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Accused spy speaks

By Meave Sheehan
Staff Writer

The former Muslim Army chaplain whose arrest on suspicion of espionage made headlines in fall 2003 has written a book about the experience.

Capt. James Yee, a Springfield resident, was accused by the Army of espionage in September 2003 and held in solitary confinement for 76 days. He was charged with lesser crimes and all charges against Yee were eventually dropped in spring 2004.

Now, Yee, who grew up in Springfield, is sharing his account of what life was like for him as an accused spy. Today, Yee will sign copies of his book "For God and Country: Faith and Patriotism Under Fire," at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Barnes & Noble on Route 22 west.

Yee writes about his experience as a chaplain to detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In an Oct. 2 *New York Times* article about Yee's book, Neil A. Lewis writes that Yee became increasingly dissatisfied with the Army's treatment of detainees, hearing accounts of prisoners who were beaten and humiliated during interrogation sessions from detainees and Arabic translators.

Yee received an honorable discharge this past January, along with an

Army commendation medal, but he has not received an official explanation or apology from the Army.

Raised as a Lutheran, Yee was active in the youth group at Holy Cross Lutheran Church until high school. While attending Jonathan Dayton High School, Yee was active in school sports and said his wrestling coach Rick Iscano encouraged him to go to West Point.

After graduating from West Point in 1990, Yee served three years on active duty and then, because the Army was going through a membership lull in the early 1990s, Yee was able to leave active duty and enter the reserves. Normally, West Point graduates have a five-year active duty commitment.

Around this time, Yee converted to Islam. He then left the reserves and went to Syria for four years of study because, he said, he had plans of becoming the Army's first Muslim chaplain and wanted to study under traditional Muslim scholars.

Returning to the Army as one of the first Muslim chaplains, Yee was stationed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. As chaplain to several hundred detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Yee's job was to "support the free exercise of worship," he said, which included conducting

prayers and counseling detainees.

After Yee was released, he was sent back to Fort Lewis, Washington. Of that time, Yee said, "I write about the obstacles continued to be put in my way."

A third-generation Chinese-American, Yee said his parents supported his decision to convert to Islam. Regarding his parents, who still live in Springfield, Yee said, "They're very much American." Noting mothers hold a special place in Islam, Yee said his relationship with his mother improved as a result of his new faith.

Furthermore, Yee said the United States is in need of people with an understanding of other cultures and he was in a position to serve when he returned to the Army as a chaplain.

One of five children, Yee has two younger brothers who are in the Army; one as an Army doctor and the other in the Reserves.

Though Yee said he was unsure about his future plans, he intends to continue to promote "For God and Country."

Currently, Yee lives in Washington State, where he is in graduate school studying international relations.

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Photo By Sean Harvey

James Yee, a former Springfield resident and Muslim Army chaplain who was accused by the Army of espionage, has written a book about his experience.

Staff town is needed

By Brian Federsen
Managing Editor

As the Township Committee prepares to hire its next township administrator, members of the township clerk's administrative office in Town Hall recently shared their views on why an administrator is needed.

Despite drawing fire from residents who are concerned about the added tax and cost implications that a new township administrator would incur, the Township Committee is prepared to appoint Richard Fanning Tuesday to replace Richard Sheola, the township's former administrator whose contract was not renewed when it expired in December 2004.

Although Sheola was the township's first official township administrator when the position was created in 1999, Municipal Clerk Kathleen Wisniewski remembers when Helen McGuire, formerly Keyworth, held a dual position of township administrator/municipal clerk. A lot of the administrative duties were handled by McGuire, said Wisniewski.

Wisniewski said a new administrator is needed to alleviate herself and her two fellow staff members from doing the administrative duties that Sheola once performed.

"A new administrator would give us the fourth person in this office which we always had," said Wisniewski, who has been an employee in the office since 1985. "I'm fortunate that I have two very excellent people helping me, but the fourth person keeps the department heads abreast of what's going on."

Helping Wisniewski is Linda Donnelly, an administrative assistant who performs clerical duties and social statistics, and Lorecia Warner, a receptionist.

As municipal clerk, Wisniewski said all raffle licenses, liquor licenses, contracts and other documents require her signature. She also has many reports on marriages and births to finish and the minutes from the Township Committee meetings, which she has fallen behind in since January.

"I'm drowning. It's just overwhelming," said Wisniewski. "The phone is constant."

Donnelly agreed that a township administrator was necessary for the town to function properly, particularly since the amount of paperwork has increased at Town Hall.

"I have noticed in the past two years since I started working that the OPRA forms have quadrupled," said Donnelly. "I feel like I am backlogged."

Most times, when people call Town Hall, they want to talk to someone in charge, said Donnelly. Calls that once went to the administrator now have to go to the mayor and Township Committee, all of whom work other jobs, she said.

"You have almost 15,000 people in this town. You need someone to be in charge of the ship," said Donnelly.

Construction at Walton continues

By Meave Sheehan
Staff Writer

While providing an update on the status of construction at Edward V. Walton School in Springfield, Michael Davino, superintendent of schools, said one of the two contracting companies was removed from the Walton School site during school hours.

The company was removed on the grounds of failing to follow the board's safety requests. Instead, the contractor will continue work after 4 p.m. Davino said he did not know whether individual workers were present.

With construction expected to continue through the school year, there is no estimated end date given for construction work, according to Davino.

Walton's ventilation system will likely be in place ahead of schedule, Davino said. Barriers Davino had set an Oct. 15 deadline for its operation.

Regarding the connections between the old and new sections of the building, Davino said, "Hopefully, that will be concluded shortly." There are specially-made doors which need to be put in place.

At its Sept. 19 meeting, the Board of Education approved payment to Williams Sochim Inco of Chery Hill in the amounts of \$573,888 and \$1,297,270.

The board also approved payment to G. Pacillo Mechanical LLC of Hillside in the amount of \$495,439.70.

Both contracting companies are still employed by the district. Though the companies did not meet their deadlines to complete construction before the school year began, the board suggested that it will not seek penalty fines at their last meeting.

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Photo By Sean Harvey

Heating and air conditioning specialist, Tim Duffy, works on a heating a cooling system for one of the Edward V. Walton School classrooms.

School board approves daily rate for substitute nurses

By Meave Sheehan
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Board of Education approved the establishment of a \$135 daily rate for substitute nurses at its Sept. 27 meeting.

Board member Patricia Knodel said she was concerned about the nursing rate and did not see why substitute nurses should be paid more than substitute teachers.

While the district provided a nurse for each school, Knodel said "there are some towns right

here in Union County where the nurse goes to two and three schools."

Knodel asked the board whether the district has made recent efforts to advertise for substitute nurses and find nurses at a lower rate.

The board said \$2,000 has been spent for nurses to accompany students on seven field trips. Chief School Administrator Richard O'Malley said nurses need to be present for field trips due to specific health issues that some students have. Knodel agreed substitute nurses

should be familiar with students' special needs.

Board member MaryBeth Schaumburg said there is a much smaller pool of substitute nurses than teachers and the district needed to establish a competitive rate.

In response to board members' comments about the number of school nurses, O'Malley said providing one nurse for each school was a necessity.

"I will never make that recommendation to put kids at risk," said O'Malley.

Board President John Parrin seconded

O'Malley's point, saying the community wants a nurse in each school.

