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SPRINGFIELD, N.J. (AP) — The PBA contract was approved by the council on Tuesday.

Local fans go to PGA

By Dan Burns
Staff Writer

While the likes of Thomas Bjorn and Chad Campbell hit wedges on to the green of Baltusrol's 17th hole and Billy Mayfair prepared for his second shot on the sixth hole in the afternoon heat, John and Brian Wilson of Summit stood between them, in one of the shadiest spectator areas on the course as the championship kicked off on Aug. 11.

Like many of the fans who attended the PGA Championship, the father and son from Summit eschewed the bleachers for the sake of mobility and access to the shade.

"We'll move around a bit and then stay in place and watch a few groups," John Wilson said.

The Wilsons' strategy for taking in the tournament was a popular one. Most fans tried to balance their pursuit of putting and chipping action with their pursuit of shady areas and frozen lemonade stands.

Only one of the 10 sets of bleachers the PGA set up, the one overlooking the green of Baltusrol's signature fourth hole, ever appeared to fill beyond 75 percent of their capacity during the sunny mid-day hours of the Aug. 11 opening round. Bleachers that only offered views of one hole, like the one set up at the 18th green, were rarely filled to even 50 percent capacity, despite the good attendance.

The heat, which reached the upper 90s, made the shade underneath Baltusrol's shady trees inviting. Frozen lemonade stands were ubiquitous.

A Irish group of rowdy fans was always rounding the corner to yell out \$5 a piece for the food. The stands were opened by volunteers from the Community Food Bank in Hillsdale, according to volunteer Joan Kinnally. A portion of the profits from the



Photo By Barbara Kakkala

Prior to his stunning victory Monday at the PGA Tournament at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, Phil Mickelson, second from right, watches as a golfer tees off during practice rounds. Many local residents were among the thousands of fans who attended the tournament over the weekend, despite the arid, humid weather.

stands will go to the food bank. Those interviewed with a frozen lemonade or strawberry ice in their hand said they weren't aware some of their money was going to charity, but they were happy it was.

Four vendors all estimated selling between 100 and 150 ices per hour. That doesn't count the food and drinks sold in the main vending areas.

Even Tiger Woods, who lives in Florida, was feeling the heat. He had a large circle of sweat on the front of his brown polo shirt and towed off sweat from his brow on a regular basis.

Woods was another reason many of the bleachers had open seating. An entourage of thousands of fans followed him from hole to hole, and he was seen to shake a live-over-par 75 for his opening round.

Fans also followed the group of eventual champion Phil "Lefty" Mickelson and Sergio Garcia and the high-powered threesome of John

Daly, Vijay Singh and Davis Love III from hole to hole.

Many of the fans on Aug. 11 followed the popular groups casually, skipping ahead a couple holes each time to get a better view.

Summit man Tony Pleah, who owns the Barber Shop Tony's Clip Joint on Maple Street in Summit, had a similar plan. After watching Daly and Love birdie the fifth hole, he cut ahead to the 10th hole to head-off Mickelson, his favorite golfer.

Leo Komonchak, from Irvine, Calif., strolled through the shade with his Rich Image Communications co-workers between the lower course's fifth and 18th holes at 3:15 p.m. during the first round. He was disappointed at rest, though Komonchak said he was watching one of the highlights from the east side of the course.

Komonchak watched Mickelson push a drive to the right of the trees on the sixth hole. Mickelson then creatively advanced the ball up the

adjacent fairway at the 17th hole and hit a wedge over the trees and a few feet from the hole. Komonchak was impressed, even though Mickelson missed his par putt.

Danny James, whose favorite golfer is Tiger Woods, said there are not that many holes that are unique on the golf course. But he did find the water-adjacent fourth hole to be a great spot.

James showed up at Baltusrol for the first time Sunday, and described the heat as being "unbelievable."

Most fans took measures to keep cool on all five days of the tournament, but there were also those who were willing to bask in the sun all day, if it meant getting closer to Tiger and Lefty.

James said he was watching the swings of Frank Chulick, of Camp Hill, Pa. "It makes it all worthwhile."

Managing Editor Brian Pedersen contributed to this report.

PBA contract council approval

By Mark Hrywca
Regional Editor

The Mountainside Borough Council has reached an agreement with its police union on a new four-year contract. The council approved the settlement at their public meeting Tuesday.

Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 126, which represents 22 officers in the Mountainside Police Department, has been without a new contract since a four-year deal expired on Dec. 31, 2002.

The new agreement was unanimously approved by the union on July 12, following mediation July 6.

PBA 126 President Jeffrey Stinner said there were two main issues during negotiations: medical benefits and longevity pay.

The Borough Council had wanted to eliminate longevity pay for new hires and have officers contribute toward their medical benefits, Stinner said, but both remain intact in the new agreement. In addition, the first-year probationary salary was increased from \$28,000 to \$32,000, and a seventh step was added to the salary guide. Under the previous contract, it would take six years to reach the top of the salary guide. Now it will take seven years. Officers are eligible for promotion after three years.

The average annual salary increases in the new contract were down slightly compared to the previous settlement, with 3.5 percent for 2003, 3.625 in both 2004 and 2005, and 3.75 in 2006. Stinner said he expects the retroactive raises to be paid during two pay periods next month. In the last contract, average increases were 3.8 percent in 1999, 3.9 percent in 2000, 3.95 percent in 2001 and 4.0 percent in 2002.

Though Stinner was not sure what the average salary is among the 22 PBA members, he said only two or three have not reached the top step of the salary guide.

For those hired after June 1996, officers receive 2 percent of their base salary annually after 10 years with the force; 4 percent after 15 years; 6 percent after 20 years and 8 percent after 24 years. Those hired prior to June 1996 receive 2 percent after five years, 4 percent after 10 years, 6 percent after 15 years, 8 percent after 20 years and 10 percent after 24 years.

Officers are scheduled four days on, four days off, in 12-hour shifts, combined with eight-hour shifts, to average 2,080 hours per year.

There are three shifts in the Patrol Division: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. and 3 to 11 p.m. The Detective Division has two shifts: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 1 to 9 p.m. Lieutenant shifts are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 3 to 11 p.m.

All EMT police officers also receive a prorated stipend of \$500 and officers are allowed a clothing allowance of \$575.

Officers assigned to Detective Bureau received 2 percent annual prorated stipend above base salary.

For each three hours of unused sick leave, the borough can buy back one hour, up to a maximum of \$18,000, for those hired before 1990. For those hired after 1990, one hour for each two unused hours, up to a maximum of \$30,000, is paid over three years.

Council President Glenn Mortimer said completing negotiations on a PBA contract is often a lengthy process. One of the mitigating circumstances that led to the current agreement was the death of Capt. Todd Turner in 2004.

During the negotiation process, Mortimer said eliminating longevity pay for new hires and requiring officers to contribute toward their medical benefits was an option the council was interested in exploring.

"It was an area that we looked at for potential cost savings, but instead we have the seventh step," said Mortimer.

Managing Editor Brian Pedersen contributed to this report.

Volunteers marshal their strength for PGA tournament visitors

By Deag McNamara
Staff Writer

For the past week, under the merciless sun at Springfield's Baltusrol Golf Club, thousands of golf enthusiasts successfully circumnavigated the course, deftly negotiating a labyrinth of ropes and walkways more fit for a mythical Greek hero than mere mortal weekend duffers hoping to catch a glimpse of Tiger Woods or Phil Mickelson.

Throughout the week, whenever any intrepid fan had a question — be it directions to the nearest concession stand or which hole players

were slated to play next — he or she need only look for the ever-present straw hat and official uniform of the tournament's volunteer marshals.

Similarly, the marshals assured the players of a silent gallery before each stroke and should a shot ring false, directions to any wayward balls that wandered into the six-inch rough or worse.

As part of the 3,500 volunteers for the tournament, the marshals' official duties included alerting the gallery before every shot, keeping track of where each shot landed and mak-

ing sure the spectators stayed on the pathways. More generally, one marshal explained that his was there to make the experience as enjoyable as possible for everyone.

Many of the marshals hail from either Springfield or nearby towns, such as Summit or Mountside.

For some, the tournament was a real chance to impress the Professional Golfers' Association.

As Westfield resident John Rochford explained, this was a chance to represent his club and "make sure the PGA comes back to our town."

For others, such as Springfield resident Patrick McDermott, the reason for volunteering was simple: "I love golf and I have a major championship in my home town."

Each marshal was assigned to a specific hole for the entire length of the championship. During the seven day event, they were expected to work at least four 4-hour shifts.

Each hole had a number of different stations, such as near the green or by the tee box. Every 45 minutes, the marshals would rotate around the stations, ensuring they didn't get too tired at any one spot.

Entire holes were run by marshals from the same club. For instance, the ninth hole was entirely overseen by members of Westfield's Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club.

The preparation for the tournament was extensive.

Beforehand, each marshal attended two formal sessions, as well as on-the-job training, explained Rochford.

In addition to the training time, each marshal also had to pay a fee of around \$160, which included the official uniform and background check, said McDermott.

PGA draws to a close

By Meave Sheehan
Staff Writer

At the ninth hole Sunday afternoon, the crowd at the PGA Tournament pressed against the ropes at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, watching Phil Mickelson make his way to the tee.

They clapped, they shouted. "Jerry loves you, Phil," yelled one fan. "I do, too," shouted one, deep, firm male voice as the noise died down.

As Mickelson looked out on the 212 par 3 hole, there was a faint smile on his lips.

During the CBS interview immediately following Mickelson's victory and subsequent press conference, Mickelson thanked the people of New Jersey and used words such as "incredible" and "tremendous" to describe the support that he and his family had received from local fans.

If Mickelson appeared to gush in his appreciation of area fans, the feeling was mutual. Springfield's golf fans and residents have tried to make the most of their brush with golf's finest.

With this year's PGA Tournament, Springfield wanted to emphasize its role as the home of the much-praised course. Township Committeewoman Clara Harelik said the tournament put Springfield on the map for those not yet familiar with this town and its unique place in Revolutionary history.

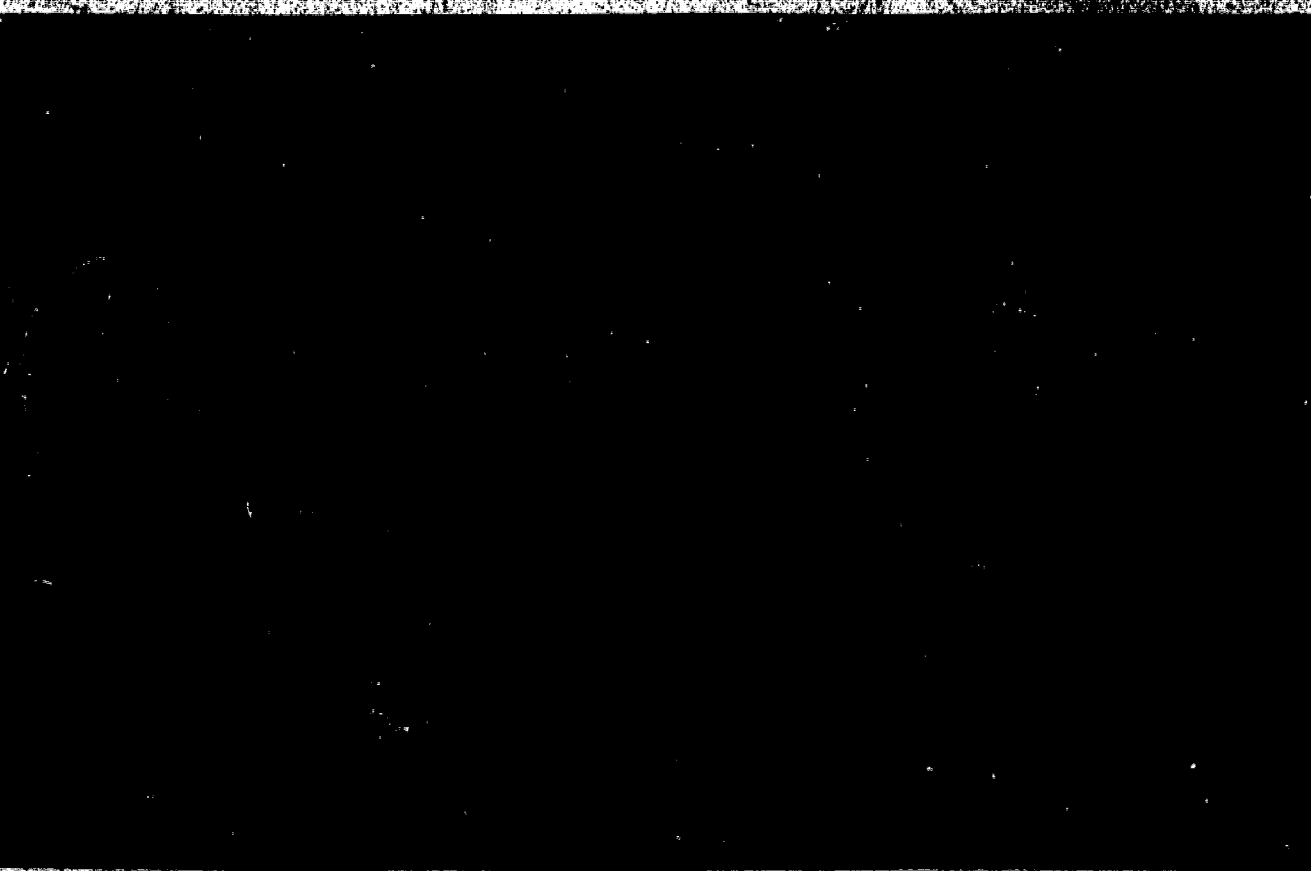


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The PGA Tournament may now be over, but the historic nature of the major sports event helped draw lots of media attention to the township of Springfield, which handed crowds of as many as 40,000 people per day.

"I think we got good media coverage," said Harelik.

During the 1993 U.S. Open, which was hosted at Baltusrol, the national and international media did not focus on the township or New Jersey, only the fact that the tournament was in the tri-state area, Harelik said.

This time around, Springfield tried to emphasize both the deep American history that exists in the town and its prime location, close to New York and

accessible by public transportation. CBS filmed the battle re-enactment at the 225th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Springfield earlier this summer and used that footage in its PGA coverage. A CBS Sports special that aired recently dedicated a segment to the town's history and was narrated by Margaret Handrowaki, president of the Springfield Historical Society.

Mayor Sy Mullinan said that he

was interviewed by CBS, NBC, ABC, WPIX 11, 101.5 FM and other media outlets.

Often, reporters wanted to know how a small, suburban town could handle crowds of 35,000 to 40,000 per day.

Mullinan said he toured Springfield's streets at least 15 major tournaments and carried protection by local and state police. He believes the PGA will be back within 10 years.

Trust fund application aims for rec upgrades

By Meave Sheehan
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, the Mountainside Borough Council authorized the application for the 2005 Kids Recreation Trust Fund grant offered by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Mountainside will ask for \$25,500 for equipment and \$230,000 for athletic field improvements from the county. The deadline for the grant application is Sept. 1.

Assistant Recreation Director Frank Masella, whose appointment as the new recreation director will be effective Sept. 12, said the borough could have asked for up to \$500,000 dollars from the county for field improvements and up to \$300,000 dollars for the equipment portion of the grant.

The grant requires a 50/50 appropriation of funds. Mountainside will have to provide \$127,000 for the grant if the borough's application is approved.

For the field improvement portion of the grant, Mountainside plans to buy stadium lights for two athletic fields at Deerfield School, the soccer field and senior girls softball field, according to current Recreation Director Sue Winans.

Masella said some of the grant money for equipment will be used to replace the side basketball backboards in the Deerfield School gym.

The funds are meant to ensure that children are using the safest and most

updated equipment possible.

This year marks the first time that Union County has put out the recreation grant for two consecutive years.

The Union County Kids Recreation Trust Fund is one of more than 50 non-profit organizations that has received a donation from the PGA tournament.

A total of \$1 million was awarded to Union County municipalities through the Kids Recreation Trust Fund in 2004.

In 2004, the borough received funding for three major construction projects on Deerfield School grounds, impacting both the children of the district and the school, as well.

The grant, which was for a little more than \$50,000 in 2004, went toward the repaving of the Deerfield School tennis courts, a slight re-alignment to the school's Pony League baseball field and adjoining field, along with the addition of batting cages outside the restrooms near the school.

Similar to the Borough Hall court, which were improved about four years ago, the basic construction included a 2-inch overlay that was applied to the pavement.

At the school's Pony League baseball field, the right field line was adjusted to accommodate a more standardized playing field, as this is the only park with 90-foot baselines.

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Burglary at residence reported

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POLICE BLOTTER

On Aug. 11 at 8:11 a.m., residents on Morris Avenue reported that their home had been burglarized. One 1998 Lincoln town car, two Nextel phones and two cartons of cigarettes were stolen.

On Aug. 6 at 10:21 a.m., police responded to a report of unknown persons stealing headlights from a 2005 Infiniti G35 parked on Briant Park Drive.

Bus fire on Shunpike Road reported

Springfield On Saturday at 8:03 p.m., Springfield firefighters responded to Shunpike Road for a reported bus fire.

FIRE BLOTTER

Hillside Avenues for a motor vehicle accident with injuries. Firefighters responded to Morris and Maple avenues Aug. 11 at 2:34 p.m. for a motor vehicle accident.

On Aug. 9 at 8:50 a.m., a burglary was reported at a Waverly Place building. One double-pane window was broken in the rear of the building and \$500-600 in cash was taken.

Neighbors donate PGA parking funds to charity. Jonathan D'Achille and some of her neighbors on Kipling Avenue in Springfield decided to donate the proceeds from their PGA Tournament parking rental earnings Sunday to charity.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will begin its summer International Film Festival with "Magdalen Sisters" at noon and 7 p.m.

The August Symphony Orchestra will host its inaugural concert at Springfield's Jonathan Dayton High School on Sunday at 3 p.m.

The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the media center at Jonathan Dayton High School, 138 Mountain Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

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

The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a regular session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 p.m.

The Springfield YMCA campers plan to host a car wash at the Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., from 10 a.m. to noon.

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Symphony prepares to perform

By Meave Sheehan Staff Writer

The August Symphony Orchestra will host its inaugural concert at Springfield's Jonathan Dayton High School on Sunday at 3 p.m.

A mixed orchestra of amateurs, professionals, students and retired residents from the Springfield area have been practicing for weeks in preparation of this event.

The concert's program will consist of Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel Prelude," Beethoven's "Symphony No. 5," Sibelius' "Pohjola's Daughter" and Sousa's "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

Maestro Martin Sklar, the conductor, has been a bassist with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra since 1970.

Sklar believes that being musical is in his genes. His father was a bass player for the NBC orchestra.

"I am involved in something superb," Sklar said of his career thus far.

Sunday's event will be a benchmark in Sklar's relatively recent turn as a conductor. He studied conducting in the 1960s, but did not start conducting until 2001.

Noting that being a conductor was something that he had always wanted to do, Sklar said his particular passion has been building within him.

The pieces for Sunday's program were chosen by Sklar because they are difficult for orchestra members to play, yet familiar to audiences.

Sklar seeks to challenge members of his orchestra. "I wanted to test them with fire," he said.

