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Walton expected to be ready Superintendent says school will open Sept. 8

By Meave Sheehan
Staff Writer

At Monday night's Springfield Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Michael Davino said he expects the Edward V. Walton School will be ready by the scheduled Sept. 8 start of the school year.

"We intend to be there on Sept. 8," Davino said.

Davino addressed the rumor that has been circulating around town about a Sept. 12 school start time and said, as of this time, the school board had no intention of delaying the start time.

The board said they had met with contractors Monday to discuss the school's status and were assured by the contractors that Walton School would be ready for its prekindergarten through second-grade students by the scheduled date.

The contractors' guarantee does not mean construction will be completed by Sept. 8, Davino said. The board will obtain a temporary certificate of occupancy from the township in order to begin classes on time.

The project's architect, Massoud Mohadjeri, was present at the meeting to answer questions from parents. Mohadjeri also said he believed the

Sept. 8 school start time stands firm.

"As of this moment, we don't know of any other glitches," Mohadjeri said.

Mohadjeri and the board confirmed the contractors will lose a certain amount of money each day, as written into their contract, if the construction is not completed by the deadline of Sept. 2.

When asked whether there are a sufficient number of workers at the site for the deadline to be met, Mohadjeri said he did not know how many workers were at the school.

Construction work after Sept. 8 at the school will most likely be done after school hours, said Davino and Business Administrator Matthew Clarke.

Some parents were concerned that construction work while school is in session will create a security problem for their children. Parent Monica Shanks said construction workers' continued presence at the site meant a lapse in security.

"No one should be walking around unescorted," she said.

Davino said in response that the school board was working toward tightening security. Melissa Lageman, a teacher who has worked at the James

Caldwell and Gaudineer schools, said security at district schools is generally pretty strict and teachers and other school staff are on the lookout for people walking around unattended. Guests without badges or hall passes are routinely asked for identification and told to sign a guest book.

"I'm the first one running down the hallway after them," Lageman said.

When asked by parents what parts of the building would not be completed in time, Davino and Clarke said the media center would not be finished and the heating system will not be in place.

The school's elevator will not be put in until October. In response to one parent's question regarding the necessity of providing a handicapped-accessible school, Davino said he did not know of any students who needed to make use of the elevator.

Davino also said the surface of the parking lot will probably consist of just a base coat, since the board cannot finish the parking lot with a full coat until a telephone pole belonging to Verizon is removed from the site. The board is waiting for further notice from Verizon.

"We're on a tight time frame," Davino said.

Clarke said he and other board members have been walking through the site regularly. The board still needs to allow time for custodians to clean the premises and furniture to be moved into the school. Throughout the spring and summer, the board has been making plans, with the expectation that the Walton School construction project will be ready by on time.

At the last board meeting, Davino said if the school was not ready, changes would be made at the last minute, with the contingency plan of leaving students in the same schools as last year.

At Monday's board meeting, Davino said he did not expect to make use of any contingency plan and did not want to discuss specific back-up plans. If Sept. 2 draws near and the board comes to believe the deadline will not be met, they will consider delaying the start of school by a day or two, he said.

The construction work at Walton will allow the district to house first- and second-graders along with prekindergarten and kindergarten programs at the school.

This school year, James Caldwell and Thelma L. Sandmyer elementary schools are expected to house the district's third-, fourth- and fifth-graders. Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School, which currently has grades five through eight, will become a sixth- through eighth-grade school.

Williams Scotsman Inc. was awarded the \$5.9 million contract for the construction. Construction began in February, when G. Pacillo Contracting signed the project as part of its \$3.64 million contract. The \$9.6 million Walton project is part of the \$19 million districtwide school renovation and construction referendum which was approved by voters in 2003.

Stepping into character



Photo By Sean Harvey

Sophia Jasnowski and Michael Littig, actors with the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, perform 'London Assurance' by the Irish playwright Dion Boucicault at 'Shakespeare in the Park...ing Lot,' an outdoor summer program conducted at the Mountainside Public Library.

BOE OKs Apple laptops

By Meave Sheehan
Staff Writer

At Monday's Springfield Board of Education meeting, the board approved the purchase of Apple computer laptops for the district's seventh- and eighth-graders.

The laptops will cost \$596,676 and will be paid in three yearly installments of \$198,559.

The laptop purchase is part of a broader attempt by the school district to integrate technology into the classroom and equip students with computer skills.

October is the likely date for distribution of the laptops.

When the laptops are distributed, students will be able to bring the laptops home and will be responsible for them around the clock.

"Students are responsible for laptops to the extent that they're responsible for a textbook," Davino said.

Davino said each computer will come with a three-year guarantee and most accidents will be covered under this warranty.

In response to parents' concerns that the computers may be used for recreational purposes instead of study, Davino said laptop use outside of school will require a certain amount of diligence on parents' part, but he is inclined to believe students will use computers for their designated purpose, for the most part.

Davino also said that, while the board assumes most students will have Internet access at home, it will be possible for students without Internet access to receive free dial-up access.

In June, the school board heard a presentation from representatives of Apple Computer. The Finance Committee reviewed Apple's proposal, along with one from Dell and another from HP.

The one-to-one laptop program, first introduced by Davino as part of next year's school budget, was scaled back for use by seventh- and eighth-graders only. The original plan involved equipping all sixth- through ninth-graders with laptops but, after the \$31 million school budget was defeated, the proposal was cut in half, by about \$145,000.

The school board hopes using laptops will eventually reduce students' textbook load. Instead, students will rely on digital textbooks. Some parents were concerned the laptops would be a burden for students to carry, in addition to their textbooks.

Board member Hillary Corbarn said the implementation of laptops will include teaching teachers about how to integrate technology into their curriculum. The district's seventh-graders will be part of a pilot program sponsored by the state Department of Education this year that tries to assess students' technology skills before grade eight.

Apple has been involved in supplying 300,000 computers in schools from Pennsylvania to Maine.

School board to host lottery for bus seats

By Meave Sheehan
Staff Writer

The Springfield Board of Education will host a lottery for the few seats that are available for subscription busing this year.

There are 15 seats available for the Jonathan Dayton High School bus and 12 seats available for the Florence M. Gaudineer bus. No seats are available on the elementary school buses.

The board said they sent a letter notifying parents of the cancellation of subscription busing and the available seats Tuesday.

The final application for the lottery is Sept. 13. The lottery will be conducted Sept. 15. The cost for the Gaudineer School and Jonathan Dayton High School is \$750 round trip and \$375 for mid-day busing one-way from the elementary schools.

The 2005-06 school year will be the last year that mid-day subscription busing will be available.

As a result of the district's re-evaluation of bus routes, some parents that have taken advantage of first seating have recently been informed their children are no longer eligible for the busing. One parent, Steven Beitzell, said the extra cars along Mountain Avenue as a result of less children being bused to school will result in heavy traffic and tardiness.

In the past, empty seats on buses have been sold to children who live within two miles of school and are already on a bus route. These seats are sold depending on availability, since children who live more than two miles away from their school are entitled to seats on the buses whether they use them or not. Board members said they are not allowed by state law to sell these seats.

Parents were given a copy of the letter at the meeting. At a previous board meeting, Business Administrator Matthew Clarke offered to help parents by sharing his knowledge of busing issues, but the board agreed that they did not want to be involved with such an effort on an official level.



Photo By Barbara Keltz

Construction continues at a steady pace at the Edward V. Walton School in Springfield as school officials aim to get the school ready in time for the start of the new year.

Volunteers make dolls for sick children in hospital

By Doug McNamara
Staff Writer

Since July, Mountainside resident Roberta Phillips Levenberg has turned her home every Tuesday afternoon into a veritable doll-making shop, when a dozen women from the Roselle-Cranford Chapter of Hadassah — the woman's Zionist Organization of America — meet to stitch, perl and stuff.

The women, most of whom are from either Cranford or Roselle, are working on the nascent "Hadassah Mitzvah Doll Project." Their mission is to make "medical play dolls" for sick children at Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth.

While vacationing in Florida this winter, Levenberg, the project's founder, got the idea after meeting Hadassah members from Detroit, who had started a similar program that has already produced thousands of dolls.

Since starting in July, the group has already distributed 15 dolls to children at Trinitas.

"It sounds like a small number," said Levenberg, "but it's a lot of work."

Every handmade doll comes with

its own hospital gown, a label for the child's name and a hand-knitted skull cap, which can take up to an hour to knit.

For even simple tasks, such as cutting out the patterns for the dolls, the women sacrifice time and, in at least one case, their own health.

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"One finger's been numb for weeks," explained Cranford resident Thelma Rappoport.

The women purposely leave the dolls faceless, however, in hopes of encouraging the child to use a face.

"The purpose is to communicate with the social worker" looking after the child, Levenberg explained. More specifically, the dolls help children cope with their hospital ordeal, explained Trinitas Child Care Coordinator Janice Wernock.

During their hospital stay, a nurse or social worker approaches pediatric patients and ask them to pick the doll and draw a face on it.

This allows young patients to use the doll as a source of conversation to help the child to express his own feelings and respond to his fear.

With a small pediatric ward, Trinitas was the perfect pilot site for the project, added Levenberg.

Before the women even picked up a needle or knitting needle though, they first had to raise money — most of which came from private donations — for the supplies, which include bags of stuffing, fabric and yarn for the hats.

This is just one of many community service projects for the Cranford-Roselle Chapter.

For instance, during the school year, Hadassah members conduct a "check it out program" to educate young men and women about testicular and breast cancer, respectively.

For more information on more information on the doll project, contact Levenberg at 908-686-0300 or Cranford Hadassah at 908-686-0300, 100 Walnut Ave., Cranford, N.J. 07016.

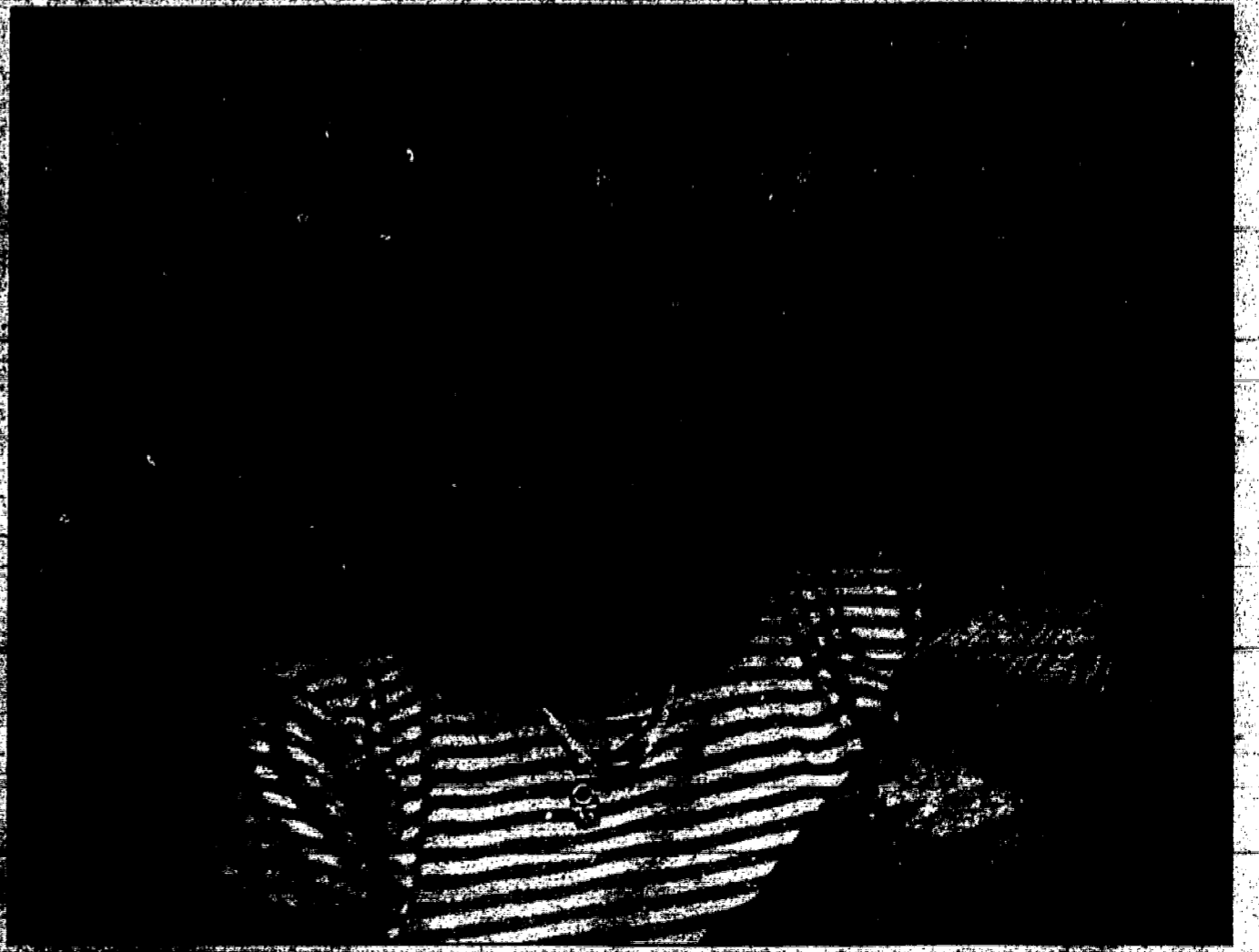


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Mountainside resident Roberta Phillips Levenberg leads the Roselle-Cranford chapter of Hadassah in a Tuesday afternoon program of sewing, stitching and knitting dolls, which they donate to children at Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth.