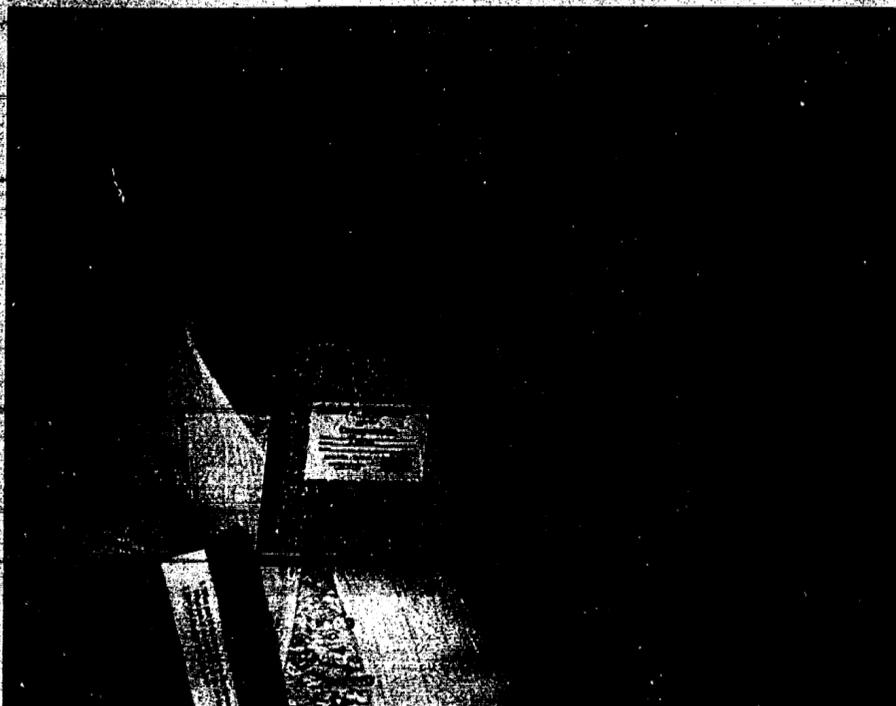
O'Malley also said the district was working on appointing Epipen delegates and a written policy for procedures in cases of anaphylactic reaction, a potentially fatal condition that occurs in children who are allergic to specific foods.

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Photo By Barbara Kobb

READY FOR BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT — The Mountainside School District celebrated Back to School Night last week, with lots of activities for parents to take part in to see what their children are learning. Above, Mountainside parent Denise Cirasa gets directions to her next classroom at Governor Livingston High School from Jamie Kanaley, a junior and member of the student auxiliary. At right, Deerfield School third-grade teacher Shannon Keegan explains the reading program to the parents of her third-grade students during Back to School Night.



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Police aid county search

Mountainside

POLICE BLOTTER

On Sept. 26 at 12:18 a.m., all Mountainside patrol units were advised that a suspect had just run from a patrol stop made by Union County Police on Route 22 west.

The suspect ran across Route 22 toward Famous Dave's restaurant. Police established a perimeter around the wooded area near Dunn Parkway and patrolled with police from nearby towns. At 12:53 a.m., police observed the suspect enter the 7-11 on Mountain Avenue and then run north on Mountain Avenue, entering another wooded area known as the Barnes Tract. A perimeter was again established and patrolled by police until county police called off the search at 2:40 a.m.

Police responded to Arrang Restaurant Sunday at 9:18 p.m., on Route 22 west on a report of a motor vehicle burglary. According to the vehicle's owner, the driver's side door lock had been damaged and all windows were rolled down. Unknown persons had searched through the glove box and trunk. A placard and a dress were taken from the vehicle, but were found in the trunk. The police report was turned over to the detective bureau.

Pedro Castillo, 22, of Plainfield was arrested Sunday at 1:30 p.m. on Route 22 west near Pembroke Road for driving while under the influence.

On Saturday at 12:01 a.m., Anabela S. Jerozimo, 31, of Harrison was arrested at headquarters for suspended registration and having an uninsured motor vehicle after her son was stopped while driving her vehicle.

On Monday at 10:30 p.m., a 2004 Infiniti was vandalized while parked on Route 22 east. The driver's side handle was destroyed and the door

was damaged. Both sides were keyed. A book of CD's was stolen.

A vehicle was damaged in an attempted burglary on Dundar Road Monday at 9:51 p.m. The driver's side door lock was broken.

On Monday at 8:08 p.m., several items were stolen from a vehicle parked in the New York Golf Center lots. Items included a wallet, credit cards, personal papers, and registration and insurance cards.

Several items were stolen or damaged during a burglary to a vehicle parked on Route 22 west Monday at 7:56 p.m. Items included two bowling balls, bowling shoes, two baseball gloves, and cleats.

A vehicle was vandalized in the Holiday Inn parking lot Monday at 7:12 p.m. The driver's side door lock was damaged and personal papers were stolen.

On Monday at 6:15 p.m., a vehicle parked in the Bally's lot on Route 22 east was reported burglarized. Items stolen included a wallet, personal papers, credit cards and a cell phone.

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On Sunday at 11:45 p.m., a vehicle was vandalized on Milltown Road. Unknown persons scratched the hood and driver's side door and threw eggs and barbecue sauce on the vehicle.

On Friday at 4:04 p.m., items were stolen from a vehicle parked in a driveway on Mountain Avenue, including a garage door opener and bank deposit slip.

The Mountainside Board of Education will meet in the media center at Beechwood School, 1487 Woodcres Drive, at 8 p.m.

The Mountainside Borough Council will meet for a work session at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east, at 8 p.m.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Today
• The Foothill Club luncheon will be at B.G. Field's Restaurant on Mountain Avenue at noon. New members and guests are always welcome. For a reservation, call Genevieve at 908-232-3626.

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Red Cross continues aid efforts

By Meave Sheehan
Staff Writer

The Westfield/Mountainside chapter of the American Red Cross is in its final phase of training volunteers to help with hurricane relief.

In early September, the chapter joined with other local chapters to train volunteers who want to help those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Having completed the Introduction to Disaster Services, Mass Care and Shelter Operations courses, volunteers will complete CPR/First Aid before finishing training and being put on an availability list for deployment.

Maureen Kaufmann, interim director of the chapter, said training is ongoing for the next six to nine months. Regarding the flow of volunteers, Kaufmann said, "It's been pretty steady since Katrina."

At the first area training session, conducted at St. Patrick's School in Chatham over Labor Day weekend, one Red Cross staff member counted attendance at 112 people. Currently, there are 25 to 30 volunteers from the Westfield/Mountainside chapter completing the final phase of training, Kaufmann said.

Volunteers are specializing in one of several areas, including distribution, logistics, mass feeding, sheltering and supervisory roles.

When asked where chapter volunteers will be sent, Kaufmann said they would be deployed depending upon need and specialization.

Volunteers have to make a commitment to spend two weeks working with hurricane victims. In some cases, volunteers may be able to make one-week commitments.

Volunteers must meet the physical requirements set forth by the Red Cross in addition to the training they receive.

Red Cross staff have stressed the need for volunteers to remain flexible and willing to live in the sparsest of conditions. There are, however, shelters with cots set up for staff, Kaufmann said.

Staff warned volunteers that, with national disasters, the need for volunteers will continue for months and volunteers may have to wait a while before they are called to duty.

Arts and crafts in store



Cathy Peery and her sister, Joan Dowd, peruse the arts and crafts on display for the autumn craft show at Hatfield House in Mountainside last week.

Borough hosts annual Clean Communities Day

The borough of Mountainside will host its annual Clean Communities Day on Oct. 22 from 9 to 11 a.m., commencing at the DPW garage. Everyone in the community, including scouts, families, individuals and social groups are invited to help pick up litter on public land throughout the community.

Each participant will be supplied with gloves and bags. Interested parties are asked to pre-register at the Department of Public Works by calling 908-232-2409.

A meeting on the event will be conducted Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. in the second floor lounge of the Municipal Building at 1385 Route 22. Interested volunteers do not have to attend the meeting in order to participate on Oct. 22.

