter-pound weights are attached to each team's bridge in unison, until the bridge cannot hold any more and collapses. The purpose of adding weight to the bridges is to see which bridge is the most efficient.

"All of the bridges are made of the same things, but it's how you use those objects that matters," Drevelus said.

Union County College professor Nick Gilbert said that

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Elizabeth High School seniors Anderson Romulus, left, and Franco Scaffidifonti celebrate as they are announced the winners in the advanced group competition.

Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign begun

By Anna Kreyman
Staff Writer

Holiday shoppers will be seeing a lot less red cheer in Target this season.

The demand for red kettle donations is up this year, but the supply will be down about 17 percent due to the national retailer closing its doors on charity work.

According to spokeswoman Tricia Pellegrini, volunteers of The Salvation Army are scratching their heads wondering where the extra $200,000 in funds will come from this holiday season because Target department store has enforced a non-solicitation rule.

Volunteer Pastor Rosa Tena is loyal to the red kettle and stands in front of ShopRite on Central Avenue in Clark.

"This is such a wonderful cause," she said. "I stand by ShopRite and across the street from Target — we really need more people involved in helping others, especially during the holidays."

"The Salvation Army had always been the only exception to this policy and was able to place red kettles in front of their locations," Salvation Army National Community Relations Secretary Major George Hood said, "but, no more. Target said that there are so many requests from different charities that it is not fair to allow The Salvation Army to solicit, but nobody else."

A spokesperson for Target's corporate headquarters did not comment by presstime Tuesday.

He added that The Salvation Army is a small organization and "losing Target costs us a lot of money."

Last year, having Target on the Army's map resulted in $9 million more in charity funds nationally and $1.1 million in New Jersey. More than 300,000 individuals were assisted in New Jersey alone.

In Roselle, income from Target kettles generated about 50 percent to 65 percent for the town's local charities in 2003.

Last Year, almost 11,000 people in Union County were aided from red kettle donations. About $87,000 were collected via kettles on location throughout the county.

This year there are roughly 30 kettle stands through out the county.

"Kettle income is not only used during the holidays, but is also used

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Photo By Joseph A. Sorrentino

Pastor Rosa Tena mans the Red Kettle in front of ShopRite in Clark.

Legislators back Lt. governor post

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Almost 10 bills in the Legislature address the situation of having an acting governor rule the state. While they may go about it differently, any measure would require a referendum and constitutional amendment to change the gubernatorial succession or create a lieutenant governor.

The Assembly earlier this month passed ACR-1, by a vote of 71-5-3, with all of the dissenting votes coming from Republicans, particularly from the northwest part of the state.

Voting against the bill were Michael Patrick Carroll and Richard Merkt, both R-Morris; Alison Littell McHose, R-Sussex; John Rooney and Charlotte Vandervalk, both R-Bergen.

Assemblymen Dr. Eric Muñoz and Jon Bramnick, the only Republicans representing parts of Union County, were among 14 legislators designated as co-sponsors of the measure. Legislators representing the rest of Union County, in districts 20, 22 and 29, all voted in favor of the bill. The measure now would have to head to the state Senate for approval.

Assemblyman Joseph Cryan, D-Union, said the bill would give the winner of the June primary 30 days to pick a running mate as lieutenant governor, similar to the federal elections of president and vice president. The governor would be allowed to appoint the lieutenant governor to a cabinet-level position, such as commissioner of health.

The legislation would place a referendum on the ballot next fall, in conjunction with the next gubernatorial race. In 2006, the governor would be allowed to pick a lieutenant governor, Cryan said.

Carroll believes the "bill could've been a lot better," preferring to have a lieutenant governor with a separate power base. "Government ought to be perpetually clawing at each other."

State Senate President Richard Codey became acting governor on Nov. 16 after the resignation of James McGreevey. He is expected to remain in both positions through 2005. Only four years ago, Donald DiFrancesco served as acting governor after Christine Whitman was appointed by President Bush to head the federal Environmental Protection Agency. At one point in January 2002, New Jersey had four acting governors in the span of a week.

Task force targets quality of life issues

By Anna Kreyman
Staff Writer

Union County embarked on a safety program as a result of a local mayor commenting to the county Prosecutor's Office that "some of the streets in my town resemble the wild, wild West."

The Save a Neighborhood Task Force, created by Prosecutor Theodore Romankow in an effort to "crack down on troubled neighborhoods" in the county, has made more than 1,000 arrests in its first year.

Law enforcement officers from Linden, Plainfield, Roselle Park, Roselle and Elizabeth have all become crime watchers for the county since the program started two years ago.

According to Executive Assistant Prosecutor Robert O'Leary, various officers, in and out of uniform, patrol the streets, some by car and others by foot, handing out business cards and talking to citizens. "While we are sleeping, they are watching."

"The Prosecutor's Office assigns various officers from different towns to patrol the streets of the county," Capt. Edward Fitzgerald of the Narcotics Strike Force said. "About four or five nights per week officers go out, many undercover, and keep their eyes and ears open for anything criminal happening."

He added that the neighborhood program is used to "enhance the quality of life for residents."

"We may as well have called it the 'Quality of life' task force because we don't just use it to concentrate on drug dealing or robberies," Romankow said. "We use it to help dwellers feel safer when going to the local deli when it's dark out."

Although the task force does not concentrate on drug-related arrests, more than half of all the busts are narcotics-related.

"The majority of the activity on the streets are drug- and gang-related," Roselle Park Lt. Jerry Orlando said. "But, there are also things like large groups drinking on the corner, which intimidates residents from walking outside. We're just looking to alleviate these types of problems so that the public doesn't feel concerned acting on their daily errands."

Officers are mixed and matched to patrol different towns in the county, not just their own. The county police and county Sheriff's office are also involved in the lookout.

Save a Neighborhood Task force helped to uncover information in one of the "biggest drug busts in the county," Fitzgerald said. The bust involved 14 arrests on Veteran's Day, of which associates from organized crime families in Newark were arrested for allegedly drug dealing throughout New Jersey, Arizona and Massachusetts.

"The program is working because there are less bad guys on the street," Romankow said. "The bad guys — they are like rats and we are the combat coming to get them and when they get scared, they become scarce and that's what we want."

He added that due to limited resources the program cannot expand quickly.

"Towns do not have enough manpower to oversee every street," Romankow said. "They can't combat crime on their own, so the county and the towns need to work together to saturate the area with a lot more car units

Cutting the ribbon to dedicate a tree in Trailside Nature and Science Center's Backyard Wildlife Habitat that was planted in honor of Holly Hoffman's 25 years of service to the center are, from left, Hoffman, former director of Trailside, Jacki Dickert, past president of the Trailside Museum Association, and Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada.

Former director honored at Trailside

Union County Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada recently presented a resolution to Holly Hoffman, former director of Trailside Nature and Science Center, for more than 20 years of dedicated service to the County of Union. The resolution was presented during a retirement celebration sponsored by Trailside's volunteer organization, the Trailside Museum Association.

The Trailside Museum Association dedicated a holly tree and stone plaque to recognize Hoffman's 25 years serving as director of Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. Co-workers, former staff members and longtime friends gathered in front of Trailside's backyard wildlife habitat to highlight memories and achievements of Hoffman's career.

Planted for its name, the holly tree was said to symbolize the giving nature that Holly Hoffman has demonstrated over her many years of service.

Historically formed in 1956, the Trailside Museum Association has provided funding for the construction of the classroom below the museum as well as donated money toward displays, classroom furnishings and equipment for the center. Their most recent purchases include a spotting scope for nature programs, two computerized kiosks in the museum and funding for an assessment of trailside's extensive historic taxidermy collection.

The Trailside Museum Association has risen to the challenge of a changing era in anticipation of the new Trailside Visitors Center, currently under construction. Under the guidance of co-presidents Margaret Heisey and Anne Dyjak, Vice President Nelson Dittmar, Treasurer Dorothea Hoffman, Secretary Joyce Laudise, board members Betty Ann Kelly, Mary Sudiak, Kay Miller, and Patricia Bertsch, current director of Trailside, the TMA has been pursuing new members and financial support with tremendous enthusiasm and success.

"The TMA board would like the public to be aware it is conducting a fund-raiser through Parker Gardens of Scotch Plains. If you mention the TMA when you check out at Parker Gardens from now through Dec. 30, 10 percent of your sale will be credited to TMA," Heisey said. "Your purchase of mums, trees, shrubs or yard accessories can help Trailside."

"A similar fund-raiser held during the spring raised over $400 for Trailside," Dyjak said. "The public can help us to raise funds for the exciting, new interactive exhibits currently being created for the new Trailside Visitors Center that will provide numerous environmental education opportunities for our community. The County of Union and TMA are also seeking funds from corporations and individuals. If you know of someone who can help, please pass this article along to them."

If you are interested in joining the Trailside Museum Association or would like to make a donation, call Trailside at 908-789-3670, ext. 221. The Trailside Museum Association is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization.

Annual competition draws students

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Campo wants to expose as many students to this program as possible. "He is working on getting the middle schools involved, which may happen in the spring."

The competition had 24 novice teams and 18 advanced groups.

"Most of the kids here are competing for the third year," Gilbert said. "It's not just fun for the kids, we faculty have a ball as well."

Zachery Mongiovi, a senior at David Bearley High School in Kenilworth, said that last year his team came in eighth place, but this year, "I hope we come in at least third place."

"We built an extra strong bridge this year," he added. "It's easy to break the sticks when they are in a horizontal position, but it's a lot more difficult to break them in vertical stance. I'd like to do this next year too, but I don't know if college students can participate."

Some of the builders do it for fun, while others concentrate on the challenge.

"I'm only here for one reason — to beat the magnet school," Daniel Oliveria, a senior at Elizabeth High School said. "They always win someplace in the top three and it bugs me."

Kevin Souza, a sophomore at Rahway High School, said it is his first year in the competition. "My friends were right, this is fun, but it's a lot of hard work too."

The top three winners in the novice category were Elizabeth High School's team B, Linden B and Elizabeth A. The top three in the advanced category were were Elizabeth, Magnet A and David Brearley A.

"It's really hit or miss with this contest," Drevelus said. "It really depends on good hand work, while building because you need to make sure that everything is glued in the exact spots."

Some of the schools had more than one team involved in the contest. Among the schools that participated were Cranford, Plainfield, Providence, Union and Clark, with a total of 40 teams in total participation from all schools.

To register for the next competition call Campo at 908-659-5128.

Red Kettle campaign takes a h.. from Target

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throughout the year for services such as soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, youth and senior programs and disaster services," Salvation Army Union County Director Nancy Wellbrook said.

She added that requests for assistance during the holidays as well as throughout the year have doubled in many New Jersey communities such as: Elizabeth and Roselle Park.

The red shield's budget is mostly composed of donations, government funds, program service fees and United Way funds, which equals about $20 million, roughly $6 million less than expenses.

A red alert matter in the Midwest, fewer kettles hanging around, has yet to cause scare in the East coast, Pellegrini said.

"This is very much publicized in states like Texas and Arizona," Pellegrini added. "But, not in our neck of the woods."

The Salvation Army, created by Ordained Methodist Minister William Booth in 1865, evolved into a quasi-military style.

"Booth became the general and officer's ranks were given to his ministers," Wellbrook said. "The Salvation Army has functioned successfully within that usual structure for more than a century."

Five years ago, the outreach program helped more than 103 countries and gospel began preaching in more than 160 languages.

The Salvation Army still keeps giving with the motto that "Sharing is Caring."

The red kettle was born when a Salvation Army captain wanted to provide a free Christmas dinner to people who couldn't afford one of their own.

Nationwide the Salvation Army aids more than six million people during Christmas and Thanksgiving.

"Kettles have changed since the first utilitarian caldron in San Francisco," Pellirgini said. "Today some kettles have a self-ringing bell, a booth with a system that broadcasts Christmas carols and even the capability for donors to use credit cards."

Since Target withdrew from the charity, the Red Shield organization has brought Michael's Craft Store and Big Lots on board.

"It's impossible to replace a retailer like Target," Hood said, "but, we can't give up. So, we have started taking donations online and by phone."

He added that the organization even took out their red kettles early this year in anticipation of fewer funds.

"We usually come out a day after Thanksgiving, but this year we started a week before the turkey holiday," Hood said.

Other stores where red kettles will be found are Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Sears, BJ's Wholesale, Walgreens, A&P, ShopRite, Kings, Acme, Foodtown, Stop & Shop and Superfresh.

Online donations can also be made at www.salvationarmyusa.org or call 1-800-salarmy.

COUNTY NEWS

Tree lighting Dec. 5

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will sponsor the annual holiday tree lighting and nature craft show Dec. 5 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine, at Watchung Stable, 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside.

Throughout the afternoon, visitors can enjoy barn tours, a petting zoo, horseback riding demonstrations by the Watchung Mounted Drill Team, and strolling holiday singers. Children will delight at lead-line horse rides and children's crafts. Also, the Union County Police Department will be available for children's fingerprinting throughout the afternoon.

The highlight of the afternoon will be the arrival of Santa Claus at 1 p.m. Children can visit with Santa from 1 to 5 p.m. Festivities will culminate with the tree lighting finale at 5 p.m.

Admission is free but it's suggested that patrons bring a donation of a dry or canned food item, or a new, unwrapped toy. All items collected will be distributed through local charities. Refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the afternoon.

For more information or directions, call the Trailside Nature and Science Center at 908-789-3670; Watchung Stable at 908-789-3665, or the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4900.

Tree sought for rotunda

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Division of Building Services are searching for an evergreen tree to decorate the Courthouse Rotunda for this year's holiday season.

Each year, the county asks its residents for help in supplying a 20- to 25-foot tall evergreen tree. The tree will be on display inside the courthouse, located at 2 Broad St. in downtown Elizabeth.

To donate a suitable tree, call the Union County Division of Building Services at 908-327-4240. Workers will come to one's property to cut, transport and grind the stump at no cost.

UCLSA holiday party

UCLSA, the association for legal professionals will have its annual holiday party Dec. 14 at BG Fields Restaurant on Springfield Avenue in Westfield. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. There will also be a $10 grab bag gift exchange along with a collection for UCLSA's charitable cause, cystic fibrosis.