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Trapped crash victims rescued

Mountainside On Sunday at 11:45 p.m., firefighters responded in Engines 2, 5 and Aerial Ladder Truck 1 to a report of a motor vehicle accident located on Route 22 eastbound and Sheffield Street.

Fire officers at the scene found a small vehicle that overturned and hit an electrical utility pole and trapped the driver and passengers. Firefighters used the "Jaws of Life" from Engine 5 to free the entrapped occupants.

On Sunday at 8:20 p.m., firefighters responded in Aerial Ladder Truck 1 and Brush Truck 4 to a report of an electrical fire located on Grouse Lane.

On Sunday at 1:44 p.m., firefighters in Aerial Ladder Truck 1 responded to an activated fire alarm in a residence located on Raccoon Hollow.

On Saturday at 12:02 p.m., firefighters responded to an activated fire alarm at the movie theater located on Route 22 eastbound.

On Saturday at 2:55 p.m., firefighters responded in Engine 5 to a Union County Mutual Aid call to provide a pumper to supply water to Clark's ladder tower at the Central Avenue warehouse fire.

On Aug. 19 at 2:43 p.m., firefighters responded in Engine 5 to an active Central Station fire alarm at a restaurant located on Route 22 eastbound.

On Aug. 19 at 2:41 p.m., firefighters in Engine 5 responded to a report of an electrical transformer fire located on a pole on Route 22 eastbound and the Lawrence Avenue U-turn.

On Aug. 18 at 11:52 p.m., firefighters responded in Engine 2 to a report of a brush fire at a commercial building located on Mountain Avenue.

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The wallet contained identification, credit cards and \$700 in cash. Also reported missing were a hat, a pair of shoes and a pair of Ray Ban sunglasses.

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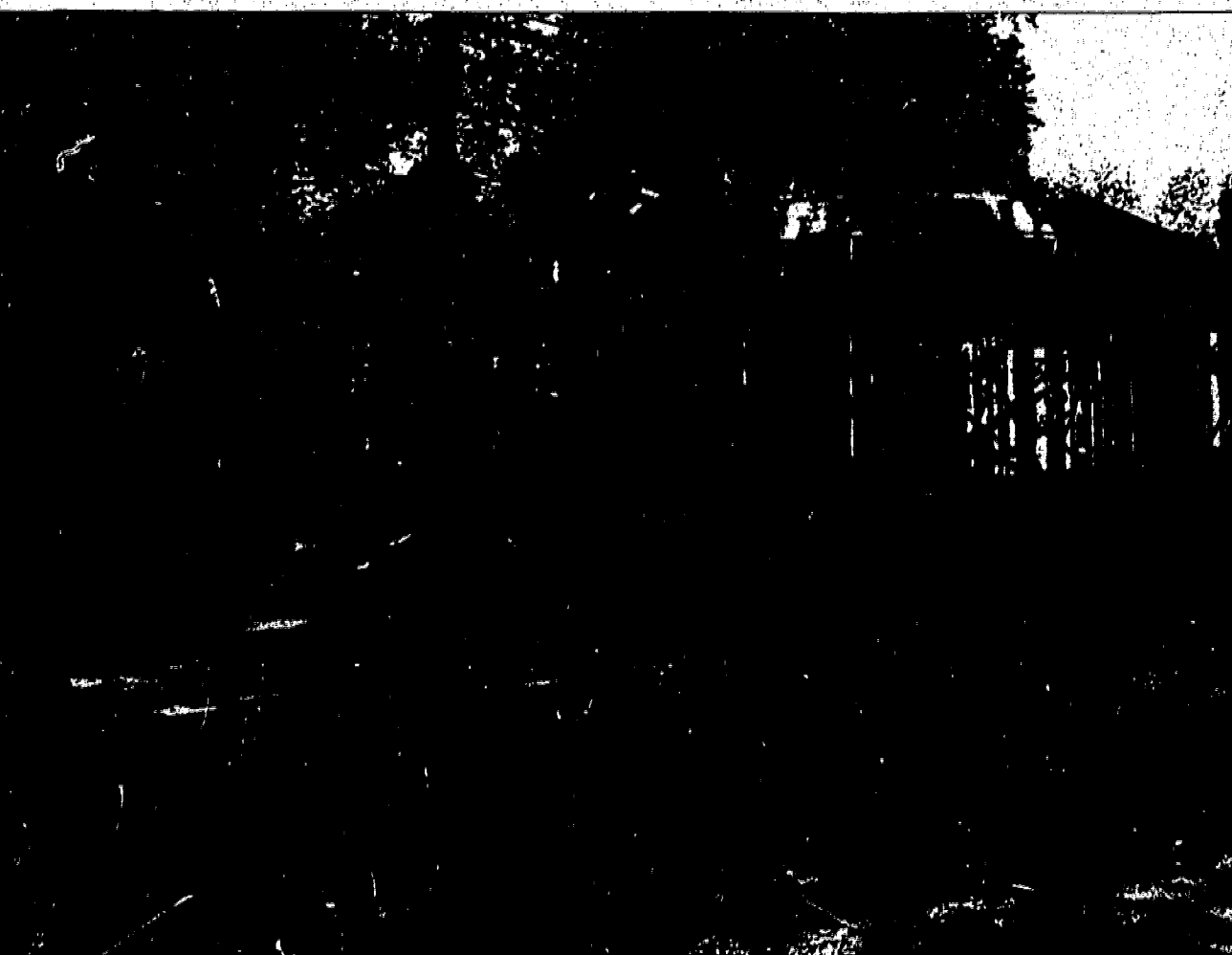
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Construction continues on new homes

By Brian Pedersen Managing Editor With two foundations currently being built, construction at Primavera Estates at Mountain-side is continuing to take shape as the summer draws to a close.

The four-acre site off Mountain Avenue in Mountainside will contain six custom luxury homes, which are currently being marketed by Burgdorff Realtors.

Alex Fonseca, a partner at Primavera Estates, said the site was primarily chosen because there was "available land."

As a small, rural community of four-square miles, the borough has little room for development, but has experienced the completion of several subdivisions over the past few years.

Each of the six luxury homes will be created in the Center Hall Colonial style. Some of the homes will have up to five-and-a-half bathrooms and five bedrooms.

Though the site is clearly visible from Woodland Avenue, the only access point to the site will be off Mountain Avenue.

Joanna D'Achille and some of her neighbors on Kipling Avenue in Springfield decided to donate the proceeds from their PGA Tournament parking rental earnings on Aug. 14 to charity.

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The homes range in market value from \$1.3 million to \$1.6 million. Four of the homes are still available and two have already been sold, he added.

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The group has collected more than \$400 for the Alzheimer's Association.

BOE approves new 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.

For the Edward V. Walton School Pre-K only students, the drop off time for the a.m. session will be 8:55 a.m.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

Remember the taxpayer

Just as contracts for members of a teachers' union, contracts for members of a town's police union have provided benefits that people working in the private sector do not enjoy — namely, not being required to contribute to one's medical benefits.

The contract for the Mountaintop Policemen's Benevolent Association 126 was recently approved by the Borough Council, but is lacking in cost benefits for taxpayers. Benefits and longevity pay were two issues raised during the negotiations process that could have had a positive impact on taxpayers.

The council originally wanted to eliminate longevity pay for new hires and have officers contribute toward their medical benefits, according to PBA President Jeffrey Stinner. But in this new agreement, both items remain intact.

While the opportunity for significant cost savings could have been realized, the council opted instead to lengthen the amount of time it takes for an officer to reach the top of the salary grade. According to the previous contract, it would take six years to reach the top step, now it takes seven. In addition, the first-year probationary salary was increased from \$28,000 to \$32,000.

While the average annual salary increases are actually slightly lower compared to the previous agreement, the fact that longevity pay remains in the new contract shows how inflated some of these salaries can get.

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 before 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. It just keeps growing.

Police provide essential services to the community. There's no doubt their jobs are demanding, noble and sometimes dangerous. But longevity pay is an inflated source of added income that should be removed from future contracts.

For Springfield, the Township Committee should also keep this in mind as it continues to negotiate with the township's police union for a new contract.

Also, it's time for all police union members as well as all town and school district employees to contribute to their own medical benefits, much like people in other professions. Doing so will help generate cost savings across the board.

Instead of giving unparalleled power to unions, it's time local government and school district officials do what they can in contract negotiation sessions to make this idea a reality. Why should it always be a virtual guarantee that police officers and teachers will get the salaries and benefits that they want, every time? The outcome of contract negotiation sessions often reveals how much excessive, unnecessary costs are added into salaries that could be eliminated if only the needs of the taxpayer were seriously considered.

After all, when it comes to negotiating, the one person who does not have any say is the taxpayer.

Happy ending

It's finished now, but for a short time, the township of Springfield was transformed into a mecca for golf enthusiasts with the arrival of the PGA Tournament at Baltusrol Golf Course.

From the many Springfield police officers who calmly directed traffic as thousands of people descended onto the area to the sun-baked volunteer marshals who helped direct visitors through the course, the PGA was an overwhelming success for the township, considering the sheer size of the event.

An added bonus is that no overtime costs were accrued by police, fire or Department of Public Works employees for the extra work, thanks to complete financial coverage by the Professional Golf Association.

It truly was Springfield's moment in the limelight, and the many volunteers helped make it happen.

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— Jim Naughton
Former President, The Poynter Institute
2003



Photo By Joseph A. Sorrentino

HOPING TO CATCH A CUSTOMER — Kate Tobie, 8, of Springfield, joins her friends as they sell umbrellas and cold drinks to visitors along Shunpike Road during the PGA tournament in Springfield. When the PGA recently came to town, many residents who live near the Baltusrol Golf Course look for the PGA to set up impromptu shops on their lawns to make a little extra money from the crowds of people walking to the course.

Athletic association a nationally recognized leader

Thank you, Commissioner of Education William Libera, for lauding New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association officials for implementing dramatic policy changes beyond your expectations and for recognizing the credibility and respect the NJSIAA has always enjoyed.

I am writing this letter to express my gratitude to the NJSIAA for permitting me to be involved in so many ways for 30 years. My involvement included serving as director of the NJSIAA Wrestling Tournament, project manager for corporate development and as an assistant director.

The NJSIAA has been recognized as one of the finest and most progressive state athletic associations in the United States of America, as a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations. The NFHS includes associations from all 50 states.

The NJSIAA has been a national leader in so many initiatives for the betterment of 230,000 student-athletes across the state of New Jersey. The NJSIAA has focused much of its attention on the "Educational Side of Athletics" for student-athletes, coaches, administrators and officials.

It is no coincidence that the executive director of the NFHS for the past 12 years is the former executive director of the NJSIAA: Robert Kanaby. Mr. Kanaby's work in New Jersey made him a great candidate for the NFHS executive directorship. His 11 years with the NJSIAA were outstanding and raised the level of the NJSIAA to national recognition.

Bob Kanaby's initiatives and visionary approach to academics and athletics attracted the nationwide search which led to his appointment.

Boyd Sands, NJSIAA executive director of 12 years, brought a great administrative background and a wealth of experience in New Jersey athletics. A great basketball and baseball official, Mr. Sands has served on the NJSIAA Executive Committee for many years.