School nursing shortage cited as worries surface over food allergies

By Meave Sheehan
Staff Writer

Some children in the Springfield school district have allergies severe enough to be life-threatening if they do not receive quick medical attention in the event of an allergic reaction.

Parent Doreen DeMartino's daughter, a student at Walton School, has a life-threatening allergic reaction to dairy products and must be injected with medication in the early stages of an attack. The only person who is allowed by state law to respond in this type of emergency situation, other than emergency medical personnel called to the scene, is the school nurse or another trained and certified teacher.

DeMartino said her daughter has not been placed with a teacher trained and certified to administer such medication through an Epipen shot. DeMartino's request to have her daughter placed with a teacher who is willing to become trained has not been granted by the Board of Education and Principal Susie Hung.

Instead, DeMartino said her daughter's classroom is several long hallways away from the nurse's office. A delegate teacher has been assigned to respond to an emergency if the nurse is not available. DeMartino believes this backup plan is not adequate, since the delegate's classroom is further away from her daughter than the nurse's office.

For students with life-threatening allergies, a quick emergency response can be the difference between life and death.

Currently, New Jersey state law authorizes only trained school employees to administer medication, such as a certified or noncertified school nurse, a substitute nurse, or a trained teacher. If approved by the district, the student is also allowed to self-administer.

A device known as an Epipen is used in cases of allergic reaction or anaphylaxis, which occurs when a person is exposed to a protein or allergen, such as peanuts, walnuts, and pecans, such as peanuts, walnuts, and pecans, fish, shellfish, eggs, milk, soy or wheat. Symptoms in cases of anaphylaxis can be severe or fatal allergic reactions.

Epipen medication is kept in two locations at schools, with the nurse and in a location accessible to the delegate, under lock and key, Atherton said. Since the lunch room would be

the most likely place for an attack to occur, Atherton and Davino said the location of delegates to the child's classroom was not as critical as suggested.

In regard to DeMartino's case, Davino said the teacher that DeMartino requested for her daughter is neither CPR-certified nor Epipen-trained. Both pointed out such attacks are more likely to occur in the lunchroom than the classroom. Aides and volunteers, not teachers, are present at lunch.

DeMartino said that Epipen training only takes a few minutes. She estimated there are a handful of CPR-trained staff at Walton School. Teachers can be CPR-certified before they can become Epipen-trained. In addition, they have to be willing to act in place of the nurse and assume full responsibility in an emergency. Davino and others noted some staff may not want to take on this responsibility.

The state Department of Education requires each district to appoint at least one school physician or one full-time equivalent certified school nurse to train, direct, and supervise emergency administration of epinephrine to designated school staff, according to the NASBE.

According to the data from the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network, 60 percent of school nurses in a 2004 national study reported an increase in elementary-school-age students with food allergies in the classroom over the last five years.

FAAN's data shows more than 11 million Americans have food allergies, and approximately three million children younger than age 18 have a food allergy. In addition, teens and young adults with peanut allergies or allergies to other nuts appear to be at increased risk for severe or fatal allergic reactions.

Anne Munoz-Furlong, founder and CEO of FAAN, said delay of administration of epinephrine has been shown to be the main cause of death in allergic reaction cases.

"When we go back, we realize the school did not have a written plan in place," Munoz-Furlong said.

Seminar uncovers autism at home, school

Children's Specialized Hospital will be hosting its 21st annual symposium titled "Autism Through the Life Span" on Oct. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This full day event in the Mountainside facility, 150 New Providence Road, will provide management strategies for autism at home and school.

Topics to be covered include the epidemiology of autism in New Jersey, description of autism, strategies for managing autism, treatment options for children with autism, and Children's Specialized Hospital's role as a center of excellence in the management of autism.

This symposium is open to educators, parents, psychologists, speech language pathologists, social workers, school nurses, learning consultants, and other professionals who work with children with autism.

Continuing education credits are available for nurses, speech therapists, educators, and social workers. The registration fee is \$85 for professionals and \$65 for parents/caretakers. The fee includes tuition, continental breakfast, lunch, and handout materials. The registration deadline is Friday.

For information or to register, call Joan Roop at 908-301-5433.

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EDITORIALS

Provide debates

Though there are only two candidates running for the one seat open on the Springfield Township Committee, there's still time to schedule additional debates to allow candidates the chance to share views with the public.

Mayor Sy Mullman, a Democrat, and newcomer Steve Grau, a Republican, have had no opportunity thus far to engage in a public debate and only one debate is scheduled for Oct. 31 at the Springfield Public Library at 10:30 a.m., sponsored by Hadassah.

Having a debate at 10:30 a.m. is not ideal for working people who cannot take time off in the morning to attend a public forum. In the past, The League of Women Voters would present a public forum in the evening at either the high school or some other gathering place large enough to contain a fairly big audience. Unfortunately, with the local LWV now defunct, there are no future LWV-sponsored debates in the works.

Perhaps the Chamber of Commerce or some non-partisan group could organize another debate before Election Day. While some may say debates are usually not well-attended because of a sense of apathy among residents, there are many pressing issues directly affecting the township and everyone who lives in it, including the hiring of a new township administrator, the upcoming downtown redevelopment plan and the potential remodeling of the township's Town Hall and Police Department. People deserve to have a place to go so they can hear both candidates share their thoughts on these issues.

The best way to get people involved in the election process is to give them a reason. Public debates provide people with the essence of a candidate's platform and give voters a chance to see what politicians really think.

Representing the public by serving on a local governing body should be a noble calling for candidates who are truly in the race for the people. One way for people to determine this is during a public debate.

Four-way stops

To control the speeding that has been occurring in the area of Evergreen Avenue in Springfield, the Township Committee tried to pass the introduction of an ordinance that would add more stop signs to several streets. Rightfully so. The ordinance was rejected, though, when two committee members voted "no."

The ordinance called for adding a stop sign on Archbridge Lane at the intersection of Evergreen, Christy Lane and the intersection of Evergreen and Surrey Lane at the intersection of Evergreen. In addition, a stop sign was set to be installed on Evergreen Avenue at the intersection of Smithfield Drive, and on Smithfield Drive at the intersection of Evergreen.

The ordinance should have been passed on introduction. It's a harmless ordinance, but its value is that it seeks safety along residential streets that seem to be abused by drivers who have no regard for motor vehicle law if they are speeding. If there was reason to even consider introducing an ordinance for this purpose, then there should have been no reason to block it from being approved for a public hearing during the next few weeks.

We don't understand Committeeman Harold Poltrook's statement when he said he feels as if the stop signs are overkill.

His dissenting vote was one of two votes that "killed" the introduction of the ordinance. We don't believe any number of stop signs is overkill. Stop signs may be a nuisance to drivers, probably more younger drivers than older, but that's their tough luck. Stop signs give control to those who live on streets where speeders roam. And signs on those proposed streets were acceptable to the state Department of Transportation.

An alternative to single stop signs on various corners is the four-way stop street. Requiring drivers on each of the streets of an intersection to stop usually calms a driver. When all four streets of an intersection are occupied with vehicles, more time is spent at that intersection than if it were a regular stop street. Those few seconds can calm speeders.

Springfield should look into this option, because it can also reduce the number of stop signs elsewhere in the neighborhood.

"Privacy is an unspelled component of the basic freedoms of speech and includes the right not to speak. After all, if speech is coerced, it isn't free."