Beethoven's Fifth is meant to be a crowd pleaser, as is "Stars and Stripes," he said.

When asked whether audience members would find music played by a mixed professional and amateur orchestra easier to enjoy, Sklar said the orchestra's interpretation of the music will determine whether that music is accessible to the audience.

Orchestra members will look to Sklar as the conductor for a "comprehensive expression" of the music that they play.

Of his amateur orchestra members, Sklar noted that they hail from a variety of professions and are playing in the August Symphony Orchestra because doing so adds something vital to their lives.

The concert is free, with a suggested donation of \$10.

The event is partly funded by a HEART grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.



August Symphony Orchestra Conductor Martin Sklar leads a rehearsal at the Jonathan Dayton High School auditorium in Springfield, in preparation for the concert on Sunday. The group is composed of many musicians from the Springfield area.

District adopts new school time schedule

The Springfield Board of Education recently approved new changes in the start and end times for each school in the district, starting in September.

They include the following: For the Edward V. Walton School Pre-K only students, the drop off time for the a.m. session will be 8:35 a.m.

The start time for the p.m. session will be 12:35 p.m. Dismissal for the p.m. session will be 3:10 p.m.

For the Edward V. Walton School students in grades kindergarten through second, the drop off time will be 8:35 a.m.

The start time for grades kindergarten through second will be 8:50 a.m.

Dismissal for grades kindergarten through second will be 3:10 p.m.

For the third-through fifth-grade students at the James Caldwell School and Thelma L. Sandmeier School, the drop off time will be 8:25 a.m.

The start time for JCTLS students will be 8:40 a.m. Dismissal for JCTLS students will be 3 p.m.

For the Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School, which serves grades six through eight, the drop off time will be 7:35 a.m.

The start time will be 7:45 a.m. Dismissal for FMG students will be 2:30 p.m.

For the Jonathan Dayton High School students, grades nine through 12, the drop off time will be 7:30 a.m.

The start time at the high school will be 7:40 a.m. Dismissal will be at 2:31 p.m.

September is library card sign-up month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month — a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all.

Residents, workers and students of Springfield are invited to come by the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., to sign up for a library card.

The observance was launched in 1987 to meet the challenge of then Secretary of Education William J. Bennett who said: "Let's have a national campaign ... every child should obtain a library card — and use it."

Since then, thousands of public and school libraries join each fall in a national effort to ensure every child does just that. Library cards are generally free to those living in the library's service area.

In most cases, borrowing privileges are granted on the spot. Some libraries may require some form of identification, proof of residency or the signature of a guardian.

Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

Libraries offer books, magazines, audio and videotapes, computers, software and other multimedia materials. Libraries offer a wide range of other items on loan to children and their families, including toys, games and puzzles. Most can be borrowed for home use simply by showing a library card. Libraries are on hand to help recommend materials suitable for various ages and interests.

The Mountaineer Newcomers Club is getting ready for "Back to school." Those who have any backpacks or school supplies that can be donated are encouraged to drop them off at 1287 Wood Valley Road.

The Mountaineer Newcomers Club has also created its own Web site. Visit their new site at www.mountaineernewcomers.org for the latest club information. Future enhancements are being planned.

Book fair aids library's reading initiative

Barnes & Noble Booksellers is partnering with The New Jersey State Library and New Jersey Library Association to present a new program designed to help fund New Jersey libraries' 2006 summer reading program.

A statewide book fair will be Sept. 9 and 10 at all New Jersey Barnes & Noble stores. Book fair vouchers will be available at the circulation desk of the Springfield Free Public Library.

Special events will take place at many Barnes & Noble stores on those days. In the Springfield Barnes & Noble at 240 Route 22 west, children's book author Ona Griz will be having a book reading and signing on Sept. 10.

Springfield YMCA is planning a Ladies Night Out special anniversary program on Oct. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m., at 100 S. Springfield Ave.

They are seeking craft vendors specializing in handmade items for this event. Ladies Night Out is a one-time event, and open to the community. Table rentals will be \$20 for the evening.

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

The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the media center at Jonathan Dayton High School, 138 Mountain Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

The Mountaineer Board of Education will meet in the media center at Beechwood School, 1497 Woodacres Drive at 8 p.m.

At 4 p.m. in honor of Grandparents Day. Griz is the author of "Tangerines and Tea, My Grandparents and Me," a picture book. Tea and cookies will be served. The Springfield Public Library will be sponsoring a story time and will also be doing library card sign-ups at Barnes & Noble during this time. Check with the store for details.

Barnes & Noble will donate a percentage of every sale from every customer who presents a book fair voucher at any Barnes & Noble store in New Jersey on Sept. 9 and Sept. 10 only. The funds raised from this two-day event will benefit the children and young adults who participate in the book year's summer reading program.

To participate, pick up a voucher at the Springfield Public Library between now and Sept. 9. Then present the voucher at any Barnes & Noble store in New Jersey on Sept. 9 or 10 when you make a purchase.

Vouchers can also be downloaded from The New Jersey State Library Web site at www.njstatelibrary.org or from New Jersey Library Association Web site at www.njla.org.

Vouchers are also available only on Sept. 9 and 10 at the cash register of Barnes & Noble by request.

For information about this project, call 973-376-4820.

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor
Practice is under way. Scrimmages are upcoming. The first kickoff that count are in three weeks.

Welcome to Union County high school football - 2005.

The season will commence on Sept. 9 and 10 - Week Zero - for 14 of the 16 varsity playing football schools in Union County. Roselle and New Providence are the only exceptions as they will open the following weekend. Dayton has football again and is coached by former Franklin mentor Joe George.

The Bulldogs will play a JV schedule this year, with varsity competition to resume in 2006. Actually, Dayton will kick off the 2005 season for Union County schools with a JV game at Bound Brook on Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.

The only coaching change in the county this year is former Scotch Plains assistant Erik Rosenmeier taking over at Cranford for Chris Hull, who moved on to Morris-town.

This is Rosenmeier's first head coaching stint and he is anxious to keep the winning tradition going at Cranford.

Elizabeth, with speedy Gary Warren at tailback, and Rahway, with beefy fullback Andre Neblett in the fold, are at the top of the hierarchy in the county at the moment.

Both seniors hope to lead their teams to state championships. Elizabeth last won in 2000 when it captured North 2, Group 4, while Rahway last won in 1984 when it was victorious in North 2, Group 3.

Three schools switched sections. Hillside and Governor Livingston moved to Central Jersey, Group 2 for the first time, while New Providence moved back to North 2, Group 1.

UC needs a state champ

For the second straight year, Union County football did not produce a state championship last season. What's more alarming is that the county has produced only five in the past 10 seasons (1995-2004). Elizabeth won North 2, Group 4 in 1997, 1999 and 2000 and Johnson captured North 2, Group 2 in 1995 and 2002.

Even more discouraging is that the county went 0-3 in finals by decisive scores the past two seasons. Union fell to Piscataway 29-7 and Scotch Plains was shut out by Ridge 27-0 in the 2003 North 2, Group 4 and North 2, Group 3 finals at Giants Stadium. New Providence was defeated at Florence 35-7 in last year's Central Jersey Group 1 final, although the Pioneers lost their quarterback in the first half with an ankle injury.

New Providence is now 0-8 in sectional finals since winning its last crown, which was a third straight North 2, Group 1 title in 1989. The Pioneers, coached only by Frank Bottone, won North 2, Group 2 in 1974 and 1976.

There are only two state champions so far this decade, with Elizabeth in 2000 and Johnson in 2002. For the first time since the playoff format began in 1974, Union County did not even have a team reach a final in 2001.

Where have all the champions gone? Teams like Westfield, Union, Elizabeth, Rahway, New Providence, Summit, Brearley and Roselle Park did their share in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. Johnson won its first title in 1995 and second in 2002.

However, teams like Linden, Hillside, Roselle and Scotch Plains remain stuck on just one title. Plainfield, Cranford and Governor Livingston are still without a playoff title, with Cranford and GL still seeking to reach their first championship games, along with Dayton.

Here's a look at the last year the 13 of the 17 teams in Union County that have reached a title game won a championship and how many they have won overall:

- Union: 1993 (10)
- Elizabeth: 2000 (6)
- Summit: 1994 (5)
- New Providence: 1989 (5)
- Brearley: 1991 (4)
- Rahway: 1984 (3)
- Roselle Park: 1993 (3)
- Westfield: 1977 (2)
- Johnson: 2002 (2)
- Scotch Plains: 1990 (1)
- Roselle: 1989 (1)
- Linden: 1985 (1)
- Hillside: 1985 (1)

Gymnasts gearing for 2nd straight titles Looking back on achievement

The Dayton High School gymnastics team, sparked by junior Andie Sablosky of Springfield, will be looking to win second straight Union County Tournament and North Jersey, Section 2 championships this fall.

The Bulldogs captured both titles for the first time last year. Below is an account by reporter Jeff Wolfrum of how the Dayton gymnastics team captured last year's Union County Tournament championship at Cranford:

At the conclusion of the Union County Gymnastics championships at Martin Gymnasium, there was some head scratching and some uttering of the words "what" and "how" after the omission of Dayton/Brearley sophomore Andie Sablosky from the overall results.

After watching Sablosky's outstanding performance during the evening, everyone in the stands knew something was wrong as the talented Springfield resident placed in all five events.

However, after the error was pointed out and the judges corrected their mistake, Sablosky was awarded second overall with a final tally of 35.575.

Tiffany Lewis of Elizabeth was the overall winner with a score of 36.350. "When that happened, I said, 'what, this can't be happening,'" Sablosky said. "I knew I couldn't have gotten less than third place. I thought I might have tied and I was really happy about that, but after they announced the overall winners, I was like this can't be. However, after they got things right, I was really happy for Tiffany because I really respect her."

Those missing scores also helped the Dayton/Brearley squad to the overall team title with a score of 102.850.

In addition to Sablosky, the Dayton/Brearley team, coached by Marianne Ragozino, received strong performances from Kenilworth residents Jessica Zalutko and Lisa Madonia, who both placed among the top six in the floor exercise.

"I'm really proud of my teammates," said Sablosky, who attends Dayton. "Last year we tried to get to know each other because we were from different schools. Everyone has more trust in one another this year and we went out there for what we wanted."

Sablosky had two second-place finishes, including an 8.950 in the vault and a 9.075 in the floor exercise. "I hurt my ankle on the Monday before, so it made things hard for me once I started starting to pop," Sablosky said. "Even though you always want to do better, I think I did my best considering I was slightly injured."

Sablosky also had a third-place finish in the balance beam with a score of 8.950 and a fifth-place showing in the uneven bars with an 8.600. "I really thought my best event of the night was on the beam because I usually struggle in that event," Sablosky said. "I stayed on it and I was really excited about that."

Zalutko finished fourth in the floor exercise with a 9.000, while Madonia placed sixth with a score of 8.875. In the vault, Zalutko scored an 8.50, while Madonia recorded a 7.95. In the uneven bars, Zalutko tallied an 8.40, while Madonia registered a 7.15. In the balance beam, Zalutko finished with a score of 8.75, while Madonia compiled a mark of 8.65.

"I try to pride myself on a great work ethic," Sablosky said. "My favorite thing in the entire world is to be able to train for gymnastics for eight hours a day with a break in the middle. I do that over the summer, but I love it."

2004 UCT GYMNASTICS
Teams: 1-Dayton/Brearley 102.850, 2-Scotch Plains 101.525, 3-Westfield 101.025, 4-Cranford 94.000, 5-Union Catholic 92.700, 6-Johnson 84.300, 7-Union 79.000, 8-Elizabeth 52.050, 9-Roselle Park 32.000, 10-Rahway 31.400.

All-Around: 1-Tiffany Lewis, Elizabeth, 36.350, 2-Andie Sablosky, Dayton/Brearley, 35.575, 3-Jessica Greenwald, Union, 35.350, 4-Marissa Rusin, Johnson, 35.300, 5-Claire MacDonald, Westfield, 35.275, 6-Katie Zaleski, Scotch Plains, 35.100.

Vault: 1-Tiffany Lewis, Elizabeth, 9.200, 2-Andie Sablosky, Dayton/Brearley, 8.950, 3-Claire MacDonald, Westfield, 8.850, 4-Marissa Rusin, Johnson, 8.800, 5-Jessica Greenwald, Union, 8.800, 6-Katie Zaleski, Scotch Plains, 8.500.

Uneven Bars: 1-Tiffany Lewis, Elizabeth, 9.050, 2-Katie Zaleski, Scotch Plains, 9.025, 3-Marissa Rusin, Johnson, 8.900, 4-Jessica Greenwald, Union, 8.800, 5-Andie Sablosky, Dayton/Brearley, 8.600, 6-Claire MacDonald, Westfield, 8.600.

Balance Beam: 1-Jessica Greenwald, Union, 9.050, 2-Tiffany Lewis, Elizabeth, 9.000, 3-Andie Sablosky, Dayton/Brearley, 8.950, 4-Claire MacDonald, Westfield, 8.900, 5-Katie Zaleski, Scotch Plains, 8.800, 6-Marissa Rusin, Johnson, 8.750.

Floor Exercise: 1-Jacqueline DeJohn, Scotch Plains, 9.250, 2-Andie Sablosky, Dayton/Brearley, 9.075, 3-Tiffany Lewis, Elizabeth, 9.000, 4-Jessica Zalutko, Dayton/Brearley, 9.000, 5-Claire MacDonald, Westfield, 8.925, 6-Lisa Madonia, Dayton/Brearley, 8.875.

2004-2005 Union County Scholar-Athletes
The following are 2004-2005 New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Scholar-Athletes from Union County schools:

Brearley: Alexandra Federson
Roselle: Randolph Dorsett
Cranford: Stephen Caprio
Elizabeth: Nathaniel Thompson
Governor Livingston: Christine McCurdy
Hillside: Sjoqueelyn Winstead
Johnson: Michael Monagle
Dayton: Cristin Zavocki
Linden: Ann Mulzar
Oratory Prep: Robert Crum
Plainfield: Monika Young
Rahway: Lindsay Connell
Roselle Catholic: Robert Carrell
St. Patrick's: William George
Scotch Plains: Elizabeth Ann Elko
Summit: Claire Kelly
Union Catholic: Judy Ann Adan
Westfield: Giovanna Palatucci

As is the case every year, not every school in Union County was listed.

The following are 2004-2005 NJIAA/VETS Scholar-Athletes from Union County schools:

Governor Livingston: Craig Gorin and Veena Venkatchalam
Brearley: Jaymin Patel and Daria Glynos
Oratory Prep: Robert Crum
Union: Chris Haley and Joanna Galante
Dayton: Boris Pivtorak and Jaclyn Salant
Mother Seton: Christina Froelich
Summit: Pete Britt and Claire Kelly
Roselle Catholic: Michael Garcia and Jessica Rodriguez
Roselle: Randolph Dorsett and Jessica Samartino
Johnson: Timothy Sycaris and Erin Brennan
Scotch Plains: Elizabeth Ann Elko
Rahway: Robert Zarzeck and Lindsay Connell
Union Catholic: Thomas Mintel and Sophia Rose Mavroudas
Linden: Norbert Siczekowski and Ann Mulzar
Kent Place: Cara Manket
Cranford: Michael Folger and Tara Scaramuzzi
Oak Knoll: Jessica McBride
Elizabeth: Nathaniel Thompson and Angela Correa
Hillside: Alex Laguna and Sjoqueelyn Winstead

The above-named students ranked in the top 10 percent of their senior class, were the recipient of at least two varsity letters and demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership, character and service within school and community.

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Dayton JV Football

Sept. 4 at Plainfield, TBA
Regular season:
Sept. 8 at Bound Brook, 7 p.m.
Sept. 15 Poly Prep, 4 p.m.
on varsity soccer field
Sept. 19 at Morris Catholic, 4 p.m.
Sept. 29 at Passaic Tech, 4 p.m.
Oct. 3 at Mountain Lakes, 4 p.m.
Oct. 10 at Mountain Lakes, 4 p.m.
Oct. 17 at New Providence, 4 p.m.
Oct. 21 at Roselle Park, 4 p.m.
Freshman Game
Oct. 24 at Montclair Immaculate, 4 p.m.
Oct. 31 at Belvidere, 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 7 at Bonton, 4 p.m.

Dayton Boys' Soccer

Sept. 2 Elmwood Park, 10 a.m.
Sept. 6 Elizabeth, 4 p.m.
Sept. 7 at Verona, 4 p.m.
Regular season:
Sept. 9 Manville, 4 p.m.
Sept. 12 at Solomon Schechter, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 15 at Oratory Prep, 4 p.m.
Sept. 19 University, 4 p.m.
Sept. 20 at Technology, 4 p.m.
Sept. 22 Brearley, 4 p.m.
Sept. 27 at New Providence, 4 p.m.
Sept. 29 Scotch Plains, 4 p.m.
Sept. 30 South Amboy, 4 p.m.
Oct. 6 at Manville, 4 p.m.
Oct. 7 at Roselle, 4 p.m.
Oct. 10 at Verona, 4 p.m.
Oct. 11 Oratory Prep, 4 p.m.
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Oct. 18 at Roselle Park, 4 p.m.
Oct. 25 at Brearley, 7 p.m.
Oct. 27 at Johnson, 4 p.m.

Dayton Girls' Soccer

Sept. 12 at Solomon Schechter, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 15 at Oratory Prep, 4 p.m.
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Oct. 11 Oratory Prep, 4 p.m.
Oct. 14 Technology, 4 p.m.
Oct. 18 at Roselle Park, 4 p.m.
Oct. 25 at Brearley, 7 p.m.
Oct. 27 at Johnson, 4 p.m.

Dayton Girls' Tennis

Sept. 13 Roselle Park, 4 p.m.
Sept. 15 at Hanover Park, 3:45 p.m.
Sept. 16 Oak Knoll, 4 p.m.
Sept. 1 North Plainfield, 4 p.m.
Sept. 20 at Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.
Sept. 22 New Providence, 4 p.m.
Sept. 23 at Punnett School, 4 p.m.
Sept. 26 Rahway, 4 p.m.
Sept. 27 at Johnson, 4 p.m.
Oct. 5 at Mount St. Mary, 4 p.m.
Oct. 6 at Roselle Park, 4 p.m.
Oct. 10 at Cranford, 4 p.m.
Oct. 11 at Oak Knoll, 4 p.m.
Oct. 17 Whippany Park, 4 p.m.
Oct. 18 at New Providence, 4 p.m.
Oct. 20 Johnson, 4 p.m.
Oct. 25 at Bound Brook, 4 p.m.
Oct. 27 Mount St. Mary, 4 p.m.

Dayton Girls' Soccer

Sept. 12 at Solomon Schechter, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 15 at Oratory Prep, 4 p.m.
Sept. 19 University, 4 p.m.
Sept. 20 at Technology, 4 p.m.
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Sept. 27 at New Providence, 4 p.m.
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Oct. 6 at Manville, 4 p.m.
Oct. 7 at Roselle, 4 p.m.
Oct. 10 at Verona, 4 p.m.
Oct. 11 Oratory Prep, 4 p.m.
Oct. 14 Technology, 4 p.m.
Oct. 18 at Roselle Park, 4 p.m.
Oct. 25 at Brearley, 7 p.m.
Oct. 27 at Johnson, 4 p.m.