He also served as chairperson or as a member of numerous volunteer committees that are such a vital part of the success that NJSIAA enjoys. Mr. Sands' 12-year leadership at the helm of the NJSIAA brought about many positive changes as a result of the initiatives he set forth when he took over as executive director.

The plan of action developed by Boyd Sands and carried through during his administration include: professional development of staff, school administrators, student-athletes, coaches, officials and parents; an expansion of sports for both men and women — NJSIAA sponsors more sports than any other state in the nation; a sportsmanship program that is second to none; a coaches' education program; annual certification requirements for officials in all sports; a corporate development program that provided budget security and stability along with no increase in dues for

member schools; a wrestling weight reduction program which includes body fat and hydration, and a cooperative relationship with many New Jersey universities and venues that brought New Jersey student-athletes, coaches, officials and parents to the greatest facilities in our great state.

As for the staff at NJSIAA, both professional and non-professional, you could not find a more loyal, dedicated group of outstanding human beings with tremendous, diverse abilities and a caring and concerned attitude.

There is always a willingness with a personal effort to assist our member schools. There is no message machine during work hours. Every telephone call is answered by a staff member 365 days a year, excluding holidays.

Yes, NJSIAA is a recognized national leader. The NJSIAA is also respected highly by our member schools in New Jersey and known for honesty, integrity and fair play in the real game of life.

Ernest J. Finizio, Jr. is a retired superintendent of schools in Roselle Park and retired assistant-director of NJSIAA.

Point Of View

By Ernest J. Finizio

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

District makes appalling decisions

The Springfield Board of Education and superintendent should be publicly embarrassed by their failure to communicate with the residents of Springfield. Dear Mr. Michael Davino, superintendent of schools and Springfield Board of Education officials:

I sent a letter to you several weeks ago regarding concerns that I had with the busing information. Since then, it is clear that you made your decision to cancel subscription busing completely.

While I disagree with your choice, I now will be amongst the parents and families who will be bottle-necking your hallways during arrival and dismissal at Walton School with extraneous backpacks, strollers and whining, tired children.

In addition to the busing concerns though, I voiced my worries about the Walton construction being completed on time. I am aware that the building was to be finished on Aug. 15, but it is obvious that it is far from completion. Rumors are spreading through town about how this will be handled, from first- and second-graders beginning the year at Sandmeier/Caldwell School to beginning the year a few weeks late. What is the true story? Why are you waiting to publicize your contingency plans? I have two anxious first- and second-graders waiting to begin their year in September... what do I tell them?

I think you fail to realize the clientele that you serve. The children of Springfield are the ones who your choices ultimately affect and their education is what will suffer. I am a teacher by profession and I am appalled by the lack of consideration on the children's behalf. From playgrounds to incomplete buildings to busing, you have failed to provide a safe, smooth-running transition for these children.

While you neglected to reply to my first letter, I expect that I will hear from you soon.

A battle for drivers' attention

Your Aug. 11 editorial addressed the hazards of driving distractions on the road. As the sponsor of the Response Insurance National Driving Habits Survey, the survey that launched the current debate on distracted drivers, we would like to weigh in on this issue.

Although cell phone use seems to receive much of the attention, our surveys revealed American drivers are being distracted by many activities.

When asked what drivers fear is the most about other drivers, aggressive driving and drunk driving are now taking second and third place to the fear that the other driver is simply not paying sufficient attention to the road. People are putting a higher priority on making better use of their time, than getting to their destination safely.

Seventy-six percent are those polled indicated they engage in one or more distracting activity while driving. They are eating, reading, talking on the phone and combing their hair — everything except paying attention to the road. Amazingly, 20 percent are so busy multi-tasking they acknowledge steering their car with their thighs on occasion.

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Garbage train use makes little sense

I do not believe, nor do I understand, the persistence of the rumor that the rebuilt Rahway Valley line will be used by a 1,000-foot garbage train. It makes no sense to traverse 12 grade crossings, including Route 22 and a steep upgrade, just to reach the Morris and Essex line.

It is so much easier to get to the Lehigh Valley line where they are currently running such trains. They can be observed at Bound Brook Station and also at the transfer station in Bridgewater.

All forms of transportation are subsidized. The airlines do not pay for traffic control and security. Will all in favor of a passenger user tax to pay for this please raise their hands? The trucking industry should be the last to complain about a subsidy.

That industry is about to get a \$1.2 billion subsidy in the form of a widened New Jersey Turnpike south of I-287. Also in the works is a second Goethals Bridge which, with its approach ramps, will cost goodness knows how much. The airlines built an airport. The trucking industry has never built a highway, although they wear them out and cause accidents and delays.

John Hyde
Springfield

Town officials should clean up center

As a longtime resident of Springfield, I read with interest the article of the proposed revitalization of the center of town.

I was surprised that the priority for the center would be focused on additional apartments over the stores on Morris Avenue.

I believe residents of Springfield would love to see the township clean up the center and the main focus of any revitalization plan should be the demolition of Pennill's Toxic Waste Gas Station. If there was ever an eminent domain property — this is it.

Can the editor please inform me and other interested residents as to why that property is allowed to remain vacant? I understand these are county roads but that does not mean Springfield can't clean them. Everyone knows the county government does not care about Springfield, but the Township Committee is elected to care! Home owners are forced to clean up their property but the center of Center Street and Morris Avenue are disgraceful eyesores to our community. I would hope the Planning Board and Township Committee would start with these clean up projects.

Larry Monaco
Springfield

One small move could change the course of history

What if history had been different? Would our lives be different because of it?

1. What if the British had won the Revolutionary War? Unless somehow managing to flee to the French West Indies or possibly Spanish Florida, our founding fathers would all have been hanged for treason.

The name of George Washington would be synonymous with treason. The "Spirit of '76" would have died an ignominious death. It would be left to later generations to secure our freedom, if they could have. Was there anyone else in our history like Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Madison or James Madison? We would have had a very different story.

2. What if Hitler had won the Civil War?

You would need a passport to go to Florida. Don't laugh. It almost happened. If Abraham Lincoln had not been elected in 1860, the president would have been Sen. Stephen A. Douglas, who would not have been able to save the Union.

Douglas died in 1861 at age 48, rather unexpectedly, and his death would have discouraged the Union that the South would have won. The South had the better military leaders anyway. There would have been no Emancipation Proclamation and who knows when slavery would have ended? Would we ever have been reunited? If not, we would be two separate nations, the U.S.A. and the O.S.A., a totally unacceptable concept.

How close were we from this disaster? If Lincoln had not been re-elected in 1864 or assassinated a few months sooner, it may well have been a very different story.

3. What if Hitler had been killed in World War I?

During the first World War, Cpl. Hitler was gassed and spent time in the hospital. Unfortunately for civilization, he recovered.

Hitler did not form the Nazi party; he joined it, along with a lot of other disgruntled German veterans, but without Hitler's dynamic input, the Nazis would likely have remained just a gang of right-wing crackpots who would never gain national prominence.

Goebbels, Goring, Himmler, Bormann and Eichmann were all evil men but, without Hitler, they would have been nothing. Germany may well have

Point Of View

By Richard Lime

gone Communist in the 1920s. There would have been no Anschluss, no Czech crisis, no Final Solution and perhaps no World War II in Europe.

4. What if Hiroshima and Nagasaki had not been bombed? It could have never happened today. There would be arguments about this for centuries to come? Was it really necessary? Was it racist? Would Germany or Italy have been nuked? It was obviously a tough decision.

By mid-1945, Japan knew it could not win the war, but surrender went against the ancient code of Bushido — it was a great disgrace to admit defeat. Death would be preferable. The allies would have had to invade Japan itself, which could have resulted in another million United States casualties and the mass suicide of the Japanese Empire.

Yes, it was a terrible thing, but consider the alternative — Japan destroyed, the United States bled dry and weakened and Stalin's Russia the most powerful country on earth — with the Reds about to take over in China.

5. Could Sept. 11 have been prevented? Some people say terrorism has always existed. The Boston Tea Party was an act of terrorism, but nothing like the carnage of 9-11.

For ticket or membership information, call the Junior League office at 973-973-9655, or contact them via e-mail at JLOSH1913@aol.com or online at JLOSH.org.

The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills was founded in 1913 to serve the communities of Livingston, Maplewood, Millburn-Short Hills, the Oranges, and Springfield. Its members are committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The Junior League reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

Theatreworks USA is a non-profit corporation funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Springfield Swings offers Big Band concert

The Springfield community is presenting a free Big Band concert on Sunday 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 host car wash today

Today, 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 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.

Ladies Night Out

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 or to rent a space, call Tracy Gaume, physical director, at 973-467-0838.

Church Mall 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. Call 973-376-1695 for more information.

Club conducts 28th annual fishing derby

The Newark Bait & Fly Casting Club will conduct its 28th annual People With Disabilities Fishing Derby on Sept. 10, with a rain date of Sept. 11 at Echo Lake Park, Mountaintop.

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 party.

Concert benefits local Junior League

Tickets are on sale now for "Cam Jansen," a new children's musical coming to Millburn Middle School on Oct. 2 at 3 p.m. Regular advance sale tickets will be \$12 per person, \$15 at the door.

Children younger than age 2 will be admitted free.

All proceeds from this event will benefit the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills, serving the community of Springfield.

The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills is proud to once again work with Theatreworks USA to present Cam Jansen," said Mary Conway, chairwoman of the Junior League's Children's Concert Committee.

Last season's Theatreworks USA production of "Junie B. Jones" sold out weeks in advance, and was the Junior League's highest grossing children's event to date.

"Profits from our children's concerts and other fund-raising events allow us to expand our volunteer efforts and to distribute much needed grants to local students and founda-

tions," said Conway. "This generous support of presenting sponsor Burdgood Realtors and additional support from Walz Construction will allow us to donate 100 percent of our ticket sales to charity."

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Local vets get honored at armory service

A special award ceremony at the West Orange National Guard Armory last month honored 83 veterans for their service during the Vietnam War.

The award ceremony was presented by the West Orange Vietnam Veterans Service Medal.

To be eligible for the Vietnam Service Medal, veterans had to meet the following criteria:

• Be a current resident of New Jersey.

• Served in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States in Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia or the contiguous waters of airspace thereof on or after Dec. 31, 1960 and on or before May 7, 1975.

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

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

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EVENTS

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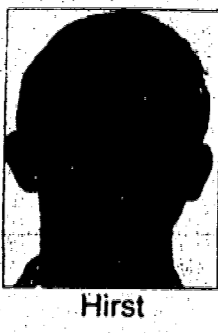
For information, call Rich MacDonald, president, at 973-667-7642 or Art Dolgan, publicity chairman, at 201-242-0238.

Knights of Columbus plan Atlantic City trip

Major Francis X. Coyne Knights of Columbus Council of Springfield are planning a trip to the Showboat casino at Atlantic City, on Sept

STUDENT UPDATE

Fanning awarded Chancellor Scholarship
Joseph D. Fanning, a Seton Hall University School of Law student...



Dayton student earns Rensselaer Medal
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has announced the winners of the Rensselaer Medal...

Ceramic golf motifs on display through Sept. 8
The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., has been granted a loan of ceramics owned by the U.S. Golf Association...

Great Books discussion
Once a month, the Great Books Discussion Group meets to examine the great books of our civilization...

Video series continues with comedy hit
Springfield Free Public Library's continues its Luncheon Video Series, "Box Office Comedy Hits," on Sept. 13 at noon.

Students earn American Dream Scholarship
Commerce Bank announced the recipients of the first annual American Dream Scholarship program...

HEALTH

Free blood pressure screenings offered
The Westfield Regional Health Department will provide free blood pressure screenings the last Thursday of every month...

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The Westfield Regional Health Department, which serves Springfield and Mountaintop, offers free immunizations and physicals to all children from the age of birth to 18 years...

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Friends of Ricky

Ricky Badillo set uncharacteristically silent on the dais at the council meeting in Roselle Park last week. It's been a rough few weeks for the councilman-at-large...

Left Out

It was a bit of "This is Your Life Ricky Badillo." Family members, lifelong friends, constituents he had served well...