— Margie Burns
Writer and Teacher
2003



FIRE SAFETY FUN — The Edward V. Walton Early Childhood Center in Springfield recently hosted the Springfield Fire Department in an assembly to kick off Fire Safety Week. Firefighters Carlo Palumbo and Tom Balke join second-graders from Mrs. Fischbein's class, including Kylie Francis, Jordan Rudolph, Timothy Golden and Brianna Haufman. Rudolph is holding the video 'Sparky Says, Join My Fire Safety Club,' which the children were shown.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We need major change in Springfield

To the Editor:
I must applaud Mr. Pappas' comments in the Sept. 29 edition of the *Echo Leader* regarding our illustrious mayor, Sy Mullman. It is a travesty that we, the residents of Springfield, must endure the incompetence of this committee, year after year.

From ignored residents pleading for help to slow down traffic on their streets, parks and fields left looking like Newark after the riots in the 1960s, taxes being raised faster than gas prices, failed attempts of redeveloping the downtown area ... the committee is acting beyond recall.

Mr. Pappas was right on track regarding his comments about the new administrator. I would just like to ask one more comment to our elected officials. I really hope this new administrator is a guru in grant writing, because if he ain't writing grants all day, he ain't worth didley squat! For a 100K per year, he or she better sweep the steps of City Hall, too!

This town is growing ... new residents are moving in monthly, young professional families with children are shopping in our stores, enrolling in our schools, playing in our parks and fields.

Springfield could be right up there with a Cranford and a Westfield, but I have news for you, my fellow Springfield residents ... we need a change, a change in this mafia — Webster's definition: a close-knit or influential group of people who work together and protect one another's interests or the interests of a particular person — we call the Township Committee.

It stupefies me when I drive around the town and I see the same lawn signs for the same elected officials, election after election! Do these residents live in the same town as me? Do they ever leave their house? Are they bubble people? Are they in a coma?

Around the block from me, in the past five years, we have had several families move out of town, due to their abhorrence and repugnance of the way this town is run, and I am sure more will come.

Keep in mind, I am not even mentioning the Walton issue. That's for another editorial. Davino and his entire circus act committee deserve their own letter! I really need to stop you from your group of people who are trying to take over the town. Forgive me for transgressing. Listen folks, we need a change in this town, a major change, and "we," the residents, need to step up to the plate and show these elected officials who are really in charge ... us!

All I hear is grumbles and complaints. We, the residents, are at fault. We have the responsibility to do something about it and don't re-elect the individuals that do naught for our town.

While I have the arena, I have one more concern that makes me pop a Xanax ... Springfield schools are open on Columbus Day!

In 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed every Oct. 12 as Columbus Day and, in 1968, President Lyndon Johnson declared it a federal public holiday on the second Monday in October.

Our children learn in our schools that Columbus discovered America in 1492, but he is not worthy of the Springfield school system's holiday schedule. Next, Springfield schools will take away the Christmas holiday!

Michael Del Viscovo Jr.
Springfield

Resident takes advantage of forum

To the Editor:
Harry Pappas has returned to the Springfield political scene after several years of blessed silence. Mr. Pappas was once a Democrat — in fact, he was the county Democratic chairman. This year he is evidently working closely to support the candidacy of Republican candidate Steve Grau and the interests of his colleague Harold Poltrook, a township committeeman. The *Echo Leader*, has published his letters, quoted his statements and generally given him free reign. If the editor did a little research in the archives of his paper, he might have come across an editorial the *Leader* published back in 1990 about Mr. Pappas. It explains some of the history of Pappas' move from Democrat to Republican.

The editorial concerned Mr. Pappas having been hired in 1989 by the county under peculiar circumstances, given a raise and then fired by the new county manager for what was reported to be his "incompetence" and "lack of qualifications for the job." He then sued, alleging that his civil rights had been violated. The *Leader's* editorial said of this turn of events:

"We agree that Pappas was unqualified to be director of Central Services, let alone deserving an increase in pay ... Pappas is now out of a job. He is angry and vengeful and using every opportunity that comes his way to take aim at the people he holds responsible."

His behavior hasn't changed. He is evidently still angry and vengeful, taking advantage of the public forum at the Township Committee meetings to vent against anything with a Democratic label. Come to the next town meeting and see it yourself.

Bart Franckel
Springfield

Find out how you can help the squad

To the Editor:
As fall sneaks upon us, residents are back to their daily grind and kids are back in school. At the same time, Springfield takes one step closer to losing one of its most valuable resources: its Volunteer First Aid Squad.

While donations are always welcomed and certainly important to pay for things like bandages and oxygen, the squad is most in need of volunteers. Members are our most valuable assets and, as our numbers keep dropping, it gets harder to cover the town and run the organization which so many depend on to be there each time they call 9-1-1.

If you are one of the many people who sees what is going on in the Gulf Coast region and feel the need to help but are not sure how, the First Aid Squad

is the perfect way to get involved. While our first priority is covering our "home" and making sure Springfield is covered, should there be a need for "mutual aid" to other towns or regions, the Springfield First Aid Squad will be there to help in any way it can.

We welcome members with all schedules, though our greatest need is during the day, Monday through Friday, and on weekends. No prior experience is necessary — the squad will provide all necessary uniforms and training.

If answering emergency calls is not for you, we also have many administrative positions available. We are looking for people interested in writing grants, organizing community events, recruiting new members and more. Everyone has some skills and interests that could help the First Aid Squad.

Can you help? Sure, you can. Please visit our Web site at www.Springfield-FAS.org or give us a call at 973-376-2040 and let's find out how.

Joe Voorhes, second lieutenant
Springfield First Aid Squad

Parents should not pay for playground

To the Editor:
I support the efforts of the local parents and PTA of Springfield's Walton School to raise funds for a new playground at Walton. It is wonderful to see the parents, PBA and community working together on this project. But ... it is not their job!

The Board of Education has the responsibility to provide for the needs of the children. But I am appalled that the superintendent, the Board of Education and the Township Committee can support selfish budget items, like useless laptop computers for a pet project of the superintendent. If this project is so innovative or creative, it should have been funded through a grant from Apple, Microsoft or Dell. All the organizations have foundations that fund innovative computer related projects. This should not be a \$589,000 tax burden on the residents.

The Township Committee and the Board of Education passed the budget without a playground, for a school with prekindergarten to second-graders. Unbelievable.

The Township Committee should use the \$100,000 salary for the "new" useless administrator for the playground for the children.

I do not understand how the school board and Township Committee can have a districtwide construction project of this magnitude and not include a playground for the kids. That is like building a house without bathrooms. Parents should not have to pay for it. The local government should pay for the playground. A playground was part of the plans for the school, but the superintendent, school board and Township Committee took it out in favor of the laptop!

The laptops and the township administrator are more important to the leadership of the town. They don't care about the children.

Again, I support the efforts of the parents, but they should not be paying for the playground.

We pay dearly for our education system and township services, in Springfield, and we are not getting our money's worth with the leadership.

It is time for the parents to make a change, and stop accepting less than the best for their children. Start demanding that the superintendent, the Board of Education and the Township Committee start spending our tax money responsibly, on the education of our children, and not high-priced administrators.

If the parents pay for everything in this town, then we do not need to have such high taxes.

Maybe it is time for municipal government and school district to merge with either Millburn, Summit or Mountaineer, because there is no real leadership in this town. It is time for a change in Springfield.

Luigi Monaco
Springfield

Attend town meetings, be informed

To the Editor:
I have been reading your newspaper for some time now and have noticed more recently the complaints and allegations made against the governing body of Springfield and perhaps much harsher words to those who serve without monetary compensation on the Board of Education.

A few residents of Springfield have highlighted the issues and perhaps enlightened many of your readers in the "letters to the editor" with the hope of bringing more people into the democratic process. I read every editorial with the hope that I will gain a different perspective on some of the issues surrounding this town which include "administration," "Walton School situation," "taxes," "Stop the Train," "traffic problems," etc.