For reservations or more information, call Judy Reed at 908-355-4892 or send an e-mail to j.reed1@att.net.

All legal professionals who either live or work in Union County are invited to attend UCLSA meetings. Members include legal assistants, legal secretaries, paralegals, judicial secretaries, as well as local, county and state government employees. In addition, student memberships are available to those individuals attending school on a full-time basis.

In addition, UCLSA presents an annual scholarship to a qualified individual living in Union County who is pursing a law-related career at its annual Installation of Officers banquet in May.

This year, the scholarship award will be in the amount of $1,000. The recipient of this local scholarship award may also be eligible to participate in the state association's scholarship contest for an additional scholarship award.

For more information regarding UCLSA, call UCLSA's membership chairman, Susie Mack at 973-849-2543, or send an e-mail to legalangel@hotmail.com.

'Women of Excellence' nominations available

Nominations are now available for the 13th annual "Women of Excellence" awards program sponsored by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women.

The commission seeks outstanding women nominees from Union County who have distinguished themselves in one or more of the following categories: Arts and Humanities; Business/Entrepreneur; Community Service; Education; Government; Law; Law Enforcement; Medicine/Health Care; and/or Women's Advocacy. The commission will accept nominations until Jan. 5.

The women selected from the nominees will be honored at The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood, on March 18 at 7 p.m.

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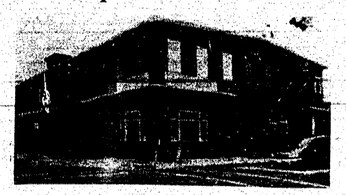

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For those people interested in antiques, it can be argued that there is no better place on earth to be than central New Jersey, conveniently located in such a way that many of the county's largest antique centers are all within an easy morning's drive. One such location is the beautiful town of Red Bank, New Jersey. In this idyllic water front community you will find countless shops, restaurants and cafe's to relax in and explore. The main draw, however, remains to be the abundance of truly special antique shops both large and small. This is a treasure hunter's paradise.

The centerpiece of the Red Bank antique market is aptly named "The Antique Center of Red Bank". Housed in what seems to be an enormous two story red barn, this continues to be the focal point of much attention for day-trippers visiting the area. In business now for over 36 years, this is the place to be if you want that certain something that's not to be found in any strip malls. In fact, you would have to go to garage sales from sun up to sun down for the next twenty years before you could begin to have the same sort of selection that they have here.

Can't find what you're looking for? The long time owner, Guy Johnson, can usually be found behind the counter and he is happy to assist any and all people in need. His ability and knowledge of the current antique market is amazing. It is obvious that he really enjoys his job. In fact, his success has also given him two more antique markets that are both just right across the street.

While many people, have gone through a phase of antique hunting in online auction sites, nothing will ever replace the joy and satisfaction of holding a treasured antique or collectible in your hands. The thriving antique markets of Red Bank are proof of this. We highly recommend spending an afternoon here, but remember to bring some extra money because you will surely find something that you can't live without, even if you plan on "just looking".

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Bobby Vinton, 'The Polish Prince,' set to perform at Arts Center

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor

Ask some musicians about their favorite performing memories, and they'll likely tell you about particular shows, or certain records they made. Bobby Vinton's favorite moment is when he aided Lech Walesa and the Solidarity movement in Poland.

No, don't start checking to see if this is the Arts & Entertainment section; you're in the right place. You read it correctly. Vinton's favorite memory is helping Poles gain their freedom.

"I had a song called, 'My Melody of Love,' that was half in English and half in Polish," said the entertainer who'll be performing at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway on Dec. 5. "It became a hit in Poland, which was a communist country. As a result of that song, the Polish people felt closer to the United States; it was a link between the U.S. and Poland." Naturally, since Vinton is Polish, he felt a loyalty to the people there. Determined to help, he visited the country.

"I went over there, and I believe that was a little bit of a spark for the Solidarity movement," said Vinton. "I had telethons on WGN in Chicago and raised millions of dollars for the Solidarity movement. I was supposed to meet with Lech Walesa and they arrested him that day. They brought me in for a discussion, and asked why I was in Poland. I was there because of my relatives; I saw how they were living and I wanted to do something. All of a sudden, I had a little meaning to my music."

So Vinton's story isn't of that the standard pop musician. Normally, when one thinks of politically active musicians, names such as Joan Baez or Bono come up, but that's the thing about Vinton, he's not as predictable as you might think.

Much of Vinton's popularity stems from the songs he sang in the '60s, including "Roses Are Red," which was used in the 1990 movie, "Goodfellas." Ironically, though Vinton is referred to in the movie, he didn't appear in it. His part was played by his son, Robbie.

"Martin Scorsese contacted me because he likes to keep his movies as authentic as possible. But I was performing in Reno at a hotel, and I told him that I couldn't make it," said Vinton. "Then I said 'Why don't you use my son? He looks like I did 20 years ago,' and Scorsese said, 'You know, I like that idea better.'"

Vinton did correct one point about the popular film.

"They had me sending champagne to Henry Hill's table," said Vinton. "I told them it wasn't true; I was a cheapskate. But the rest of it was true, they (gangsters) hung out at the Copa in those days, when I played there. They'd take me to the fights. Nobody bothered me then."

By his own admission, Vinton is a survivor. His career began when he was in high school, playing the same dances that he once attended.

"I had a band in high school, a dance band," he said. "When I was 15, I played at a dance. I remember going to the dance and standing in the back with friends of mine, and nobody talked to me. A week later, we played at the dance, and girls were coming up to me and kissing me, and guys shook my hand.

"Then a guy paid me $7 and I said to him, 'You're going to pay me for having a good time! God, what a wonderful life! And I have felt that way for 40 years."

Of course, it didn't hurt that Vinton had a leg up in the entertainment business. He grew up in Canonsburg, Pa, the hometown of singer Perry Como, and his father sang in an Italian band with Como.

Having performed more than 40 years, Vinton has met more than his share of entertainers, and he's quick to point out that the business has changed dramatically over that time.

"I see acts go on before me, and there are a lot of lights going on and off, but no act," he said. "I go on and sing and dance, and tell jokes, things the overall entertainment world today doesn't do.

"When the movie 'Blue Velvet' came out, the teenagers in England, who had never heard of me, went out and bought my record," said Vinton. "In England, I was so far out, I was in."

Ultimately, Vinton's incredible staying power is what separates him from the pack. He's had his ups and downs throughout his career, but through it all, he keeps performing, and new fans discover his music.

And if there's a key to Vinton's longevity, it might be that he's constantly thinking of what the future holds.

"I don't live in the past," he acknowledged. "They showed a survey in 1963 that said my music was played most on the radio, with Frank Sinatra second and Elvis Presley third. But I don't want to live in the past. I'm looking forward."

Which might just be the most important part of Vinton's success; he doesn't let fame and popularity go to his head.

"I made two movies with John Wayne," said Vinton. "He was everything he was supposed to be. I said if this guy's concerned about everybody around him, and he doesn't act like a big shot, that's the way to stay popular.

"I always enjoyed performing, I never got excited about all the girls fawning over me. The second someone else gets big, people will fawn over them."

Vinton will perform at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway, on Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $65 and $50. For more information, call the box office at 732-499-8226.

Many forms of pottery on display at winter arts and crafts show

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor

Deb Mell doesn't approach art casually.

"I've been doing artwork forever," said the Maplewood resident.

Well, maybe not forever, but it's pretty clear that Mell isn't a novice, so her work, which will be on display at the Winter Craft and Quilt Sale at the Pierro Gallery from Dec. 2 through 5, from noon to 8 p.m. daily, is certainly worth examining.

Mell is a painter, but she also makes some beaded figures and big platters, which will be on display at the gallery. Currently, the work she's doing is on family and friends, and stories about her background.

"This is not the way you'd do it if you were Native American, "said Mell, referring to the items she'll be displaying at the show. "I use resin, they use needle and thread. But mine are sculptural, the things I have in this craft are huge mosaic platters and huge beaded figures. My other work is pretty flat, and it's large."

In her biography, Mel noted the importance of her background in her work.

"Mythology itself has evolved from the cultural underpinnings present in virtually all societies, and different civilizations have relied on the dissemination of myths as a way of 'explaining' the inexplicable, enforcing cultural institutions, or relieving societal tensions. Most mythological tales, furthermore, are couched in the spiritual allegories of the societies from which they emanate.

"This, then, is the background I use in my art to build on the personal story of my relationships with family, friends and acquaintances. I believe I can use my background, which includes ancestors of Native American Indian heritage, as my personal dictionary. I use the playfulness inherent in most myths and legends as a means of turning personal frustrations and fantasies into artistic portrayals."

Carole Wong Chesek of Summit teaches ceramics at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts at Montclair State University, and she was quick to point out the growing popularity of specific techniques of making pottery.

"Pottery at this point in time is very diverse, (there is am) interest in exotic firings, such as Raku and wood firing," Chesek said. "There's a lot of interest in the decorative and colorful low-fire techniques." Chesek, who is mostly self-taught, added that her focus is largely in traditional reduction-fired ceramics of the Chinese and Japanese traditions.

Interestingly, Chesek discovered ceramics during a course she took in college.

"I was in my last year of getting a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at San Francisco Art Institute and I had one elective left," she said. "I took ceramics as an elective to finish off my coursework, and I've been doing it ever since."

At the show, Chesek will display a variety of bowls, plates and some decorative wall pieces.

For further information, call the Pierro Gallery at 973-378-7754.

Jazz singer's sizzling performance caps a season at Le Dome

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor

By press time, the steam finally dissipated from the windows at Le Dome.

Granted, it took almost a week, but that's easily understood by those who witnessed Laura Theodore's performance.

Theodore, singing a variety of jazz songs, all centered on the theme of love, showcased her four-octave voice – highlighted by her demonstrative gyrations, during her performance at Le Dome, the theater at The Manor in West Orange, on Nov. 18. Performing a mix of jazz and blues, Theodore brought an overwhelming passion to her music. Leaping, stomping, hips gyrating, hands gesturing, Theodore's constant energy produced a thinly-veiled sexual tension, which added to the electricity in her performance.

The night began with an off-the-menu treat prepared by The Manor's chef, consisting of a lobster mousse and a watercress soup. Both elements were very light, with the watercress possessing a delightful tang.

For the first course, I had the carpaccio of yellow fin tuna, complemented by pickled cucumbers and white soy vinaigrette. The vinaigrette had a taste that almost seemed to hint of a cross between Dijon mustard and horseradish, enhancing the taste of the tuna. My guest had the roasted corn chowder with Maine lobster, served with cilantro oil. The chowder was perfectly seasoned, light but rich in taste.

The salad was an organic baby spinach salad, augmented by a unique, cream-based walnut dressing. The dressing, combined with savory, seasoned maple walnuts and apple slices, lent itself to an extraordinary taste.

For the main course, my guest had the roasted tenderloin of beef, served with artichoke risotto cake, baby beets and balsamic demi glace. I opted for the whole grain mustard-crusted organic pork rack, accompanied by sweet potato gratin, haricots verts, and natural jus.

My guest found the beef to be ordinary, but acceptable. The pork rack, which the waiter said was intended to be served medium rare, turned out to be too rare for my taste, and the meat was fattier than I would have liked.

The meal was capped by an outstanding dessert, warm Granny Smith apple strudel, served with a rum raisin anglaise, which was ideal for this time of year. It had a natural sweetness, and the rum added to the flavor without overwhelming the taste.

Then it was up to Le Dome. The beginning of the show was delayed approximately 20 minutes to accommodate some patrons who were finishing their meal, and there were some difficulties with sound from the microphone — yet none of these things distracted Theodore, or detracted from her performance.

The singer took the stage, emanating a visible confidence as she began her performance with a light, energetic banter with the audience. Theodore opened her set with the familiar refrain of "I'm In The Mood For Love," capturing the audience instantly.

Theodore's amazing voice had an incredible versatility to it, allowing her to blend a variety of sounds and emotions, seamlessly melding from one mood to the next.

Much of the credit for the timing of the music should go to Don Rebic's mastery of the piano, while Mary Ann McSweeney established a sort of smoke-filled room feel with her bass that lent a sultry aura to the performance.

Theodore sang several well-known songs, including "Honeysuckle Rose" and "Do Right," but her performance of some lesser known songs seemed to expand the audience's appreciation of Theodore's singing ability, and jazz, as well. Singing "Boom Boom," she built a sense of increasing momentum, while her rendition of "Spring Is Here" produced a bittersweet feel, blending energetic optimism with a melancholy mood. A rousing ovation brought her back for an encore, "The Happy Blues," an Ella Fitzgerald standard.

Theodore has just released a new CD, "What The World Needs Now Is Love," available on Bearcat Records. Simply put, anyone who hasn't seen Theodore perform owes it to themselves to see her in concert. Even for those who don't appreciate jazz, Theodore's sensational voice and unique style will leave a lasting impression.

Laura Theodore

For more information, visit her Web site at www.lauratheodore.com.

New Jersey Symphony Orchestra plays on the strings of love

By Astera Argyris
and Helen Argers

Have you ever gazed at a sea and seen the waves rising and crashing, and the wind unrelentingly chasing them into wilder and wilder movements, rousing awe and majesty, and you wonder that such beauty exists? Have you ever felt the pangs of love and concluded no other feeling could equal either the longing for or the despair of loss of love? Anyone who would answer 'yes' to both questions would have relished the uplifting performance at New Jersey Performing Arts Center of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, playing their Golden Age Collection of strings.

It featured two of the greatest composers' interpretation of love, longing and fulfillment of "Tristan and Isolde": prelude and liebestod, and Berlioz's excerpts from "Romeo and Juliet." Both are similarly abbreviated operas done symphonically and both have comparable themes of fierce love and doomed passion. The evening culminated with Debussy's "La Mer" that dropped human longing for nature's own exhibition of wild emotion. All three were finely performed by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, conducted by the internationally renowned Stanislaw Skrowaczewski. There, in Prudential Hall, a venue that always gives one the illusion of having crept inside a violin, the orchestra's famed golden strings and talented playing presented a fulfilling evening of grand passion.