Summit Girls' Soccer

Sept. 10 Morris Hills, 1:30 p.m.
at Morris Knolls, Summit is road team
Sept. 17 Weequahic, 3 p.m.
at Livingston, Summit is home team
Sept. 23 at West Essex, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30 at Dover, 7 p.m.
Oct. 8 Parsippany Hills, 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 15 at Chatham, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 22 Mendham, 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 28 at Hanover Park, 7 p.m.
Nov. 5 Parsippany, 1:30 p.m.

Summit Girls' Soccer

Sept. 9 at Morris Hills, 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 13 Weequahic, 4 p.m.
Sept. 15 West Essex, 4 p.m.
Sept. 17 at Dover, 7 p.m.
Sept. 19 at Parsippany Hills, 4 p.m.
Sept. 21 Chatham, 4 p.m.
Sept. 23 at Mendham, 4 p.m.
Sept. 27 at Hanover Park, 4 p.m.
Sept. 29 at Parsippany, 4 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Morris Hills, 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 6 Union, 4 p.m.
Oct. 8 at Kent Place, 11:30 a.m.
Oct. 11 at West Essex, 4 p.m.
Oct. 14 at Dover, 4 p.m.
Oct. 18 Parsippany Hills, 4 p.m.
Oct. 20 at Chatham, 4 p.m.
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Oct. 27 at Hanover Park, 4 p.m.
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Summit Girls' Tennis

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Oct. 19 at Mendham, 4 p.m.
Oct. 21 at Hanover Park, 4 p.m.
Oct. 24 at Parsippany, 4 p.m.

Summit Girls' Volleyball

Sept. 13 Columbia, 2 p.m.
Sept. 1 at Kent Place, 4 p.m.
Regular season:
Sept. 9 at Mount Olive, 4 p.m.
Sept. 10 at Dayton, 10 a.m.
Sept. 13 Parsippany Hills, 4 p.m.
Sept. 15 Chatham, 4 p.m.
Sept. 17 at Parsippany Hills, 11 a.m.
Sept. 20 Mendham, 4 p.m.
Sept. 22 West Essex, 4 p.m.
Sept. 26 Oak Knoll, 4 p.m.
Sept. 27 at Morris Knolls, 4 p.m.
Sept. 29 Roxbury, 4 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Hanover Park, 4 p.m.
Oct. 6 Mount Olive, 4 p.m.
Oct. 11 at Parsippany, 4 p.m.
Oct. 14 at Chatham, 4 p.m.
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Oct. 20 at Mendham, 4 p.m.
Oct. 25 at West Essex, 4 p.m.
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Nov. 1 at Roxbury, 4 p.m.
Nov. 2 Hanover Park, 4 p.m.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

It's the American way

At the very least, Springfield residents deserve some compensation, even if it's minimal, for the inconvenience they've experienced during the past week during the PGA championship at Baltusrol Golf Course.

Last week, they briefly got it through their own entrepreneurial initiative, whether it was by transforming their driveways and front lawns into parking lots for paying visitors or selling drinks, snacks, umbrellas and just about anything else to make a buck. Their business acumen represents a distinctly American virtue. While not everyone appreciated the number of signs all along Mountain Avenue and neighboring side streets, Monday marked the end of the tournament. These signs, just like the crowds, are now a memory.

It's hard to believe that the tournament, with all its staggering crowds of media crews and thousands of golf fans, has come to a close just as quickly as it began. After years of planning and anticipation, the moment quickly came and went. It truly was Springfield's time in the limelight, since it's not every day that people from all around the world come to the township for one event.

Unlike Springfield, neighboring Summit passed an ordinance prohibiting anyone from parking on residential lawns, in anticipation of visitors arriving for the PGA. Those who do will get a \$100 fine, the ordinance warned. No questions asked. Springfield, on the other hand, did no such thing.

When you think about the many ways Springfield residents have been inconvenienced in terms of the increase in traffic and the closure of Shunpike Road, it makes sense to offer some form of payback. Business owners and merchants have also gained an opportunity to attract extra customers because of the event, giving them a business boost during a particularly slow point in the summer.

So in the meantime, people who live near the golf course, whether they love or hate the sport, should be thankful they at least had the opportunity to make some extra cash. It should come in handy, particularly since those hefty tax bills have recently arrived.

Be inclusive

It's yet to be defined, but the redevelopment plan for Morris Avenue in Springfield is gaining prominence in the minds of merchants and business owners who will be affected by the decisions the governing body will make.

One of the main concerns they have is a fear of eminent domain. The recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that allows a municipality to take property from a business or homeowner for the "public good" is not something that is in the best interests of the whole township, unless the designated property is truly uninhabitable. The Township Committee should use eminent domain only as a last resort.

Township Committee members should take into consideration the needs of the entire township once they get to the step of defining the improvements that will need to be done.

When public input meetings begin in the fall, township officials must seriously consider the needs and interests of merchants, business owners, the Chamber of Commerce and residents, and weigh each option before making any decisions. Redevelopment, whatever form it takes, will transform the downtown area for years to come, so it's important that it be done right the first time, incorporating a diverse range of viewpoints. The area has been in need of improvements for years and this project is something that will take a significant length of time to complete. It's not something that will happen overnight. There's still a lot of preliminary steps that need to be taken.

The township needs to hire a developer, and the Planning Board still needs to designate the boundaries of the area in need of redevelopment, plus set a date for a public hearing. After this, the Planning Board needs to make recommendations to the governing body, which adopts a binding resolution making the redevelopment area official, which then gets reviewed by the Planning Board.

With careful planning and an inclusive series of special meetings that reach out to everyone in the community, the township has the power to make Morris Avenue an area that will bring business to the town, raise property values and improve the quality of life for all parties involved once these steps are completed.

"It is vitally important that we stand behind our nation's First Amendment with whatever resources are required to remind people that the concerns of the moment cannot be used as excuses to inhibit a free and vital press long into the future."

— William Dean Singleton

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The president, Matt Cooper and six degrees

I was surprised the memory hadn't surfaced before last week. It just kind of reappeared after seven years. I dug through an address book — yes, an actual, tangible address book, not a cell phone or e-mail account — for a business card. Still crisp, there it was: Matt Cooper, deputy bureau chief and national correspondent at Newsweek.

Cooper, now of Time magazine, and Judith Miller, a reporter for *The New York Times*, were threatened with contempt of court for not revealing their sources in the case of ousted former CIA operative Valerie Plame. Cooper avoided jail time by agreeing to testify before a grand jury after his source released him from a confidentiality agreement.

The fiasco has been playing out in the news for some time and dates back to a 2003 conversation Cooper had with the president's right-hand man, Karl Rove, who is believed to be the source.

The story has become a lightning rod for debate about the First Amend-

County Seat

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

ment, reporter shield laws and the power of government. But we're not going in that direction today. Bloggers have more than sufficiently continued that discussion.

It was May 1998. Seinfeld was preparing to say goodbye to prime time television. George W. Bush was confined to screwing up Texas. Most of the nation, and the world, was wrapped up in Montecage; the War on Terror and Weapons of Mass Destruction were terms you'd more likely find at the local cineplex than the network news. And Matt Cooper was sitting in my office.

Anyway, he'd stopped by to chat about South Orange considering

August has hosted several historical events

As of this writing, it is now the month of August, and through the years, a lot has happened during that month, even the establishment of its name. Back in the time of Julius Caesar, this month was known as "Sextilis," the sixth month of the Old Roman calendar.

Most calendars are based on the four seasons of the year and the orbit of the earth around the sun, but many made no arrangement for a leap year to keep the calendar even with the seasons. As a result, by the time Julius Caesar came to power, that calendar needed considerable adjustment. In making the needed corrections, Julius also had the fifth month of the year renamed July, and stole a day from February to make July have thirty-one days. In the old calendar, March was the first month of the year.

Several years later, Julius' grand nephew and adopted son, Augustus, came to power, and the feeling was that if Uncle Julius could have a month named after him, so could his nephew. Therefore, the sixth month was renamed August and, in order to be equal to July, another day was added from February so that August could have had thirty-one days also.

This ancient Julian calendar is still in use in some parts of the world, but is now more than two weeks off the pace with the season. A couple of centuries ago, Pope Gregory revised the calendar and added several adjustments to compensate for any future errors. This is the calendar we use today. It is commonly known as the Gregorian calendar.

However, as the Pope was Catholic, and King Henry VIII would have no part of the Pope's calendar, England continued to use the old calendar, and some dates in history are given as 1620 O.S., meaning Old Style. It was not until 1752 that, to avoid confusion, commerce between England and Europe forced England

changing its name to South Mountain. The visit couldn't have been longer than 20 or 30 minutes. We chatted about the proposed name change, some of the stories, editorials, and the flood of letters our newspaper, the *News-Record of Maplewood and South Orange*, was getting about it.

At the time, Cooper was national correspondent and bureau chief for Newsweek magazine.

A native of South Orange, and a 1980 graduate of Columbia High School, Cooper moved on to become deputy bureau chief at Time, where he has covered the Bush administration, the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York City and the Chandra Levy case, among other things.

But now he is the news rather than just writing about it, pretty standard stuff for a Columbia High School graduate. The South Orange-Maplewood school has had an extraordinary number of alumni make a mark in their respective industry throughout

the years. While the pop culture celebrities receive most of the press — actors Elizabeth '81 and Andrew Shue '85, musician Lauryn Hill '93, drummer Max Weinberg '69, actor/director Zach Braff '93, "The Daily Show" writer David Javerbaum '89 — CHS grads are prominent in numerous other fields, including Olympian Joetta Clark '80 and sexologist Alfred Kinsey '12.

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'Springfield Swings'



The Springfield community is presenting a free 'Big Band Concert' on Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. The concert will be conducted at The Chisholm Park, 100 South Springfield Ave., in Springfield. The evening will feature the David Aaron 19-piece band in a concert of swing music. David Aaron's band features the vocalist styling of Miss Pat Tandy. For information, call Sandy Weinger, director of Springfield Swings, at 973-376-5639.

YMCA campers plan to host car wash

On Aug. 25, the Springfield YMCA campers plan to host a car wash from 10 a.m. to noon at the Springfield YMCA.

The proceeds will go to help support the Y's Cares Financial Assistance Program which provides financial assistance to children and families in child care and camp programs at the Y. In July the campers also conducted a jump-a-thon. Campers signed up sponsors who made a contribution for each jump, 25 campers participated, and \$600 was raised for Y Cares Financial Assistance.

The Springfield YMCA is located at 100 S. Springfield Ave. For information, call 973-467-0838.

Church street fair coming in September

The second Church Mall street fair will be in Springfield on Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Vendors and service organizations are encouraged to reserve a space at the Fair now. Space is limited so the event can move indoors in case of inclement weather. Approximately 20 10x10 spaces are still available.

This street fair is different from most in that the focus is on encouraging stronger, healthier communities as a way of honoring the lives of those persons who died on Sept. 11, 2001. The community groups represent a wide array of non-profit and social service organizations that help people, animals and the environment in our

area. Not only can the public learn about services available to them in Union County, they can also learn about ways they can help their community. Admission to the fair is free. The Kid's Zone will offer old-fashioned carnival type games and make-your-own-craft tables.

Food, music, a community stage and a brief time of remembrance for Sept. 11 will be featured during the day. Vendors and community group displays are spaced along Church Mall and Academy Green Street in Springfield.

Community organizations and local businesses interested in performing on the stage are also asked to respond to this invitation.

Organizers are hoping to draw dance troupes, youth or college performers, martial arts, scouts and other groups who may wish to demonstrate their skill on stage.

Call Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church at 973-376-1695 for more information.

The Church Mall street fair is co-sponsored by the United Methodist and First Presbyterian Church of Springfield.

Event leaders reserve the right to decline participation by organizations or individuals whose product or services are not in keeping with the overall goal of building healthy, strong and respectful communities.

Club conducts 28th annual fishing derby

The Newark Bait & Fly Casting Club will conduct its 28th annual Pea-

ple With Disabilities Fishing Derby on Sept. 10, with a rain date of Sept. 11 at Echo Lake Park, Mountaintide.

The event headquarters will be at the gazebo near the dam at the lower lake. All handicapped individuals, regardless of age, can participate. They must pre-register by Sept. 2 by calling Ellen Chase of the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4096.

Fishing will begin at 10 a.m. and run through 2 p.m. The Newark Bait & Fly Casting Club will provide fishing tackle and bait to all registered participants.

There is no charge for any of the activities. Prior to the start of fishing, a member of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife will demonstrate methods of stocking and identifying fish. A lunch will be served and a clown/magic show will be presented. All participants will receive prizes and special awards will be given to person who caught the largest fish and the most fish.

The club can use all of the volunteers they can get to help the participants fish and enjoy the day. Set aside a few hours and lend a hand.

Sponsors of the event are Marjorie Tedesco and "The Tedesco Bunch" of Rumson, the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, and the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife.

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

WORSHIP CALENDAR

EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCH "SERVING CHRIST IN THE 21st CENTURY" 242 Summit Rd., Springfield, Rev. Freddie Mackey, Sr., Pastor, Sundays: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages, "Worship Through Stations," Spanish Services: 9:30 AM and 5:30 PM, 10:30 AM Weekly Service and Wesleyan Care: 5:30-7:00 PM, AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11, 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care, Wednesday: 7:15 PM, Prayer, Praise and Bible Study, Justice/Service: High Ministry, Active Youth Ministry, Wide-Range Men's Program, Family Fellowship, Class, Life provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4351, Mondays: 7:00 pm - ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE.

MEMPHIST 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 10:30 AM before children exit for Sunday School, Eversys God's congregation through outreach activities. Beginning and experienced vocalists and musicians are invited to participate in the ministry led by professional musicians Gary Johnson and Don Curtis. 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 "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 easy lively programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you too can have a "good week." Call the church office or Pastors Gina or Rich Henshaw, SEUMC Pastors for more information at 908-277-1700.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 210 Morris Ave. at Church Mall, Springfield, 973-379-4320. Sunday School Classes for ages 3 yrs.-Senior High 9:00 a.m. in our Parish House, Sunday morning worship services 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-Jed Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.;

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCR-001, 229 Cooperstown Pl., Westfield, 973-379-5387. Sunday morning services 10:00 a.m. Rev. Paul E. Kirsch, Pastor, (908) 232-1517. Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Sessions and are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning, Nursery care, and facilities are provided. Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

JEWISH-ORTHODOX CONGREGATION ISRAEL OF SPRINGFIELD 439 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 973-467-9666. Chaim Marmor, Rabbi, Alan J. Yezzer, Rabbi Emeritus; Solomon Grossman, President. Congregation leads in a Modern Orthodox synagogue. There are two daily morning services on weekdays at 6:15 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Daily weekday Mincha/Mariv services are also held. Call the synagogue office for times. There are two Shabbat morning services at 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. as well as Mincha Congregation at 9:30 a.m. The Nursery School conducts classes for children aged 2 1/2 to 4 A.

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Courses build first aid skills

The American Red Cross Westfield/Mountaintide Chapter, 321 Elm St., Westfield, offers their summer 2005 Health and Safety Course Schedule.

For information on any courses, call 908-233-7090. Unless otherwise noted, all programs and courses will take place at the chapter house.

• First Aid kits and supplies are for sale at the chapter house.

• The Child CPR course teaches how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in children ages 1 to 8. The fee is \$35.

The course will be Aug. 26 from 9:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

• Adult CPR teaches how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in adults. The course includes automated external defibrillation training. The fee is \$45.

The course will be offered Monday, from 6 to 10:30 p.m., and Aug. 25, from 9:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Participants taking the re-certification course must hold current certification and need to renew. The fee is \$30.

• Teen Classes are regular Red Cross certification classes but geared towards teens' ages 12 and older. The fee is \$35 per person, per class.

• First Aid Basics teaches participants how to check a conscious and unconscious victim, how to recognize and care for life-threatening bleeding, sudden illness and injuries. The fee is \$35. The course will be Friday, from 9:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

• Standard First Aid is a course that teaches adult CPR, use of an AED and First Aid Basics. Adult CPR without First Aid can be taken at this class. The fee is \$45. The fee for the other courses is \$55.

• CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer is a course designed for personnel with the duty to respond to emergencies.

It covers caring for and recognizing breathing and cardiac emergencies, adult CPR, infant CPR, child CPR, two rescuer CPR, AED and use of a resuscitation mask and bag valve mask. A pocket mask is included. The fee is \$70.

The class will be Aug. 26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• CPR for the Professional Rescuer Review and Re-certification is a class for the individual who holds a current certification but needs to renew. Participants should bring their pocket mask and course book. The fee is \$45. The course will be offered Sunday, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

• CPR for the Professional Rescuer — Challenge is a class for those who have mastered the Professional Rescuer CPR/AED skills. There is no instruction. The fee is \$45.

The course will be offered tonight, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

• Community First Aid & Safety is a course that teaches how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants, children and adults. First Aid is also included. The fee is \$60.

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

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

UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST 4 WINDMILL LANE, SUMMIT, 4 Westfield Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901. 908-277-2324. www.unum.org. Rev. Vanessa Ruth Southern, Minister; Mitchell Vines, Music and Choir Director. Sunday School and religious classes at 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Adult Education and other programs.

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OBITUARIES

Beverly Denner

Beverly Denner, 78, of Springfield died Aug. 6 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Denner lived in Belleville before moving to Springfield 48 years ago. She was a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker Real Estate of Short Hills for 10 years and was a "Million Dollar Producer" with the company. In addition, Mrs. Denner

COUNTY NEWS

Senior outreach

The Union County Division on Aging in the Department of Human Services will bring its Outreach Services Program for Senior Citizens to four locations during August. The Outreach Services Program offers senior citizens information and help with applications for a variety of important government assistance programs.

Bilingual staff members will be available to assist the senior citizens at all locations.

The Outreach Services Program will visit the following locations in August:

- Elizabeth, today, 10 a.m., noon at the Supremo Supermarket, 25 S. Broad St., Elizabeth.
• Elizabeth, today, 2 to 4 p.m., Twin City Supermarket, 1016 Sher-

man Ave., Elizabeth.
• Plainfield, Aug. 25, 10 a.m. to noon, Supremo Supermarket, 249 E. Front St., Plainfield.
• Plainfield, Aug. 25, 2 to 4 p.m., Twin City Supermarket, 600 Park Ave., Plainfield.

Union County representatives will be available to help residents complete the necessary applications for a number of programs, including gas and electric support, pharmaceutical assistance, and home energy assistance. There will also be screening for Supplemental Security Income eligibility, and information about the Senior Health Insurance Program.

For more information on the Outreach Services Program and other programs offered by the Union County Division on Aging, call the division's toll-free number at 1-888-280-8226.

KIV training offered

Prevention Links is a private, not-for-profit organization which takes a leadership role in the prevention of alcohol, tobacco, substance abuse and related issues. The organization provides programs and services linking individuals, groups, businesses and communities in Union County. Prevention Links will be providing a facilitator training for the Keys to Interventions program.