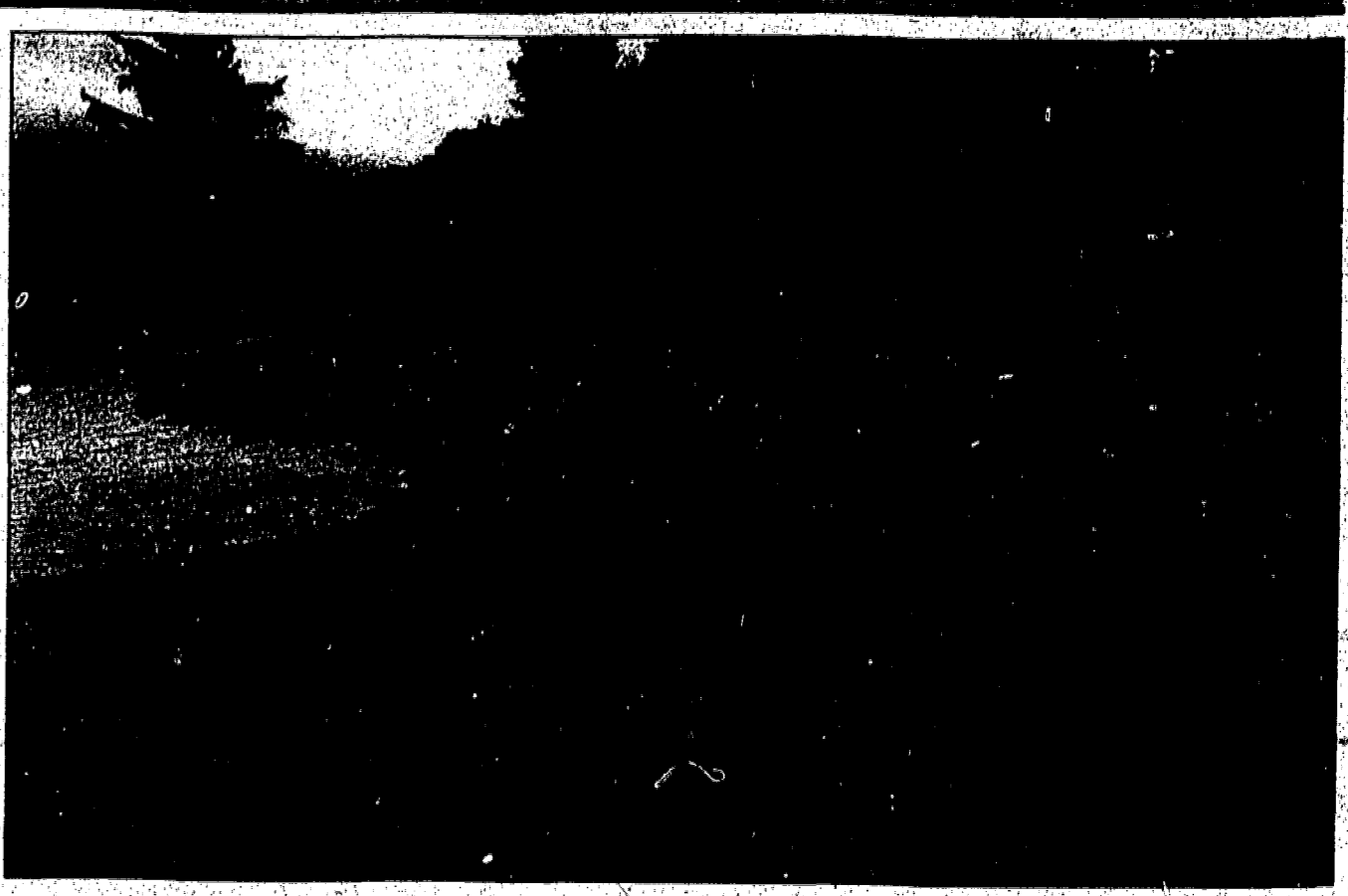
As the parade of speakers marched up, Deborah Schaffer drew a distinction between her official role on the Youth Basketball League and her personal support for Badillo the community activist...

Fungus strikes Oak Ridge course

Back nine closed and rates reduced

Clark's Oak Ridge Golf Course has the tertiary equivalent of strep throat. Just over a week ago, the course was "diagnosed" with what is called Pythium Blight...

Lower prices went into effect on Aug. 12, although the freeholders did not vote on a resolution to do so until Aug. 18. Since the "outbreak" groundskeepers at the county-owned facility have been musing the greens back to health with a combination of chemicals and compounds...



The 12th hole at Oak Ridge Golf Course in Clark shows signs of Pythium Blight, a fungus that has attacked grassy areas at the course. The back nine holes of the course have been closed to remedy the situation.

John Salerno said the county's three golf courses have experienced bouts with pythium blights in the past, but have not seen one this severe in a number of years. Salerno also said that the outbreak is being treated with a variety of approximately 50 chemicals and compounds so that the fungus does not develop an immunity to treatment remedies...

County clerk moves toward electronic filing

By Lauren DeFilippo Staff Writer
While other counties are scrambling to up their efficiency following a statewide investigation of County Clerk's offices, Union County is ahead of the curve, the county clerk said...

"I really think we're on the vanguard. We're changing the way people do business globally without being face to face with someone."

Joanne Rajoppi
Pending a decision from the Division of Archives and Records Management, participating mortgage companies, title searchers, banks and other businesses will soon be able to file real estate documents electronically...

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"Through the move to electronic filing was announced in May, the county has had to wait for approval from the state before making the service available to the public..."

Crane-Phillips exudes Victorian-era

By Lauren DeFilippo Staff Writer
Editor's note: This is part of an ongoing series about historic sites in Union County. While many people reaped the financial benefits of the Victorian Period's industrialization, more prosperous individuals sought refuge from the bustling noises and pollution of the city for a quieter and healthier life in the countryside...

Congressman takes aim at retailer's health care practices

By Mark Hrywna Regional Editor
Pointing the finger at the likes of Wal-Mart and The Home Depot, Congressman Frank Pallone will introduce federal legislation requiring large companies to reimburse publicly funded health care programs like Medicaid...

When Summer Comes... Alzheimer's Disease... Opening Late Summer 2005 Now Accepting Applications for Residency

New leader for Mothers & More

Effective Sept. 1, Kenilworth resident Marilyn Federico will begin serving as a one-year term as co-leader of the Union County Chapter of Mothers & More. As co-leader, Federico, along with Garwood resident Stacy Groholl, will be responsible for overseeing the various local activities of a group of approximately 90 members.

The chapter's activities include meetings on topics of interest to parents, parent-child outings, playgroups, a book club, a walking club, movies nights, and a craft club. Mothers & More's national mission is to champion the value of all mothers' work to society inside and outside of the home.

Federico is the mother of two daughters, ages 3 1/2 and 15 months, and works part-time in Cranford as an occupational therapist specializing in rehabilitation of the upper extremities.

"It is a wonderful thing to have other women who can really understand the everyday trials of raising children."

The Union County Chapter holds regular meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month. All meetings are open to the public.

Additionally, Mothers & More will be holding a special open house for prospective members spotlighting all of its various activities on Oct. 19.

For more information about attending a meeting or becoming a part of Mothers & More, call Marilyn Federico at 908-568-2633 or Stacy Groholl at 908-928-9841.

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 Innerservions 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 Monday through Wednesday 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.

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.

Representatives from the Division on Aging will be available at a number of locations to distribute produce vouchers to eligible senior citizens. Bilingual staff from the Division on

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Aging will be available to assist seniors in filling out the information for the vouchers.

The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program makes locally grown fruits and vegetables available to assist seniors who are age 60 and older and who meet the income guidelines of \$20,989 single, or \$25,735 combined income. Identification is required in the form of a PAAD or Medicaid card, or proof of annual income.

Eligible seniors may receive vouchers only once during the season but may use them until the end of November at any farmers' market where the WIC sign is displayed. Vouchers are limited and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Vouchers will be distributed for the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program and farmers will be available with their produce at the following sites:

Friday: Elizabeth Towers Apartments, 315 W. Grand Ave., Elizabeth, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information about the Union County Division on Aging and programs for senior citizens, call 688-280-8226.

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:

Today, 10 a.m. to noon, Supreme Supermarket, 249 E. Front St., Plainfield, and 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.

Going back to work the topic for moms

At the Sept. 7 meeting of the Union County Chapter of Mothers & More, certified coach Alison Rivlin will speak regarding the return to paid work after an absence for childrearing.

Rivlin's workshop will cover making the decision to return to work, balancing work and home priorities, exploring alternative work arrangements, updating your skills and resume, and discovering the "right" career for you.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Fawcett Recreation Center located in Forest Road Park in Fanwood.

Refreshments will be provided. Mothers & More is a national, non-profit organization that champions the value and necessity of all mothers' work to our society, paid and unpaid, within and outside of the home. Mothers & More provides its members with opportunities to connect

with like-minded women through evening meetings, mom and tot outings, mom's night out, playgroups, a book club, and more.

For more information, call Stacy at 908-928-9841 or Marilyn at 908-568-2633 or log on to www.mothersandmore.org.

Light a candle at Sept. 11 memorial

Families of the 60 Union County residents who lost their lives in the World Trade Center during the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, are invited to light a candle in their memory on the fourth anniversary of the attacks.

On Sept. 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sept. 11 Memorial in Echo Lake Park, Mountaineer, candles will be available for families. Flowers and other memorabilia may also be displayed.

During this time the Sept. 11 Memorial will remain open to the general public as well.

Juvenile committee seeks volunteers

Volunteers are being sought for the Juvenile Conference Committee of the Family Court.

A JCC is a community-based panel that hears matters involving alleged juvenile offenders. The juvenile, parents/guardians, and complainant are invited to discuss the offense and related matters with the committee.

The JCC considers the facts and makes recommendations to the judge for a resolution that would aid in the juvenile's rehabilitation. The program is designed to divert juveniles charged with minor offenses to their local JCC instead of a court proceeding.

For more information, contact the Juvenile Conference Committee, Office of the Court Administrator, Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad St., Elizabeth.

Young Republicans

The Union County Young Republicans is a social and civic organization for young professionals in Union County, who are between the ages of 18 and 40 and registered Republicans.

People interested in learning more about the group or in joining can e-mail union@nyjr.net.

Work completed on Cooper Road bridge

Union County recently completed work on the Cooper Road bridge in Scotch Plains. The project took five months and was completed on-schedule.

The new single-lane bridge has a 20 foot wide roadway and is 34 feet long measured along the center of the stream. The hydraulic opening of the bridge is 18 feet wide and 10 feet high. Construction cost \$655,555. Kyle Conti Construction, of Hillsborough, was the lead contractor on the project.

The parapets of the new bridge are a textured concrete that resembles a stone wall. In addition, there are now steel beam guardrails along the bridge's new sidewalks. Trees and decorative shrubs have been planted along the new bridge, in keeping with its shady, tree-lined neighborhood.

Originally built in 1930, the bridge spans the Winding Brook, a tributary of the Robinson's Branch of the Rahway River.

'Freeholder Forum'

The 97th annual Mt. Carmel Festival in Berkeley Heights served as the backdrop for the latest edition of the "Freeholder Forum" television show sponsored by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The program featured Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski of Cranford and Berkeley Heights Mayor David A. Cohen.

The Mt. Carmel Festival is a five-day event, attended by both township residents and visitors, with crowds reaching an estimated 20,000 people for the final night. The major draw that night is the huge fireworks display.

Other topics discussed include Union County's partnership with Berkeley Heights in preserving 17 acres off Snyder Avenue. The land will be used to increase open space and recreational opportunities for children and senior citizens in the township; road improvement projects that will include replacement of deteriorating curbs and installation of curb cuts where necessary, new street name signs and restriping.

Each half-hour "Freeholders Forum" program can be seen on a continuing program loop as part of UCC 1, an internet video service from Union County College. Viewing details can be found at www.ucc.edu, which has a link to the broadcast.

"Freeholders Forum" is produced by the freeholder board and is made possible through the facilities and technical direction of Union County College.

Entitled "We're Connected to You — Live at the Mt. Carmel Celebration" the show will be aired through Saturday.

Anyone wanting more information or to comment about Freeholders Forum can call the Office of Public Information at 908-436-2072 or e-mail forum@ucnj.org.

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For more information or to obtain an application, call the Rutgers Cooperative Research & Extension of Union County's Agriculture Department at 908-654-9854.

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Crane-Phillips home undergoing restoration

(Continued from Page 1) Once settled in the home, Henry and Cecilia set out to renovate the home, following the guidelines of Andrew Jackson Downing, known as the first true American architect.

According to Glazer, the home was remodeled in accordance to the information provided in Downing's "plan books."

"His books showed the average person how they could design or redesign their homes in a style that was decidedly Victorian, yet also uniquely American," the authors of "The Little House: A History of the Crane-Phillips House Museum," said.