The first selection was Richard Wagner's "Tristan and Isolde." The prelude begins with four soft notes sounding like a moan of love. That last note of the four then blooms into a strong chord played by oboes, bassoons and English horn. It is called the "Tristan chord," depicting the hero's longing. Whenever it sounds, it leaves one unsatisfied, as is Tristan, who, while escorting Isolde to marry his king, falls victim to a forbidden love. That helplessness is present in the chord's dissonance — not resolved until the composition's potent ending when death unites the lovers and the chord now sounds clear in full consonance.

For skeptics who do not believe in grand love or in music that glorifies and ignites that emotion, this would not have been your evening.

For the same theme was there in the second selection or Berlioz's interpretation of "Romeo and Juliet," obviously inspired by Shakespeare's play. As everyone knows and as Shakespeare himself judged, "never was a story of more woe than this of Juliet and her Romeo." Yet, there is less heartbreak than in the Wagner and more sprightly moments of hopeful, young love, transmitted through the repetition of string pizzicato and even more in the glissando as the music slid up and down the scales. Kudos for the NJSO's verve and vivacity, somewhat missing in the orchestra's performance of the Wagner. However, the energetic playing led to two mishaps. The principal cellist, Jonathan Spitz, broke a string and had to exchange his cello with that of the player the row behind.

Not more than a few seconds later, the associate concertmaster's violin string snapped, and he had to exchange as well. Did that say something about the spirit emanating throughout the hall that night — no holds barred? Nevertheless, maestro Skrowaczewski was undisturbed, lost in the music, swinging both arms wide, protectively embracing the performers and their music — urging them to give their utmost.

One sensed that in his mind he was playing each instrument himself, for the speed, the delicacy, the delight were all transmitted from him to his receptive players. Well done, all.

And then came the sea. Debussy, it was said, was affected by Wagner who — in this interesting connection — was influenced by hearing Berlioz's "Romeo and Juliet" played in 1839. Continuing this linkage, Wagner's "Tristan and Isolde" of 1859 inspired Debussy. Yet, this Wagner sway was overcome by Debussy's visits to the exhibitions of the Impressionist painters of his time. He marveled at how they changed nature by seeing reality through their own emotions. In this vein, Debussy said, "I am more and more convinced that music, by its very nature, is something that cannot be cast into a traditional and fixed form, ... it is made up of colors and rhythms. The rest is a lot of humbug invented by rigid imbeciles riding on the backs of the masters." And so, he began to write music that broke the past masters' molds. As Impressionist paintings played with light and form, his music played with sound and rearranged harmonies. "La Mer" was at first criticized as being "nebulous," yet Debussy's new-wave style went on to father modern compositions. His shimmering sounds and reliance more on atmosphere have since been copied and copied. "La Mer" begins with a muted trumpet and then the English horn sounds the theme, bringing out images of whispering waves.

The music then drops down fathoms below to echoes of life underwater. But predominately, the music depicts the surface sea bathed in the light of heaven through a string of porcelain sounds, so delicate and exquisite, listening brings out a quiet gasp.

Yarrow presents next generation

The eclectic mix of traditional American folk and blues, with an occasional influx of dulcimers and slide guitars, has become the earmark of Bethany Yarrow.

Yarrow will bring her ear-tingling melodies to the Watchung Arts Center on Dec. 4 at 8 p.m., for what promises to be a truly memorable night of new folk music.

In her debut CD, "Rock Island," Yarrow borrows from the deep river of American song and creates a gorgeous and totallly contemporary sonic landscape with her haunting voice at the forefront.

The daughter of Peter, of the legendary folk trio Peter, Paul and Mary, spent plenty of time trying to escape her folks before embracing the music with a new enthusiasm.

"Folk music may be in my blood, but I spent a lot of time running away from it," she said. "By the time I was 14, I had green hair, 11 piercings, was listening to hardcore, and spent my weekends at Danceteria and my Sundays down at CBGBs. ... Singing these old tunes was the last thing I thought I'd end up doing."

But folk music is in her blood, indeed, and sometimes there is no escaping it.

So Yarrow decided to return to her roots and the music she grew up with by recording a CD of traditional American songs.

"I guess you can run, but you can't hide," she said. "So, I've been re-recording traditional slave lullabies, prison songs, and murder ballads, turning them into a kind of grooving electronic pop that I call 'deep folk' music, as in 'deep house' or 'deep soul.' These may be old songs, but this CD doesn't really sound at all like folk music."

Chapin is ready to appear at NJPAC

Folk music specialist Tom Chapin brings his always-entertaining musical stories, songs, and personal charm to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in his performance of "Celebrate The Season" on Dec. 4 and 5 at 2 p.m. in the Victoria Theater. Tickets are $19 for adults and $10 for children under 14, and may be purchased by telephone at 888-466-5722, at the NJPAC Box Office at 1 Center Street in downtown Newark, or by visiting the NJPAC Web site at www.njpac.org. This event is presented as part of the Verizon Passport to Culture: Family Time Series, and is appropriate for children ages 3 and older.

Celebrate the Season is a treat for all ages and musical tastes. With his commanding baritone voice and melodic guitar lines, renowned folksinger and songwriter, Chapin, sings the stories of our lives. Pausing for a moment during the hustle and bustle of the myriad wintertime holidays, Chapin's music reminds listeners that to celebrate the season is to celebrate the gift of family. From the families that are inherited to the families that are created — at school, at work and at play — Chapin's unique brand of children's music weaves stories of coming together, working together, and learning together.

Chapin began his long and varied career performing with his brothers Harry and Steve, as The Chapin Brothers in Greenwich Village in the 1960s, when they were teenagers. Between 1971 and 1976, Tom was the host of ABC-TV's award-winning children's series "Make a Wish," where he first became involved in children's music and began writing songs for the show.

In 1988, realizing that his young daughters were too old for the children's music that existed, Chapin created "Family Tree," an album appealing to older children, thus beginning a new phase in his performing and recording career.

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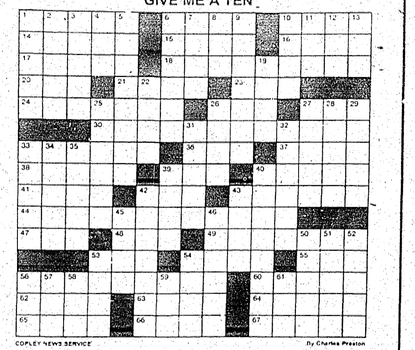

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SATURDAY
December 4th, 2004
EVENT: "Peppermint Boutique" Craft Fair
PLACE: Mother Seton RHS, Valley Road, Clark
TIME: 9AM-5PM
PRICE: Free Admission
ORGANIZATION: Mother Seton Parent Guild

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY
November 27th, 2004
EVENT: Flea Market & Collectible Show
PLACE: Msgr. Owen's Park, Park Avenue, Nutley, NJ (off Washington Avenue or Exit 8 Rt.21 No. or So.)
TIME: 9AM-5PM Outdoors
DETAILS: New merchandise, collectibles, crafts and a garage & tag sale section. For information Call 201-997-9535
ORGANIZATION: Sponsor by:Nutley Roller Hockey League

SATURDAY
December 4th, 2004
EVENT: Big Indoor Flea Market
PLACE: Roselle Catholic High School, 1 Raritan Road, Roselle
TIME: 9am-4pm
PRICE: Call for information 908-245-2350
ORGANIZATION: Roselle Catholic High School.

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY/ SUNDAY
December 4th, 5th, 2004
EVENT: 2 Day Giant Flea Market, Craft & Collectible Show
PLACE: Belleville High School, 100 Passaic Avenue, Belleville, NJ (off Joralemon Street)
TIME: Saturday Dec. 4, 9AM-4PM Outdoors, 4PM-10PM Indoors
Sunday Dec. 5, 9AM-5PM In & Outdoors
DETAILS: Pictures with Santa indoors Saturday 5-8PM & Sunday 11AM-3PM. New merchandise, gifts, crafts, collectibles, garage and tag sale section. Free mini Trick Tray for customers indoors Saturday night & Sunday. Drawing held Sunday at 3PM
For information Call:201-997-9535
ORGANIZATION: Sponsor by:BHS SEPPO & Celebration Graduation

SUNDAY
December 5th, & 19th, 2004
EVENT: Flea Market
PLACE: St. Mary's High School, 237 South Broad Street, Elizabeth
TIME: 8am-3pm
INFORMATION: Over 100 tables of bargains. Limited space. For more information call 908-352-4350
ORGANIZATION: St. Mary's High School.

AUCTION

FRIDAY
December 3rd, 2004
EVENT: 28th Annual Holiday Auction
PLACE: Holy Spirit School, 970 Suburban Road, Union
TIME: Doors open 6pm
PRICE: $10 per ticket
DETAILS: 50/50 already over $5,000, great prizes including, digital camera, camcorder, TV, play station2, cash, fine collectibles, lots of christmas items and much much more. For information call 908-687-8415
ORGANIZATION: Sponsored by:Holy Spirit School

OTHER

SATURDAY
December 4th, 2004
EVENT: Holiday Jewelry and Giftware Sale
PLACE: New Eyes for the Needy, 549 Millburn Avenue, Short Hills, NJ
TIME: 10am to 3pm
PRICE: Free Admission - Antique and costume jewelry, watches, silver, crystal and-porcelain at reasonable prices. For information call 973-376-4903.
ORGANIZATION: New Eyes for the Needy

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HOROSCOPES

Nov. 29 to Dec. 5

ARIES, March 21 to April 19: Do not walk away from a debate or intellectual contest. Use logic and information gathered from research and you will win hands down.

TAURUS, April 20 to May 20: Present a business or financial proposal with confidence and flair. Do your homework, verify your facts and show off some of your creativity.

GEMINI, May 21 to June 21: An affair of the heart demands attention. Approach a loved one with patience and loving care and impress him or her with your charm.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22: Step up to claim and use your personal power. Align your mind, body and soul into a unified force and let the magic begin.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 22: A speculation has great potential for success. Find the courage to look fate in the eye and take a chance on a long shot.

VIRGO, Aug. 23 to Sept. 22: Domestic issues are highlighted this week. Take steps to resolve problems, heal relationships and to get your home life back on track.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: If a story or promise sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Ask questions and demand answers that will satisfy your need to know.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 21: Take a close look at your income or financial status. If by chance you do not like what you see, make the necessary changes now.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 22 to Dec. 21: Spending time in the public domain helps to fuel your ambition. Gather energy and pursue your goals and dreams with vigor.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 19: Enjoy quiet time spent far away from the crowds. Retreat to a hideaway and recharge your mental and emotional batteries.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 20 to Feb. 18: Observe the rules and strive to keep the peace among members in a club or group. Proceed with caution and avoid rocking the boat.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20: You are on top of the world professionally this week. Meet with superiors or authority figures and welcome the challenges that come your way.

If your birthday is this week, your level of creativity is at an all time high during the coming year. Find a way to utilize this cycle to maximize or accelerate your professional ambitions. The best opportunities to expand will come through friends. Practice the art of discernment and guard against idealism or unrealistic expectations, especially in close relationships. Caution in communication is also encouraged.

Also born this week: Dennis Wilson, Joseph Conrad, Maria Callas, Woody Allen, Mark Twain and C.S. Lewis.

Church to present Christmas Fair

"Angels Among Us" is the theme for the 40th annual Christmas Fair to be held by Grace United Methodist Church, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the church building at 555 Russell Ave., on the corner of Elder Avenue, in Wyckoff.

On Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. there will be tree trimming, Christmas caroling and hot chocolate in the fellowship hall.

Visitors are invited to attend this festive event.

Popular favorites for the fair, as well as some new attractions, will be on hand — festive foods, craft items, bakery goods, tricky tray baskets, the General Store, wreaths, plants, jewelry, new toys, photographs with Santa, a sports shop, and white elephants.

All items will make suitable gifts for holiday giving.

The drawing for the tricky tray items will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday on baskets featuring many different and interesting themes.

During the fair, the Grace UMC kitchen will be selling homemade soup, chili, chicken pot pies, and other lunch and dinner items for all ages.

The Grace Boutique will sell handmade items crafted by parishioners from the church in craft workshops held throughout the year.

The Consignor's Boutique features items made by professional crafters.

A General Store will offer new merchandise items, poinsettias and other plants.

Also featured this year will be cash and carry gifts from Pampered Chef and Avon.

The church's Senior High Youth Fellowship will be selling Christmas wreaths.

Proceeds will be used to fund a senior high mission trip this coming summer.

Photos with Santa gives children an opportunity to be photographed on St. Nick's lap on Friday, from 11 a.m. to noon and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The photos will be processed and will be available at the church. Santa's Playland is an activity room for children 5 years old and up.

Children younger than 5 must be accompanied by an adult. There will be flesh tattooing, sand art, crafts and contests.

Arts Center to host 'A Christmas Carol'

The Union County Arts Center is will present the Charles Dickens classic, "A Christmas Carol," on Dec. 5 at 3 p.m.

This charming version follows closely to the original, complete with the four spirits — Marley's ghost and the spirits of Christmas past, present, and future. Famed British comedic actor Micky O'Donoughue joins the cast as Scrooge along with local theater students appearing in various roles.

Tickets are $15 and may be purchased by calling at 732-499-8226, online by visiting the Web site, www.UCAC.org, or in person at the box office located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. Group discounts are available. Handicapped accessible seating is available. The theater is conveniently located within walking distance of the New Jersey Transit train station; Exit 135 off the Garden State Parkway, and Exit 12 off the New Jersey Turnpike.

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DJ Tamir in schedule for Dusty's in Roselle

Dusty's Place, Union County's newest nightspot, 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.

'Cornections 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.

The exhibit will run through Tuesday.

Accidental images, too, are considered as they often are clues to the development of a photographer's unique vision.

Salon and pictorial imagery are deemphasized.

The Unique Vision Photography Workshop views photography as a path of self-discovery.