KIV is a program that is used to help change the beliefs and behaviors that lead to violence, drug abuse/dependency, and school and social failure. This program teaches both youth and adults how to change by providing information and processes that promote self-concept and the belief that change is not only possible, but accessible to all. Prevention Links will sponsor a

three-day facilitator training for the KIV program at the Union County Educational Services Commission Aug. 29-31 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. After completing the training, each participant will be equipped to facilitate the KIV program. There is no fee for registrants living or working in Union County. Funding for this training is provided by the Department of Human Services, Division of Addiction Services.

For more information on the Keys to Interventions program or to register for this training, call 732-391-4100.

Senior Farmers' Market

The Union County Division on Aging in the Department of Human Services is continuing the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program to help senior citizens enjoy the fruits and

vegetables of the Garden State's summertime harvest. Tuesday at Westfield Community Center, 558 W. Broad St., Westfield, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Division on Aging in the Department of Human Services will once again participate in New Jersey senior farmers' market.

This year senior citizens will be required to bring proof of annual income when they register for the vouchers. Applicants must meet the following guidelines:

- Be a resident of Union County of Union
• Be 60 years of age or older
• Have an annual income under \$20,989 for an individual or under \$25,735 for a married couple
• Present ID, either PAAD or Medicaid Card, or proof of annual income
Vouchers will be distributed and farmers will be available at several locations throughout the county during the summer. Union County representatives from the Division on Aging will be available to assist seniors in filling out the information for the vouchers. Bilingual staff will be available.

For more information, call the Union County Division on Aging at 1-888-280-8226. The office can also be reached by dialing 908-527-4870 or 908-527-4872. Vouchers will be distributed for the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program and farmers will be available with their produce. For more information about the Union County Division on Aging and programs for senior citizens, call 888-280-8226.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Joe Benante, an ex-priest, discovered his love for tattoos when, as a child, a man with tattoos saved him from drowning.



Forest Cavacco, a tattoo artist, is on the cover of Rahway author John Wyatt's book, 'Under My Skin.' Additional photos from the book appear on Pages B5 and B10 of this issue.

Rahway author's book explores the other side of tattoo artistry

By Jeff Cummins, Associate Editor

Tattoo. That's one word that is guaranteed to illicit a visceral reaction, one way or another.

The bottom line is that there's no middle ground on tattoos. People either love them or hate them. In years gone by, a tattoo was a sign that someone had likely been in the military, or was a cultural rebel, of sorts. In the old days, a person with a tattoo was excluded from certain things in society.

Yet, over the course of the last 15 years, approximately, that's changed. Models like Sarah O'Hare and Melissa Ketter sport tattoos, as does altruistic actress Angelina Jolie. More to the point, the corporate attorney who lives in Summit has one, as does the soccer mom in Westfield, the carpenter in Clark, and the artist in Plain-

field.

A quiet, unassuming author/photographer in Rahway also has tattoos. In fact, John Wyatt spent 27 years of his life interviewing and photographing people with tattoos to produce "Under My Skin," published by Schiffer Books. These are not the run-of-the-mill sailors with "Mother" tattooed on their biceps. Instead, we see people with interesting stories behind their tattoo work, like the priest who was saved from drowning as a young boy by a man with two tattoos who pulled him out of the water, and "Indian Larry," a man who hand-built custom motorcycles.

Wyatt thought of being a tattoo artist when he was young, but ultimately realized "it wouldn't be a good fit." His lifelong fascination with tattoo art began in his youth, on a trip to Chicago. Having grown up in suburban Cranford, Wyatt was allowed by his family to take one hour to investigate Chicago by himself. It didn't take him long to discover something that was dramatically different from his everyday world. "There were 15 to 20 shops on State Street in Chicago," Wyatt said. "There were neon signs crackling, and you could hear the machines buzzing. The whole thing was just so fascinating."

Yet, there was more to Wyatt's fascination with tattooing than just the sound of the machines. Wyatt was interested in the people who got tattooed, people who consciously chose something that closed a lot of doors and opportunities.

Something that would make them

outcasts, to a certain degree. "Tattoo artists were really courageous; they were taking a chance," said Wyatt, adding that he wrote the book partly to de-stereotype public opinion. "They were closing off a lot of society, though maybe that was their choice." Wyatt said that most of the people he interviewed for his book lived in cities, "so there's less judgment," he said. "The people in this book are choosing to be in a minority, and they accept the consequences."

So Wyatt reached out to many artists in the tattoo world, so that he could contact people for his book. Among the people he interviewed were an ex-food executive and an ex-priest. "Everyone in this book has all the jobs that anyone else has who doesn't have tattoos," said Wyatt. Among the many interesting per-

sonalities Wyatt interviewed was Keone Nunes, who Wyatt met while on a vacation in Hawaii with his family. Nunes, a tattoo artist himself, wasn't tattooed all over his body, but he had a tattoo down the side of his leg that looked as if it were an extension of the stripe on his shorts. Wyatt pointed out that in the Hawaiian culture, tattoos were perfectly accepted; as long as they were done in the Hawaiian tradition. "Before Keone would tattoo anyone, he would interview them, find out what clan they were from, what island they were from, and what their family's occupation was before he put anything on them," said Wyatt.

Almost sadly, Wyatt acknowledged that since tattoos have now become so mainstream, many new tattoo enthusiasts have lost the sense of

what the true "tattoo culture," is about. He cites the popularity of T-shirts featuring the name "Ed Hardy," one of the legendary tattoo artists.

"Some people wearing 'Ed Hardy' shirts are as clueless as the people wearing 'Von Dutch' shirts," said Wyatt, comparing Hardy's popularity to that of Kenny Howard, a motorcycle mechanic who "pinstriped" motorcycles in the '40s.

In the end, Wyatt hopes that his work will change some opinions on tattoos, but he's also realistic, acknowledging that there's little middle ground on the subject.

"The people in this book know who they are, other people don't know who they are," he said. "Your mother and father wanted you to be a lawyer, and you hate it, but that's what you do," said Wyatt.

For other concert information, or to find out about recreational activities, call the Union County Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities at 908-527-4900.

Artsy coffeehouse also serves up variety



Above, a self-portrait by Kaori Sakai, and below, art by Anna Polkowska, two examples of the art work shown in Van Gogh's Ear, a cafe in Union.

By Jeff Cummins, Associate Editor

So I was driving along Stuyvesant Avenue in Union last week, on a vintage hot Jersey summer day, a day so hot the paint was peeling off five-year-old cars. Even driving just a few minutes wore me out, so I looked around for a place to stop. Sure enough, there was a place called Van Gogh's Ear, with a convenient parking spot right across the street.

So I parked the car and walked inside Van Gogh's, where I was greeted by a needed dose of air conditioning, along with some friendly hosts. This wasn't just another "club." Van Gogh's was a legitimate coffeehouse, right in the middle of Union.

It didn't take more than a minute to realize this place had a pretty interesting vibe to it. Aside from the bands that frequently play there, Catherine Snook — who doubles as the owner — told me she often has local artists display their work there, and on this day, it just happened that Van Gogh's was hosting art by its employees. Hmm. What a novel approach, to give employees such an opportunity.

"We've been here nine years," said Snook. "I just give people the opportunity to appreciate the arts.

We have local bands that spend their own money to put out CDs, and sometimes they're better than a lot of stuff on the radio. You come in here, and you see art work, real art work, not art from Prints Plus.

"We've had bands that don't play here any more because they signed with Sony," she said. A look around Van Gogh's Ear showed an interesting mix of couches, photos and paintings, among other things. Dave Pains, an employee, had a number of photos exhibited, including a shot of a subway train in Germany and a road in Chicago.

"I like urban stuff," said Pains, a little tongue in cheek, explaining his preference for cityscapes. "Just everyday kind of grimy stuff like subways, buildings, and streets. I try to bring out the beauty in the grime."

Doubling as a restaurant, Van Gogh's Ear offers some interesting menu selections, including numerous vegetarian dishes, not to mention some spectacular desserts that will warm the soul when the weather actually turns colder. Van Gogh's Ear is located at 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union. For more information, call 908-810-1844, or visit www.vanoghsearch.com.

Palermo continues summer jazz series

Union County's free Summer Arts Festival will continue on Wednesday with a performance by The Ed Palermo Big Band with Rob Paparozzi, a group that draws rave reviews and enthusiastic audiences wherever they perform. The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites the public to attend this free outdoor concert, which is sponsored by the Schering-Plough Corp., beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Echo Lake Park, on the border of Mountainside and Westfield.

The Ed Palermo Big Band has been together since 1980, playing a unique blend of jazz and blues infused with humor and love for the music," said Freeholder Chairman Rick Proctor. "Known in New York City as the band that plays the music of Frank Zappa, they will hook up at Echo Lake Park with New Jersey-based singer and harmonica player Rob Paparozzi to honor the memory of Paul Butterfield and other masters of the blues."

For other concert information, or to find out about recreational activities, call the Union County Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities at 908-527-4900.

Summit actress stars in 'Old Times' benefit

Brundage Park Playhouse, Carrell Road in Randolph, will present a three-performance fund-raiser for Harold Pinter's "Old Times" on Friday and Saturday, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, at 2 p.m. Kate Daly of West Orange directs the production with all proceeds going to the Brundage Park Playhouse Building Fund.

Haunting, poetic, often blackly comic and without the expected happy ending, Pinter's masterpiece is an enigmatic intermingling of past and present which conveys the thrill, the mystery, and the destructive force of desire. In a remote farmhouse, Kate and Decey, a fashionable urban couple, entertain the wife's former roommate and friend, whom she has not seen in a number of years. Anne, the guest, reminisces nostalgically about their innocent youth as secretaries, going to concerts, hanging out shyly in artists' cafes, discovering the world around them with all the ambiguous desires involved. As Decey, a film-director, joins her in her memories, the action shifts back and forth in time through various recollections of what did — or, perhaps, did not — happen. With tensions growing, the husband and friend become locked in a duel for the wife's very soul. The Brundage Park Playhouse production stars Gillian Murray of Summit as Anna, Bonnie Rosenbaum as Kate and Gus Ibranyi as Decey. "Old Times" will perform without an intermission but, following each performance, there will be an open discussion question-and-answer period with the director and actors for any audience members who care to join in.

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BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

Over the next few weeks, the sound of school bells will signal the end of the summer vacation. For parents this means reminding students about the importance of safety. Kindergartners through college students need to change some of their summer behaviors to protect themselves as well as their possessions. The Insurance Information Institute reminds everyone to think safety first and offers the follow tips for parents to discuss with their children:

Young Students Pedestrian injuries are the second leading cause of unintentional death among children ages 5 to 14. Children who walk to school or to a bus stop must be reminded to:

Look left, right, then left again before crossing the street. Always try to cross a street where a crossing guard is present.

Walk 10 giant steps away from the front of the school bus. Cross in front of the bus only after the driver signals its okay to do so.

High School Students Statistics show that teen drivers are four times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash. In fact 6,000 young people are killed each year in fatal crashes. If your son or daughter drives to school:

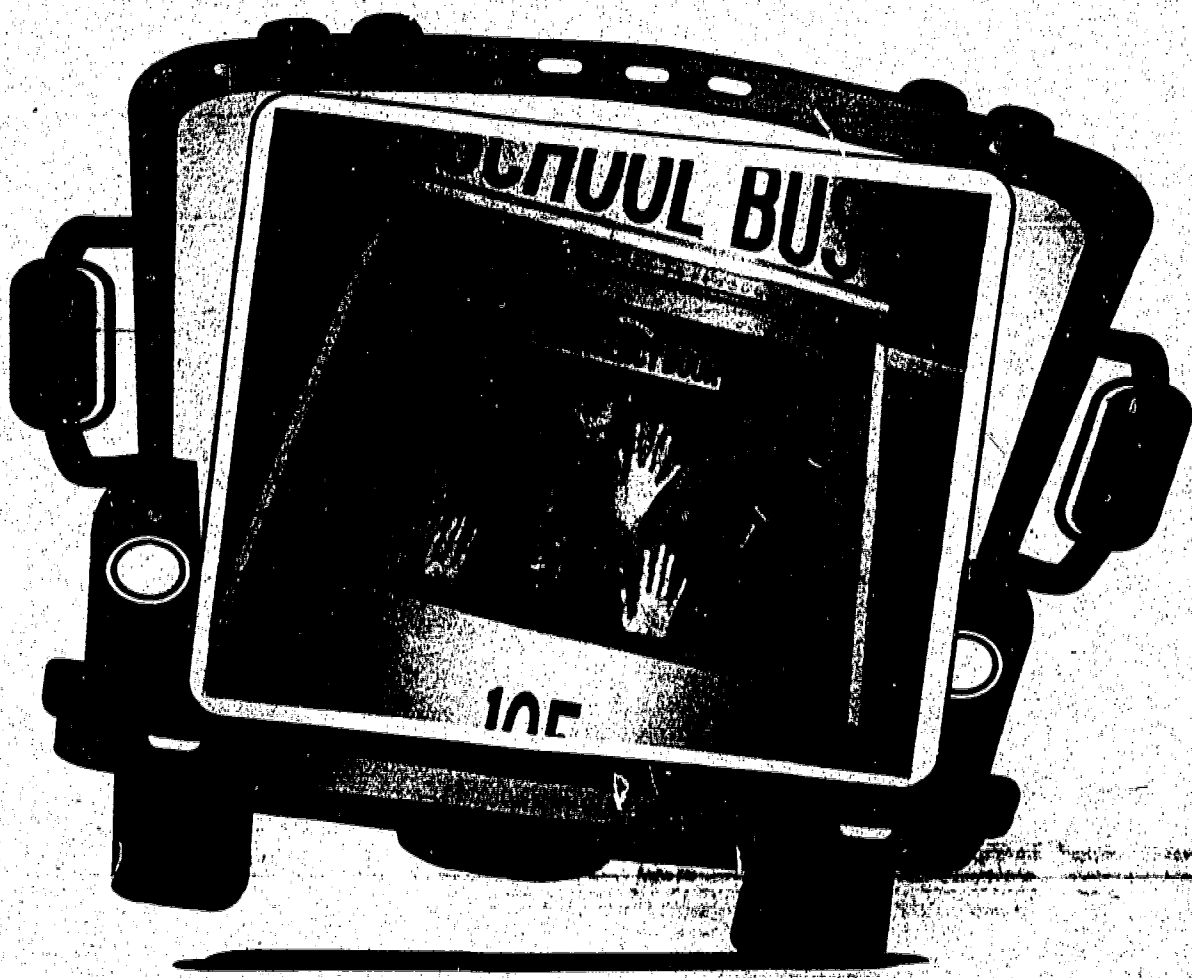
Teach them to always buckle up and require everyone else in the car to buckle as well.

Remind them to always obey the speed limit. Choose a safe car for teens to drive - remember large cars are safer than small ones.

Enforce no-drinking-and-driving rules. College Students The number one crime on college campuses is theft. One out of every 10-college students will be robbed while away at school. Most students belongings are covered under their parent's homeowner policies, but expensive computer equipment and other items may not be. Parents should check their policies to be sure and also:

Remind students to always lock dormitory doors, even if they are just down the hall. Tell students not to keep large amounts of money or jewelry in their rooms.

Have students mark personal property, such as book-bags and CD's, with identifiable marks. Check auto insurance if your child takes a car to school to be sure no additional coverage is needed.

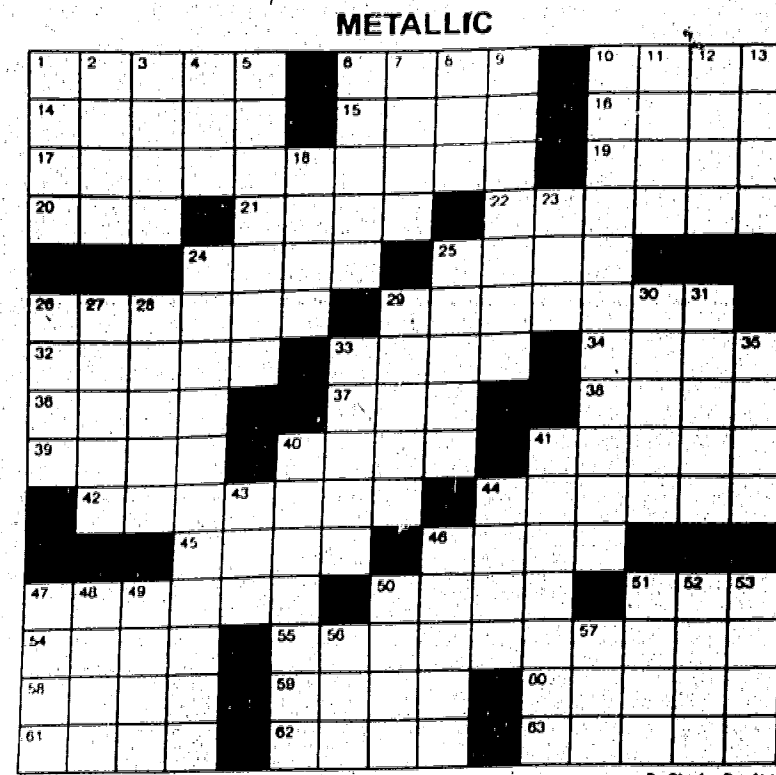


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REUNIONS

The following schools will conduct reunions in the coming months:

- Scotch Plains High School Class of 1975, 30-year reunion, 2005.
- Union High School, Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, 2005.
- Union High School, Class of 1995, 10-year reunion, 2005.
- Union Hill High School, Class of 1975, 30-year reunion, 2005.
- Union High School, Class of 1976, 30-year reunion, 2006.
- Union High School, Class of 1981, 25-year reunion, 2006.
- Union High School, Class of 1986, 20-year reunion, 2006.
- Westfield High School, Class of 1980, 25-year reunion, 2005.

For information on any of the above reunions, write to Reunions Unlimited Inc., P.O. Box 150, Englishtown 07226 or call 732-617-1000.

Linden High School will hold an all-graduates picnic reunion on Aug. 27 from 1 p.m. to dusk at Memorial Park on South Wood Avenue.

Bring your own chairs.

For more information, call Jim Kupcho at 732-634-8674, or send an e-mail to LP63044@comcast.net.

- Union High School, class of 1970, will hold its 35th reunion on Saturday at the Spring Lake Manor, 415 Highway 71, Spring Lake Heights.
- Tickets cost \$65 per person.
- For information call Fran Whitney at 732-382-5593.
- Fran will also take information about missing classmates.
- Hillside High School, class of 1975, will hold its 30th reunion at Costa's Restaurant, Roselle Park, on Nov. 26.
- Anyone with information about missing classmates may contact Shirley Anne at 908-241-8298, or send an e-mail to hhsclassof1975@comcast.net.
- Linden High School, Class of 1955, will have a 50th reunion celebration dinner on Oct. 29 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road, Clark.
- For more information, contact Janet Mellick Patrick at 732-458-8843, or Janice Cabaryl Wenk at 732-370-4103.
- Our Lady of Lourdes Grammar School is hosting an all-class reunion in celebration of the 80th anniversary of the school on Oct. 29 from 7 p.m. to midnight at Our Lady of Lourdes School, 100 Valley Way, West Orange.
- Call the school at 973-325-0555 for additional information, reservations or to provide information on the location of other classmates.
- Orange High School Class of 1950 is having its 55th reunion on Sept. 28 at the Essex House on Northfield Road in West Orange.
- Contact Bob Rizzo for information at 973-736-1920.
- The cost is \$32 per person.
- South Side High School Class of 1935 will hold its 70th reunion on Sept. 28 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Appian Way Restaurant, 619 Langdon St., Orange.
- There will be a cash bar. Reservations are \$30 per person. Make checks payable to South Side High School Alumni and mail them to Allan G. Katz, 170 Forest Hill Road, West Orange, NJ 07052-3921.
- All graduates from the 1930s are welcome to attend.
- For more information, call Allan Katz at 973-731-6475, or Arnold Mirsky at 908-688-4659.
- Anyone with information on missing classmates should contact these two men.