There is one defining way we can all be correctly informed and that is to attend the Board of Education and Township Committee meetings, which are given usually twice a month, and determine whether or not the taxpayers are being given the run around. As I attend the various meetings, there is invariably a greater interest in the school board meeting than in the legislative body of this town. We all are aware that there is an election approaching on Nov. 8, and, with roughly five weeks to go, there is still time to ask those questions, face to face, to your elected representatives.

Democrats and Republicans continue to battle it out at the federal, state and, yes, the Springfield level. Who really cares more than those who want to win or those who want the other to lose? I sure am puzzled. I thought voting for someone meant they had earned your trust and they will address the issues that need attention in a fair and balanced way. Whoever wins will have his hands full because there are many issues that our elected officials still need to resolve.

If we, as taxpayers, do not voice our opinions publicly at township meetings, we are not taking advantage of the democratic process and our freedom of speech.

Steven Friedman
Springfield

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Olympian leads exercise class

Four-time track Olympian Joetta Clark Diggs, a New Jersey native, recently led an exercise session with 30 students of The Arc Kohler School in Mountaineer.

The program, titled "Determined to Reach Your Destiny," expresses the importance of physical activity and a healthy diet. The event is sponsored by AMERIGROUP.

During the exercise session, Diggs spoke about the significance of healthy living and lead the students in separate warm-up, workout and cool-down sessions. After the workout AMERIGROUP distributed a nutritious snack and information about physical activity and healthy eating for the children to take home.

"These workout routines can be done by anyone at anytime," said Diggs. "If you motivate youngsters to start exercising at this age they will continue to incorporate it into their routine as adults."

Since 1949, the Arc of Union County has been dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities and assisting their families in promoting the quality of their care and support throughout the county of Union. The Arc Kohler School has been serving children with special needs since 1963.



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DAR marks 115th anniversary

The Springfield-based Church and Cannon and Summit-based Beacon Fire Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution will celebrate the 115th birthday of the National Society, headquartered in Washington D.C. The organization reaches this milestone on Sunday.

The founding of the DAR was initiated by a scorching editorial in *The Washington Post* written by Mary Smith Lockwood, one of the organization's founders, after the Sons of the American Revolution officially denied women membership in 1890.

William O. McDowell of New Jersey, a great grandson of a patriotic woman and vice president general at large for the Sons of the American Revolution, was convinced by Lockwood's argument and believed that women should be allowed to form their own patriotic society.

He helped the organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution, initiating his own letter to the *Post* stating, "in the hands of the women of America, patriotic undertakings have never failed. Why, not, therefore, invite the formation of the 'National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution'?" He invited women to send their names and addresses to him for the purpose of forming the organization. The rest is history.

Founded in 1890 and incorporated by an Act of Congress in 1896, the DAR has long promoted historic preservation, patriotism, and education through the work of the national and local societies. Known as the largest women's patriotic organization in the world, DAR has more than 170,000 members with chapters in all 50 states and 11 foreign countries.

For information on DAR programs, the work of the Society, or how to become a member, visit the society's Web site at www.dar.org or call the local chapters at 973-635-4741.

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AT THE LIBRARY

Group meets to explore Greek tragedy

The Great Books Discussion Group of Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will meet to discuss "Aeschylus: Agamemnon" on Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

To gain the favor of the gods in the upcoming battle, Agamemnon sacrifices his daughter. His act angers his wife and leads her to vengeance. This is the beginning of a Greek trilogy by Aeschylus, which is noted for the innovation in drama he developed and for the beauty and passion of the words. The version used here is translated by Robert Scales.

On the third Thursday of each month, the Great Books Discussion Group meets to examine the great books of civilization. The Great Books compilation may be purchased for \$24 at the Circulation Desk.

The discussion group welcomes new members. Participants are invited to come to any or all of the sessions. The program is free and open to all. For information, call 973-376-4930.

Library completes customer survey

Springfield Free Public Library has been conducting a customer service survey since August and more than 500 library users and non-users have responded. Now, as the survey period draws to a close, the library is offering incentives to those filling out surveys.

Library users who have overdue library materials may get a one-time amnesty from fines on the returned materials when they fill out a survey. Those who do not have overdue materials may get a coupon for one free video or DVD rental when filling out a survey.

The library is especially interested in hearing from people who do not typically use the library's services and why. Perhaps non-library users can make recommendations for improvements to library services or hours that will make the library more appealing to non-users.

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U125927 ECL October 6, 2005 (\$33.76) Patricia Scherer, CTC, Tax Collector

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Free and appropriate

Springfield's Board of Education got an expensive lesson last week in the need to provide educational opportunities for handicapped kids.

In a stinging decision, state Administrative Law Judge Barry Frank faulted the school board for failing to provide the required "free and appropriate" education to a severely handicapped 11-year-old.

Left Out

By Frank Capace

The ruling highlights the heavy load of cases where administrative judges make decisions on the appropriate education for challenged kids.

With the cost factor often approaching six figures for an individual student, the impact on local school boards, and ultimately the taxpayers, can be severe.

In the case of J.S. versus Springfield Township Board of Education, Frank conducted six days of hearings, received briefs and heard expert testimony from the parents and school board.

The judge concluded, "In frustration and under the premise that the petitioner had made little to no progress for a period of at least three years, petitioner altered looking into educational alternatives."

The judge ruled, "The evidence appears to clearly demonstrate that the student had made very little progress throughout his educational progress in the district school."

The school board countered that they had met their very tough burden.

They pointed to the speech language and tutors who had been provided before the parents just took the child out of the system.

Frank's ruling means the school system and ultimately the taxpayers will pay for the private school education for the student.

Last Friday night a large group of administrative judges got together in Trenton to celebrate the retirement of a colleague. Generally these judges toil in obscurity.

In the area of special education, these decisions are only appealable to a federal court.

The judges do understand the economic impact but they also see first hand the heart-wrenching examples of parents coping with vulnerable kids.

In the Springfield case, the judge said the student "was receiving, if anything, a merely de minimis benefit from the education provided to him by the school district."

Citing the federal and state law, Frank was applying the test that students with disabilities get a free and appropriate education, like non-disabled students.

To be eligible for federal funds, New Jersey complies with the state requirements. The truth is that most school boards wrestle with mind-numbing choices. Each time the school board shows compassion, it drains the limited funds they use to educate the vast majority of its students.

The school boards must cope with a vocabulary like IDEA — Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. They wrestle with "appropriate" every day. One thing the court and school boards can agree on: the process is anything but free.

An attorney, Frank Capace is a resident of Cranford.

Democrats rally at Kean with Clinton

By Lauren DeFilippo Staff Writer

Even though Jon Corzine is the one running for office, former President Bill Clinton stole the show at a rally for area Democrats last week at Kean University in Union.

More than 3,000 people filed into the new Harwood Arena to hear remarks from the former Commander-in-Chief and the gubernatorial hopeful.

The line of eager people young and old stretched from the front door of the arena all the way to the back of the building.

Just after 5:30 p.m. the crowd, which was full of representatives from various labor unions, local politicians, and other Democrats, roared as they caught the first sight of Clinton and Corzine making their way into the arena.

Security was provided as a combined effort that included Kean University Police, Union County Police and State Police.

The cost for any additional officers to assist with the event was paid for by the Corzine campaign, Chief David Parks of the Kean University Police Department said. An official number of additional officers was not available by press time Tuesday.

Corzine was first to the podium. After talking broadly about his goals — taking care of the middle class and senior citizens — Corzine gave the crowd what they wanted — Bill Clinton.