Some of the Phillips' renovations included the raising of the roof to create two rooms on the second floor, the construction of the front porch, and the addition of French doors, Glazer said.

Once very common, homes of this size and style are few and far between, thus making the Crane-Phillips house even more unique.

Currently, the Cranford Historical Society, which operates the house as a museum by leasing it from the County of Union, is still in the throes of a

Applications available for gardener training

The Rutgers Cooperative Research & Extension of Union County Master Gardener Training Program is in the final stages of accepting applications for the class of 2005-06. Classes will be Tuesdays from 10 a.m. until noon and will begin on Oct. 11, and run through May.

Rutgers Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who assist Cooperative Research & Extension in delivering horticulture programs and information to the general public. Anyone with an interest in gardening and a commitment to volunteer service can become a Master Gardener.

Members are people who believe in the volunteer mission and have the desire to enhance the program. At the same time, the association helps build a network of educated, committed and experienced volunteers who enjoy the rewards of gardening through volunteering, education and experiencing the benefits of meeting new friends and socializing as well. No previous education or training is necessary.

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Mayer set to bring his not-quite-folk act to Coffee concert series

By Jeff Cummins Associate Editor

Peter Mayer classifies himself as a folk singer, but not in the true sense of the word.

"When I say folk, I think these days, when people see a guy with an acoustic guitar touring solo, they feel he's got to be a folk musician," said Mayer. "I haven't necessarily been influenced by folk musicians, though they are an important part of the musical tradition." Instead, Mayer said he was inspired by the music of the '70s.

"That was really my time to have a radio," said Mayer. "People like Elton John, Simon and Garfunkel, James Taylor and Cat Stevens. That era really informed my musical sensibilities. I started playing guitar in junior high around 1980, and that's when I kind of stopped listening to the radio. Things were moving away from the acoustic singer, while I was already looking

back at staying in the '60s and '70s." As a result, Mayer developed an affinity for playing small, intimate venues, such as the First United Church in Westfield, where he'll perform on Sept. 17 to kick off the 2005-06 Coffee with a Conscience concert series.

"I've had a wonderful show for years in Westfield," said Mayer, a small town kind of guy who hails from Minnesota. "Hometown Music is the name of the series, and it's run by Norm and MaryAnn Haug. It's held in the Methodist Church, and they have a relationship with the church and have their music there, which often happens with folk music."

"I've played there a number of times, and I'll play there in April. I think they first heard me in Colorado. They hear me somewhere and bring me to their town. With folk music, you wind up booking yourself, and it's a

Orchestra charms Springfield

By Meave Sheehan Staff Writer

The August Symphony Orchestra gave its inaugural concert Sunday at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, with maestro Martin Sklar conducting the orchestra's mix of amateur, professionals, students and retired area residents.

The concert's program began with German composer Engelbert Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel Prelude," and Beethoven's "Symphony No. 5."

Next, the orchestra performed "Pohjola's Daughter" by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius and ended the concert with John Philip Sousa's "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

Sklar acknowledged the new orchestra's long road to its first performance and thanked the donors that had made the performance possible.

The orchestra is composed of many Springfield residents, many of whom Sklar said had classical music preferences as well as general audiences.

"Everywhere we look, there is a crazy culture that is pressed upon us day in and day out," Sklar told the audience. He added that would-be fans face a sometimes overpowering influence of pop music in American culture.

"Classical music presents something to you without a commercial message," Sklar said.

Sklar explained the quality of an orchestra's performance depends on their "dynamic and exciting interpretation" of the music.

Sklar has been a bassist with the New Jersey-Symphony Orchestra since 1970.

He has played with the St. Louis and Houston symphony orchestras as well as the Princeton Chamber Orchestra and New York City Opera. As a child, Sklar was introduced to classical music by his father, a bassist in Toscanini's NBC Symphony Orchestra.

Taking on the role of conductor is a fairly recent endeavor for Sklar, who studied conducting in the 1960s with Pierre Monteux, but did not begin conducting until 2001, when he became part of the Essex County Summer Players, a Livingston-based orchestra.

Based on donor support, Sklar hopes to put on another performance this winter and make the August concert an annual event. The audience was composed of an older crowd that seemed familiar with and appreciative of the conductor's selections.

Some audience members tapped their feet, nodded their heads and clapped quietly along with "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

During intermission, other audience members could be overheard commenting that the concert was a nice way to spend an afternoon in a cool place.

Lucy Broomall of West Orange is a musician herself. She came to the performance to support Sklar as a friend. Community orchestras are a worthwhile resource, Broomall said.

"How else can we learn?" Broomall questioned, agreeing that access to classical music has been de-emphasized in many communities.

Looking around the auditorium at other audience members, Broomall said she felt confident that the August Symphony will have enough support from Springfield-area residents to continue performing.

"There are more people going to come back next year," Broomall predicted.

Sandy's art

Above, "Breathless," and below, "Rain," both by Sandy Skoglund, whose works will be in the display, "Beyond Real: The Art of Sandy Skoglund," which is at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit, starting Sept. 10. For more information, call 908-273-9121.

After suffering an injury to his arm several years ago, Mayer approaches gigs like this with a renewed vigor, realizing that every chance to perform is an opportunity not to be taken for granted.

"Because of these physical problems over the last few years, the prospect of not being able to play, now that I'm playing some again, I'm just so happy to be doing it," he said. "I know that it can be taken away at any moment. I just want to enjoy and be glad when I take part in general."

For now, Mayer is thrilled to play gigs like the Coffee with a Conscience concert in Westfield, where he seems to feel perfectly at home.

For more information on Mayer, log on to www.blueboat.net, and to learn more about the Coffee with a Conscience concert series, log on to www.coffeewithconscience.com.

Westfield girl wins contest

A Westfield resident's first visit to The Newark Museum in Newark turned out to be one of the luckiest days in her young life.

Emily, a senior at Monmouth University, majoring in graphic design, participated in a class trip to the state's largest museum and while there cast a ballot to select the "Ultimate Wedding Cake" design from among 10 Fantasy in Frosting entries on display in connection with the museum's exhibition "Here Comes the Bride: Fairtales, Ficklers and Wedding Traditions."

All ballots were entered in a raffle to win a seven-day, six-night vacation in Hawaii courtesy of Continental Airlines and Hilton's Hawaiian Village Beach Resort and Spa in Honolulu.

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Other winners drawn in the raffle said their prizes include Kosalya Syddell of Westchug, a full-day spa experience for two at The Spa at The Short Hills Hilton; and Katrina Stewart of Berkeley Heights, an annual membership in The Newark Museum.

Winner of the Ultimate Wedding Cake design was Suzanne Kovacs of Elegant Cakes by Suzanne, Middlesex. Runner-up was a design entered by Lori Ann Blieben of Wildflowers, Bridgeton.

New print process is non-toxic

An international exhibition of prints by ElectroBch, a non-toxic print-making method developed in New Jersey, will be seen at the Printmaking Council of New Jersey, Station Road, North Branch Station, until Oct. 24.

Since its creation, ElectroBch has been taught and used not only here in New Jersey but in colleges and studios ranging from an Inuit village studio in the Northwest Territory of Canada to Morocco, from Berlin to New Zealand, as well as in U.S. universities from Alaska to California and New York.

The show includes "Odysseus and the Sirens," a diptych using soft ground by master printer Mohammad Khalil of New York. "Estado Embrionario" also a diptych, was created in a workshop in Atila, Morocco, by Betsy Parks, an American artist based in Spain. "Kayaker" and "Bliss Insk-shuk" originated in the artist's co-op in the Inuit village of Hotman Island 400 miles north of the Arctic Circle in the Northwest Territories of Canada. The first is by Susie Magokah and the second a composite by Mabel Nigoyok, Peter Palvik and Bill Simpson. Enrique Chagoya, professor of print making at Stanford University, the first university department to install the process, provides "Million Hours." Noted photographer Linda Cummings contributed the photo/ElectroBch "Fencers" and Herman Zaegen, famous for his mezzotints, used this technique on a plate made by a variant of the ElectroBch process for space.

Works by these and other artist using the method, who are master printers, art professors, students, and independent artists from all over the world, have been collected for this show.

For more information, call 908-556-2550. NJ Relay users can dial 711 or send e-mail to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

Elizabeth gallery showcases local artists

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders presents an exhibit by painters Connie Pienciak and Harry Opanowicz at the gallery space at the offices of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, located at 633 Pearl St. in Elizabeth.

"Both artists are members of the Linden Art Association, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year," said freeholder Chairman Rick Proctor. "And Mrs. Pienciak recently was awarded first place in acrylic painting in the 2005 Union County Senior Art Show."

The Linden Art Association has been meeting once a week since 1955 at the Sunnyside Recreation Center in Linden. An art instructor facilitates the group in drawing, pen and ink, water-

color, oil, acrylic and collage. The association exhibits in Linden City Hall and local banks and had its 50th anniversary exhibit at the Freeholders Gallery in Elizabeth.

Pienciak of Engle joined the Linden Art Association 10 years ago. Pienciak has been painting for 30 years, switching from oils to acrylics and watercolor. She works from her own and family photographs to create realistic scenes. Her favorite themes are reflections in water and the sky at sunset. Pienciak's winning painting in the Union County Senior Art Show, "Visions of Venice," is going on to represent Union County at the New Jersey State Senior Art Show. She has received many other awards, including a 1999 first place in the Union

County Juried Exhibition.

"With art, you can travel mentally without ever leaving your home," Pienciak said of her creations.

Opanowicz of Clark has been a Linden Art Association member for three years. He studied fine art at the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Art in the 1960s. Opanowicz works in oils in a realistic style. Since his retirement, he has become more involved with painting and developing his unique style.

"I saw an advertisement for the Linden Art Association and decided to join to continue my hobby and to relax while being creative," Opanowicz said.

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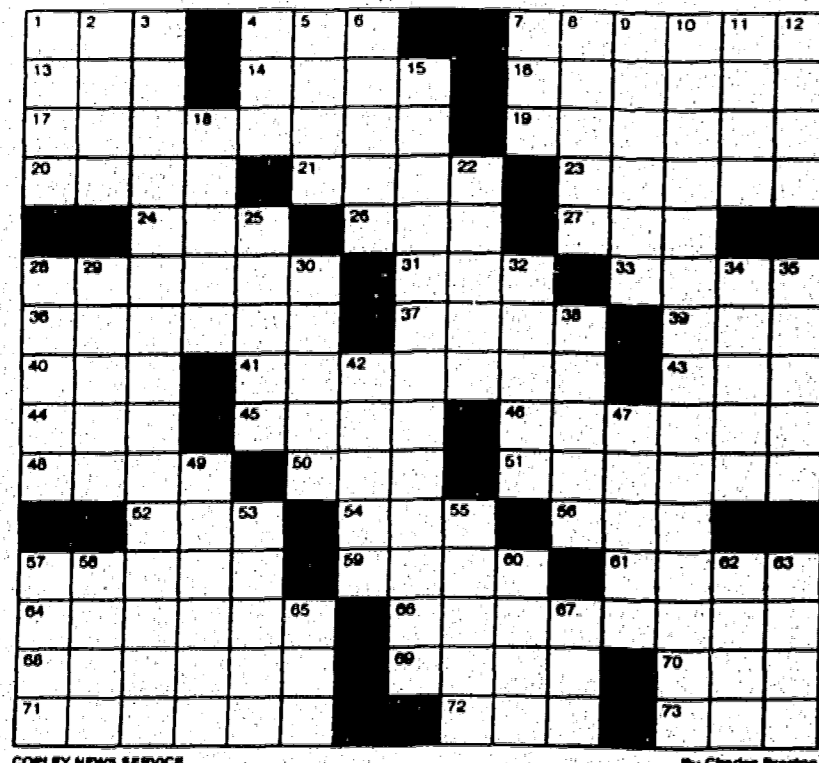
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PLACE: Held along Franklin Avenue
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EVENT: Family, Craft, Vendors & Car Show
PLACE: Center Street, between South Avenue and Hazel Avenue, Garwood

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REUNIONS

The following schools will conduct reunions in the coming months:
Shirley Anne at 908-241-8298, or send an e-mail to hsclassof1975@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.