Elizabeth company to audition for 'Godspell'

St. John's Theatre Guild, a new theater company based in Elizabeth, is casting the musical "Godspell" on Sunday from 4 to 9 p.m. at St. John's Church, 61 Broad St., Elizabeth.

Castings will consist of 16 to 18 male/female performers ages 16 and older. Strong singers and dancers or those who can move well or any with skills in gymnastics/acrobatics are needed.

This Tony Award-winning musical is based upon the Gospel according to St. Matthew, with lyrics from Tony/Academy Award composer Steven Schwartz.

Auditions will consist of singing 16 bars from the show or any other musical or song — no rock, or heavy metal. Individuals may bring a recording or sing a cappella — their choice.

There will be readings from the script and improvisations. Others needed are musical directors, choreographers and musicians, backstage, and tech workers as well, not just for Godspell but for future productions also.

For those who do not feel comfortable performing in front of live audiences, their talents will receive acclaim from behind the scenes as well. Students are encouraged.

The purpose of the group is not only to bring theater back to the historic city of Elizabeth but also to exhibit, inspire, and promote the talents of individuals as well. So anyone who dreamed of becoming involved in theater will have an opportunity.

Proceeds from the performances will benefit a charity to be announced. There is a publicity campaign planned considering that this is the parish's 299th year.

Plans for a future production of "1776" are in the works. Rod Hilton Belle directs the show that runs on weekends Oct. 14 and 23. An extra weekend may be added.

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TIME: 9-5PM Outdoors
DETAILS: New merchandise, crafts, collectibles, and garage/tag sale items.
For information call: 201-997-9535
ORGANIZATION: Sponsor By: Nutley Jr. Ice Hockey League

FLEA MARKET
SUNDAY
August 21st, 2005
EVENT: Flea Market & Collectible Show
PLACE: New Jersey Transit Lot, New York Avenue, Lyndhurst, (off Ridge Road, by Shop Rite)
TIME: 9-5PM Outdoors
DETAILS: New merchandise, crafts, collectibles, and garage/tag sale items.
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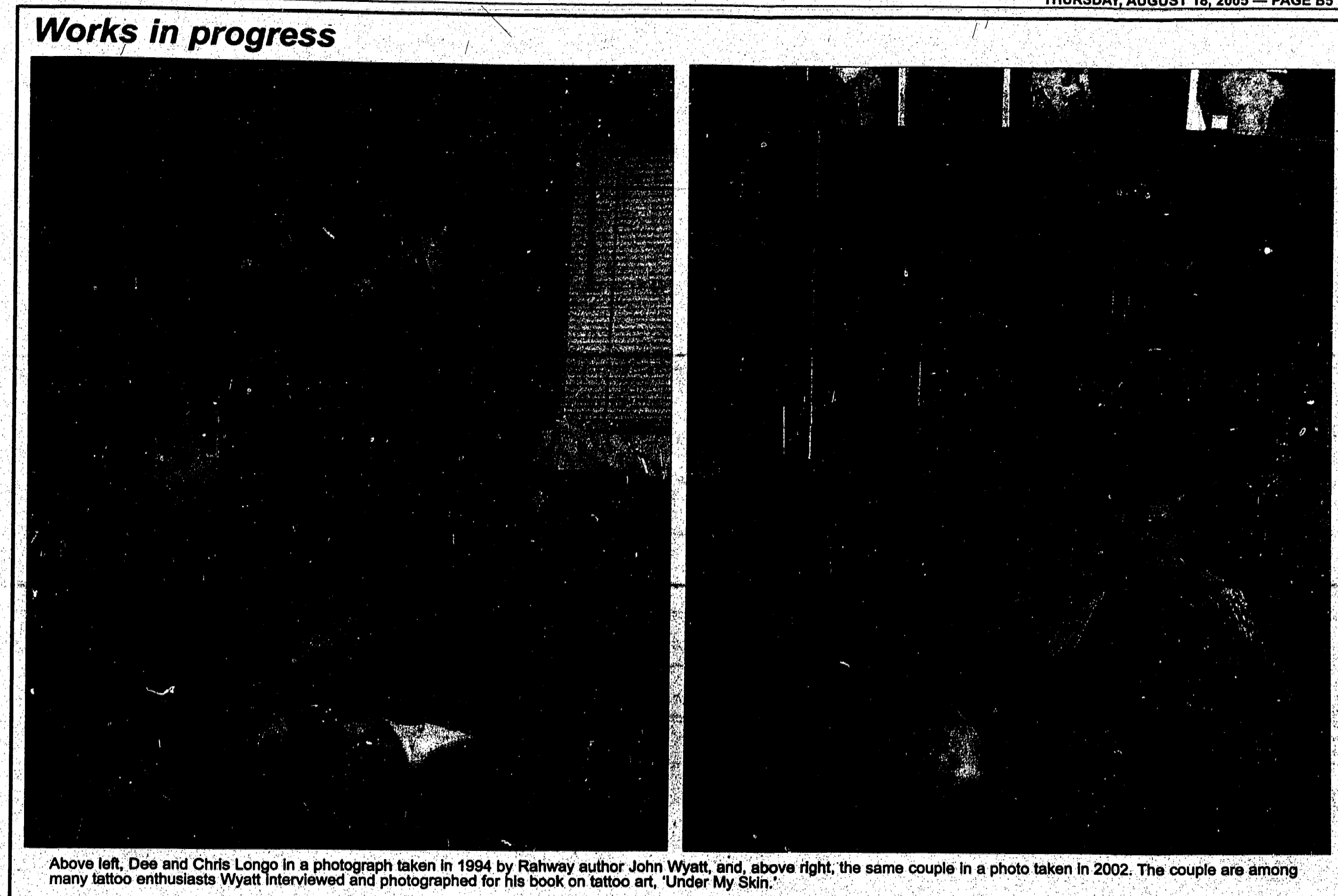
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Aug. 22 to 28
ARIES, March 21 to April 19: Strive to earn the respect of your co-workers.
Enter into a professional situation or competition well-prepared and ready to give your best.
TAURUS, April 20 to May 20: Make a conscious effort to pay attention to loved ones and to recognize their needs.
Honor a difficult or unpopular request and gain favor.
GEMINI, May 21 to June 21: You may be in the mood to liven up the decor on the home front.
Keep it simple and add a touch of color along with an accent of flowers.
CANCER, June 22 to July 22: Your mind is extremely active and sharp this week.
Take time to focus, practice meditation and uncover some very innovative and creative ideas.
LEO, July 23 to Aug. 22: A diligent effort along with attentiveness to money-making results in success or financial reward.
Work overtime and immediately improve your cash flow.
VIRGO, Aug. 23 to Sept. 22: A fire is lit under your feet this week.
Break out of a dull or boring routine and embrace new, exciting and fun-filled activities.
The sky is the limit.
LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: Believe in yourself and nothing or no one can stand in your way.
Put your doubts or fears aside and stay active in the pursuit of your dreams.
SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 21: A friend or associate turns to you for inspiration, motivation or creative advice.
Encourage him or her to be daring, different and original.
SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 22 to Dec. 21: This is a great time for a career change.
Seek a company or product that reflects your values and offer your assistance.

time and energy to promote it.
CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 19: You are at your best in a mentally stimulating or intellectual environment. Enjoy spending time with others who can match your wit and brilliance.
AQUARIUS, Jan. 20 to Feb. 18: Be prepared to express yourself on a much deeper or intense level. Cry, jump or scream in order to get an important point across effectively.
PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20: Openly share your goals, gifts or rewards with a partner or mate. Capture or win their heart and soul with a totally genuine and unselfish act.
If your birthday is this week, there will be several hurdles in your path on the way to relationship bliss during the coming year. Step away from a baffling or confusing situation and strive for further clarity. Many of the answers that you seek or need will be found on the intuitive level. Open your mind and heart to all possibilities and trust your instincts to guide you.



Above left, Dee and Chris Longo in a photograph taken in 1994 by Rahway author John Wyatt, and, above right, the same couple in a photo taken in 2002. The couple are among many tattoo enthusiasts Wyatt interviewed and photographed for his book on tattoo art, 'Under My Skin.'

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Community Dining Guide

IHOP RESTAURANT
By Doug McNamara
Staff Writer

Nothing defines New Jersey's culinary landscape quite like the diner. If you're hoping to replicate that exact experience, head down Elizabeth's North Broad Street and look for the oh-so-familiar blue-roofed International House of Pancakes, conveniently located near the intersection at Parker Road.

On entering, my dining companion and I were struck by the similarity to a diner. However, those similarities proved merely topical. With an open kitchen area and only booths for seats, this IHOP had the look of a diner. However, we soon realized it had the feel of a restaurant.

After being greeted by a courteous hostess, we were immediately seated. Within minutes, our waitress appeared, bearing glasses of water, which, like my wife and my friend's coffee mug, remained filled throughout the meal.

We were in no hurry and she certainly didn't rush us, instead tactfully appearing to answer questions and take our order after the last menu was closed.

What makes IHOP such an appealing eatery is its variety. This establishment certainly didn't disappoint - augmenting its ever-present breakfast menu was a wide array of hot and cold sandwiches, as well as full dinners, ranging from steak to shrimp, all of which was reasonably priced.

I, being somewhat of a traditionalist, ordered pancakes and sausage, while my companion opted for a ham-and-cheese omelette.

Not surprisingly, both meals were excellent. My pancakes - light and fluffy, of course - were complemented nicely by both traditional maple syrup, as well as various fruit syrups. Similarly, the sausages weren't overcooked, but rather tastefully browned.

My dining companion's omelette, meanwhile, wasn't the average, run-of-the-mill, three-egg concoction that's flatter than cardboard and just about as tasty.

Though billed as having three eggs, this masterpiece looked more like a half a dozen went into it. In terms of size, it was easily as tall as my stack of pancakes - apparently some pancake batter makes it into every omelette, which accounts for the fluffiness.

Needless to say, we were both thoroughly stuffed by meal's end.

Both meals were pleasantly presented. Though pancakes and an omelette wouldn't exactly qualify as health food, neither dish tasted overly fried, a trap which the chef could have easily fallen into.

In addition to its sit-down business, the IHOP also delivers seven days a week, from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., anywhere in Elizabeth or Hillside.

For those patrons with children, feel free to bring them anytime after 4 p.m. for dinner - for every adult meal ordered, one kid eats free from the children's menu.

Overall, the experience was extremely pleasant. The atmosphere is

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ART SHOWS

A MULTI-MEDIA SHOWCASE of works by 22 young award-winning artists selected from the annual Juried Student Exhibit at the duCret School of Art will be the summer exhibit at Swan Galleries in Plainfield, through Aug. 26. Many of the artists whose work will be shown reside in Union County, including residents of Linden, Union, Westfield, Fanwood and Clark. On view will be pastels, watercolors, oils, stained glass and more.

AUDITIONS

"IMAGINATION VACATION" ESSAYS AND DRAWINGS from children based upon Mark Teague's book, "How I Spent My Summer Vacation," are sought at the Springfield Barnes & Noble's End of Summer Reading Contest which concludes on Sept. 9 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The contest celebrates Back to School and the end of Barnes & Noble's Summer Reading program which provided free books to all children in grades one through six who read eight books each this summer. The most creative vacation essays and drawings for each grade level will win prizes. Entries complete with name and phone number may be submitted at the Springfield store's Customer Service desk through Sept. 7. The Springfield Barnes & Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For more information call 973-376-6581.

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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KEAN UNIVERSITY'S OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS and The Star-Ledger have partnered to publish a new book titled "World of Wonder: Exploring the Realms of History, Science, Nature and Technology." The book brings together 90 of the most fascinating subjects surveyed by the World of Wonder series. The book is now available for purchase in the Kean University book store and on the Web site of The Star-Ledger at <http://www.nj.com/worldofwonder>.

WEEKLY STORY TIME are presented every Monday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Springfield Barnes & Noble. Located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-6581.

DURING LIBRARY APPRECIATION DAYS, children's librarians from the Springfield Public Library will present a special storytime and craft event featuring Margie Palatini's Piggie Piel, a Haitian folktale, and other stories on Sept. 9, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Springfield Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West. The librarians will also be offering library card sign-ups. Refreshments will be served, while supplies last. For more information, call 973-376-6581.

CHILDREN'S BOOK DUO, including best-selling author Doreen Cronin and illustrator Harry Bliss will read, sign and discuss the creation of their latest book, "Diary of a Spider," at Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 240 Route 22 West, in Springfield on Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. Just in time for back-to-school days, the cleverly illustrated "Diary of a Spider" is about a spider who is a lot like the average schoolboy: he goes to gym class and has Grandparents' Day at school. But, his best friend is named "Fly" and he takes wind-catching lessons among other hilarious activities. He also has a number of interesting fears that children and adults will relate to. Cronin and Bliss are the team that created last year's No. 1 bestseller "Diary of a Worm." For more information, call 973-376-6581.

LIBERTY HALL MUSEUM on Morris Avenue in Union has scheduled its popular Lunch and Learn series, which is free to members of the public who are invited to bring their lunch and learn. Lunch and Learn takes place on a Tuesday from 12:15 to 1 p.m. Space is limited, so call 908-527-0400 for your reservation.

Liberty Hall Museum, 1003 Morris Ave., Union, chronicles more than 200 years of New Jersey and U.S. history. The museum is open to the public Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m., April through December. For more information about upcoming Liberty Hall events or for reservations call 908-527-0400.

THE NEW SCULPTURE STUDIO of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts has prepared an expanded curriculum. The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts will be offering a new stone carving course for the fall 2005 semester. Classes start Sept. 12. Call 908-273-9121 for information.

MEET THE ORCHESTRA concert series continues at the Suburban Community Music Center, 570 Central Ave., Murray Hill. For the 19th 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.

THE WATCHUNG ART CENTER ACOUSTIC-FOLK SERIES has begun at Watchung Art Center, 18 Sterling Road, Watchung. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$15. For information and reservations, call 908-753-0190 or send an e-mail to WACenter@aol.com.

Y-SQUARES, a local square dance club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Frank K. Hehly School, Raritan Road, Clark. The fee for each lesson is \$4. For information, call 908-298-1851, 732-381-2535 or 908-241-9492.

THE SUMMIT INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS group has begun a new season with sessions on Fridays at 8 p.m. at the Connection, Morris Ave. at Maple St., in Summit. Beginners are welcome, no partners are needed.

All sessions begin at 8 p.m.; newcomers may arrive at 7:30 p.m. for extra help. Admission is \$2 for the evening. Call 973-467-8278 for information and a flyer listing the season schedule.

Visit the Web site, <http://www.watchingarts.org/atoik.html>. **THE COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE CONCERT SERIES OF SPRINGFIELD** will take place at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, Springfield. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$14. For information and reservations, call 908-412-9105 and press 2, or send an e-mail to concerts4causes@aol.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. **KNITTING GROUP** meets every Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. Knitters are encouraged to bring a favorite project to the Springfield Barnes & Noble Café. For more information, call 973-376-6581.

HICKORY TREE CHORUS, an award-winning women's chorus singing four-part a cappella harmony in barbershop style, meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the New Jersey Youth Symphony Music Center, 570 Central Ave., New Providence. Open to residents of both Essex and Union counties. To learn more about Sweet Adelines, Hickory Tree and its quartets, women and teen-aged girls who sing are urged to visit the Web site, hickorytreorchorus.org, or call 973-968-8816.

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KIDS

TALES FOR TOTS PRESCHOOL STORYTIME will be offered at Barnes and Noble, Route 22 West, Springfield, Mondays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m., and the Kids' Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m. For information, call 973-376-8544.

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.

SCRIPTS

PREMIERE STAGES, the new Actors' Equity Association theater program at Kean University, is currently accepting play submissions for the Premiere Stages Play Festival from professional playwrights born or currently residing in New Jersey, as well as in the surrounding areas of New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. There is no fee required to submit a play to the Premiere Stages Play Festival. To request entry guidelines, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Laura Kelly, producing assistant, Premiere Stages at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union, N.J. 07083.

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Song and dance at NJPAC



Above left, from left, Patsy Palma, playing Benny, and Alex Diaz, as Nicely-Nicely, sing the title song from WYACT's summer production of "Guys and Dolls" at NJPAC and Algonquin Arts Theatre. Above right, the gamblers, led by Alex

Back to School

Parents and students should prepare now for a safe school year

Schools will soon be open. The early morning roads will once again be crowded with pedestrians, bikes, cars and yellow school buses. In addition to deciding which outfit to wear the first day, or which knapsack is the coolest, it's even more important for students to understand that the new school year also brings some safety concerns.

"The new school year can be an exciting time for students and parents alike," said Manuel Goncalves, of Allstate New Jersey Insurance Company. "However, there are quite a few safety concerns that people need to be aware of, and prepared for. Issues such as bus safety, bike safety, and bully prevention are important topics for parents to discuss with their children. It can mean the difference between a great day at school or a miserable one."

Allstate New Jersey offers the following tips for parents and students to help ensure that the 2005/06 school year is a safe one.

Every school day, some 440,000 yellow school buses transport more than 24 million students to and from schools. Many injuries occur when children are boarding or exiting because a blind spot extends approximately 10 feet in front of the bus, obstructing the view of the driver. Approximately 26 students are killed each year and another 9,000 are injured in incidents involving school buses. Follow these safety tips from to reduce your risk:

- Arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before.
- Have a safe place to wait for the bus, away from traffic and the street.
- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.
- Line up facing the school bus door, not along the side of the school bus.
- Never reach under a school bus to get anything that has rolled or fallen underneath.
- Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus.
- When being dropped off, exit the bus and walk 10 giant steps away from the bus. Keep a safe distance between you and the bus.
- Always cross the street in front of the bus, never behind the school bus.
- Be aware of the street traffic around you. Drivers are required to follow certain rules of the road concerning school buses, however, not all do. Protect yourself and watch out!
- Bullying often takes place on the school bus. Let kids know that if they see someone being bullied, or are bullied themselves, they can talk to you, the bus driver, or another trusted adult.

According to the National Violence Prevention Resource Center, almost 30 percent of youth in the United States, or more than 5.7 million, are estimated to be involved in bullying as either a bully, a target of bullying, or both. In a recent national survey of students in grades six to 10, 13 percent reported bullying others, 11 percent reported being the target of bullies, and another 6 percent said that they bullied others and were bullied themselves.