"I'll shut up now because you didn't come to hear me," Corzine said. Corzine ran down a list of the highlights of the Clinton era, including a strong economy, the creation of 22 million jobs, and a decrease in poverty. He also highlighted Clinton's ability to fight terrorism and save the country out of international conflicts.

Corzine was also careful to call attention to the proximity of the coming month. The Sept. 29 rally marked the 40-day mark to the November General Election.

"If we all use the next 40 days and 40 nights," Corzine said, noting that the phrase recalled Noah and the Ark.

Clinton was second to the podium. Editor's note: This is part of a continuing series about historic sites in Union County.

Sometimes, you can get two for the price of one. At the Salt Box Museum in New Providence, that adage is just as true. The structure that houses the museum was actually once two separate homes that were joined in the mid-19th century.

Upon walking in the front door, a stairway leading to the second floor greets you, and on either side, are the portions of the individual houses. The home, which got its name from its shape — its sloping rear roof in particular — because it resembles the box in which the tart preservative used to be kept.

Up until 1967, the house actually sat on the other side of Springfield Avenue.

"This home was actually lived in until the 1950s," New Providence Historical Society President John Bale said.

The interior of the tiny home, which includes three rooms on the ground floor and an add-on kitchen space, and additional space upstairs is outfitted to resemble a 19th-century farm house.

Furniture and other artifacts like eyeglasses, school books, and kitchenware are placed throughout to make the spaces look "lived in."



PRIDE BOWL — Malcolm X. Shabazz High School's marching band, above, performs during halftime of the Pride Bowl XXVII at Kean University's Alumni Stadium in Union on Sunday, while Navy fans cheer on their team, below. Proceeds from the annual game between Army and Navy's sprint football teams benefit Project Pride, which awards scholarships to Newark students. Navy won, 33-3, for the fourth year in a row.



Museum home to rare clothing once worn by nobility

By Lauren DeFilippo Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is part of a continuing series about historic sites in Union County.

Sometimes, you can get two for the price of one. At the Salt Box Museum in New Providence, that adage is just as true. The structure that houses the museum was actually once two separate homes that were joined in the mid-19th century.

Upon walking in the front door, a stairway leading to the second floor greets you, and on either side, are the portions of the individual houses. The home, which got its name from its shape — its sloping rear roof in particular — because it resembles the box in which the tart preservative used to be kept.

Up until 1967, the house actually sat on the other side of Springfield Avenue.

"This home was actually lived in until the 1950s," New Providence Historical Society President John Bale said.

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Bale said the rare dress was actually found in a trunk in the home's attic. The dress, as well as the matching satin shoes and stockings were donated by a group from neighboring Summit.

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Legislation would make cell phones primary offense

By Lauren DeFilippo Staff Writer

Acting Gov. Richard J. Codey wants New Jersey motorists to hang up the nasty habit of using cell phones and other hand-held devices while driving.

Codey announced at a press conference Sept. 28 in West Orange that he will introduce legislation to strengthen a statewide ban on the use of hand-held electronic devices while driving a motor vehicle.

"Cell phones have made many things in everyday life more convenient, including car accidents," the governor said. "Strengthening the ban will help us live better with technology."

The new law allows police to issue tickets to motorists for talking on a hand-held cell phone. Previously, summonses could only be issued if motorists were stopped for primary offense, such as not wearing a seat belt. The change brings the violation from a secondary to a primary offense, and would come with a minimum \$100 fine.

Codey hopes to have the proposed legislation signed into law before he leaves office in January.

Assemblyman Jon Bramnick, R-Union, showed that the changes have bipartisan appeal. "I agree with him 100 percent," he said in a telephone interview Tuesday, and likened the banning of all cell phone use by motorists — even hands-free models — would be like Prohibition in the 1920s.

Bramnick also noted that a good many drivers engage in distracting behavior while driving, other than cell phone use. The concept of the legislation is not particular to the Garden State. New York, Connecticut and Washington, D.C., have enacted similar bans, although New Jersey is the only area where violation of the ban is considered a secondary offense. In the last year — between Sept. 1, 2004 and Aug. 31, 2005 — more than 11,000 motorists had been cited for violating the ban.

In July, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, a national nonprofit organization funded by auto insurance companies, released a study that found people using a cell phone while driving were four times more likely to get into serious crashes.

The study, conducted by British scientists in Australia also found that the risk for serious accidents was consistently high across groups of drivers. "Male and female drivers experienced about the same increase in risk from using a phone," Anne McCartt, author of the study said. "So did drivers older and younger than 30, and drivers using hand-held and hands-free phones."

Senior outreach

The Union County Division on Aging in the Department of Human Services will bring its outreach services program for senior citizens to locations throughout the county. The outreach services program offers senior citizens information and help with applications for a variety of important government assistance programs.

- Garwood, today, 1:15 to 2:15 p.m., Garwood Seniors, the firehouse building, 415 South Ave., Garwood.
Elizabeth, Tuesday, 10 a.m. to noon, Sampson Senior Center, 800 Anna St., Elizabeth. Social Security will attend.

Nominations sought for 'excellent women'

Nominations are being sought for the 14th annual "Women of Excellence" awards program sponsored by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women.

The commission is looking for outstanding women nominees of Union County who have distinguished themselves in one or more of the following categories: Arts and Humanities; Business/Entrepreneur; Community Service; Education; Government; Law; Law Enforcement; Medicine/Health Care; and/or Women's Advocacy.

For the official Women of Excellence Award Nomination Form, call Sean Faughnan at 908-527-4107 or go to www.uncj.org to download the form. Once the form is completed, mail to Joan Abitante, 322 Dietz St., Roselle, 07068.

For more information, call Abitante at 908-241-4889. The Union County Commission on the Status of Women will be accepting nominations until Nov. 1.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Every year across the country mental health advocates celebrate Mental Health Awareness Week during the first week of October. Created by presidential proclamation in 1990, it is sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, State and local NAMI affiliates use this week to focus attention on the high incidence of mental illness in America, celebrate recovery and identify the barriers that still hinder access to treatment.

CASA orientation

CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, announces that two orientation sessions will be held for volunteers interested in addressing the needs of abused and neglected children in Union County.

Here in Union County, 987 children were living in out-of-home placement last year because their homes were no longer safe. These children lead uncertain lives; some are in foster care, others in group homes, some in shelters; many of them are separated from their siblings; most of them don't understand what has happened or why.

CASA volunteers stand up for these children in court, advocating for their best interests. CASA volunteers seek to ensure that these children receive the services they need. They ensure that these children are not moved from placement to placement, that they are protected from any further risk of abuse.

CASA of Union County is now recruiting volunteers for Fall training. Once screened and trained, these CASA volunteers will conduct independent investigations and report to the Family Court about the child's circumstances and what courses of action would be in the child's best interests.

If you are interested in becoming a CASA volunteer, call Dominic Prophete, executive director, CASA of Union County, at 908-820-8967 or visit www.casafunionscounty.org.

UCC Foundation plans annual gala

'Monte Carlo By Moonlight' Oct. 29

The 13th annual Union County College Foundation gala, "Monte Carlo By Moonlight," will be Oct. 29. This evening of fine dining, followed by games of chance, will begin at 6 p.m. with a cocktail reception in The Commons on the college's Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave.

The gala, the foundation's largest annual fund-raising event, will honor corporate partner Bank of America Corporate Insurance Agency LLC, formerly Fleet Insurance Services.

Through this event, the UCC foundation hopes to reach a goal of \$158,000 toward their endowment.

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Black Maria Film Festival screens short films at Kean University

Award-qualifying film festival for short films under 40 minutes. Columbus said he has 80 submissions so far, and he expects another 800 submissions before the jurors vote on the films.