HOROSCOPES

Aug. 29 to Sept. 4
ARIES, March 21 to April 19: Change your work environment or daily routine. Begin with a clear sense of what you would like to accomplish and a solid plan of action.

freedom and change your key words. If your life seems dull and boring, break old patterns of behavior and walk on the wild side.
VIRGO, Aug. 23 to Sept. 22: Stop procrastinating and take action to fulfill your personal goals. With the new moon in your sign this week, you will find the motivation that you need.

up your pace and pour all your efforts and energy into making it happen.
CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 19: Figure out a way to incorporate your philosophical or political views into your daily life. Strive to see it, understand it and live it.

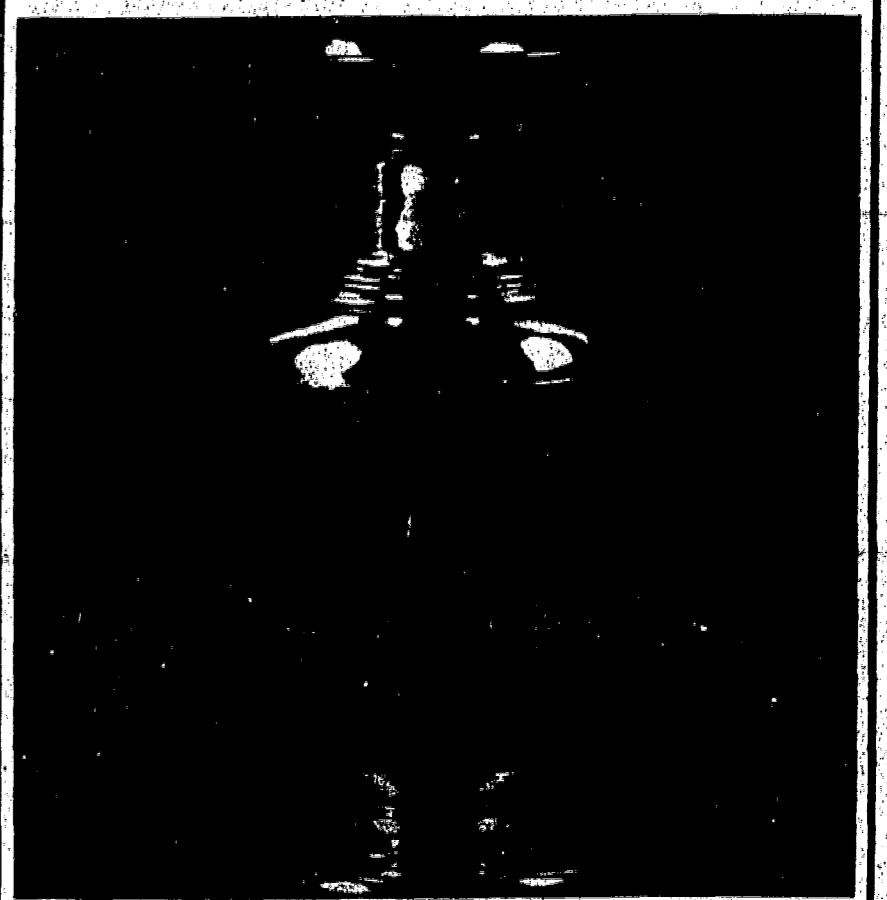
Also born this week: Ingrid Bergman, Mary-Waltonson-Ruff-Shelley, Van Morrison, Edgar Rice Burroughs and Salma Hayek.

Moser allows quintet to shine in concert

By Joel Levin
Diane Moser is one ambitious jazz musician/composer. Known for leading a big band as well as a quintet from behind her piano, she has played all over the world, but always finds time to perform near her Montclair base. Locals have heard her at The Goat in South Orange, Trumpets and Tierney's in Montclair, and the Burgdorff Center in Maplewood...

She ended it suddenly with an unmistakable Monk chord, and then on to "Trinkle Tinkle," a tricky complexity just made for showing off pianistic virtuosity — but not for Moser, who continued to play the modest leader, selflessly subordinating herself to talented sidemen as also, tenor and trombone carried the melody while the keyboard provided a sonic foundation.
Moser said that her "concept for the evening was to open up places in the music for extended solos."

The look of silver



Above, a Japanese pot made of silver, and below, a candelabra made of silver. Both are part of 'Style, Status and Sterling: The Triumph of Silver in America,' on display at the Newark Museum. Call 973-596-6550.

Minstrel Coffeehouse comes to Morristown

The Minstrel Coffeehouse is a coffeehouse/concert series run by the Folk Project, a non-profit folk music and arts organization. It uses the facilities of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown.
Shows are held every Friday, except the month is an open stage/audition night. The music presented is "folk" music in its broadest sense.

ter Chorus and James Krueger
Remember once upon a time, when we were young and thought everything was possible? That if everybody could work together for the common good, and we all sang the right songs and put our hearts into the work, we could change the world? Well, the Walkabout Clearwater Chorus never forgot those ideals. Founded by Pete Seeger, this 20-odd member chorus has been changing the world, one little bit at a time in song for years. Come raise your voices in song with them. Opener James Krueger specializes in songs of nature and the environment. He sings in a strong baritone and plays some pretty snazzy flatpicking guitar licks.

Elizabeth company to audition for 'Godspell' performance

John's Theatre Guild, a new theater company based in Elizabeth, is casting the musical "Godspell" for a run from 4 to 9 p.m. at St. John's, 61 Broad St., Elizabeth.
Auditions will consist of singing 16 bars from the show or any other musical of song — no rock, or heavy metal. Individuals may bring a recording or sing a cappella — their choice.
Proceeds from the performances will benefit a charity to be announced. There is a publicity campaign planned, considering that this is the parish's 250th year.

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THE ARTS

New home for Sanctuary Concerts

The Sanctuary Concerts, Central New Jersey's home for internationally known acoustic performers, had an incredible 2004-05 season...

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, Premier Stages will also serve a culturally diverse audience...

Premiere Stages features four uniquely conceived projects that will nurture and encourage the work of students, introduce children to the arts, attract high-profile artists to the institution and provide a forum for the development of new plays.

For more information on Premier Stages at Kean University, or to get on the mailing list, call 908-737-6397, ext. 4410, or send an e-mail to jwooten@kean.edu.

Sanctuary Concerts is moving. The new home is the 400-seat Presbyterian Church of the Chathamers, 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."

Sanctuary Concerts will begin its first season in Chatham on Sept. 10. Performers planned for the 2005-06 season include David Wilcox.

Bantry Boys to perform in Fanwood

The Fanwood Arts Council will present the fifth annual Summer at the Bandstand Concert featuring the music of The Bantry Boys on Sept. 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Patricia M. Kuran Arts Center.

The Kuran Center is on Watson Road, off Martine Avenue, adjacent to Fanwood Borough Hall.

Admission is free and all members of the community are invited to attend. For more information call the Fanwood Arts Council at 908-889-7223.

Party Dolls set to conclude Union concerts

The season finale of Union County's free Summer Arts Festival will feature a concert with The Party Dolls on Wednesday. The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites the public to attend this free outdoor concert...

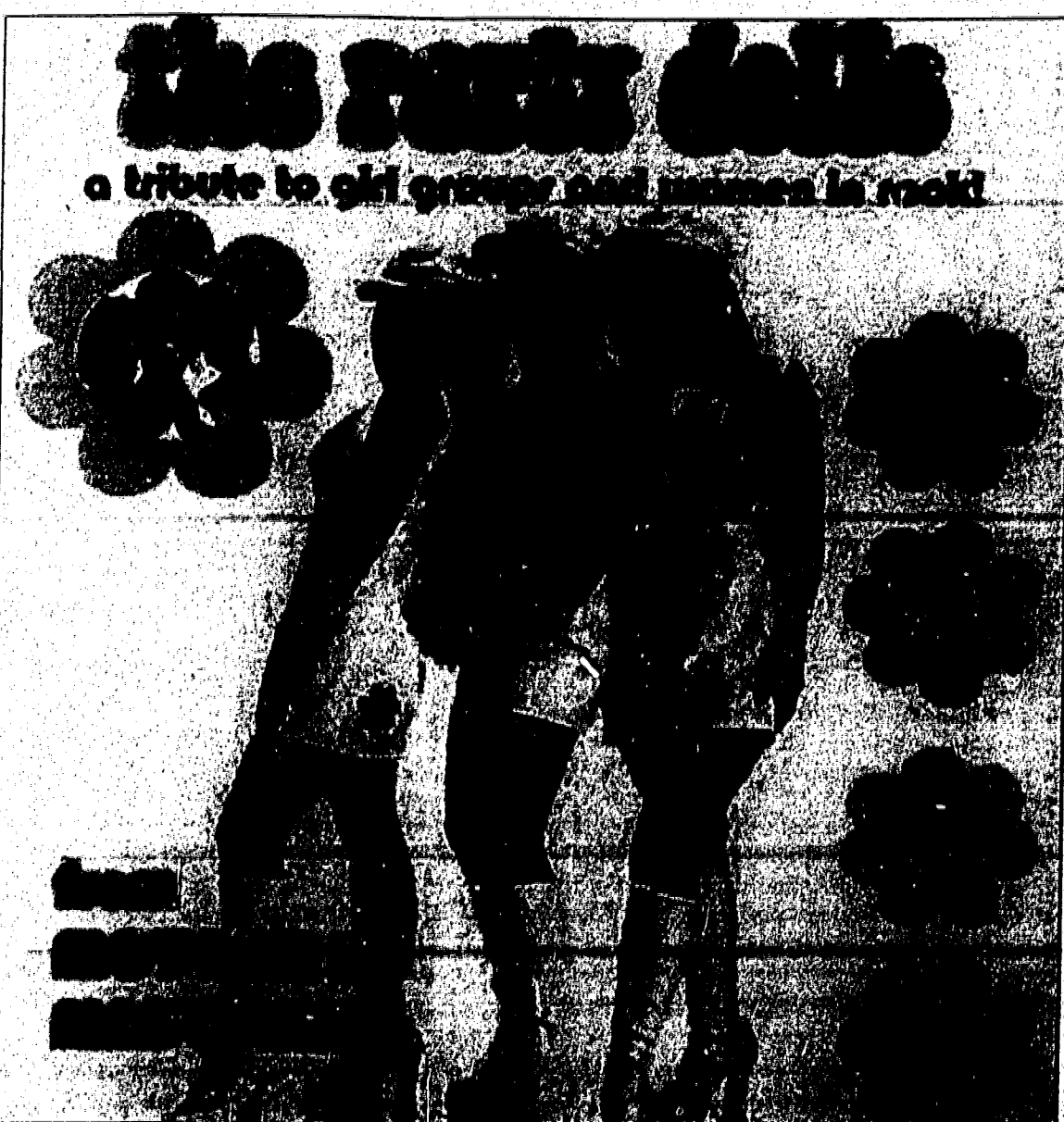
"The Party Dolls will close this year's Summer Arts Festival concert series at Echo Lake Park with a tribute to women performers in popular music from the '60s to the present," said freeholder Chairman Rick Proctor.

Before the music begins, representatives from the Union County Office of Citizen Services and the Office of Volunteer Services will be on hand with information about consumer protection laws, programs for veterans, and opportunities to become a community volunteer.

The Party Dolls concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Avenue end of Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are encouraged.

In case of rain, the Party Dolls concert will move to Cranford High School, on West End Place off Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

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.



The Party Dolls: a tribute to old groove and new in rock

Stepping Out

Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in a Union County area. The calendar is open to all groups and organizations in the Union County area.

FIELD 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.

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RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains.

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 both or currently residing in New Jersey, as well as in the surrounding areas of New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

SINGLES

DINNERMATES and Entrepreneurs Group invites business and professional singles to dinner at a local restaurant, wine and mingling is at 8 p.m. dinner is at 9 p.m.

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield.

SOCIAL SINGLES DANCING, for 45-year-olds and older, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Yankee Buffet Grand Ballroom, 2680 Morris Ave., Union. Admission is \$7.

THEATER

"NOISES OFF" will be performed Oct. 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29 at the Cranford Dramatic Club, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford.

"AMERICAN RAPTURE V: AND THE BEAT GOES ON" will be performed by Mystic Vision Players on Oct. 28 to 29 at the Linden High School auditorium.

THE THEATER PROJECT, Union County College's professional theater company, presents "Music From a Spedical Planet" on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m., Sept. 22 through Oct. 9.

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mic Night every Thursday night, a disc jockey every Friday night and solo artists and bands on Saturdays.

Happy Hour is 4 to 7 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, with \$1 drafts and \$3 Long Island Iced Tea. Mondays are Mexican Mondays with \$2 margaritas and \$1 tacos.