Thus, the images often say more about the photographers than they say 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 Bailey, Arnis Balgalvis, Norma Bernstock, Ron Brown, George Bujarski, Marvin Cline, Brian Geldziler, Pam Greene, Linda Guerci, Fred Hedge, Tom Heller, Dot Kuehn, Sheila Lenga, Coleen Marks, John Martancik, Walter Oliver, Lester Pfeiffer, Jody Pfeiffer, Glenn Podel, Joe Riggio, Maureen Rock, Joan Shyers, Neal Snitow, Tom Stillman, Ray Yargs and Sue Zwick.

Additionally, several prints by Pam Constable, who participates via the Internet from New England, will be shown. For more information about this particular exhibit, call 908-753-0149, or visit www.watchungarts.org.

Kean will present a professional equity theatre program

Kean University announces Premier Stages, a new professional Actor's Equity Association theater program. Actively engaging and enhancing the professional theater academic programs at Kean, Premiere Stages will also serve a culturally diverse audience, children-at-risk, and a broad pool of artists.

Premiere Stages features four uniquely conceived projects that will nurture and encourage the work of students, introduce children to the arts, attract high-profile artists to the institution and provide a forum for the development of new plays. The Premiere Stages Play Festival will present the work of emerging dramatists living in the greater metropolitan area through readings, workshops, and fully produced world-premiere productions. For more information on Premiere Stages at Kean University, or to get on the mailing list, call 908-737-6397, ext. 4-410, or send an e-mail to jwooten@kean.edu.

Hispanic Heritage Month celebrated at Ritz Theatre

To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, The Ritz Theatre recently hosted an interactive art lesson for 100 elementary school students from Harrison Elementary School and The Shim Academy of Roselle.

"I treated the Ritz Arts Council to celebrate art in its many forms," said Ritz Theatre owner George A. Castro II. "In the future, we will host a variety of events at The Ritz Theatre featuring fine art, music, dance and more, to bring the arts to the community and educate children."

The students learned about fine art techniques of Hispanic artists Jorge Posada from Colombia, Franck de la Mercedes from Nicaragua, and Rene Mayorga from El Salvador. The artists exhibited some of their own work and engaged the children in art lessons, offering them the opportunity to use their imaginations while creating portraits and collages.

The Ritz Theatre was built in 1865 and originally opened as Drake's Opera House. After a variety of incarnations, surviving near destruction and years of vacancy, the Ritz Theatre is once again being recognized as a first class showplace for top entertainers.

Season is under way for Westfield Community Players

The Westfield Community Players membership drive for its 2004-05 season is now under way, with a four-show season price of $45, a savings of 30 percent off the price of individual tickets. The Box Office is reached by calling 908-232-1221 and is ready to take reservations for the opening show or for the full season.

New President Naomi Yablonsky, who has directed and performed at WCP, announced the new season of drama, comedy, murder and song.

For the upcoming 2004-05 season, WCP membership director Letty Hudak notes that a $45 membership gives tickets to all four of the new season's shows as well as a newsletter and notification of special events. The cost of membership she added, is almost a 30 percent savings over buying tickets to all four shows individually. Individual season subscriptions can be obtained for $45 each with checks payable to Westfield Community Players, sent to Letty Hudak at 409 Harrison Ave., Westfield, NJ 07090. All shows open on a Saturday night and run Friday and Saturday evenings for three or four weekends, making it easy to have a local night out to experience live theater.

The British Farce "There Goes the Bride" by Ray Cooney and John Chapman will be presented in January as an antidote to the winter blahs. A society wedding is disrupted by the father of the bride, who lapses into fantasy about the roaring '20s at the Savoy Hotel in London. Show dates are Jan. 8 through 22 with all tickets priced at $15.

Agatha Christie's courtroom drama, "Witness for the Prosecution" is the March show. True to form, confusion, doubt and double-cross are skillfully presented by the author in this Tony Award winning play. The play is March 5 through 19 with tickets priced at $15.

WCP ends the season in May with the James Valeq and Fred Alley musical "The Spitfire Grill." With a score inspired by American folks music, this story of redemption and hope takes place at a restaurant in a small town that serves up more than food to weary souls. The show is April 30 through May 21, with all tickets priced at $20.

Westfield Community Players, founded in 1934, is one of the oldest continuously operating community theaters in the state of New Jersey and has brought to life more than 190 comedies, dramas and musicals in its 150-seat theater in Westfield. With four productions for the upcoming season, it continues to be a vibrant part of the cultural scene in Union county.

Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment of the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Musicians meet at workshop to hone their craft

Area musicians who are looking for an opportunity to fine tune their skills and share their talents have several options available, provided by Westfield's New Jersey Workshop for the Arts Music Studio.

The Music Studio's String Ensemble, a highly successful program this summer, will return for the fall and winter. Intended for violin, viola, cello and string bass players, the ensemble will meet on Saturdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at 150-152 E. Broad St. The hourly sessions, under the direction of Janet Lyman, will run from through March at a fee of $100 for Music Studio students and $175 for non-students. Participants must have one year playing experience.

Another course, for brass, percussion, strings and woodwinds, is the Symphony Orchestra, also directed by Lyman. Intended for musicians of all ages, this group will meet on Saturdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church on Raritan Road in Clark, also from October to March. The fee for this program is $100 for Music Studio participants and $175 for others. Requirements include one-year ensemble playing experience, but on a more advanced level than the string ensemble. Musicians must bring a music stand to rehearsal.

Lyman, a faculty member in the Tenafly school system, has both a bachelor's and master's degree from the Manhattan School of Music. She founded and conducts the Tenafly Symphony Orchestra and is the music director at Zion Lutheran Church, where she established a brass and string ensemble, directs the hand bell choir, and conducts the adult and youth choirs.

For information on these and other Music Studio programs, including private and group lessons, Kids on Keys, Strolling Strings, the Alphorn Ensemble, the Concert Band and the Full Count Jazz Band, call 908-789-9696.

Horticulturist signs books at Arboretum

Reeve-Reed Arboretum staff horticulturist Marta McDowell will be hosting a book signing of her new book, "Emily Dickinson's Gardens," on Dec. 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Wisner House on the grounds of RRA, 165 Hobart St., Summit. McDowell will also be offering a lecture on the book for the Adult School of Madison, Chatham and Florham Park on Dec. 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Chatham Middle School. The lecture is open to the general public and costs $15.

The book is available at the Garden Shop at RRA, as well as select book shops. For more information on the book signing, call 908-273-8787.

Book's focus is humor of aging

A heartwarming and inspiring read for seniors and those on their way to that exalted status, "The Older I Get ... Light Verse from a Senior Perspective" by Don Weill offers a lighthearted look at the sunset side of life.

"The Older I Get ..." is a humorous, poignant collection of poems that covers a wide array of life issues relating to seniors," writes Weill. "From the joys of grandparenthood to the aches and pains of the aging athlete, from retirement to late-life love, from regrets to the setting of ambitious goals, the topics are universal."

With wit and grace, Weill leads readers from reflective moments to whimsical memories. He unveils emotions that some may find hard to express, and he does this in a way that comforts and uplifts. At the same time, he captures the complexities involved with aging: the challenges of maturity, the sorrows of loss and the joys of being alive, to name a few. The following excerpt from "Lost at the Beach" illustrates Weill's style.

That carefree lad has vanished/ That boy with cheek so tan/ And in his place you find me,/ A very cautious man./ I'm under an umbrella/I'm sunscreened head to toe/ I'm wiser, yes, but duller/ Where did the old me go?/ A youngster shouts, "Hey, mister!"/His beachball's rolled my way I pick it up and toss it back/ To him and yesterday.

Howard Silver, author of "Fairy Tales for the Young at Heart," writes "Reading Don Weill's book of poetry ... is like eating popcorn. Once you start, you can't stop and, reaching the end, you wish there were much more."

Weill, now retired, enjoyed a long career as a broker and investor in New York real estate. In college, he was the editor of the Syracuse University *Daily Orange* and was the poet laureate of his class. He served as an officer in the Korean War and, after his tour of duty, worked as a reporter for the *Long Island Star Journal*. Weill later published a daily newspaper in Somerville. He authored a previous collection of poetry in 1977, titled, "The Reluctant Investor." His work has appeared in The Saturday Evening Post, the *Wall Street Journal* and most recently in *The New York Times*. Weill is the father of four and grandfather of eight. He and his wife, Elaine, split their time between New Jersey and Florida. Weill is currently working on his next book.

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Arts program to serve caregivers

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced the renewal of its successful, innovative program to bring the arts to the homes of full-time family caregivers of care recipients older than 60 years of age.

"The time and energy-consuming responsibilities of full-time family caregivers often prevent them from participating in the arts they love," said Freeholder Mary Ruotolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "The talent and diversity of our artists assures a fulfilling creative experience for the caregivers."

The free program has artists come to the caregiver's home in a series of visits, bringing art personalized to suit their individual needs and interests.

Some examples of visits include stress-relieving movement techniques; writers to help document family stories or teach journal keeping; live musical performances to share with friends or each other; professional portraits done from life or favorite old photos; art projects for caregivers and care recipients to do together; and lessons in watercolor, keyboard playing, and drama.

"Recent studies have shown that the stress of long-term caregiving responsibilities can have detrimental effects on the health and emotional well being of the caregiver," said Freeholder Chester Holmes, liaison to the Hospice and Home Health Care Advisory Board. "This program is intended to relieve that stress while it exercises the caregiver's creativity."

In addition to caring for a family member, the caregiver may also work a full-time job outside the home.

As long as the care recipient is older than 60 years of age and both live in Union County, they are eligible. While focused on the caregiver, the program will benefit everyone in the family.

The Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs is coordinating this unique program, which is made possible by grants from the Union County Division on Aging and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State.

The program is free to caregivers; however, voluntary donations are gratefully accepted and used to expand the program.

For more information about arts in the home, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs by writing to 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202; by calling 908-558-2550, NJ Relay users dial 711; or by sending inquiries via e-mail to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

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'Ali Baba' to be performed at Dancing Goat

The New York Performing Artist Company, based in Glen Ridge, presents "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves" at 2 p.m., Saturday at The Dancing Goat Café, 21 South Orange Ave., South Orange. Tickets are $12 for adults; $7 for children under 12 plus $5 food/beverage minimum for all. For ticket reservations and information, call The Dancing Goat Café, 973-275-9000. Reservations are recommended.

Children and adults of all ages will enjoy this enchanting story-theater production of "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves," one of the best-loved tales from the "Thousand and One Arabian Nights." Directed by New York stage director Donald Brenner, this production features actress/dancer Celeste Varricchio. In this solo performance, she transports your imagination to an ancient land where a poor woodcutter named Ali Baba faces disaster when he discovers a fabulous treasure cave. Only his clever slave girl, Morgiana, can save him from certain death at the hands of the wicked 40 thieves who inhabit the cave. You will meet the good Ali Baba, his greedy brother Kassim, the beautiful and clever Morgiana, the ferocious captain of the robbers, and many more, a total of 12 different characters in all, played to perfection and underscored with a prerecorded musical soundtrack of classical Arabic music.

"Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves" has been presented at schools, arts-in-education programs, and venues which include Lincoln Center, Caramoor Center for Music, Nashville Institute for the Arts, Philadelphia Institute for the Arts in Education, Paper Mill Playhouse, the Clark Art Institute, and the Morris Museum.

Celeste Varricchio, a resident of Glen Ridge and a classically trained actress, in her dual identity as Middle Eastern dancer — Morgiana Celeste — has performed internationally, in New York, and at regional and stock theaters throughout the United States, special events and in Middle Eastern venues in the northeast. As producing director for New York Performing Artist Company and the new Mosaic Dance Theater Company, she has produced and performed in the touring productions of Ovid's "Metamorphoses"; "Caravan to Cairo"; "Gypsy Tales," which she adapted and directed, and "Banat el Emir, or The Dancing Princesses" which she authored. Additionally, Varricchio has credits as costume designer, dance and theater instructor, and dialect coach. She has worked as production assistant for several Broadway productions and as artistic consultant to the late Anthony Quinn. She holds an MFA from Trinity University and a BA from Lehigh University.

Off-Broadway Director Donald Brenner adapted and directed a new version of "Miracle on Thirty-Fourth Street" at the Lucille Lortel Theatre starring Tony Award-winners Debbie Gravitte and Chuck Cooper, and "A Tale of Two Cities" at the Mint Theatre Company. At the York Theatre, he directed "Insomnia" with Eddie Korbich and "Island" by Tony Nominee Peter Link, with Terry Burrell and Byron Utley. His production of "1776" was named one of the Top San Diego Productions of the Year by PBS and earned him a Backstage West "Robby" Award nomination for Best Direction of a Musical. His over 60 regional directing credits include Jeffrey Hatcher's "Wilde Goes West" for the Pioneer Theatre Olympic Play Commission Project and "The Gym" for the Berkshire Theater Festival. As associate resident director for the Lark Theatre Company, Brenner directed David Rambo's "Rhinebeck." He is working with Emmy Award winner Sherman Yellen on the development of Yellen's new play, "December Fools" with Carole Shelley, Alma Cuervo, and Rita Gardner. He also assistant directed City Center Encores! "The Boys From Syracuse", with Malcolm Gets and Rebecca Luker.

Based in Glen Ridge, N.Y., Performing Artist Company, touring since 1992, presents theater and dance productions for arts-in-education and family programming for schools and such venues as Lincoln Center, Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, Brooklyn Museum, Paper Mill Playhouse, and Nashville Institute for the Arts. The new Mosaic Dance Theater Company, as the company will be known, develops and presents theatrical and educational programs celebrating the rich culture of the Mediterranean countries of Europe, North Africa and the Middle East. For additional information, visit the Web site at www.nyperformingartistco.com.

Art show focuses on women and society

The next art exhibit at The Arts Guild of Rahway is "Illusions: Collusions/Collisions," featuring new works by Patricia Cudd, Anuradha Das and Erena Rae. The exhibit runs through Dec. 10.

This exhibit is curated by Patricia Cudd, former assistant curator for prints and works on paper at The Zimmer Museum, New Brunswick.