Clearly, the group has a decent amount of successes among its credits. It showed an Academy Award-winning animation film named "Ryan," as well as another Academy Award nominee, "Hardwood," about the son of a Harlem Globetrotter, who deals with the issues of being a mixed-race child.

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The gala began with a reception and silent auction, followed by an awards ceremony, a performance by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and McDonald, and continued with dinner, dancing and a fireworks spectacular sponsored by American Express.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Above left is a still from the experimental animation, 'S.P.I.C. The Storyboard of My Life.' It received a first prize from the Black Maria Film and Video Festival this year, and above right, filmmaker Robert Castillo recounts his first trip to the United States in 'S.P.I.C. The Storyboard of My Life.'

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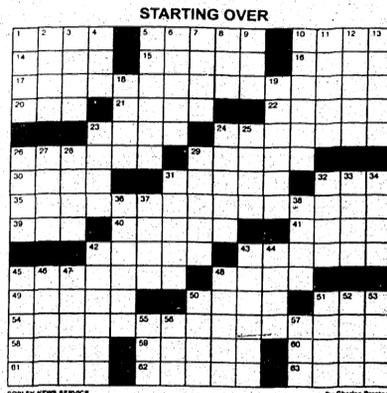
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FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY October 8th, 2005
EVENT: Flea Market
PLACE: Second Reformed Church, 132 Elmwood Avenue and Florence Avenue, Irvington, NJ 07111
TIME: 10am-2pm
PRICE: Free Admission
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ORGANIZATION: Sponsored by the Women's Association, Second Reformed Church

SUNDAY October 16th, 2005
EVENT: Flea Market & Collectible Show
PLACE: Yanticaw Park, Park Drive, (between Centre Street & Chestnut Street), Nutley
TIME: 9-5PM Outdoors
DETAILS: New merchandise, crafts, collectibles, and garage/sale items.
 For information Call: 201-997-9535
ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: By: The Dystonia Foundation

RUMMAGE SALE Friday & Saturday October 7th & 8th 2005
EVENT: RUMMAGE SALE
PLACE: Battle Hill Moravian Church, 777 Liberty Avenue, Union, NJ
TIME: Friday 9:30am-4:00pm; Saturday 9:30am-12:00pm
DETAILS: Refreshments will be served. For more information call 908-886-5262.
ORGANIZATION: Battle Hill Moravian Church Women

SATURDAY October 8th, 2005
EVENT: Rummage Sale
PLACE: Holy Trinity & St. Joseph's Church, Elizabeth Avenue & Ziegler Ave., Linden, NJ
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ORGANIZATION: Blessed Sacrament Society

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FRIDAY October 7th, 2005
EVENT: Tricky Tray Gift Auction
PLACE: Auditorium of St. John the Apostle Church on Valley Road in Clark, near Siles Street.
TIME: Doors open at 6:30pm and drawings begin at 8:00pm
PRICE: Donation is \$8 and refreshments will be available.
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ORGANIZATION: Sponsored by Cub Scout Pack #30

FRIDAY October 14th, 2005
EVENT: Tricky Tray Fun Auction
PLACE: Community Center of St. Constanline & Helen Church, 510 Linden Place, Orange, NJ
TIME: 7:30pm
PRICE: Admission \$7. Tickets may be purchased at the door
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ORGANIZATION: Daughters of Penelope.

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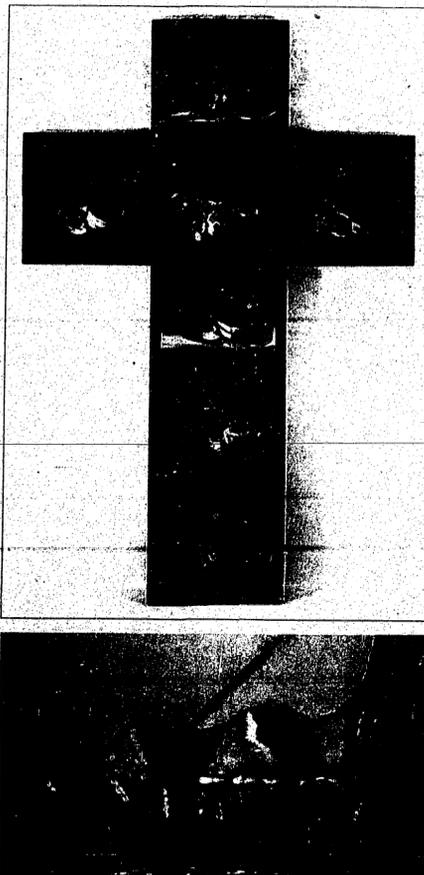
WEDNESDAY October 19th, 2005
EVENT: OPEN CLINICAL DISCUSSION
PLACE: ACAP, 789 Northfield Avenue, Suite LL2, West Orange
TIME: 7:30-9:00PM
INFORMATION: Presented by Aina Enria, PhD.
 This discussion is open to everyone, who is interested in learning more about love, intimacy, its enhancement and obstacles. Topics under discussion will be the role of enhancing the quality and range of communication in and out of the therapeutic environment. For reservations call (973)736-7600; via the internet www.acap-online.org or email: ae@acp.com
ORGANIZATION: Academy of Clinical and Applied Psychoanalysis.

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HOROSCOPES

Oct. 10 to 16
ARIES, March 21 to April 19: Lighten up and improve the mood in a personal relationship. Do your best to cooperate and to go along with the wishes or suggestions of a partner or mate.
TAURUS, April 20 to May 20: Figure out how to deal positively with a plethora of mental stress. Relax your mind and body and avoid worrying about uncontrollable circumstances.
GEMINI, May 21 to June 21: Social activities are highlighted this week. Plan and enjoy meeting various unique and interesting people at a neighborhood gathering or convention.
CANCER, June 22 to July 22: Take steps to keep the peace at home. Welcome the input or opinions of family members regarding a decision that will affect them as well.
LEO, July 23 to Aug. 22: Produce an extra effort or a special spark of emotion to get your point across this week.

Communicate your ideas and concepts with passion and conviction.
VIRGO, Aug. 23 to Sept. 22: It will take discipline and planning to get you out of a financial crunch. Block out temptation or advertisements that are designed to encourage spending.
LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: Avoid emotionally tormenting others for your own gain or benefit. You are only going to get back from a relationship what you are willing to put into it.
SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 21: The path to happiness and success is a lot straighter when you know where you want to go. Take time to ponder your future and to set the proper course.
SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 22 to Dec. 21: Offer practical advice to a friend or associate who is in need of your wisdom and support. Speak frankly and point them in the right direction.
CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 19: The accent this week is on advancing your career.

Forge ahead with confidence and certainty and make every effort to attain your ultimate goal.
AQUARIUS, Jan. 20 to Feb. 18: It appears that you have something very important and timely to convey. Speak up and express your opinion or ideas in a club or group forum.
PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20: Issues forcing a personal transformation will prove to be a very powerful and positive experience. Unleash your inhibitions and welcome change. If your birthday is this week, intense creative and unique thoughts will rush through your consciousness during the coming year. Do not hesitate to embrace the unusual, expand your scope of interests and to explore a variety of different topics. Avoid periods of melancholy or negative thinking. Make an honest effort to constructively utilize the information or insights that are magically revealed. Also born this week: Giuseppe Verdi, Eleanor Roosevelt, Kirk Cameron, Nipsey Russell, Ralph Lauren, Lee Jacocca and Flea.