Kids don't usually admit they are being abused at school. Parents must make it clear to kids how essential it is to share this information. Here are five tips to discover whether kids are having trouble in school, and how to deal with it.

- Talk to your children about their day. Ask your children if they see anyone bullied, if they are bullied. Look for warning signs, such as a sudden drop in grades, loss of friends, or torn clothing.
- Visit school in person: Talk to the principal or counselor. Explain the situation and give them a chance to deal with the problem.
- Request meeting with parents: If the school doesn't stop the behavior, ask to meet at the school with the bully's parents. Make them aware of what's going on and ask them to deal with it immediately.
- Get police involved: Finally, if you have seen no changes, go to the police. This step rarely has to be taken,

but it can be effective if necessary. Going to the police doesn't mean you want to have the child arrested; think there aren't many people.

- Teach children to follow traffic signals and rules when walking or biking. Stress that they should cross the street at crosswalks or intersections with crossing guards when they can.
- Encourage children to walk to school or the bus stop with a sibling or friend, and to wait at bus stops with other children.
- Teach children not to talk to strangers, go anywhere with them, or accept gifts from them without your permission. Tell them that if they see a suspicious stranger hanging around or in their school they should tell an adult.

Help children memorize their phone number and full address, including area code and ZIP code. Write down other important phone numbers such as your work and cell phone on a card for your children to carry with them.

- If you're on a bike, always wear a helmet.
- When riding a bike, don't wear headphones, loose clothing, or inappropriate shoes.
- Allstate New Jersey offered these tips to help make every school day safe and enjoyable. Motorists also are reminded to use extra caution in and through school zones and to obey posted speed limits in school zones.

Walking or biking can present another safety hazard for children during the school year. There is no "right" age for kids to start walking or biking to school alone or with a friend. Each family needs to consider the maturity of their child, how many busy streets have to be crossed, and if these streets have lights or crossing guards.

- Map out with your children a safe way for them to walk to school or to the bus stop. Avoid busy roads and intersections. Do a trial run with them

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Back to School

Backpacks must be worn with care to avoid injury

Parents should be aware that there are several guidelines to be followed to make certain a child is not injured by their backpack. To avoid injury, straps should be set at certain tensions. And not only should all straps be used to provide a stabilizing fit, but several should be padded to avoid nerve damage. There is also a weight limit that children should attempt to carry, and a specific way in which a child should lift and position the backpack.

Before school gets under way, reviews the following guidelines for backpack safety. Share what you have learned with your child if you believe they might be falling into unhealthy backpack habits.

- Make sure the backpack is sturdy and appropriately sized. Some manufacturers offer special child-sized versions for children ages 5 to 10. These packs weigh less than a pound and

The proper maximum weight for loaded backpacks should not exceed 15 percent of the child's body weight.

have shorter back lengths and widths so they do not slip around on the back.

- Consider more than looks when choosing a backpack. An ill-fitting pack can cause back pain, muscle strain or nerve impingement. You want to have padded shoulder straps to avoid pressure on the nerves around the ampits. Some backpacks have waist straps designed to stabilize the load. These should be used whenever possible.
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to compensate.

- Often ignored is the act of lifting and positioning the backpack. Lifting 20 pounds improperly can cause damage. Follow these simple steps: Face the backpack before you lift it. Bend at the knees. Using both hands, check the weight of the pack. Lift with your legs, not your back. Carefully put one shoulder strap on at a time; never sling the pack onto one shoulder.
- Use both shoulder straps. Make them snug but not too tight. Carrying the backpack on one shoulder, while fashionable, can cause long-term neck, shoulder, back and postural problems. Use the stabilizing strap around the waist.

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Under their skin



Above left, David Gee, one of the many tattoo devotees interviewed and photographed by Rahway author John Wyatt, above right, for his book on tattoo art, 'Under My Skin.'

Westfield arts workshop allows students to explore new disciplines

The Westfield Summer Workshop, a division of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, a non-profit organization, believes in providing the most professional instruction for all its students.

Its faculty members are teachers or professionals who are proficient in their respective fields.

Representing this high caliber of instructors working at the Westfield Summer Workshop, art educator Ian

Dorian brings experience, enthusiasm, and excitement to the courses he teaches.

Dorian, a professional artist, holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Kean University, and a Master of Fine Arts degree from the Maryland Institute College of Art.

An adjunct professor at Kean University, Dorian has also taught at Brookdale Community College and the Maryland Institute College of Art.

He has had his own works exhibited in shows throughout New Jersey, Washington, DC, and Maryland.

This summer, the versatile artist is teaching courses in specialized areas of art.

In architecture, the students study environment and scale, and learn about materials that man has used throughout history to build various structures.

They design their own buildings,

creating floor plans and elevation drawings.

The carving course teaches students patience, control and safety.

They explore the relationship of objects in space using a variety of materials.

In studio art, Dorian instructs students in a variety of mediums.

Class members draw, paint, sculpt and create illustrations.

The WSW staff, stated, "I do not want to limit these students because of their age. They are fast learners because they are so open-minded and should be exposed to as much art as possible.

I don't want to restrict them, so I keep a very high level of expectation. Creativity is a very important part of child development."

Students at the Westfield Summer Workshop have an opportunity to study with artists, teachers and theater

professionals in a variety of artistic forums in nearly 80 separate classes, each housing and fine-tuning specific portions of their respective crafts.

For more information on the Westfield Summer Workshop, call 908-518-1551.

Westfield is located in the county of Union.

Information on all NJWA programs is available on the Web at www.njworkshopforthearts.com.

ART CLIPS

New home for Sanctuary Concerts

The Sanctuary Concerts, Central New Jersey's home for internationally known acoustic performers, had an incredible 2004-05 season. Tom Paxton, John Gorka, a Steve Goodman memorial celebration, Patty Larkin, Catic Curtis, Susan Werner, Aztec Two-Step, The Ronches, Eddie From Ohio, and many, many others appeared, often stretching its 250-seat capacity.

The Sanctuary Concerts are moving. The new home is the 400-seat Presbyterian Church of the

Chatham, 240 Southern Blvd., Chatham. Scott Sheldon, concert coordinator, said "We chose the Chatham location because it is only two miles from the downtowns of Summit, Chatham, and Madison; the 400-seat sanctuary is intimate, only 17 rows, and 75 of the seats are in a balcony. The acoustics are excellent, and there are acres of convenient parking."

The Sanctuary Concerts will begin its first season in Chatham on Sept. 10. Performers planned for the 2005-06 season include David Wilcox, Maria Muldaur, Janis Ian, Richie

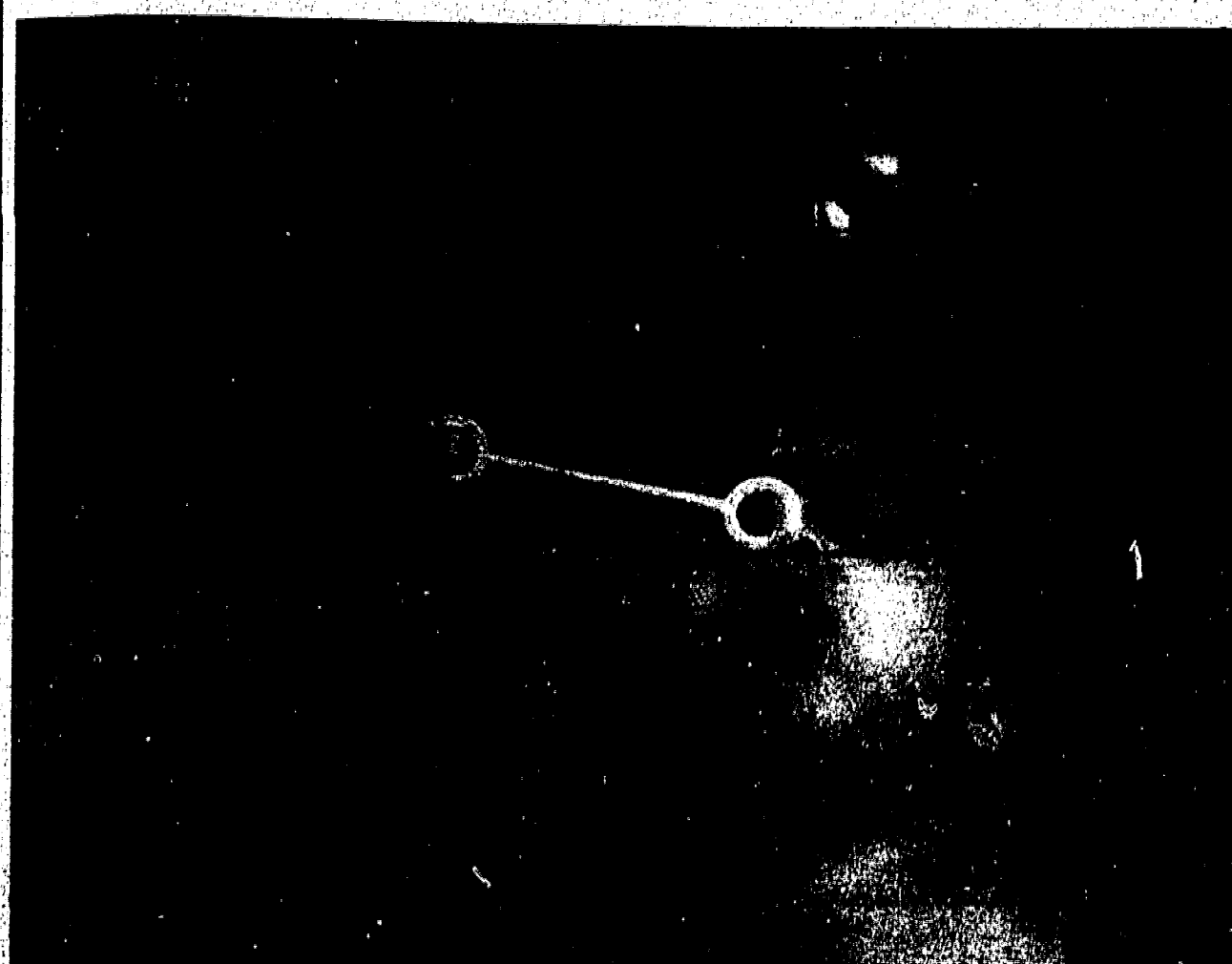
Havens, and Aztec Two-Step performing the songbook of Simon and Garfunkel.

Kean will present a new theater program

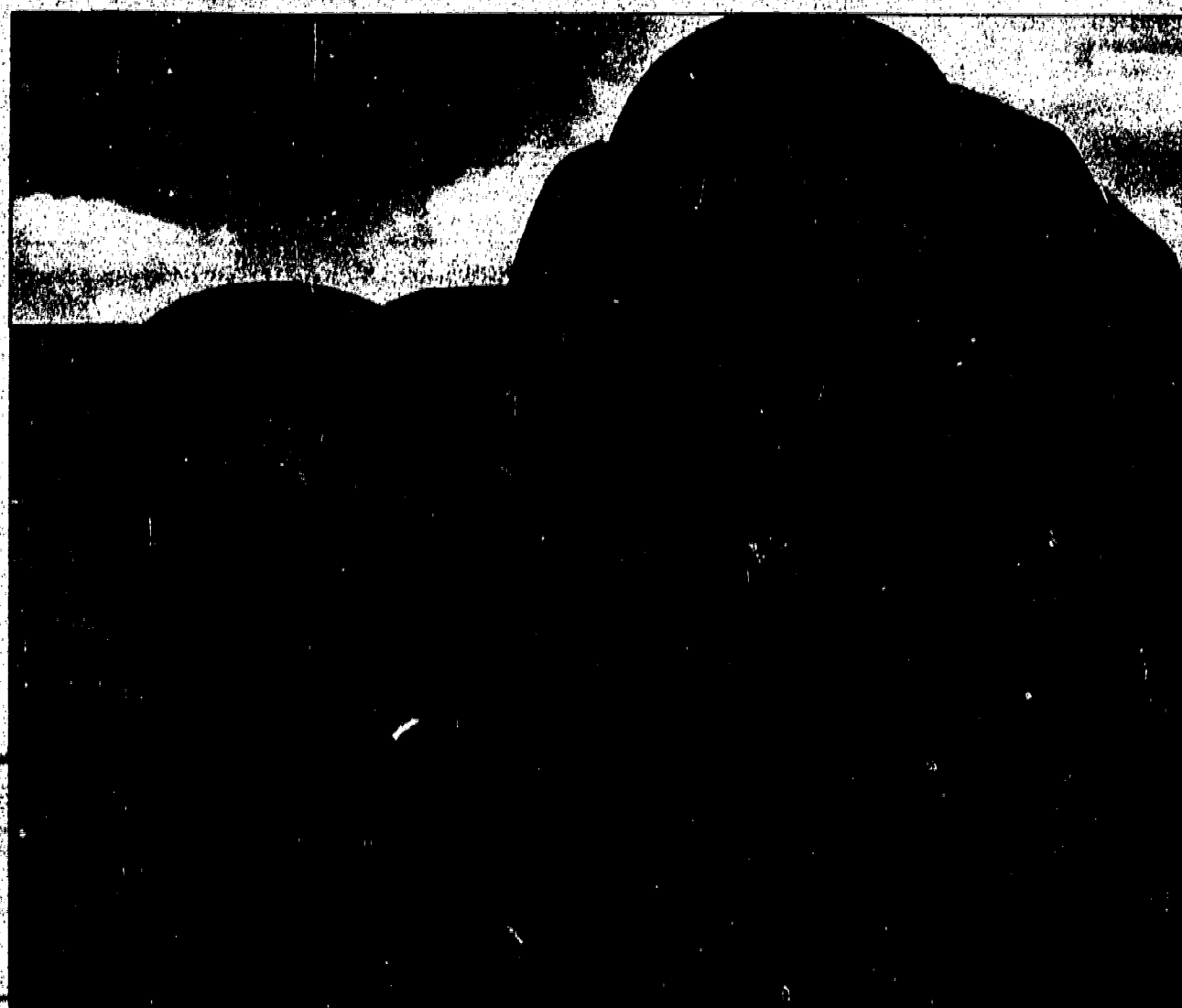
Kean University has announced the creation of Premier Stages, a new professional Actor's Equity Association theater program.

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.

Hearts make good art



Above, Dejah; below, Edward and Fabian; and at bottom, Fourier and Tessa; children who were photographed as part of the Heart Gallery's exhibition of photographs of foster children available for adoption. For information, call 800-992-3678.



Auditions set for choral society

Anne Matlack, artistic director of Harmonium Choral Society, will be holding auditions through Sept. 10 for experienced choral singers, particularly tenors.

There is an extremely limited number of openings in the other voice parts for excellent singers with good sight-reading skills.

The auditions are held at Grace Episcopal Church, Madison Avenue at Kings Road in Madison.

Call 973-765-9028 for an appointment. Rehearsals are held Sunday

evenings, from the first Sunday after Labor Day through the following May at Grace Lutheran Church, 55 E. Main St. in Mendham. Visit the Harmonium Choral Society Web site www.harmonium.org for further information about the chorus and for driving directions.

Currently, the Harmonium Choral Society features members from Springfield, Maplewood, Millburn, Short Hills, Union, Roseland and Linden.

Harmonium presents three subscription concerts per season in the

Morristown area, and also participates in other events such as First Night Morris. This year the group will be involved in several collaborations and world premieres. The holiday subscription concerts Dec. 10 and 11 on the theme of wisdom include the world premiere of "The Bethlehem Suite" by Michael Mendoza on a poem by Jabez Van Cleef. The featured work of the March 4 and 5 program is Andrew Carter's "Benedicite" with guest artists from the New Jersey Youth Chorus.

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Burgdorff ERA unveiled LeadRouter in early June. News of this technology's introduction comes on the heels of some revealing industry findings. The National Association of Realtors reports that 74 percent of homebuyers are now using the Internet to assist in their search process. Meanwhile, a recent national study commissioned by Realtor.com found that 63 percent of online inquiries from homebuyers and sellers received no response at all.

"We're excited about how being able to respond to our potential clients' online inquiries on a virtually real-time basis by telephone," said Pat Hofekamp, president and chief operating officer of Burgdorff ERA. "We believe the LeadRouter technology platform will enable us to better serve these prospective customers and that it will increase our buyers' and sellers' satisfaction with the exceptional service already delivered by our Burgdorff ERA sales professionals."

While the LeadRouter announcement is grabbing headlines, it is only part of the larger technology initiative that has thrust Burgdorff ERA to the forefront of a changing real estate market. In addition to millions invested by its parent company, NRT, Inc., at leading search engines like Google and Yahoo to drive buyers to www.Burgdorff.com, NRT also signed a multi-million dollar agreement with HomeStore Inc. which owns Realtor.com. The agreement provides Burgdorff ERA's sell now provides Burgdorff ERA's listings with enhanced listings that include more photos, more detailed property descriptions and more opportunities to appear among the site's prominent Featured Homes listings.

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"We know that consumers are changing their search patterns from flipping through newspaper ads for real estate properties, and that many now start their search online," said Hofekamp.

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Liberty Village at Union Station is complete with its charming and convenient "village" setting in Union Township, which is part of the residential redevelopment of Union County.

"With these models," he said, "we decided to illustrate how buyers can design and decorate their new kitchens. We have chosen beautiful autumn-colored wood cabinetry with crown moldings and mull" on glass fronts on some of the doors, which adds a sophisticated touch. The cabinets are enriched by complimentary granite countertops, stainless steel appliance package, including refrigerator with bottom freezer, and upgraded stainless steel fixtures, further enhance the look of the room. All of the products are not only stylish, but also durable and perfect for any chef!"

So as not to outmatch the beauty and function of the kitchen, the living room and dining room will feature elegant columns and crown moldings which add to the first-level ambience. The living room will also feature a black-stain-

surround fireplace. Upstairs, owners will be treated to a lavish master bedroom suite with tray ceiling, oversized walk-in closet, and tiled bath with separate shower stall, dual vanities and whirlpool tub. The second bedroom suite includes two large closets, sitting area and full bath.

The lower level of each townhome offers what the builders call "an imagination room," said principal Emilio Farino, "is where the owners design the space into whatever they desire, whether a recreation room, a home office, an exercise room or an extra bedroom and full bath. It's the owner's choice and up to their imagination."

Farino adds that this area also offers access to the two-car garage, a large storage area and access to a porch. All homes feature energy efficient two-zone hot air heating and central air conditioning.

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According to co-site managers Arlyne Mirro and Sal Pampinella of Coldwell Banker in Union, the location offers its residents the best of all worlds, an easy commute, convenient shopping and a small-town feel.

"Liberty Village provides access," said Mirro, "to New Jersey Transit's Raritan Valley rail line, a system of transportation between Hunterdon County to the west and Newark and New York City to the east. What's more, new restaurants, a hotel and convenience stores are all within walking distance of the community. The township is also home to numerous well-known companies and institutions, including the renowned Keen University, which is continually ranked as one of the state's top universities and offers endless educational and cultural opportunities. For

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Acura's RL has a split personality

Jerry Garrett
Copley News Service

It's as if two different platform teams worked on each end of the new Acura RL, without ever talking to each other.