The exhibit brings together three printmakers, Anuradha Das, Erena Rae and Patricia Cudd, who use a variety of printmaking processes to explore ways in which women try to conform — collusion — to the norms — illusions — of society, yet this collusion also causes conflict — collisions — for them. Using visual images, text or combinations of both, along with handwork, fabric and sewing, these works explore conflicts within women's lives whether adhering to or avoiding behavior and expectations inherent in the mores of society.

Das confronts us with some of the issues faced by women in her native country, India. She is currently focusing on how women are affected by war and on the resurgence in the use of veils. While tradition holds that veils are used to protect women, they can also obscure and keep from mind and sight women and their issues. Her print, "Chilman: Relegated Behind The Veil," is not framed, but hung loose; emphasizing that a chilman is a curtain and so is the veil. "Living In Their Shadow" includes fabric and beading-feminine attributes which are a delicate contrast to the strong images of linocut and wood relief.

Rae, with a background in drawing, printmaking, graphic design and typography, has a strong interest in language. Always alert to what is written or said, she presents in her works the dichotomies inherent in words or statement.

Typography is a strong element in the design of her work. "Happy Secretary's Day" addresses conflicts inherent in what appears to be recognition for service, yet flowers and candy are usually for mothers, wives or girlfriends, hardly professional.

"Portrait of the Artist as a Woman" addresses how women are reared to place the needs and wants of others before their own and to accept direction and decisions from others.

Cudd explores the intersection of text and image. Realizing that while looking at an image, one thinks of words for it and in reading words one visualizes an image, she believes that neither meaning can be changed or expanded alone. She often works by combining words or short phrases with images.

In her aprons, the symbol of motherhood and home, she expresses some of the conflicts in women's lives. Working woman, wife, mother, ... the battle for balance continues even after three waves of feminism. "Sweet Sour and Mirror" are made of small intaglio prints cross-stitched together, making a feminine art an integral part of the work.

Her "Game 1," a monoprint with photopolymer intaglio and collage, has images of young girls being overwhelmed by text.

Gallery hours are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, from 1 to 4 p.m., and Thursday, 1 to 3 p.m. Appointments are available for school visits and groups.

The Newark Museum shows Lieber's work

For more than 30 years, a Judith Leiber handbag has represented the ultimate in craftsmanship and design.

Leiber's remarkable works of art are the subject of a new exhibition opening at The Newark Museum through Feb. 27.

A comprehensive survey of the designer's career and art, "Fashioning Art: Handbags by Judith Leiber" celebrates Leiber's extraordinary artistic achievement by showcasing her creative genius and influence on nearly four decades of fashion.

The exhibition features more than 170 of Leiber's unique handbags and minaudieres, gilded metal evening bags.

The exhibition, organized by the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C., and sponsored by the Nef Fund series, includes a range of work, from the first beaded bag created in 1967 to more recent designs.

Judith Leiber bags are inspired by a variety of sources, including Asian culture, nature, Hollywood and museum objects.

Coveted by celebrities, socialites and collectors, Leiber's bags take on many forms, including fruits, vegetables, flowers and animals.

Artists such as Henri Matisse, Georges Braque, Gustav Klimt and Charles Rennie Mackintosh and periods of art such as Art Deco and Pop Art are represented.

Craftsmanship and high fashion blend harmoniously in Leiber's creations through the use of fine materials, including leather, antique fabrics, and Swarovski crystals.

Leiber's bags, still hand-beaded in the United States, usually take two years to design.

The hand of the artist is evident at every step of the creative process. Minaudieres are constructed out of cardboard, stamped in brass, gold plated, and beaded.

Every design is assembled with painstaking precision — each crystal is picked up with a tweezer and individually glued onto the bag, where the design has already been outlined.

One beaded bag can be encrusted with as many as 13,000 Swarovski crystals and can take up to five days to complete.

Born in Budapest, Hungary, in 1921, Leiber was the first female apprentice and master in the Hungarian handbag guild.

Eventually she and her husband, an American soldier, moved to the United States and founded their own company in 1963.

Their first factory had four employees whom Leiber worked alongside, teaching them her expertise.

"There was such a sense of camaraderie, with all of us working together, producing these handbags," said Leiber.

"I made my first line in a gray/green calf which was not that well received. Nevertheless, I was determined to make my bags as beautiful and as well as I could and not to compromise. I have never swerved from that goal. Never."

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT
Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County
Docket No. F-19706-04

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:

Lena H. Curry a/k/a Lena H. Currey, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest and Jacqueline Bulle, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest and Jeannetta Booker, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest and Geraldine Henderson, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon the Attorneys for Plaintiff, Powers Kirn, LLC, 9 East Stow Road, Suite C, Marlton, NJ 08053; P.O. Box 1568, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054, an Answer to the Complaint (and Amendment to Complaint, if any) filed in a Civil Action in which Union Federal Bank of Indianapolis is plaintiff and Lena H. Curry aka Lena H. Currey, et al., are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within thirty-five (35) days after November 24, 2004, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, CN 971, 6th Floor, North Wing, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure. A $135.00 filing fee payable to the Clerk of the Superior Court and a completed Case Information Statement must accompany your answer or motion.

The action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage dated July 10, 2003, made by Lena Curry to Union Federal Bank of Indianapolis, and concerns real estate located at 1349 Sloane Boulevard, Plainfield, NJ.

YOU, Lena H. Curry a/k/a Lena H. Currey, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a defendant because you are the maker of the bond/note and mortgage and/or an owner thereof and Plaintiff has determined that the defendant, Lena H. Curry a/k/a Lena H. Currey, is deceased and therefore, names as defendants Lena H. Curry a/k/a Lena H. Currey, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest.

YOU, Jacqueline Bulle, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest and Jeannetta Booker, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest and Geraldine Henderson, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a defendant because on information and belief Lena H. Currey died intestate on January 13, 2004 and left as personal representatives and next of kin, Jacqueline Bulle, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right title and interest, Jeannetta Booker, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest and Geraldine Henderson her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest who may have an interest in the premises being foreclosed.

An individual who is unable to obtain an attorney may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling toll free 800-792-8315 (within New Jersey) or 609-394-1101 (from out of state). You may also communicate with a Lawyer Referral Service, or if you cannot afford to pay an attorney you may call the Legal Services Office. The phone numbers for the county in which this action is pending are: Legal Services (908) 354-4340, Lawyer Referral (908)353-4715.

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U95132 WCN Nov. 24, 2004 ($92.25)

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:

Faith L. Benton and Angela Y. Griffin

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon the Attorneys for Plaintiff, Powers Kirn, LLC, 9 East Stow Road, Suite C, Marlton, NJ 08053; P.O. Box 1568, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054, an Answer to the Complaint (and Amendment to Complaint, if any) filed in a Civil Action in which WM Specialty Mortgage LLC is plaintiff and Faith L. Benton and Angela Y. Griffin, et al., are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within thirty-five (35) days after November 24, 2004, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, CN 971, 6th Floor, North Wing, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure. A $135.00 filing fee payable to the Clerk of the Superior Court and a completed Case Information Statement must accompany your answer or motion.

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Information Statement must accompany your answer or motion.

The action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage dated 01/20/2004, made by Korri Pettiford to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. and duly assigned to plaintiff, WM Specialty Mortgage LLC, and concerns real estate located at 861 Leland Avenue, Plainfield, NJ.

YOU, Faith L. Benton and Angela Y. Griffin are made a defendant because you are a lien holder in the above matter and so have an interest in the property being foreclosed.

An individual who is unable to obtain an attorney may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling toll free 800-792-8315 (within New Jersey) or 609-394-1101 (from out of state). You may also communicate with a Lawyer Referral Service, or if you cannot afford to pay an attorney you may call the Legal Services Office. The phone numbers for the county in which this action is pending are: Legal Services (908) 354-4340, Lawyer Referral (908)353-4715.

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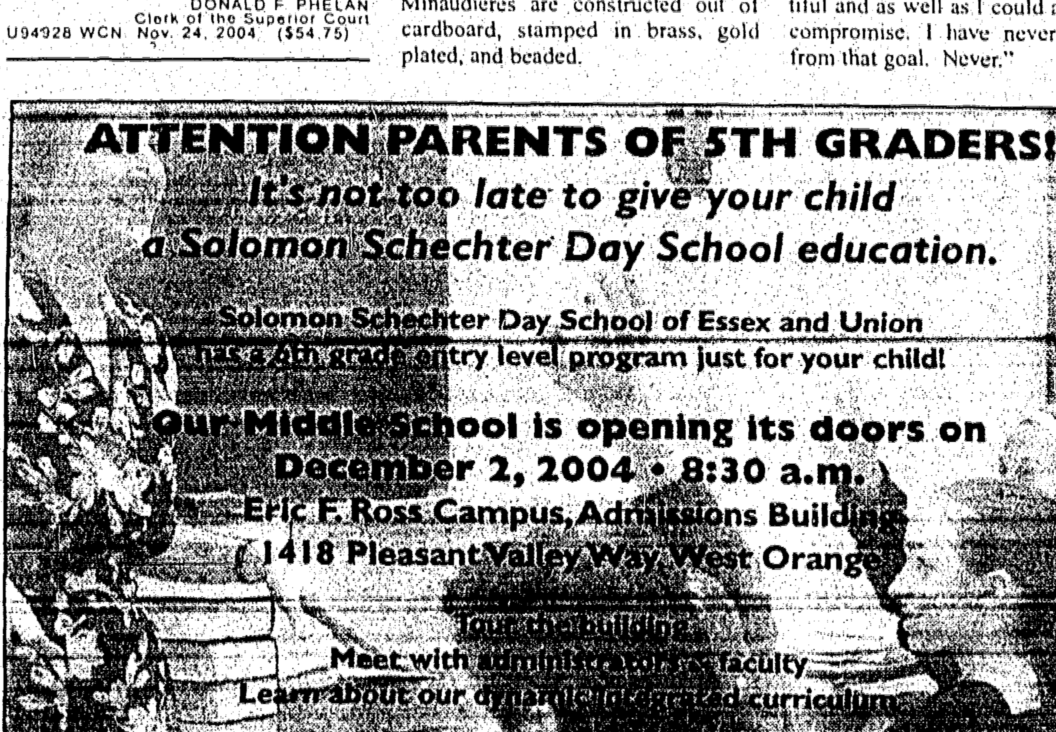

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ART SHOWS

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

EDGE ART GALLERY, which opened its doors in Rahway's arts district is presenting its third series of exhibitions. Gallery One will feature Alejandro Anreus, a Cuban born artist who examines the nexus between Christianity and politics as it relates to the Cuban-American identity. Gallery Two will feature Julio Nazario. In a series of photographic portraits, Julio Nazario reveals the inner spirit and individuality of ordinary Hispanics. EDGEArt Gallery is located at 1571 Irving St. in downtown Rahway. The current exhibits runs through Dec. 31. The gallery is open from Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The phone number is 732-669-0112. EDGEArt Gallery is dedicated to artists who have worked outside the mainstream and who have not followed the latest trend but stuck to their vision against all odds.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL will feature the work of Pasha Bari Ellis, Midge Coleman and Bob Nodor throughout November. The Children's Specialized Hospital is located at 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For more information, call 908-233-3720, ext. 5379.

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 Ori of Berkeley Heights. The exhibit will continue through Wednesday. The gallery is open at the Union Library, 1980 Morris Ave., Union, during regular library hours. Operated by the Wheelchair Gallery Inc.

NEW EXHIBIT OPENS AT ARTS GUILD OF RAHWAY. the Arts Guild of Rahway will present "Illusions:Collusions/Collisions by Patricia Cudd, Anuradha Das and Erena Rae." The show will run until Dec. 10. There will be free admission. The gallery hours are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. and Thursday, from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. at the Arts Guild, 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For more information, call 732-381-7511, or visit the Web site at www.rahwayartsguild.org, or e-mail artsguild1670@earthlink.net.

PRINTMAKERS FOCUS ON WOMEN'S ISSUES AND CULTURAL HERITAGE in the next art exhibit at The Arts Guild of Rahway, titled "Illusions:Collusions/Collision," which will take place through Dec. 10. Gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; and from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday. Admission is free. For more information, call 732-381-7511.

BRIGHT, BOLD LANDSCAPES will be the focus of Mountainside resident Cynthia Smith Weiss' work, which will be on display at Bouras Galleries on DeForest Avenue in Summit. The galleries are open to the public by appointment only. To make an appointment, call Linda Cole at 908-277-6054.

BOOKS

THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN BOOK GROUP will meet at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan 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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CLASSICS BOOK CLUB meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

CLOAK AND DAGGER READING GROUP will meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTERESTS meets the second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

MYSTERY READING GROUP meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION BOOK GROUP, a monthly reading group featuring staff members' favorite books, meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

JEWISH BOOK LOVERS meets the third Monday of the month at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

PAGE TURNERS DISCUSSION GROUP will meet the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

BOOKS WE LIKE, a reading group featuring staff recommendations, will meet the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading Group meets the third Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, to read a Shakespeare play out loud. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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

WRITERS WORKSHOP meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

COMEDY

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

Host Phil Hochman will present master of ceremonies John McMinamen, 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 or by phone, calling 908-753-0190 and leaving a message if necessary. Tickets will be held at the door.

The Watchung Arts Center is located "on the circle" in 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. For more information, call 973-376-4946, or visit the Web site, www.sanctuaryconcerts.org.

MEET THE ORCHESTRA concert series continues at the Suburban Community Music Center, 570 Central Ave., Murray Hill, 07974. For the 18th year, the Suburban Community Music Center, in cooperation with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, will host the Meet the Orchestra series for children ages 3 to 8. For more information, call 908-790-0700.

SINGER-SONGWRITER PATTY LARKIN will perform at a folk concert on Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. as part of Sanctuary Concerts, 1130 Mountain Ave., Berkeley Heights. A stunning songwriter whose sensual, passionate music has caused critics to say "Patty Larkin makes music like a mango tastes." A dazzling guitarist who is known for "rich open tunings, blurry-fast arpeggios, and dazzling fingerwork." Adding to this evening of guitar wizardry will be roots musician Andrew McKnight, who cooks up an energetic and eclectic blend of original folk, old-time, blues, bluegrass, Celtic, and great storytelling from the Appalachian tradition. Tickets are $20 and doors open at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 973-376-4946.