The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St., Rahway. For information, call 732-301-6544.

VARIETY

Every Sunday: Live comedy, funk and poetry; Live at Instant Comedy, 8 p.m. Every Monday: Open Mic Night, Happy Hour all night.

Every Tuesday: Jazz Jam; all pints, \$2. Every Wednesday: Karaoke Night; Miller Lite and MGD, \$2 all night.

Every Thursday: Fleets Night; Corona, Cuervo and margaritas, \$2 all night. For information, call 908-232-6666 or visit www.zozozoda.com.

MOLLY MAGUIRE'S IRISH PUB in Clark will present entertainment in the coming weeks. Molly Maguire's is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark.

For information, call 732-386-8511. SECOND - STURDY SATURDAY HOUSE will take place the second Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit.

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.

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 Swain Galleries in Plainfield, through Friday.

For more information, call 908-756-1707.

AUDITIONS

"IMAGINATION VACATION" ESSAYS AND DRAWINGS from children based upon Mark Twain'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 8 p.m.

For more information, call 908-756-1707.

BOOKS

THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN BOOK GROUP will meet at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, for information, call 732-674-1818.

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.

THE "LORD OF THE RINGS" READING GROUP meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-674-1818.

KEAN UNIVERSITY'S OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS and The Star-Ledger have partnered to publish a new book titled "World of Wonder: Exploring the Wonders of History, Science, Nature and Technology."

WEEKLY STORY TIMES 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 story time and craft event.

CHILDREN'S BOOK DUO, including award-winning author Doran Cronin and illustrator Harry Bliss will read, sign and discuss the creation of their latest book, "Diary of a Spider," at Barnes & Noble Bookstores, 240 Route 22 West, in Springfield on Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

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 semester carving course for the fall 2005 session.

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Kids Stuff Directory

A large directory of children's services including Child Care, Preschool, Nursery School, Dance, and Tutoring. Each section contains details for various programs and contact information.

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Tutoring. Suburban Learning Center. 10 Village Plaza, South Orange. 973-761-1406. "Serving the Community Since 1980" Diagnosis & Remediation for Students with Learning Differences.

Classes. THE DUCRET SCHOOL OF ART is located at 1030 Central Ave. and is situated on a seven-acre campus in a historic residential area of Plainfield. The school offers full-time and part-time day and evening classes in fine art, graphic design/computer graphics and illustration. 908-757-7171.

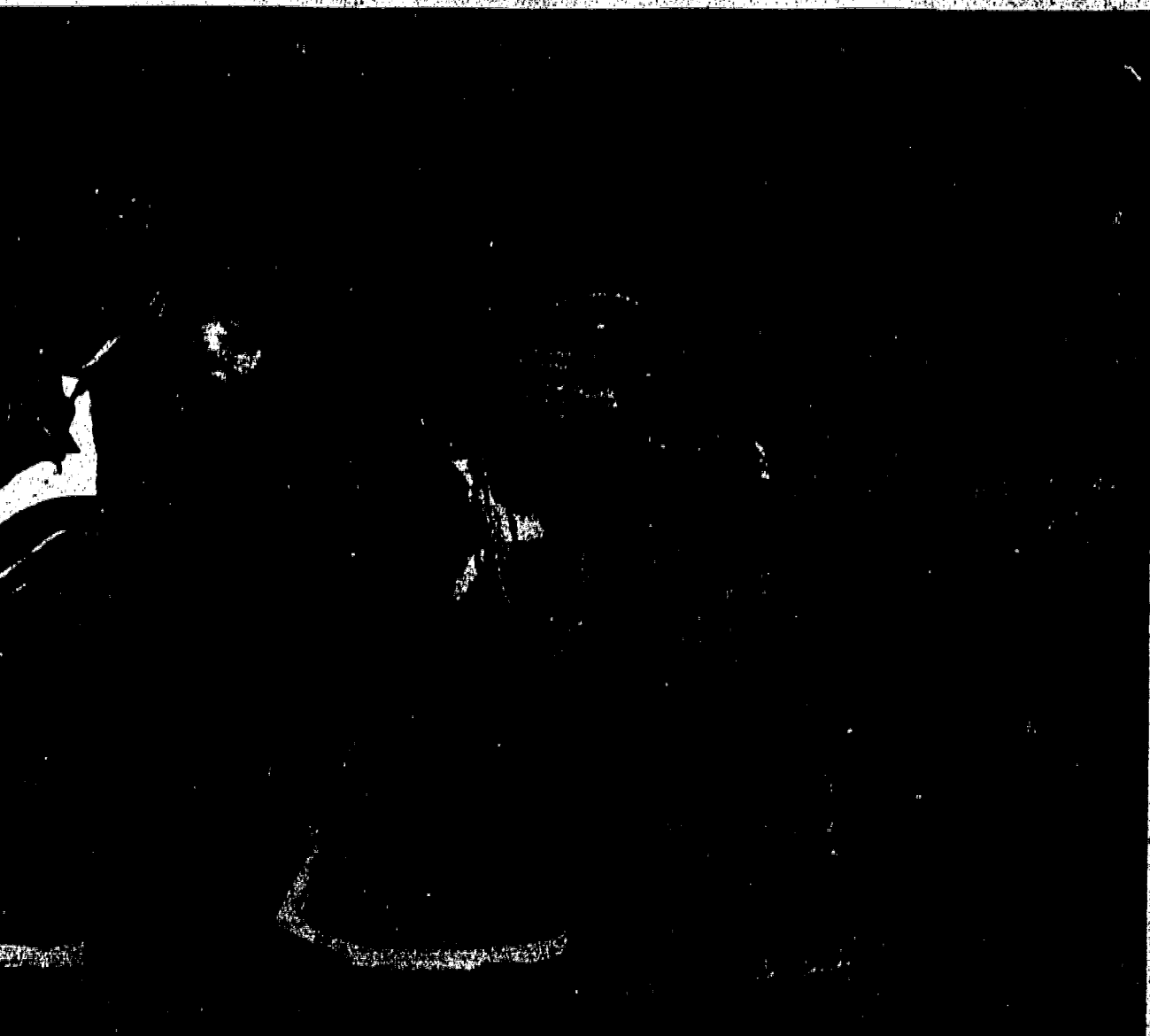
Stars will be coming out at NJPAC



FALL CALENDAR — Clockwise from top left, Arlo Guthrie, who wrote and recorded 'Alice's Restaurant,' Audra McDonald, Formosa, and folk singer Joan Baez, are some of the performers who will appear at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in the fall. To purchase tickets or for additional information call 888-468-5722.



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Pierro Gallery exposes artwork

The Pierro Gallery of South Orange has once again brought together a fine art exhibition that may be local in proximity but definitely not in talent or scope. "Essex Exposed 4; a Juried Exhibition of Essex County Artists" is a bi-annual exhibition of artists living or working in Essex County. The exhibit showcases 45 works of art by 37 artists who represent various mediums, including painting, drawing, photography and sculpture.

The exhibit opens Sept. 11 and continues through Oct. 16. The opening reception is on Sept. 11, 2 to 4 p.m. Dignitaries from the N.J. state Council on the Arts and local government will make presentations. In addition, two Jurors Choice Awards will be announced. Juror Rocio Amanda Alvarado is curator at the Jersey City Museum where she organizes exhibitions of historical and contemporary art, based on the permanent collection and on work by both established and emerging artists.

On Sept. 27 from 7 to 9 p.m., a free professional development workshop for artists will be held at The Pierro Gallery of South Orange. "For Artists: 'NYFA Source'... the Place

for Answers" will provide a working overview of the NYFA source database. Speaker Melissa Potter, a program officer for information and research from New York Foundation for the Arts, will provide tips and tricks on how to get the most out of the programs and resources provided in the NYFA source database. In addition, an understanding of the current funding and service climate for individual artists will be provided. Participants will have the opportunity to participate in live searches relevant to their current work and career needs. This program is administered by the Essex County Division of Cultural and Historical and is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey state Council for the Arts.

Essex County is an area rich in diverse artistic talent. With this fourth Essex Exposed, Pierro Gallery of South Orange affirms its commitment to visual artists in the area and celebrates the county in which they live and work. Essex County artists are represented from all over, including Bloomfield, Montclair, Caldwell, Newark, West Orange, East Orange, Maplewood, and South Orange to name a few. Artists include Donna

Bassin and Arthur Paxton from Montclair, Maria Lupo from Roseland, William Randolph Ohwa from Newark, and Susan Napack from South Orange.

The Pierro Gallery of South Orange is located at The Baird, 5 Mead St., South Orange. Visiting hours are Friday to Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. or by appointment by calling 973-378-7754, ext. 3. In addition, Meet the Artist Day is on Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. This is a great opportunity for the public to see the works of art and talk with the artist about their techniques and methods. The exhibition is free to the public.

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Smith to begin her 51st year

Cindy Smith is starting her 51st year in teaching dance. She started teaching dance classes to neighborhood children in 1955 when she was a sophomore in high school. At the same time she was teaching for Joan Robyn Dance Studio in Roselle, a studio which later located in Panwood. As enrollment grew through the years, a second and then a third location were added.

The studio is owned by Cindy, who, with her teachers, has created an approachable family atmosphere where students and parents alike feel at home.

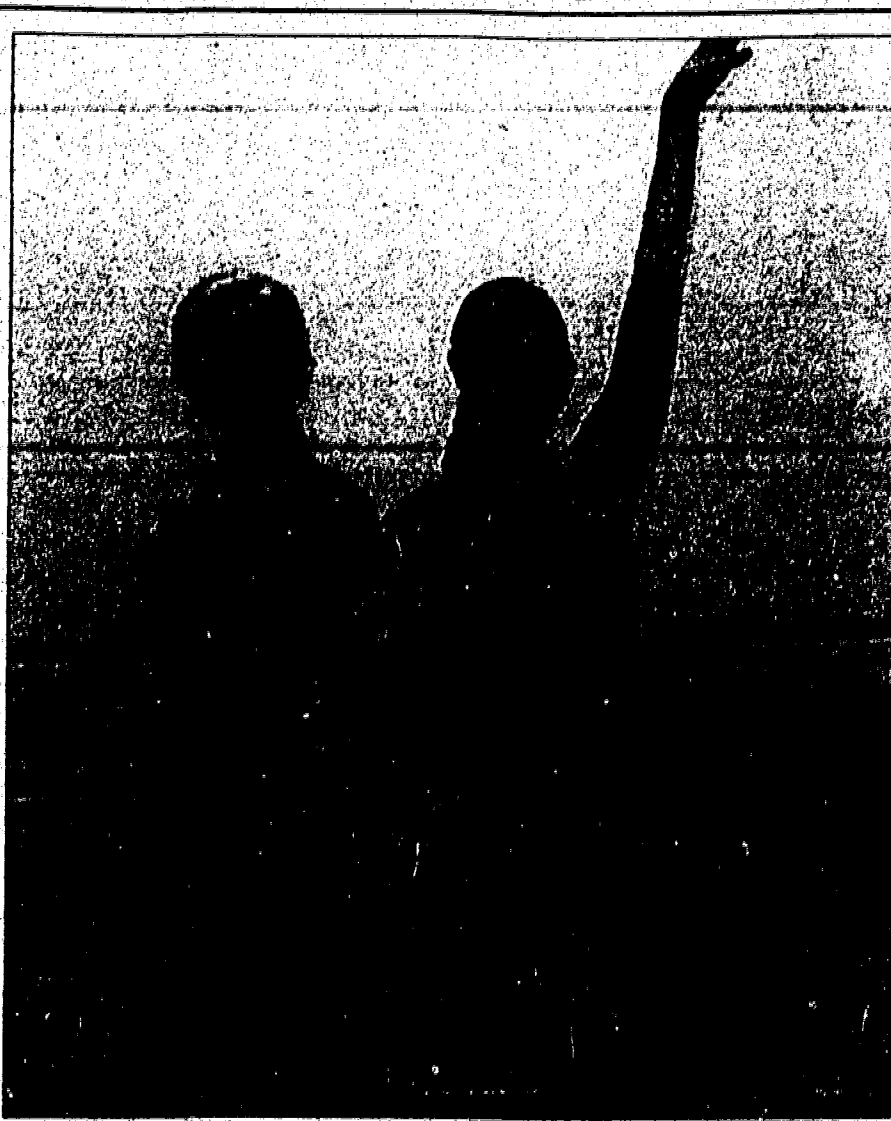
On staff is Patti Stryker, director, who started studying dance at the studio when she was 7 years old. She later became an assistant, then taught her own classes, established an award-winning competition team, and is now the director of the studio.