From the B pillar forward to the front bumper, the RL is a worthy selection to Car and Driver magazine's Ten Best list this year — which it is.

From the B pillar backward, it's just another sedan, one that doesn't seem as well thought out.

Front-seat occupants will find the RL opulently luxurious, as in spacious, relaxing and thoroughly enjoyable. The engine and transmission provide a sense of refined power and performance.

The driving experience can be either sedately capable or invigoratingly spirited, depending on the mood of one's right foot. All in all, it's a first-class experience.

Rear-seat occupants will wonder why they got seated in coach. Our mythical rear-end design team made its end of the car much shorter.

The new RL is 3 inches shorter, and loses 4.4 inches of wheelbase, than the old one.

It is now nearly 4 inches shorter than its archrival, the Lexus LS 430, which has 1.3 inches more rear leg room, 4.2 inches more rear hip room and a whopping 8.1 cubic feet more cargo volume, 20.2 cubic feet to just 13.1 cubic feet.

The RL's trunk is still big enough for a couple of sets of golf clubs; it's just that the cavernous Lexus trunk will swallow a foursome's allotment of golf bags.

The new RL, in fact, is slightly smaller inside than a Honda Accord sedan. The Accord sedan enjoys a 14-cubic-foot trunk, two-tenths of an inch more rear leg room and six-tenths of an inch more rear hip room than the RL, despite an almost 3-1 cost differential.

And should we mention the Accord comfortably seats five?

But let's concur here with the Car and Driver editors who, despite a lengthy list of reservations, praise it as a great value. That's despite its \$49,470 suggested retail price.

With the RL, the price is the price. What you see is what you get: Power everything, soft leather seats, moon roof, dual climate control, adaptive xenon lights, concert-class stereo, even the navigation system — all standard.

Talk about no-haggle pricing. The Lexus, meanwhile, starts at \$55,675 and it does not include a fraction of the RL's standard equipment. Figure on an LS drive-away price north of \$65,000.

Acura correctly deduced it needed to increase the luxury quotient, as well as the value quotient, to keep the RL viable. The previous model was slipping into that nebulous, gassy void called near-luxury.

That's where previous competitors like the Mitsubishi Diamante, Mazda Millenia and the Lincoln LS orbit in a dying solar system.

The RL offers a very clever all-wheel-drive system that banishes any hint of torque-steer. Gone, too, is the tendency toward understeer. All-wheel drive was almost a "must" in the RL, since its weight distribution is a potentially unwieldy 58/42 frontward bias.

The result of this new Super-Handling AWD system — catchy name — is a smoothly measured ride; a computer constantly measures steering-wheel angle, vehicle speed and lateral acceleration, and orders just the right combination of rear differential over-drive, axle speed and yaw control to steer the sedan steadily through corners.

Kudos should also go to the sophisticated double-wishbone front suspension and multilink independent rear — exactly what every luxury sport sedan should come equipped with.

Under the hood, the RL offers a 3.5-liter V-6 that makes 300 horsepower, comparable to the NSX sports car. But the 260 foot-pounds of torque from this engine is something of a disappointment.

The LS — sorry to bring this up again — offers 320 foot-pounds of torque and nearly as much horsepower. So the LS, not surprisingly, stomps the RL in a zero to 60 drag race at 5.9 seconds to 6.7.

And the RL's acceleration strength seems to be best off the line; in kick-

down passing situations, we noticed an unacceptable amount of time passed between mashing of the gas pedal and unleashing of all 300 horses.

In addition to possible throttle-mapping issues, this could be a result of not only the RL's 4,030-pound curb weight but also the engine's interaction with the RL's five-speed automatic transmission.

Not exactly cutting-edge, but the only choice, compared to competitors' six-speed offerings. We promise not to mention the Lexus again.

Like all current-generation Acuras, the RL is blessed with an enthralling DVD-A stereo system. We love it, but our passengers beg for mercy.

Stereo off, the interior noise level is crypt-like, thanks to the special efforts to tune the cabin as a sound studio. The navigation system is a model for all such systems, with an easy and fast menu system.

There's even a workable version of "iDrive," the dial-controlled menu system for various functions such as heating, ventilating and air conditioning control. The keyless entry and ignition system takes some reprogramming of your brain to learn to live with. But nothing hypnotherapy couldn't fix.

The interior is liberally adorned in posh, eye-pleasing perforated leather and real polished maple. The exterior styling is merely safe, not sublime.

Acura owners who have remained fanatically loyal to the brand since the much-admired Legend will be somewhat deflated to find the new RL is notable, but no legend.

2005 Acura RL
Body style: Full-size, all-wheel-drive luxury sedan
Engine: 3.5-liter SOHC VTEC V-6
Horsepower: 300 at 6200 rpm
Torque: 260 foot-pounds at 5,000 rpm
Transmissions: Five-speed automatic
Acceleration: 0-60 mph, 6.7 seconds
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Businesses gear up for potential terrorists attacks

Recent devastating terrorist attacks have focused on public infrastructure in Madrid and London. Closer to home, Union County businesses are being asked to take steps to prevent potential terrorist attacks on private property as well and to be ready to respond if the unspeakable does happen.

The Union/Middlesex Hazards Management Advisory Council, headed by Joseph Barbanel, executive vice president of Solar Compounds Corp. in Linden, is actively working with businesses to try to safeguard the many heavy industry sites and other areas that might be attractive targets for potential terrorists or others looking to cause major damage in the metropolitan area.

The council is designed to enhance preparedness, response and recovery capabilities that might be needed, if man-made or natural disaster were to strike anywhere in the area. The council has a combined goal of promoting homeland security, while also promoting the responsible handling of hazardous materials in Union and Middlesex Counties. It also aims to help educate first responders, industry, government officials and the general public as to what is necessary to improve safety.

While progress has been made, there are still many holes in the system, Barbanel said.

"The people who are connected to the primary targets and to the larger targets have done an excellent job of securing everything within their control," Barbanel said.

"Those who are the secondary targets, the owners of smaller businesses, are too busy making a living to do extensive planning.

"Union/Middlesex HMAAC voluntarily has developed excellent guidelines for securing plants of varying sizes," he explained. "But HMAAC does not have the funding for training and, although state agencies have been very accommodating, none of the funds earmarked for this purpose can be used by private agencies, and there are just not enough funds earmarked for this type of training even though it would be extremely cost effective to work with us. We already have the knowledge about the industries. State government and homeland security groups have to learn what we already know about industry and then communicate it to the right people."

Attacking the problem from a different perspective, the state has created a number of citizens groups trained in all types of hazard and disaster response. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was created before Sept. 11, 2001, but the program got a major push when President Bush emphasized volunteer community efforts after 9/11.

The groups are drawn from regular citizens who want to know how to help the first responders in an emergency. They have been called out in New Jersey already in times

of flood and many traveled to Florida to help with storm flooding evacuations. CERTs are created on a county or municipal basis. There also is a CERT group drawn from state employees in Trenton. Training is provided in basic medical treatment, in chain of command, search and rescue and other skills so they can assist law enforcement, fire departments and others in emergencies, which could include the aftermath of a terrorist attack. Union County employees may soon have the ability to create a CERT team. Roselle and Elizabeth already have active CERT teams and the Roselle team participated in a training program to be aired on New Jersey.



Students in an emergency response training program are shown learning how to properly monitor air. The training program was conducted by TOPS in Emergency Response, Westfield.

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Being on the bleeding edge

By John L. Picard

(the first of two articles on updating the technology that drives business relationships)



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New tools - Blogs are turning the web into a world of dialogue instead of monologue. There are close to 8.5 million weblogs out there and everyone is talking to each other. From politics to mass media, these tools are exerting a critical influence. Consider subscribing and/or creating your own 'blog'. Also look into RSS, or news feeds, to keep your customer's informed.

Next month we will continue with a discussion of new technologies that help drive customer knowledge and sales. Trust me, digging into your current website is work enough for the time being.

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A couple of years ago, search engines and buying key words to advertise your site were brand new and it was all trial and error. I decided to buy the word 'marketing' to drive traffic to my website. At the end of the first month of owning 'marketing,' I learned an invaluable lesson. Traffic and business conversion are not the same thing. Why did I learn this at the end of that month? That was when I got my humongous AMEX bill and nothing else to show for it but a lot of hits from the Philippines.

Change is the only constant - Since the 1960's one of the axioms of technology is that productivity and efficiency double every 18 months. Called Moore's Law, this rule of thumb means today's technology is making past technology obsolete and future investments unable to fulfill their promise. The corollary to this law (let's call it Picard's corollary, catchy huh?) is that business needs to re-examine technology payback and contribution every six months. When outdated, business development technology can do more damage than good.

Do a review - Appearing outdated, poorly informed, or worse, irrelevant, can be deadly. Determine that the experience you deliver (in all the places you sell, promote, communicate, educate and serve your best customers and markets), is consistent, smart and drives action. Are there gaps? Do you need to update your tools? Start with the obvious marketing tools: your website, emails, e-newsletters, webinars, e-commerce, web advertising, and customer web-services. Let's start with your website.

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The arts community is alive and well in Union County for students and professionals

For those who think New Jersey arts take a back seat to New York City and Philadelphia, Mark McGurty, interim executive director of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra, would tell the sceptics to look at the number of grants recently awarded by the New Jersey Council on the Arts.

More than \$22 million was recently given in grants to support hundreds of arts organizations throughout the state. In addition, the state Legislature has provided record funding amounts for the council for the past two years.

The money goes to support professional organizations, amateur productions, intern programs, and artist fellowships. One of those professional organizations, the Westfield Symphony, is gearing up for its new season, which starts Oct. 1. Before that, a special performance in conjunction with the New York City Opera will be presented at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel Sept. 28 and Oct. 1 at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, where many of the Orchestra's performances are done. Additional information on the PNC Bank performance or the upcoming season can be found on the Orchestra's website www.westfieldnj.com/wso.

"We are the second largest professional performing arts organization in New Jersey with 65 members, with the New Jersey Symphony being first," McGurty said. The orchestra is in its 22nd year and has been under the direction of David Wroe for eight years.

But the Westfield Symphony is only one kind of music and theater group available to Union County residents. Other groups are geared to amateurs, while still others are designed to train future professionals. One of the more unusual is the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra based in Cranford, with members from 5 to 92 playing side by side. Many of the older orchestra members did not pick up an instrument until they retired, so they are learning alongside the youngsters, said Susan Peterson, administrative director. Professional musicians donate their time to mentor the new musicians, who say the experience is invaluable.

"Being around younger people made me feel younger," said Ruth Otey of Morris Plains, a senior citizen cellist.

"The Young at Heart (program) helped me and I (in turn) helped some younger kids," said Jonathan Jackson of Cranford, a 12-year-old violinist.

The orchestra has several different performing groups, depending on the members' playing expertise. The Intergenerational Orchestra will have open registration at the Cranford High School Sept. 15 and will be part of a documentary to be aired on New Jersey Network Aug. 25, which examines the aging process. Some members of the orchestra and part of a concert will be featured in the documentary. Additional information is available at www.njio.org.

For those aspiring to a professional career in theater, the Westfield Young Artists' Cooperative Theatre provides training in voice, dance, and acting during the school year. In the summer, WYACT presents one or more stage productions at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark and at the Algonquin Theater in Manasquan. The members of the cast are selected by auditions and do not have to be WYACT students. This summer's production was *Guys and Dolls* and presented a talented cast of actors backed by student musicians. Mentors often help the musicians, making the performances exceptionally professional. Additional information is available at www.westfieldnj.com/wyact.

"WYACT is for young people who want to go into the theater or performing arts as a profession," said Cynthia Meryl, WYACT artistic and stage director. "Our students have done very well and are appearing in stage productions, movies and television."

Another type of non-profit arts education program in Westfield is the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, which provides training in musical theater, a wide variety of musical instruments, including the alghorn, and a Little Opera Company for children. Musicians of all ages participate in the symphony and concert band.

The workshop gives students of all ages a chance to perform concert bank repertoire in concerts, art festivals, fundraising events and community performances. It was founded by Dr. Theodore K. Schlosberg and draws students from Union County and surrounding areas. Additional information on its many programs can be found on the website www.njworkshopforthearts.com.

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Businesses gear up for potential terrorists attacks

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CERT also is now reaching out to larger businesses to form teams on the company premises, said Sgt. Joseph Geleta of the State Police who is in charge of CERT.

"We want to enlighten companies on what to do for disaster preparedness and also on terrorist awareness. Most companies, on their own, have taken the initiative to do something. We want to enhance that," Geleta said. "We want civilians to help, but we want them to know what to do and we want everyone coordinated."

CERT representatives will work with companies of all sizes, Geleta said. Additional information can be obtained by calling Geleta at 609-538-6060 or Howard Butt, New Jersey Citizen Corps state coordinator, at 609-538-6064.

Law enforcement officials also are beefing up security on a region-wide basis for such areas as the ports, and are working with the companies located there to raise awareness of suspicious activities. Port Elizabeth and the other facilities in the New York New Jersey region are part of the largest port complex on the east coast and the facilities are located in the center of the most densely populated and affluent consumer market in the world, making it a unique target, according to Neil W. Pitagno, senior special agent for U.S. Customs Service and team leader for ICAT in Newark. ICAT is the Intelligence Collection Analysis Team and it is the point organization for Operation Shield America created after 9/11 to help safeguard the ports.

"Although new security measures, including improved fencing, gate monitoring, security surveillance equipment and radiation portals have been, and will continue to be, installed, the port complex is still vulnerable to the threat of terrorism," Pitagno said. Because of that, all law enforcement agencies are being coordinated through Shield America in an effort to share all relevant information between the businesses at the port and law enforcement.

The federal government, through the Department of Homeland Security also is working with businesses to beef up security. READYBusiness on the Homeland Security website provides a wealth of information to help businesses prepare for and prevent crisis.

But everything comes down to local planning, which requires business owners to take a critical look at their facilities and educate their employees about security needs according to the local experts.

"Many employers have to preplan to deal with an emergency," said Mike Yarnell, compliance assistant specialist for OSHA in Woodbridge. "It is a federal requirement to have a response plan and this is one of the first things we look for when doing an inspection."

"There must be a plan for emergency escape and a means of accounting for individuals who have left the building. That was one of the problems in the World Trade Center; no one knew who had escaped. Some may also need to plan for sheltering in place, which requires food and water," he said. "These plans are obviously more important in federal government facilities, where large numbers of people go to travel through, or in target industries."

"All employers need to do a self assessment," agreed Anthony Piniat, president of Revelation Safety Services in Fanwood. "They need to make their business as safe as possible, so that damage from any event is minimized, which in turn protects people."

Revelation Safety Services helps companies comply with OSHA requirements, other safety and security services.

"Each company needs to determine its exposure. If the company is engaged in processing chemicals they have to be particularly vigilant. Audits of the security system should be done once a month," he added.

Philip Solomon, vice president of TOPS in Emergency Response in Westfield, helps companies with security planning and response, agreed.

"What they need to do is, with a critical eye, take a look at the facility. They may want to install a system to check visitors, and they may want to consider some high tech surveillance systems that are available," he added. "In Union County, absolutely critical because a large number of the companies that are part of vulnerable industries."

Union County College

Union County College Enrollment growth reaffirms plans for Elizabeth campus expansion

Since 2000, Union County College has experienced a substantial increase in enrollment at each of its four campuses in Union County. The growth in demand for space is particularly evident on the current single-building Elizabeth campus, so much so, that most of the college's workforce training programs are currently being operated in leased space at the former St. Hedwig's School. Now known as the Union County College Bayway Center, this satellite facility is already serving more than 1,000 non-credit students taking a variety of career-oriented instruction.

As the premier provider of workforce training in the county and number one among New Jersey's community colleges in non-credit registrations in career courses, UCC anticipates increasing demand for these Elizabeth-based programs. Further, since Trinitas School of Nursing moved from the hospital to the college's existing West Jersey Street building three years ago, enrollment there has more than tripled.

The concept of an expansion in Elizabeth was first unveiled by the college in 1998, at about the same time the state Legislature increased the County College Capital Projects Fund Act for the first time since its enactment in 1985. This financing structure is reserved solely for New Jersey community colleges and requires that the county and the state share equally in funding capital projects. State support was increased again in 2004. For the Elizabeth campus, the state and Union County have agreed to share funding, with the financing and construction to be handled by the Union County Improvement Authority.

Preliminary plans are for the College to build a five- to six-story building of approximately 132,000 square feet that will be in close proximity to the existing, seven-story UCC/Lessner Building. The location for the proposed new structure is at the current intersection of Stirling Place and West Jersey Street. Instructional facilities will be enhanced by the addition of several computer laboratories, classrooms, and faculty

offices to serve both existing and new programs. Also included will be an entire floor dedicated to the use of Trinitas School of Nursing.

Dr. Thomas H. Brown, UCC president, said, "The building will be constructed to provide an infrastructure to support the advancements in technology that are essential to meet the increased educational requirements that our society will demand."

A unique feature of the building's design will allow it to serve as an economic development hub for the area. State, local, and federal economic development agencies will be invited to share offices in the new building.

"This, in combination with the programs already offered by the College's Center for Economic and Workforce Development, will provide the county with enhanced training opportunities and economic development assistance in a modern, centrally located facility," said Brown.

The proposed building will include an information commons and a state-of-the-art conference center. The information commons is planned as a technologically-advanced library able to support all of the college's programs in Elizabeth and also serve as a new resource center for county-based businesses and industries.

Union County College officials believe that the growth of the Elizabeth Campus from its current single building to a multi-facility, multi-use, urban campus, will expand educational services to the county's diverse population, ultimately enhancing the economic health and quality of life in the region.

Union County College is a public comprehensive college and is a member of New Jersey's system of 19 county colleges. It operates major campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth, Plainfield, and Scotch Plains and serves more than 35,000 credit and non-credit students. All four campuses are easily accessible by car and public transportation.

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President's Message

The politics of homeland security in the past few weeks have become increasingly distressing. Decisions, especially those made by Congress, have more to do with making politicians popular at home, rather than doing what is in the best interest of the country.



In the meantime, you have to give Michael Chertoff, Homeland Security secretary and Elizabeth native, a lot of credit for bringing some honesty to the debate. Though praised by the press, he has been pilloried by many in the Senate, especially the two senators from New York, because of his failure to pander to public fear of attacks on transit systems.

If you stop to think for a moment, you can come up with lots of ways to get killed. You can be on a subway that is attacked, or you can be the victim of a mistake in a hospital. Risk assessment is by nature comparative: What is the chance of getting killed or hurt by this or that? The more people injured by a given event, the greater the risk of getting hurt by that type of event.

Chertoff's crime was to point out that a lot more people can be killed if a jet airliner is hijacked and crashed into a building than would be killed by an attack on a subway system. Therefore, you should put most of your efforts into protecting against hijacking rather than subways.

Unmentioned, but clearly an underlying issue, was the cost involved in both. Airport security has been incredibly expensive to implement. It has not been foolproof, as we constantly hear stories of screeners missing things, but it has been successful. There has not been a successful hijacking of an American plane since 9/11.