THE NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS will host a bus trip to Lincoln Center in Manhattan to hear the New York Philharmonic Youth Symphony performs a special concert for children, aged 6 to 12, and their families.

These concerts have been consistently sold out since their inception 40 years ago. On Dec. 11, there will be a premier performance of Richard Sortie's "Androcles and the Lion," conducted by Xan Zhang. An interactive music fair for the whole family will be held prior to the concert. Here, the young people can try out instruments and meet the musicians.

Following the concert will be a leisurely bus ride down Fifth Avenue for a glimpse of the lights and tree at Rockefeller Center, then it's on to an early supper at "America," a truly kid-friendly restaurant, before heading home.

The trip is open to the public. The bus will leave from behind the A&P on Central Avenue in New Providence at 11 a.m., and is expected to return at 8:30 p.m. For reservations and further information, call NJCVA at 908-273-9121.

The NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit.

CRAFTS

PREPARE FOR THE HOLIDAYS by attending "Home and the Holidays," a winter craft and gift boutique that will extend through Dec. 5. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and admission is free. The boutique will take place at The Hetfield House, Constitution Plaza, Mountainside. For more information, call 732-239-7018.

DANCE

Y-SQUARES, a local square dance club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Frank K. Hehnly School, Raritan Road, Clark. The fee for each lesson is $4. For information, call 908-298-1851, 732-381-2535 or 908-241-9492.

BEGINNERS ARE WELCOME when the Summit International Folk Dancers meet Friday from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at The Connection, at the corner of Morris Avenue and Maple Street in Summit. The price is $2, no partners are necessary. For more information, call 973-584-7094.

DISCUSSION

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

WRITERS' WORKSHOP will meet every other Monday at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS invites local nonprofit organizations, individual artists and scholars to apply for funding from the 2004 Union County HEART — History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands — Grant program. Recognizing the importance of culture and the arts to the economy and quality of life, the freeholders established the HEART Grants in 1998. This innovative program supports projects related to history, the arts, and humanities, and demonstrates a commitment to the artists and nonprofit organizations of Union County. "The response to the HEART Grant program in past years has been exciting," said Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada. "The recipients are a wonderful mix of creative people — poets and writers, historians, painters, photographers, musicians and dancers — plus arts, history, and other cultural organizations and civic groups." "The services provided by these artists, scholars and organizations directly benefit the residents of our county," said Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "These cultural assets are a vital part of community life, economic development and cultural tourism in Union County." To request HEART Grant information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202; call 908-558-2550, Relay users dial 711; or send inquiries via e-mail to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

FILM

ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY, 11 S. Broad St., will sponsor a series of free film classics at the Main Branch. All films begin at 10 a.m. For information, call 908-354-6060.

HOBBIES

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC. meets at 295 Jefferson Ave., Union, behind Home Depot on Route 22 East. The club is open to the public Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call 908-964-9724 or 908-964-8808, send inquiries via e-mail to TMRCInc@aol.com or visit the Web site at www.tmrci.com.

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC., was founded in 1949 in the basement of the late Paul Mallery, who was a pioneer in the hobby of model railroading. The club occupies a building on Union County park land designed, built and maintained entirely by the members, under a unique arrangement with the Union County park system.

The club building is located off Route 22 East, behind The Home Depot in Union. Free parking is available on site and the building is wheelchair-accessible. For more information, call 908-964-9724 Saturdays from noon until 4 p.m., or 908-964-8808 for a recorded message, or visit the club's Web site at www.tmrci.com.

THE HARVEST QUILTERS OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY will meet the first Monday of each month at Cozy Corner Creations quilt shop, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains.

INTERNET

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

KIDS

TALES FOR TOTS PRESCHOOL STORYTIME will be offered at Barnes and Noble, Route 22 West, Springfield, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m., and the Kids' Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m. For information, call 973-376-8544.

POETRY

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

OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT takes place the second Sunday of every month at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-241-5758.

SINGLES

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

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

SOCIAL SINGLES DANCING, for 45-year-olds and older, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Yankee Buffet Grand Ballroom, 2660 Morris Ave., Union. Admission is $7. For information, call 908-688-8816.

THEATER

THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOL OF DRAMATIC ARTS announces its partnership with 12 Miles West Theater Company at 562 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield. For more information, call 973-566-9700 or visit the Web site, www.njactors.org.

VARIETY

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

The Back Porch is located at 1565 Main St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-6544.

CROSSROADS, 78 North Ave., Garwood, presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts, as well as football-themed nights. Every Sunday: Live comedy, funk and poetry; "Live at Instant Coffee," 8 p.m. Every Monday: Open Mic Night, happy hour all night. Every Tuesday: Jazz Jam; all pints, $2. Every Wednesday: Karaoke Night; Miller Lite and MGD, $2 all night. Every Thursday: Fiesta Night; Corona, Cuervo and margaritas, $2 all night. For information, call 908-232-5666 or visit www.xxroads.com.

MOLLY MAGUIRE'S IRISH PUB in Clark will present entertainment in the coming weeks. Thursdays are Ladies Nights, and Sundays feature NFL games and $2 drafts. Molly Maguire's is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call 732-388-6511.

SECOND SATURDAYS COFFEEHOUSE will take place the second Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. Featured will be an "open mic" forum of music, poetry, comedy and performance art. Refreshments are served. Admission is $4. Talent is sought for future dates. For information, call 908-928-0127 or send an e-mail to info@secondsaturdays.org.

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

For information, call 908-810-1844.

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB announced that discount advance sale tickets for its annual light and sound and open house have gone on sale and will be available at the club ticket window on Saturdays, between 1 and 4 p.m. An order form in PDF format will be available to download off the club's Web site, www.tmrci.com, for ordering tickets by mail. Advance ticket prices are $5 for adults, $2 for children aged 12 and under and $3 for seniors aged 60 and over. Prices will be higher if tickets are purchased at the door the days of the show, which will run Friday through Sunday, Dec. 3 through 5, and 10 through 12 at the club building, located on Jefferson Avenue off Route 22 east in Union, behind the Home Depot. Show times are: Fridays, 5 to 7 p.m., Saturdays, noon to 9 p.m., and Sundays, noon to 6 p.m. For more information, contact the club at 908-964-9724 between 1 and 5 p.m., or call 908-964-8808 for a message.

Arts program will teach children dance

The chance to explore storytelling through movement and dance is the focus of Story Dances, a new and innovative program for young children currently offered on Wednesdays through Dec. 8 at the Watchung Arts Center. Classes for children of preschool, kindergarten and first grades meet 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the upstairs art gallery for weekly sessions. Registration information, including fees, is available by calling program Director Sheila Rees at 973-761-4404.

Story Dances offers children the opportunity to explore creativity and individual self-expression within the context of age-appropriate movement and dance. The emphasis today is on the process of learning and not so much on the finished product; on first-hand experiences as an avenue to learning. In this program, children are encouraged to cooperate and collaborate with others through improvisations and experimentation. They're rewarded with a dance that is uniquely their own. Along the way they develop problem-solving skills, enhance self-confidence and have fun in a non-competitive setting.

The nonprofit Watchung Arts Center is located "on the circle" in Watchung, easily reached from Route 22 or Interstate 78, exit 40. There is ample free parking adjacent to the building, or around the corner at Best Lake. For more information, contact the Watchung Arts Center at 908-753-0190, or visit the Web site, www.WatchungArts.org.

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HEALTHY LIVING

Seniors at Home provides non-medical care for personal needs

As we all know, the senior population is growing very quickly. According to the Bureau of the Census, the number of people older than age 65 will double between now and the year 2030. By the year 2015, one person in five will be older than 65. By the age of 65, 17 percent of seniors will need some form of support with everyday activities. By the age of 85, half will need some form of help.

The kind of help needed most is not medical care but supportive, non-medical care. Eight out of 10 Senior citizens say they would prefer to age in place and live in their own home. It should be noted that when seeking care providers for a senior living in their own home, there is a big difference between medical and non-medical care.

Medical care is necessary if a client needs help with what is commonly called the "activities of daily living." These services include bathing, toileting, lifting, dressing, grooming, and assistance with ambulation. If a patient needs this type of assistance, they should seek out a medical company to assist them. Medical companies typically charge $18.50 to $22.50 per hour.

Non-medical care provides a supportive kind of assistance. Non-medical companies, such as Seniors At Home, LLC, in Union, assist clients with meal preparation, incidental transportation, medication reminders, shopping and errands, light housekeeping, laundry and linen washing, reviewing mail, conversing, reading and many other non-medical services. Non-medical companies provide assistance with personal care. Non-medical companies typically charge $16.50 to $17.50 per hour.

If you have any questions about Seniors At Home, LLC, or if you would like Seniors at Home to recommend a medical company to assist you, call the Seniors at Home toll-free number, 866-703-CARE, ext. 2273.

Collecting does much more than pass the time

By Marie E. Powell
Retirement home administrator

Collecting is one of the most common, and probably one of the oldest, types of hobbies. If your last collection involved marbles or bubblegum trading cards when you were a child, your retirement years might be the time to rediscover this kind of enjoyment.

People collect for various reasons. Many enjoy the thrill of the hunt. You set your sights on a prize specimen, feel exhilaration when you're able to acquire it, disappointment and even jealousy when you lose out to a competitor. But either way, there's always a new goal to shoot for tomorrow. Assembling and categorizing your treasures — for example, completing a stamp album — can also give a sense of control and accomplishment that may not be as easy to achieve in the rest of your life. Collectors of nostalgia often long to recreate the simpler days of a past era or of their own childhoods. Finally, there is always the dream that your collection may appreciate over time in its monetary value.

All of these aspects can give collecting a special appeal for the older adult. In addition, there are potential social benefits. Family members of different generations can develop common interests, as when a mother and daughter appreciate the same type of art pottery, or an uncle and nephew discover they share an interest in baseball memorabilia. Collectors can form new friendships through clubs and exhibitions, and correspond on the Internet with like-minded folks from around the country or even the world.

The objects most people tend to accumulate, study, categorize and value normally break down into a few categories. Nostalgic pieces can include things reminiscent of childhood, such as toys, baseball cards, lunch boxes and comic books, or those harking back to past lifestyles, such as tools, advertisements, decorative or useful household items, vintage clothing and jewelry. Some people like to preserve objects that relate to their personal ethnic heritage, such as folk art. Coins, stamps and political memorabilia can have real, historical significance. If you have deep pockets, you may be able to collect fine art or genuine antiques that will almost certainly accrue in value. A much chancier "investment" would be contemporary objects that are marketed as "collectibles," such as stuffed animals and limited-edition plates or figurines. Buy these if you enjoy having them around, but don't expect to cash them in for a fortune!

You may find yourself bitten by the collecting bug unexpectedly after someone gives you an interesting object as a gift, or you may set off on the hunt more deliberately. Over time, you'll find the best sources for your hobby.

You can visit memorabilia or specialty shops, some pricier than others. You may find that your fellow collectors hold special shows to exhibit, sell and trade their wares. Eventually, you'll probably discover special outlets, known only to the most savvy treasure hunters, that give you the inside track on the best things for the most reasonable prices. And of course, the Internet can put you in touch with sellers from around the world, not only on eBay but on other specialized Web sites.

Once your collection starts to grow, you'll need to devise ways to organize and even display it. A scrapbook or portfolio may work for smaller items, while others can be arranged in cabinet drawers with special linings or dividers. Tools, hats and other intriguing objects can be mounted directly on your walls, while dolls, china and thimbles can be arranged on shelves, in shadowboxes or in glass-fronted cases. A large collection may call for a display cabinet with special lighting, you can buy these ready made or, if you're handy, make one yourself.

Some collectors like to use the things they love in their daily lives. If you adore ceramic planters or table linens from the 1950s, by all means decorate your home with them. Fans of vintage clothing and jewelry often work some of the sturdier pieces into their everyday wardrobes. If your collection has educational value, you might even take samples around to schools and libraries and give talks on your favorite subject. Of course, you always have the option of selling and trading some things to both upgrade your collection and keep it from growing out of control.

As your holdings start to accumulate, you'll want to establish some boundaries to keep them from taking over your home and your life. You may decide to limit yourself to a certain number of objects, or a finite amount of available space. When you've reached that point, you know something will have to go.

You can cull your collection by weeding out items that are duplicates or just very similar, those that are damaged or of poor quality, those that lack clear identifying marks, and those that no longer appeal to you as much as they once did.

Once you've decided to eliminate an object, tag it for a sale or pack it away out of sight until you can dispose of it. These pieces also can be used as trading stock to help you acquire better specimens. Once your collection has reached its limit, though, make a practice of deleting an old piece each time you add a new one.

If you really have an eye, who knows? Some day, you may be able to turn your collection over to a museum as a valuable slice of history.

Marie E. Powell is president of Green Hill, a nonprofit retirement community at 103 Pleasant Valley Way in West Orange. For more information or to schedule a tour, call 973-731-2300, ext. 225, or visit www.green-hill.com/pr. The Web site is also a source for past Senior Insights columns, at www.green-hill.com/insights.

Aortic aneurysm, if detected, is treatable

Approximately 15,000 Americans die each year from a ruptured aortic aneurysm, making it the 15th leading cause of death in the United States. Most people, however, have easily recognizable symptoms.

An abdominal aortic aneurysm, also known as AAA, is a bulge or balloon that forms in the abdominal aorta. It can result from vascular disease, trauma or a genetic defect in the wall of the abdominal aorta. If untreated, this condition could result in a rupture of the aorta, usually with fatal results. Less than one in five people survive a rupture of an aortic aneurysm.

"When the condition is caught in time, it is eminently treatable," said Alan M. Graham, M.D., chief of the Division of Vascular Surgery at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and professor of surgery at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Small aneurysms are usually not treated immediately, but monitored regularly for increased size. Larger, more rapidly growing aneurysms often require treatment to avoid rupturing. There are two surgical treatment options available: open surgical repair and endovascular repair.