Jennie Smith has been studying dance since the age of 13 and has assisted since the age of 13 and has taught her own classes for eight years. She graduated from Montclair State University with a BFA in dance and has brought her experience and education to the studio.

Kristen Szancsik has studied at the studio since the age of nine, and has been teaching dance for the past eight years and is now a second-grade teacher at Brookside School in Cranford.

Christine Petillo has been studying dance since she was 3 years old, has been an assistant teacher since she is 14 and has taught her own classes for three years.

Dana Goss, a recent graduate of



Two of the award-winning dancers and assistant teachers at Cindy Smith Dance Studio are Maggie Fyhr and Amanda Stryker.

Rutgers, will be starting her second year of teaching at the studio.

Tom McKie has been teaching at the studio for the past 10 years and is known throughout the United States and Europe for his master classes in hip-hop.

Arlene Ur-Britt will be joining the staff as a musical theater instructor at the Garwood studio. Arlene had directed more than 30 productions for various theater companies. She was

the owner and director of Song & Dance Kids Performing Arts Camp. She has acted professionally in summer stock and dinner theaters. She holds a master's degree in theater arts from Rutgers Mason Gross School of the Arts.

The studio has classes available for all ages and experience for the serious dancers as well as the dancers who are looking to have fun and learn the basics.

Turning Pointe plans registration

On Sept. 12, Turning Pointe Dance Center begins its 13th season of dance education.

Acrobatics, ballet, hip hop, jazz, modern, pointe and tap classes, in various degrees of difficulty, are offered six days a week for children 3 and up. All classes are under the artistic direction of owner Julie Otani, who holds a BFA in dance from Montclair State University and is certified by the U.S. Gymnastics Federation and a member of Associated Dance Teachers of New Jersey.

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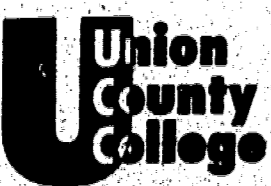
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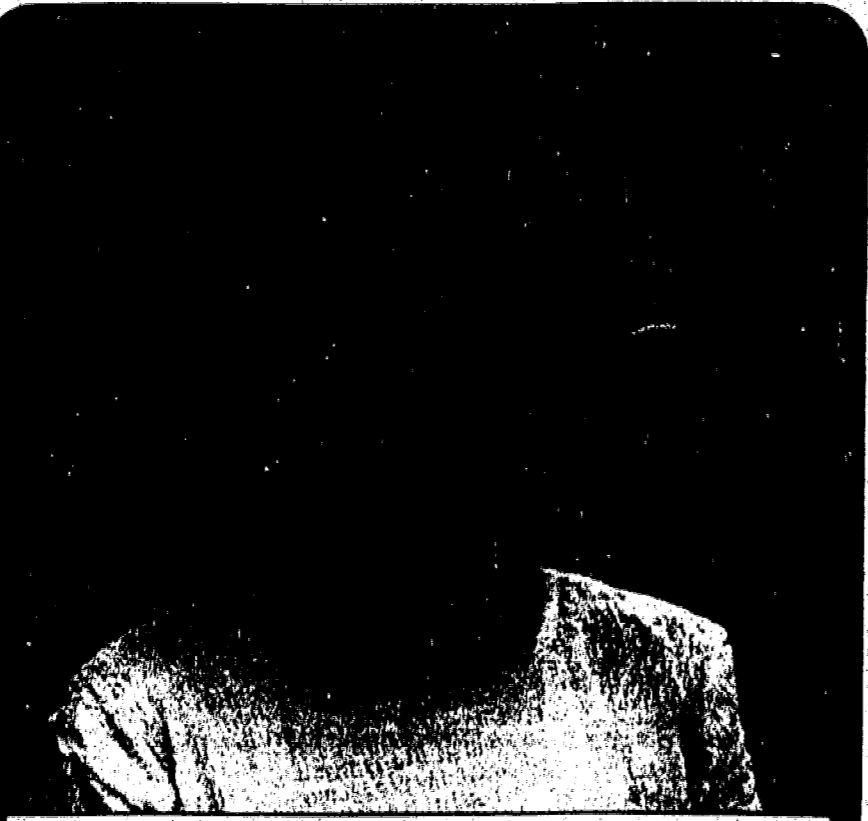
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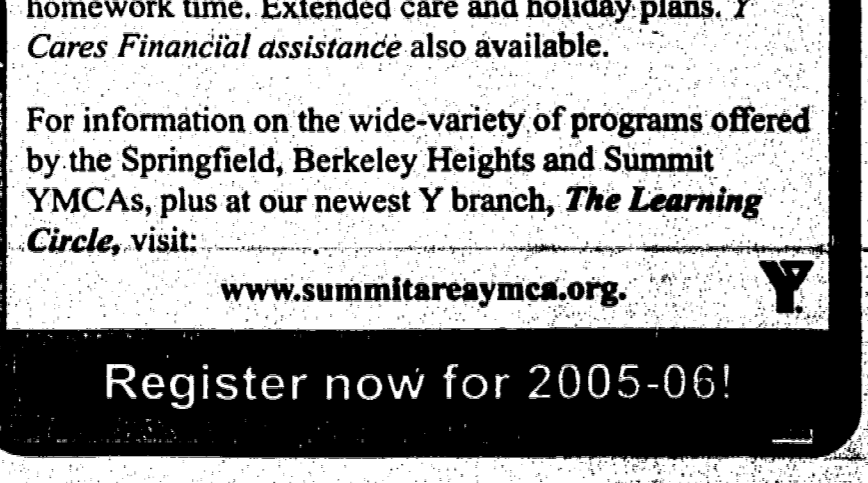
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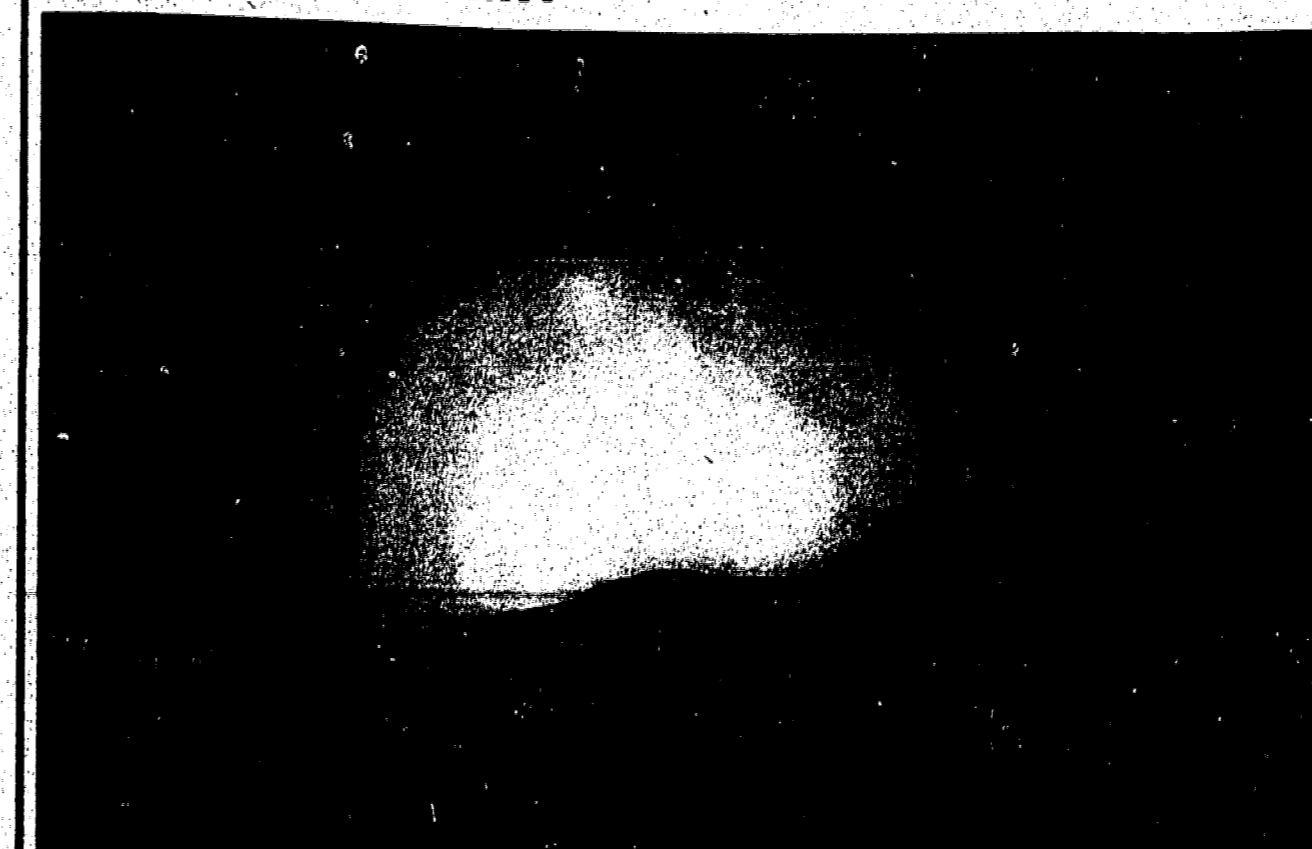
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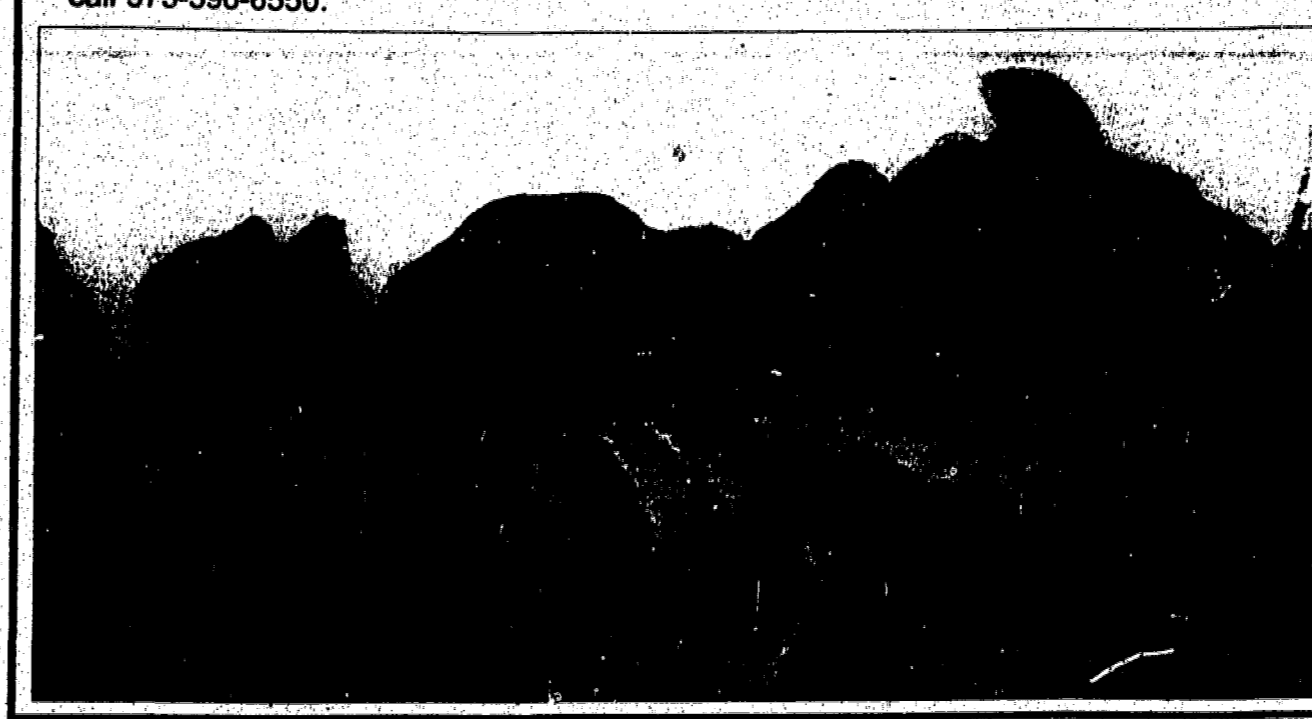
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