Securing a mass transit system, on the other hand is not so easy. By its very nature, a mass transit system is open and diffuse. Though it feels like people are packed together (which they are), they are in the aggregate spread over a wide area. This combined with the multiple entries and exits make it very hard to protect. And, of course, the harder something is to do, the more expensive it is. The net result is that for every dollar spent, you don't get the same safety return as you do on air transport systems. And for every dollar you spend on one project, you have one less dollar to spend on another.

This dilemma was compounded even further by the Senate when the \$32 billion Homeland Security Department spending measure passed in late July. The senators made sure that each of their states were taken care of no matter how low the risk. Thus, on a per capita basis, places like Alaska and Wyoming received more funding than did New Jersey, New York or Texas, all of which have been identified as prime potential targets for terror attack. Again, the more money that goes to one thing, the less there is to go into another, like port security.

A tremendous amount of hysteria surrounds the whole subject of homeland security. When I read *The New York Times*, I often feel like I am watching a horror movie. Its scary. It could happen. But it is very unlikely that it ever will happen. Will a million people die if one of our chemical plants is attacked? Probably not in a million years. Is it scary to read about, however? You bet! And fear sells!

If you carry Chertoff's line of thinking forward, you begin to wonder whether homeland security should be the priority that it is. Well over 100,000 people die in hospitals each year because of medical mistakes that could easily be prevented. If you are looking for the biggest bang for the buck, that would probably be an even better place to spend money.

And on homeland security, maybe we should start thinking about how to keep these guys from wanting to kill us rather than on just how to keep them from doing it. That unfortunately will take a lot more political will than we are likely to muster.

John P. Coyle

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Where the Chamber stands...

Silly season does not mean voters should cast silly votes

It's that time of year again — the one known as the silly season. New Jersey is facing another legislative and gubernatorial election cycle, although in New Jersey, it sometimes seems more like a continuum rather than a cycle.

New Jersey's off-year gubernatorial election brings added attention to the process — only Virginia and New Jersey elect governors this year. Maybe it is partially because of that lack of other elections, New Jersey candidates get more notice and the process starts earlier than normal. Douglas Forrester and Jon Corzine have been crisscrossing the state for weeks already trying to grab any slight advantage, but the real push for the gubernatorial candidates and the candidates for the 80 Assembly seats always starts after Labor Day.

Voters will be inundated with advertisements and visits by the candidates for two months. Some of the legislative races are bound to set spending records as they do each year as races become more and more competitive. Campaign staffs will spend hours preparing position papers for their candidates and reacting to the positions put out by their opponents.

But how much will actually be learned during this process? How much real information will be disseminated? And, maybe more importantly, how much attention will voters pay and how much information will they bring into the voting booth with them.

Campaigns sometimes seem to be focused on how little the candidates can get by with revealing to voters, how much they can obscure any real stand on an important issue, which is a sorry state of affairs. A well-functioning democracy must be based on informed decisions and on debate fuelled by facts, not emotion, but little of that seems to be getting through the maze of superficial advertisements and campaign sound bites these days.

However, voters must accept some of the blame for this sad state of affairs. Many voters go into the voting booth armed with preconceived notions, voting on one or two superficial facts, and they demand no more information than that from the candidates. Or they give their support to a candidate or party that makes them feel good by finding a scapegoat for their problems. That happened in the last few election cycles, when some candidates succeeded in making business the whipping boy in the debate over how to find more money for the state.

Business was painted as the fat cat that had been avoiding taxes. Therefore, business could be taxed to raise the needed state money so that taxes for individuals would not be increased and so that — heaven forbid — politicians would not have to reduce spending instead of finding more money.

What should be obvious, but apparently, is not, is that "business" is actually made up of business owners and employees who are trying to make ends meet, create a product or service and support their families. In the process, they provide the jobs that support everyone else's families.

Voters who go into the voting booth, gleefully believing the politicians who say business can be taxed to save individuals from having to pay, are being totally illogical. They are looking for an easy way out of a difficult situation. But, as the old saying goes, there is a simple answer to every problem — easy, simple and wrong.

Anyone who thinks they can burden businesses with new taxes, and New Jersey has done this several times in the past few years, without sacrificing the very thing that keeps our economy going, is dead wrong. Those businesses provide the jobs that everyone needs. Without the businesses, and the jobs, no one can prosper.

Businesses will move out of the state — and many have — because the owners get sick of voters and politicians constantly balancing the bloated state budget on their backs. It is the small businesses that provide most of the jobs and it is those same businesses that are hurt most by tax increases. So when politicians or candidates point the finger at businesses as the way to provide yet more money to sacrifice in wasteful spending, smart voters will know they are cutting their own throat by voting for those candidates.

But it is frequently amazing how many voters are not smart; how many do not look beyond the surface argument to examine what a candidate says and what the consequences of the campaign promises will be. Let us hope we have a few more smart voters in the state this fall and maybe we will end up with some office holders who value businesses, and the jobs they create, as much as they should. Then maybe New Jersey can live up to its claim of being business friendly, which has been far from the truth recently.

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Rep. William Pascrell

Business Opportunities with the Department of Homeland Security

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) mission is to prevent and safeguard America from acts of terrorism and to respond to any incidents which may occur on our shores. This is a charge that demands the active participation of every one of us. The assessment of threats and measures needed to protect against them may rely heavily on new and emerging technologies. This nation's small business community has a special role to play in keeping our country safe.

DHS buys millions of dollars in goods and services from private vendors each year. The purchases range from office supplies to major technological systems used to enhance security at U.S. ports of entry.

As the ranking member on the Emergency Preparedness and Science and Technology Subcommittee within the Homeland Security Committee in the House of Representatives, and a former member of the House Small Business Committee, getting our entrepreneurs involved in this process is important to me. Currently, the federal government has a goal of 23 percent procurement participation for small businesses.

I encourage each business that has a product or service that could be used in safeguarding this nation to become involved in the mission of this agency by seeking out opportunities to share their expertise.

If you are a small business that wants to demonstrate your product or service to DHS there are steps you can take that will improve your chances of success. Nothing is guaranteed and the process of selling to the government can be bureaucratic.

You may want to update your company's business plan, highlighting special skills and expertise that would be of interest to government agencies. Review your company's marketing strategy and goals and become familiar with the federal procurement processes and terms through government websites. Since most of the process is conducted online (including registration of your company's capabilities), a computer is essential. Start by looking over these government websites:

Small Business Administration (SBA): www.sba.gov provides a step-by-step guide for selling to the government, with tips on bidding, marketing, and competing for government contracts, and links to free online courses.

General Services Administration (GSA): www.gsa.gov is the government's chief acquisitions agency. GSA spends billions of dollars annually on products and services offered to all federal agencies.

I recommend attending procurement programs, which provide opportunities for business people to meet directly with government officials, including those from the Department of Homeland Security. For example:

Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) www.sba.gov/sbdc Located in every state, these centers advise and train businesses in financial matters, including certification procedures for small and minority businesses. They are an excellent first stop for any business, especially those with little or no previous experience in dealing with federal procurement.

Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTAC) www.dla.mil/db/procure.htm Although the main focus is providing technical assistance on selling to the military, the centers cover marketing to all government agencies through counseling, training, and procurement programs.

Indeed, a baseline level of understanding with regard to federal contracting will be helpful before you approach the Department of Homeland Security.

DHS publishes several documents which should be helpful. For example: they regularly provide a listing of small business specialists. This list gives the names and contact information for individuals responsible for procurement within the department, classified by agency. This listing also provides an inventory of items that the agency procures from small vendors. They also make public lists that forecast contracting opportunities. All this can be found at: www.dhs.gov/openforbusiness.

Keep in mind that there are also subcontracting opportunities. Prime contractors often need to use subcontractors to complete their obligations. The DHS Mentor-Protégé Program is a useful resource in this regard. This is a special program designed to help small businesses partner with larger companies to win contracts. Many federal contracts require subcontractors that are small, disadvantaged, women-owned or veteran-owned businesses. This program is geared toward providing a means of entry for those businesses that have been traditionally shut-out of the federal procurement process. To obtain additional information on this program, please contact:

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Working with the government can be a difficult process, but please be assured that I am here to help. I wish you great success in your efforts and please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns.

What's Coming Up!

Date	Event	Times	Location
Sept 1	Workforce Education Committee Meeting	8:45 AM	Chamber of Commerce Office
Sept 14	Kenilworth Chamber Meeting	8:30 AM	Call for Location
Sept 16	Local & County Affairs Committee	8:30 AM	Call for Location
Sept 20	Industrial Safety Council Breakfast with OSHA "OSHA's Strategic Plan" What You Should Know! (seminar includes a demonstration on navigating the OSHA website) - presented by Michael Yarnell and Kris Hoffman - US Department of Labor - OSHA	8:00 AM	Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road (GSP exit 135), Clark
Sept 22	Springfield Chamber Meeting	8:30 AM	OEM Office, Springfield Fire Department 200 Mountain Avenue
Sept 27	Linden Chamber Meeting	8:30 AM	Northfield Savings Bank 501 North Wood Avenue, Linden
Sept 28	Clark Chamber Meeting	8:30 AM	Gran Centurions, 440 Madison Hill Road, Clark

Member Moments...

Northfield Savings Bank. Staten Island's only mutually-owned savings bank, reported net income for the quarter ended June 30 of \$3.7 million and net income for the six-months ended June 30 of \$7.6 million. The bank also reported net interest income for the quarter and six-months ended June 30 of \$11 million and \$21.5 million, respectively. Net interest income benefited from the continued growth in the bank's loan portfolio. Loans totaled \$373.4 million on June 30, an increase of \$52.6 million or 16.4 percent, as compared to total loans of \$320.8 million on Dec. 31, 2004, and an increase of \$101.5 million or 37.6 percent from June 30, 2004 total loans of \$271.9 million. Commercial loans, including real estate, land and construction amounted to \$200.1 million on June 30, as compared to \$86.3 million a year ago.

Paul Proske, a long-time former chairman of Northfield, recently passed away. **John W. Alexander,** Northfield's chairman of the board and CEO, stated, "Paul Proske's contributions to Northfield Savings Bank and Staten Island itself, are immeasurable. Paul provided us the vision and inspiration that continues to guide and bring us many of our successes today."

James W. Horne, Jr., has been appointed chief executive officer of the United Way of Greater Union County by the board of directors. Horne has more than 10 year's experience within the United Way system. His most recent position was president and chief professional officer of the United Way of the Pioneer Valley, Springfield, Mass. Prior to that, Horne served as executive vice president for United Way of Summit County in Akron, Oh., and was the senior vice president of resource development for United Way of Eastern Fairfield County in Bridgeport, Conn.



TOPS in Emergency Response. Westfield, recently celebrated its 10th anniversary with an open house in appreciation of the firm's many customers and friends, said **Phil Solomon,** vice president. "We look forward to many more years of helping to make workplaces and our community a safer place," Solomon said

The Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce Workforce Education Committee recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships to the following students: **Kenyatta Beasley,** Plainfield High School, to attend Morgan State University to study medicine; **Angelica Bernardi,** Roselle Park High School, to attend Union County College, to study elementary education; **Steven Brinkerhoff,** Arthur L. Johnson High School, to attend Union County College, to study to be a paramedic or emergency room physician; **Jessica Carrancho,** Union High School, to attend New Jersey City University to study elementary education; **Amanda Enz-Olavarría,** Roselle Park High School, to attend Muhlenberg School of Nursing; **Alyssa Tarossi,** Jonathan Dayton High School, to attend William Patterson University, to study special education; **Eric Kinney,** Roselle Park High School, to attend Union County College to study criminal justice; **Angela Marchell,** Summit High School, to attend Montclair State University to study secondary education; **Dennis Mayes, Jr.,** St. Mary of the Assumption High School, to attend Drew University, to study biology/education; **Najaah McKoy,** Plainfield High School, to attend Rutgers University to study marketing; **Katherine Mejia,** Rahway High School, to attend Union County College to study nursing; **Edison Naranjo,** Roselle Park High School, to attend Union County College, to study architecture; and **Gary White,** Union High School, to attend Rutgers University to study electrical engineering.

The Chamber also recently held its annual Educator Institute attended by 19 Union County educators, who visited Newark Liberty International Airport, the Woodlands Center - Genesis Eldercare and AGL/Elizabethtown Gas Company. The educators learn of potential career paths for their students during the three-day workshop and on-site visits.

Kean University hosts both the awards ceremony for the scholarship presentations and the Educator Institute.

Valley National Bancorp. Wayne, announced **Garret Nieuwenhuis,** first senior vice president and director of marketing, has been appointed chairmn of the board of the trustees for the Clara Maass Foundation. Also, **Evan Stalter** has joined Valley National Bancorp as vice president, senior BAS/AML investigator and manager.

Merck and the City of Linden partnered on the new reverse 9-1-1 system for the City. Pictured [l to r] are: John Principato, Director of Linden Central Dispatch; Rick Davis, Chief of Merck Public Safety and Deputy Coordinator for the City of Linden Office of Emergency Management; City of Linden Mayor John T. Gregorio; and Tony Orlando, Coordinator for the City of Linden Office of Emergency Management.



Employees from **ConocoPhillips Bayway Refinery** and **Infinium USA L.P.** in Linden joined together recently at Linden Lanes for a fundraiser to raise money for Junior Achievement's educational programs. A total of 30 employees and family members participated in the bowl-a-thon, which raised more than \$4,200 for JA.

Both companies have long traditions of service and support for JA across many decades. This past school year, 18 employee volunteers from ConocoPhillips Bayway Refinery taught 30 JA classes in local schools, reaching more than 750 students. Infinium colleagues volunteered in 12 JA classes, teaching more than 300 students about seven key program areas including business, citizenship, economics, entrepreneurship, ethics/character, financial literacy, and career development.

Bollinger Academy, Short Hills, one of the largest privately held insurance agencies in the nation, has started a training program to insurance agents. The program is designed to fill an expected shortage in the industry in the next five years. Ten recent college graduates with two to four years of work experience will be recruited for the first class, which will offer training as service employees and sales people. New classes will be started each six months. Graduates will be placed in jobs at Bollinger. Classes will include producer licensing, internships, IT training, communications skills and business writing. Additional information on the program can be obtained by calling 973-921-8257 or by emailing cb@bollingerinsurance.com.



Schering-Plough Corporation recently donated 16 walkie-talkies to Trinitas Hospital's EMT Training Unit. Warner Communications Co., Inc. helped by reprogramming the two-way radios. The donations were made through United Way's Caring Connections program for local companies that are looking to lend a helping hand in our community through in-kind donations and volunteering.

Pictured (left to right) are United Way's **Susan Di Iorio,** Trinitas Hospital EMS Unit's **David Schmid,** Schering-Plough Corporation's **Erica D. Ferry,** United Way's **Lynn Pittman,** United Way's **Laura Keller,** and Warner Communications Co. Inc.'s **Robert C. MacMenamie, Jr.**

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Dressing right can boost your career

That 67 percent of a first impression is made even before you open your mouth to speak? Whether you like it or not, you are being judged on your appearance and it takes 17 subsequent encounters to undo the effects of a negative first impression.

How can you get dressed in the morning with confidence? Knowing your best colors and most flattering styles will help. Some of us look better in the cool colors - blues, reds and grays. Others look better in the earth tones - browns, greens and gold. It depends on your hair color and the undertones in your skin. But knowing what is most flattering on you is only half the equation. Wouldn't it be nice to know what effect the clothes we're wearing has on the people we come in contact with? Here's a quick guide:

- Blue:** Honest, trust worthy, hardworking, organized. Blue can also seem calming and peaceful.
- Gray:** Powerful, business-like, respectable, serious. Gray is an excellent business color for men and women because it seems commanding without being intimidating.
- Brown:** Friendly, warm, approachable, non-threatening. Brown and other earth tones should be worn when you want people to like you and open up to you.
- Black:** Authoritative, elegant, formal, assertive. Black is wonderful for giving a presentation or appearing distinctive.
- Red:** Exciting, confident, passionate, optimistic. Red is an energy color and will get you noticed.

Color is a significant component of what we present to the outside world, but other areas to consider when assessing your wardrobe are clothing styles, patterns and accessories.

- Some tips to consider:
- Pinstripes do make you look taller and slimmer, providing they're the right width for your body type.
 - Darker colors worn as one part of an outfit make that part of the body seem smaller (note the popularity of black pants).
 - Patterns in clothing for business should never be larger than the size of three quarters.
 - Knowing your natural silhouette is important in creating a personal style for yourself.

- because when the lines of your clothing follow the lines of your body you feel comfortable and communicate harmony.
- Accessories should always be at the same level of dress or casualness as the outfit: i.e. no rubber-soled shoes with a business suit, no short-sleeved dress shirts with a tie and no small dressy handbags in the office.
 - Keep one focal point when using accessories: i.e. a colorful pendant, brooch or scarf and let the rest of your jewelry coordinate with that focal point.
 - Remember that hair is your most important accessory, and if it's long or fussy, tone down everything else.
 - Make sure your clothes fit. Clothing that's too large will make you look heavier, as will clothing that's too small.
 - Dress for the business level where you want to be, not for where you currently are.
- When you go shopping, make sure what you buy matches at least three other garments already in your wardrobe. Buying several pieces at the same time will simplify the matching concept and insure that you buy stylish outfits. Using mix and match pieces lowers the cost of any individual garment since the more you have to coordinate something with the more you will wear it.

Looking polished is more attention to detail than anything else. Keeping your clothing clean and well-pressed and your shoes in good repair emphasizes the fact that you care. Remember, if you pay attention to details in your appearance, clients and associates will assume you pay attention to the details of your job performance. Unfortunately, the reverse is also true.

Dressing with confidence will allow you to focus on the task at hand and not worry about your appearance. Most people look in their closets and feel that they have a lot of clothes and nothing to wear. That's because often what's in there is unflattering, inappropriate or old. A wardrobe overhaul will allow you to see what works for you and why, so you don't repeat the same mistakes. You will soon see yourself reaching your image goals and you will know that what's on the outside matches what's on the inside.

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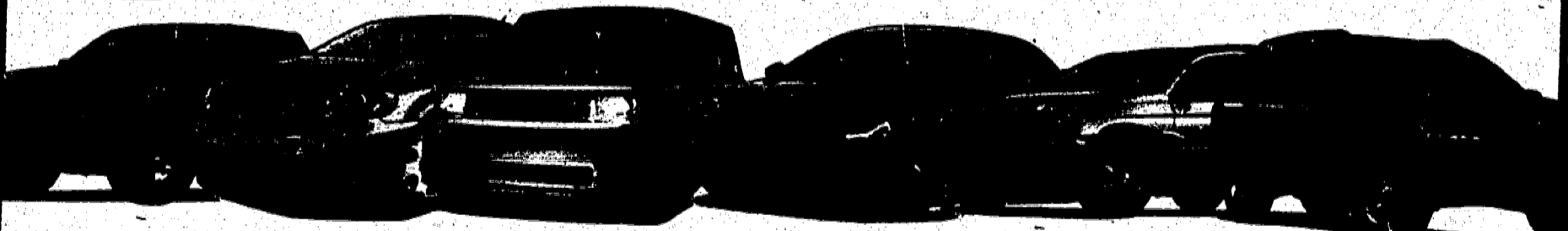


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