Traditionally, open surgical repair has been used to treat AAA, requiring a large incision, a five- to seven-day hospital stay and a three-month recovery period. A newer, less invasive procedure, known as endovascular stent-grafting, is becoming more common in the treatment of AAAs. During this procedure, a stent graft, which is a small tube, is inserted through the femoral artery in the groin, and then guided into the location of the aneurysm. The placement of the stent graft seals off blood flow to the aneurysm, preventing further growth and the possibility of rupture. Endovascular stent-grafting requires only a two- to-three-day hospital stay.

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital recently demonstrated endovascular stent-grafting during a live Web cast. Graham repaired an infrarenal abdominal aortic aneurysm, that is, an aneurysm located below the renal arteries. He made use of a special stent graft by W.L. Gore called the Excluder.

More than 200,000 people are diagnosed with an abdominal aortic aneurysm each year. Because many do not experience any symptoms, doctors frequently discover aneurysms during a physical exam through and ultrasound of CT scan, also known as computerized tomography, or a CAT scan.

The aorta is the body's largest artery, extending from the chest to the abdomen, where it branches, and carrying oxygen-filled blood from the heart to every organ and part of the body.

Smoking, heart-disease, high-blood pressure or a poor diet can increase a person's change of developing an aneurysm.

HEALTH CLIPS

'Made for Me' boutique

Thanks to a grant from the Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, North Jersey Affiliate, women with breast cancer who live in Union County can receive wigs, breast forms and accessories from the "Made for Me" boutique at Trinitas Hospital.

The program is offered to all women, regardless of ability to pay, and is available at Trinitas on the third Wednesday of each month, starting at 1:30 p.m. Reservations for the boutique can be made by calling 1-908-994-8244.

According to Amparo Aguirre, breast health outreach coordinator at Trinitas Hospital, "When women feel pretty, they feel better. Thanks to the generosity of the Komen Foundation and the 'Just for You' Boutique of East Hanover, women who cannot afford such items as wigs and mastectomy apparel may now find them at Trinitas Hospital."

Program focuses on obesity in society

Each year in the United States, more than $33 billion is spent on weight-loss products and services.

Despite this huge amount of money, overweight and obese adults have been rising at an epidemic rate during the past 20 years.

To address the obesity issue, Karen Ensle, department head of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County, has developed a program called "Supersize America: Beating the Obesity Epidemic."

The program will help people understand why portion sizes, food choices, and fitness activities are important on a daily basis. Food comparison quizzes with exercise examples will help the learner to understand the reality of our everyday choices.

Here are some of the risks facing overweight and obese adults:

- More than 300,000 deaths per year may be attributed to the obesity epidemic
- People who are overweight have a higher incidence of high blood pressure
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Rahway Regional Cancer Center awarded accreditation by ACR

Rahway Regional Cancer Center in Rahway has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in radiation oncology as the result of a recent survey by the American College of Radiology.

The ACR, headquartered in Reston, Va., awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high practice standards after a peer review evaluation of its practice. Evaluations are conducted by board certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. They assess the qualifications of the personnel and the adequacy of the facility's equipment. The surveyors report their finding to the ACR's Committee on Accreditation, and the members subsequently provide the practice with a comprehensive report.

The ACR is a national organization serving more than 32,000 diagnostic interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists and medical physicists with programs for focusing on comprehensive health-care services.

Rahway Regional Cancer Center is a state-of-the-art, private cancer treatment center offering the finest radiation oncology services available. The center is under the direction of Eric Karp, M.D., a board-certified radiation oncologist who was trained at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Karp founded the center in 1993 and the cancer center quickly gained recognition for delivering the highest quality radiation therapy in a convenient, patient-friendly environment.

The center has continued its quest for excellence and technological advancement by offering its patients Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy, or IMRT.

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Zientek, clinic director at Dr.'s Choice, is board certified by the national Board of Chiropractic Examiners as well as the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians. He is licensed by the Board of Medical Examiners in New Jersey and Virginia.

Hameed, medical director at Dr.'s Choice, is a graduate of the Fatima Jinnah Medical College in Lahore, Pakistan. She completed her medical residency at Seton Hall University. She is licensed by the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners as a primary-care physician. Hameed is a member of the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine as well as the AMA. She is also board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

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New on the staff at Dr.'s Choice in Rahway are Rumantha Moody, M.D., left, who is a board-certified, internal-medicine physician, and Latanya Saharif Bakari, D.C. The clinic is expecting a supply of the flu mist vaccine in December. To reserve flu mist, call 973-340-0994, ext. 007.

Support groups can help ease the pain

Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, one of the nation's leading providers of physical medicine and rehabilitation services, hosts monthly support groups that encourage current and former patients, family members and caregivers to share their insight with others.

The support groups held at Kessler include ALS, amputee, brain injury, caregiver and spinal cord and stroke. These support groups are hosted by members of the clinical staff, whose experience and expertise have earned Kessler a reputation of success among patients.

Kessler's innovative treatment programs, combined with its focus on individualized patient care, have led Kessler to be consistently named among the country's best rehabilitation centers. In fact, Kessler Institute was again named the top rehabilitation hospital in the East by U.S. News & World Report. And Kessler holds accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and is a Federally-designated model system for the treatment and research of spinal cord injuries.

Kessler continues to provide a continuum of care to its patients, by offering support group services for its program. For more information on the Support Group Services offered by Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation or any of Kessler's other rehabilitation services, call 888-KESSLER, ext. 6809.

Support groups

Kessler promotes patient education by sponsoring a wide range of support groups that encourage current and former patients, family members and caregivers to share their insight with others. These groups provide a support network for all participants and offer a variety of educational resources.

- Alcoholics Anonymous

West Orange: Every Friday and Sunday, 7:30 to 9 p.m.; contact Bonnie Evans, Administration, 973-243-6830.

- Amputee Support Group

Saddle Brook: Every Tuesday, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; contact Dr. Gerald Donahue, Psychology Department, 973-368-6037.

- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis — ALS — Support Group

Saddle Brook: Third Wednesday of the month, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

West Orange: First Thursday of the month, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Contact: Kayvan Freeman R.N., ALS coordinator, 973-243-6850.

- Brain Injury Support Group

East Orange: Last Tuesday of the month, 6:30 to 8 p.m.; contact Betty Collins R.N., Neuropsychology Department, 973-414-4743.

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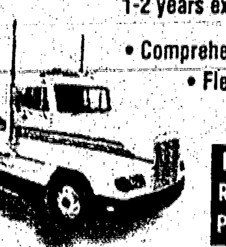

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"It is important to periodically monitor the overall condition of a home," said John Ghent, president of the American Society of Home Inspectors, a non-profit professional organization for home inspectors. "Simple wear and tear from weather and age occurs in every home. It is wise to fix any problems before they lead to extensive and costly repairs."

Your inspection should include all of the major systems that protect your home, including the windows, doors, roof, gutters, exterior finish, foundation and steps; plus the interior systems such as heating, cooling, chimney and electrical, said Pella Corporation's Gary Mathes, manager, residential architectural services. Look for obvious signs of deterioration, damage or potential problems.

Check for conditions that may allow moisture to enter your home — from plants and sprinkler systems too close to the house to low-lying areas that direct water toward the home. Likewise, watch for any deteriorating wood, cracks, damaged caulk, old weather stripping and other potential sources of leaks, said Mathes.

The following items cover common maintenance issues with windows and doors and should be included in your walk-around check:

1. Inspect the interior and exterior finishes around windows and doors. Is the paint or stain in good condition? Signs of flaking and peeling may mean that it's time to refinish the unit.

2. Look closely at all exterior surfaces for cracking, deteriorated wood and other damage that might be caused by condensation or other water penetration. Are any interior surfaces such as walls, floors or ceilings discolored or showing the effects of moisture?

3. If you spot a problem, try to find its source. For example, discolored wood around a window might actually be caused by moisture entering the house some distance away.

With a roof leak, for example, it is not uncommon for water to run down the inside of the wall and show up at the window. Contact an expert to obtain help if needed.

4. Check window sills and tracks for dirt and other debris such as sand, leaves, insects and pine needles. Open the windows and clean out the area with a soft brush. Do the same for sliding patio doors. Debris can hamper the air-tight effectiveness and overall performance of doors and windows.

5. Feel for uneven sliding and sticking when you open and close a window or door. If windows or doors stick, try using a non-oily lubricant on the opposing finishes, such as Paraffin wax, which does not attract as much dust and grime.

6. Look at the weather stripping around all doors and windows. Reattach any loose portions and replace portions that are ripped or torn.

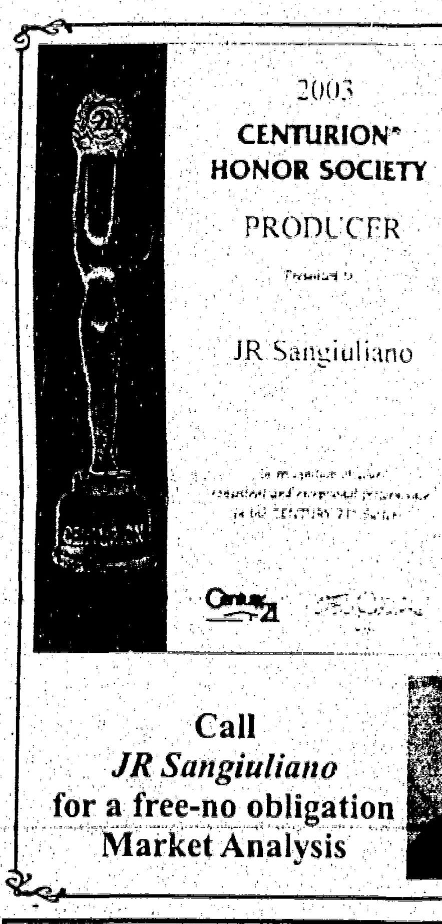
7. Operate locking mechanisms and make adjustments if they feel loose or don't work smoothly. Locks not only help keep out potential intruders, but they hold doors and windows tightly in place to lock out rain, wind, snow and insects.

8. Inspect any weep holes and breather holes if your windows or sliding patio doors have them. Weep holes allow excess moisture to escape and breather holes allow air exchange within certain components. Clear blocked holes with a small wire, toothpick or similar device, being careful not to expand the holes.

9. Check all exterior sealants and caulking on and around all windows and doors. Pay particular attention to areas susceptible to punishment from rain, water and extreme sunlight. Remove damaged material and reapply sealant.

10. In coastal locations, rinse all exterior metal components and cladding to minimize the corrosive effects of salt spray and fog damage. This should be done at least quarterly.

More importantly, routine maintenance checks could safeguard your family by ensuring that your doors and windows operate properly, the primary and secondary means of escape in the event of fire. In addition to doing a walk-around check of your home, test your smoke detectors and change the batteries every fall so your family will quickly be alerted in the event of a fire. Schedule regular family fire drills at least twice a year. Log on to www.pella.com/about/fire.asp to download and print a fire escape grid to help develop and practice a fire escape plan for your family.



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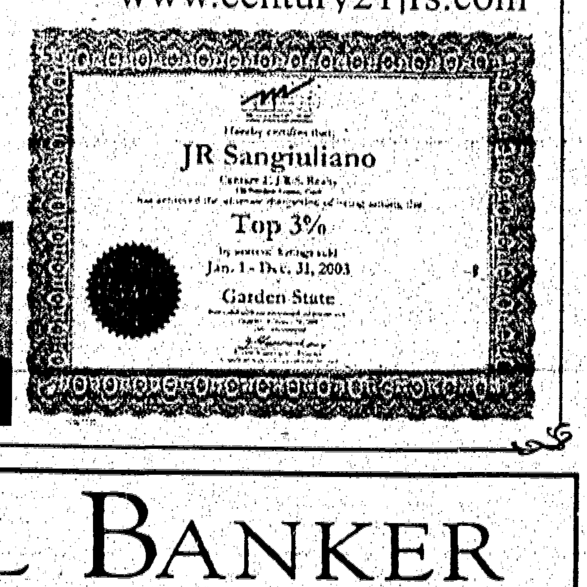

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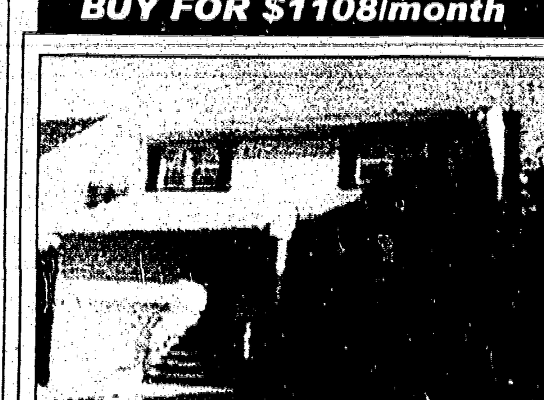

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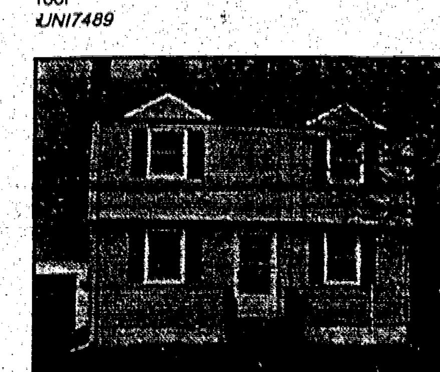

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by Jill Guzman

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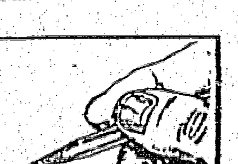

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Weekly Mortgage News

McLean, VA – Freddie Mac (NYSE:FRE) today released the results of its Primary Mortgage Market Survey in which the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage (FRM) averaged 5.74 percent, with an average 0.6 points, for the week ending November 18, 2004, down from last week when it averaged 5.76 percent. Last year at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 6.03 percent.

The average for the 15-year FRM this week is 5.15 percent, with an average 0.6 points, down slightly from last week when it averaged 5.16 percent. A year ago, the 15-year FRM averaged 5.39 percent.

One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 4.17 percent this week, with an average 0.7 point, up from last week when it averaged 4.16 percent. At this time last year, the one-year ARM averaged 3.76 percent.

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

"Because long-term mortgage rates are still well below the peak levels reached last May of this year, housing starts are currently exceeding expectations," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac vice president and chief economist. "With no dramatic rise in rates on the horizon, the housing industry should continue to be healthy well into the future.

"Most economic indicators are pointing to sustainable growth in the economy and this should lead to further job creation, thereby helping more families achieve the American dream of homeownership in the years ahead."

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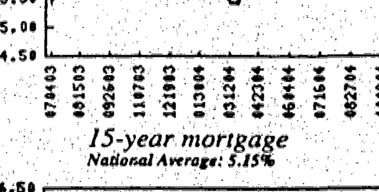
National Averages

30-year mortgage
National Average: 5.74%



15-year mortgage
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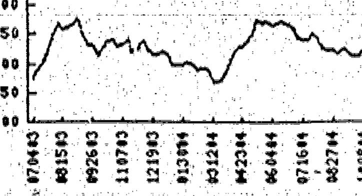

1-year ARM mortgage
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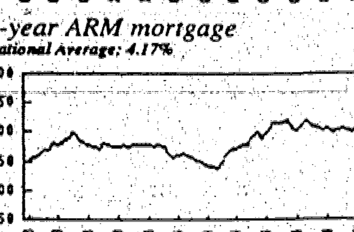

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Cruising the back roads of France in a Saab

By Jerry Garrett
Copley News Service

When the cold, dry Mistral wind blows down out of France's Rhone Valley to the Mediterranean Sea, it is said the skies over Provence turn Chagall blue.

It is a cobalt so vibrant it seems alive.

On such a winter day, we flew into the seaside airport at Nice: stunningly blue heavens, white-capped Alps in the distance behind the olive-gray hills of Provence, the alabaster cities along the Cote d'Azur creating a surreal pastiche of color and beauty.

No wonder the great painters — Chagall, Matisse, Picasso, Renoir among them — found such inspiration here.

What inspiration would we find?

• Day 1: sun, sand and snarls

The inspiration for our trip was a test drive of a Saab 9-3 convertible, a decidedly "blue sky" exercise, along the aptly named azure coast from Monaco to Nice, then up to a ski resort in the French Alps to evaluate its "four-season capabilities."

Driving the 30 minutes or so it took to go along the sinuous coast road from chic Monaco to fun-loving Nice, the succession of bays and coves and capes revealed themselves like turning pages in an Impressionist catalog — intimate Cap d'Ail, tropical Beaulieu sur Mer, remote Cap St. Jean Ferrat, sublime Villefranche.

The hills down to the seafront were scattered with archetypal Mediterranean villas, painted in variegated pastels like the colors of wafers in a roll of Necco candy.

It was irresistible to drive along this stretch with the Saab's convertible top stowed, though the chill of the late winter wind still whipped the coast.

Traffic snarls most European cities, and in particular the ancient ones like those along Cote d'Azur, many of which date from Julius Caesar's time. Introduction of the car 1,900 years later did not integrate well with narrow streets designed for chariots and ox carts.

City driving is little fun, even in a contemporary convertible such as this Saab. Parking was decidedly unfun. By European standards, at least, this Saab is a large car, and one that generates a lot of attention.

"Keep your doors locked when you drive in Nice," our host warned us, ominously but vaguely.

• Day 2: snow job

Several inspirations on this day, a day in which we were assigned to drive two hours north from the coast to an elevation of nearly 6,000 feet, to a ski resort at Isola.

Inspiration 1: Choose colors wisely. The Saab convertible is a chameleon. In silver, it is demure. In white, clean and crisp.

In black, it is dashingly formal. In metallic lime green, it is an outrage; the Impressionists would have been offended at such an obnoxious use of color.

Other, less polarizing paint schemes are also available; regrettably, not Chagall blue.

Inspiration 2: Turbocharged engines starve for enough air to breathe, as altitude increases. We expected the Saab's 2.0-liter turbo to be gasping by the time we got to the top of the 8-percent grade and dozens of hairpins and switchbacks that comprise the tortuous road to Isola. It was not, although some credit needs to go to the manual transmission we tried. Models equipped with automatics lagged.

Inspiration 3: Previous Saab convertibles have not all been kind to back-seat denizens; the last iteration warned owner-operators not to deploy the convertible top while the back seats were occupied — something about the likely beheading of guests being implied.

The new one-touch electronically controlled system is, in its own way, a work of art, a mechanical symphony of retracting panels, whirring gears and winding motors that stow the whole top into a neat, compact, seamless package, in 20 seconds. Many other convertibles, of course, look like unmade beds with their tops down.

Wind turbulence inside the car at speed was also kept to a minimum by the huge, flip-up wind screen that can be installed behind the front seats; unfortunately this screen reduces the Saab to a two-seater, as it renders the back seats uninhabitable.

Inspiration 4: Saab has combined engineering expertise with outdoor equipment-maker Salomon to manufacture a rear deck-mounted "CargoWing" that works with this convertible to hold skis, snowboards and other sports gear. It is aerodynamic as well as functional. Operation of the convertible top, however, is limited when the wing is installed.

The cargo feature works with the top up or down, but you have to decide before you use it whether the top is going to be up or down. Because once it has stuff loaded on it, you can't raise or lower the top.

Inspiration 5: An on-board DVD-based navigation system can be a God-send. Unfortunately, Saab's system had us confused more often than not. In its defense, it may work better elsewhere; Provence's mess of roads is almost indecipherable.

• Day 3: museum of mugging

Guide books on the Provence region caution visitors that thieves frequent popular tourist attractions, like museums, and look for out-of-area license plates. Plates in France start with a series of numbers indicating the region a car is registered in, or whether it might be a fleet vehicle such as a rental car. Out-of-towners stopped at red lights are targeted for grab-and-go crimes. Hence the warning to keep our doors locked in the city.

We were waiting at a traffic light, looking in vain for a parking space in the pretty little village of Vallauris, site of the Musee National Picasso.

A scary, black-hooded figure suddenly appeared at the side window, flipped open the passenger door, snatched a camera bag, hopped on an aged Italian moped and noisily sped away in a cloud of fumes. Turbo lag made that Saab, one with an automatic, a poor match for the zig-zagging scooter through narrow streets.

After reporting the crime to sympathetic but ineffectual police, we tried to analyze what had gone wrong. The Saab has door mounted locking pegs that are visible from the outside. The driver had dutifully depressed the automatic door lock peg on his side. But we were chagrined to learn that action locked only that door, not both. The thief could easily see the passenger door was not locked.

Even if it had been deployed, with the top down, he could have easily unlocked it himself.

Final Inspiration: Because safety and security are such hallmarks of Swedish vehicles, Saab might be well-advised to address the vulnerability of the door locks. Redundant controls already on the inside door handles are more than enough, and, unlike the pegs, one touch locks both doors.

All that, and the Picasso museum was closed anyway.

We did not notice what color the skies were when we flew home from Provence, but our mood had definitely turned to a shade not found on Chagall's palette.

2004 Saab 9-3 convertible, Arc and Aero models

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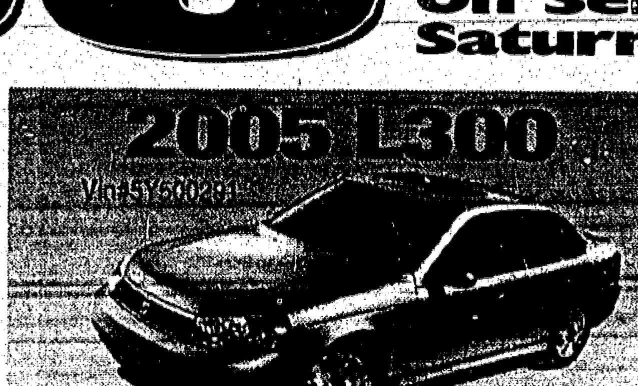

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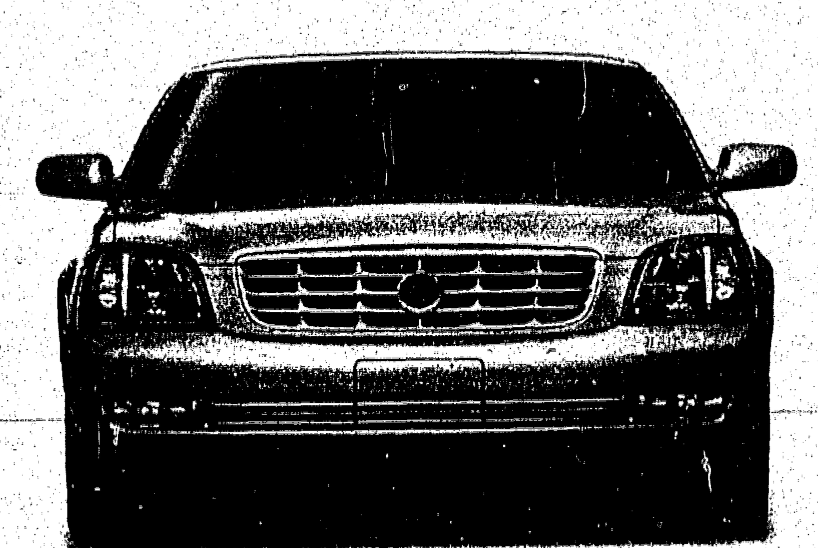

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2001 Cadillac Catera — Black, 6 cyl, auto trans, air, pwr str/ABS, p/wind/seats/lcks/trunk/ant/mirrs, AM/FM stereo-cass, tilt, cruise, r/def, t/gls, lthr int, int wip, alum whls, dual air bags, 35,360 mi, Stk. #812698, VIN #1R025374. $18,991

2001 Cadillac DeVille — Black, 8 cyl, auto trans, air, pwr str/ABS, p/wind/seats/lcks/trunk/mirrs, AM/FM stereo-cass, CD, tilt, cruise, r/def, alum whls, rads, int wip, dual air bags, 26,910 mi, Stk. #812612, VIN #1U291581. $26,901

2004 Cadillac CTS — Silver, 6 cyl, auto trans, air, pwr str/ABS, p/wind/seats/lcks/trunk/mirrs, AM/FM stereo-cass, CD, tilt, cruise, r/def, t/gls, alum whls, lthr int, rads, int wip, dual air bags, fog lts, 29,936 mi, Stk. #812706, VIN #30110641. $28,993

2003 Cadillac CTS — Silver, 8 cyl, auto trans, air, pwr str/ABS, p/wind/seats/lcks/trunk/mirrs, AM/FM stereo-cass, CD, tilt, cruise, r/def, lthr int, rads, int wip, alum whls, dual air bags, fog lts, 24,923 mi, Stk. #812693, VIN #30109310. $28,993

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2003 Cadillac CTS — Red, 6 cyl, auto trans, air, pwr str/ABS, p/wind/seats/lcks/trunk/ant/mirrs, AM/FM stereo-cass, CD, tilt, cruise, r/def, t/gls, lthr int, rads, int wip, alum whls, dual air bags, 31,937 mi, Stk. #812707, VIN #30117709. $29,993

2003 Cadillac DeVille DTS — Blue, 8 cyl, auto trans, air, pwr str/ABS, p/wind/seats/lcks/trunk/ant/mirrs, AM/FM stereo-cass, CD, tilt, cruise, r/def, lthr int, rads, int wip, alum whls, dual air bags, 29,430 mi, Stk. #812704, VIN #3U113640. $31,993

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2004 Cadillac SRX — White Diamond, 6cyl, auto trans, air, p/str/ABS, p/wind/seats/lks/mirrs, AM/FM stereo-cass, CD, tilt, cruise, r/def, t/gls, lthr int, rads, int wip, alum whls, lugg rack, dual air bags, fog lts, 11,854 mi, Stk. #812716, VIN #40190498. $38,994

2004 Cadillac SRX — Blue, 6-cyl eng, auto trans, air, pwr str/ABS, p/wind/seats/lcks/ant/mirrs, AM/FM stereo cass, CD, tilt, cruise, r/def, t/gls, lthr int, rads, int wip, alum whls, lugg rack, dual air bags, fog lts, 10,074 mi, Stk. #812709, VIN #40187598. $39,994

2004 Cadillac SRX — Black, 6 cyl, auto trans, air, pwr str/ABS, p/wind/seats/lcks/trunk/ant/mirrs, AM/FM stereo-cass, CD, tilt, cruise, r/def, t/gls, lthr int, rads, alum whls, lugg rack, dual air bags, fog lts, 3784 mi, Stk. #812714, VIN #50103877. $39,995

2004 Cadillac SRX — Silver, 8 cyl, auto trans, air, pwr str/ABS/wind/seats/lcks/trunk/ant/mirrs, AM/FM stereo-cass, CD, tilt, cruise, r/def, lthr int, rads, alum whls, dual air bags, fog lts, 8736 mi, Stk. #812692, VIN #40189344. $40,994

2004 Cadillac SRX — Silver, 6 cyl, auto trans, air, pwr str/ABS/wind/seats/lcks/trunk/ant/mirrs, AM/FM stereo-cass, CD, tilt, cruise, r/def, lthr int, rads, int wip, alum whls, dual air bags, fog lts, 5883 mi, Stk. #812685, VIN #40190475. $40,994

2004 Cadillac SRX — White Diamond, 6 cyl, auto trans, air, p/str/ABS, p/wind/seats/lcks/trunk/mirrs, AM/FM Ster cass, CD, tilt, cruise, r/def, t/gls, lthr int, rads, int wip, alum whls, lugg rk, dual air bags, fog lts, sunroof, 5247 mi, Stk. #812715, VIN #40191009. $41,994

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2002 CHEVROLET PRIZM 4 DR — 4 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks, air, cass/cd. 27,901 mi. Stk#6551. VIN#7Z420376. $8925

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2002 DODGE DURANGO SLT PLUS 4X4 4 DR — 8 cyl, auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks/seats, air, cass/cd, leath, security sys. 35,660 mi. Stk#6520. VIN#7L367881. $19,325

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