REUNIONS

The following schools are planning reunions:
 • Union High School, Class of 1976, 30-year reunion, 2006.
 • Union High School, Class of 1981, 25-year reunion, 2006.
 • Union High School, Class of 1986, 20-year reunion, 2006.
 For information on any of the above reunions, write to Reunions Unlimited Inc., P.O. Box 150, Englishtown 07726 or call 732-617-1000.
 Hillside High School, Class of 1975, will have its 30th reunion at Costa's Restaurant, Roselle Park, on Nov. 26.
 Anyone with information about missing classmates may contact Shirley Anne at 908-241-8298, or send a message by 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.
 For more information, contact Janet Melley Patrick at 732-458-8843 or Janice Cabary Wenk at 732-370-4103.
 Our Lady of Lourdes Grammar School is hosting an all-class reunion in celebration of the 80th anniversary of the school on Oct. 29 from 7 p.m. to midnight at Our Lady of Lourdes School, 100 Valley Way, West Orange.
 Call the school at 973-325-0555 for additional information, reservations or to provide information on the location of other classmates.
 Martin High School Class of 1949 is planning its 56th reunion on Oct. 16 at the Woodbridge Hilton in Iselin, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 The Woodbridge Hilton may be contacted at 732-494-6200. The cost is \$37, with a cash bar. For more information, call Elaine Fineman Brown at 732-408-9474 or Joan Gleason Aboff at 732-229-2922.
 Hillside High School Class of 1960 is planning its next reunion for 2007.
 Forward your contact information to Linda Arotzky Lieb at Hillside-high1960@aol.com.
 West Orange High School Class of 1980 will have its 25th reunion on Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Appian Way restaurant in Orange. For more information, contact Joe Dorey at joeyd041@comcast.net.
 Union High School Class of 1965 is holding its 40th reunion on Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Edison at Raritan Center. For more information, or to report lost classmates, contact Reunions Unlimited at 732-617-1000.

Ritz Theatre set to turn back the clock with musical performers

The Ritz Theatre in Elizabeth announced the first of its fall concerts with legendary artists America and Air Supply on Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are available for \$35 to \$45 by calling the Ritz Theatre Box Office at 908-351-7575 or online through www.ticketmaster.com. The Ritz Theatre is located at 1148 East Jersey St. in Elizabeth. A public parking facility is located just behind the theater, plus the Ritz is easily accessible from the New Jersey Transit bus stop on East Jersey Street and the Broad Street train station in Elizabeth. Additional information about this concert and other upcoming events at the Ritz Theatre is available at <http://ritztheatre.net>.

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City Tavern
 By Dan Burns
 Real Writer

You don't have to be in the mood to dine at the City Tavern at 1109 Elizabeth Ave. in Elizabeth. The restaurant and bar is a great place to go no matter what type of food and drink you're in the mood for.
 The menu features an array of steaks, seafood, chicken and pasta dishes, almost all of them priced in the \$10-\$18 range. Most of the dishes feature Spanish or Italian cuisine.
 When I first entered the tavern, I noticed it was a charming place with a neighborhood feel to it. It is a suitable setting for a small business lunch, a dinner date, a family meal or drinks with friends.
 The tavern's owner, Concetta Bongiovi, said a lot of different people patronize her tavern, especially business people during the day and neighborhood residents in the evening.
 After sampling the fresh bread basket they brought to my table, I ordered a plate of linguini with garlic and olive oil. My dining companion ordered shrimp and chicken in a spicy red sauce.
 Although I was looking forward to the pasta, I became a little jealous when I saw my friend's dish come out of the kitchen. The waiter carried three separate plates: one each for the main dish, yellow rice conchion and french fries.
 My friend said the chicken and shrimp, covered with vegetables and sauce, tasted fantastic. He said the rice was even better, calling it "the best yellow rice he's ever had."
 My pasta was served with plenty of fresh garlic, just the way I like it. There was an array of other pastas and sauces available as well, including fettuccini Alfredo and penne in pink vodka sauce.
 Bongiovi said the skirt steak and various meat skillet dishes are some of City Tavern's most popular meals.
 I recommend that anyone who eats at the City Tavern order dessert, even if you're full from dinner. The dessert portions will satisfy your sweet tooth, but they're small enough that you won't feel as if you're overstuffing yourself. I had the flan and my friend ordered tiramisu. Both desserts were very good.
 My friend and I left the tavern satisfied. We both agree that the City Tavern is a great place to eat, whether you feel like a quick, low-key meal or a three-course feast.

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WEEKLY STORY TIMES are presented every Monday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Springfield Barnes & Noble.

JAMES YEE, a former U.S. Army Muslim chaplain and local author, will discuss his latest book, "For God and Country: Faith and Patriotism Under Fire."

Lunch and Learn takes place on a Tuesday from 12:15 to 1 p.m. Space is limited, so call 908-527-0400 for your reservation.

COMEDY

"THE SWEEDSTER," also known as funnyman D.F. Sweedster, will appear at the Watchung Arts Center.

CONCERTS

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

"THE WATCHUNG ART CENTER ACOUSTIC-FOLK SERIES has begun at Watchung Art Center, 18 Sterling Road, Watchung.

FILMS

THE PURPLE VIOLET FILM FESTIVAL, an innovative event established by Kean University, will provide professional and student filmmakers with an opportunity to have their work seen and embraced by a large audience.

DANCE

WESTFIELD ARTIST FRANCESCA AZZARA will teach the art of encaustic painting on Oct. 15 at the Arts Guild of Rahway.

HOBBIES

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC. meets at 295 Jefferson Ave., Union, behind Home Depot on Route 22 East.

THE HARVEST QUILTERS OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY will meet the first Monday of each month at Cozy Corner Creations quilt shop, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains.

Paolo Montalban dazzles in 'Cinderella' at Paper Mill Playhouse

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Whether Paolo Montalban is Prince Charming in the Paper Mill Playhouse production of "Cinderella" during its fall run, the national tour company or the made-for-TV movie version, in real life he comes across as a true Prince Charming.

Handsome, manly, soft-spoken, the actor has a personal charm that enables him to express himself in terms of psychological endeavor.

And his versatility shines through in both musical and dramatic performances. Montalban loves doing musicals, such as Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" which he is rehearsing in New York for the Paper Mill's initial fall offering beginning on Oct. 19 and running through Dec. 4.

But he also loves doing musical drama, such as the Shakespeare in the Park revival of "Two Gentlemen of Verona" and "Man of La Mancha," in which he appeared in a national tour.

"Actually, this is the third time I'm doing 'Cinderella,'" Montalban explained during a recent chat. He played the role of the prince in a television movie "back in 1997 with an all-star cast that included Whoopie Goldberg. I didn't think it was going to be a big production at all. After all, it was a small cable, one of the first ones. I auditioned on a Friday and got the role on Monday. I didn't know it at first, but about 700 guys auditioned for the role."

Then Montalban did the musical play on the stage in a "national tour between 2000 and 2001 with a different cast but with the same director, Gabe Barré, who is directing the current production."

The role of the Prince "has changed over the years," explained Montalban. "We are doing different things. I want to emphasize that I want to make sure that no stone is unturned. In my final interpretation of the role I want to give 110 percent. I want to let my cup run over. And you know," he mused, "it's just a great opportunity to be able to work with our director again. I think he feels the same way I do about the play. He wants to explore every facet psychologically of how we react to people and how we communicate with them through the theater."

In the beginning, Montalban had planned to become a psychologist. Born in the Philippines, he came to this country when he was about a 12 years old.

"My career was actually decided for me — that is, until my senior year at college," Montalban, who took a pre-med course in psychology at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, had appeared in a play during his final year at the college's Cabaret Theater.

"It was a musical called 'Closer Than Ever' and an agent came down to see the talent pool at the Mason Gross College of the Arts, where I was appearing. He asked me if I'd like to become a professional actor as soon as I graduated. So, I did."

He received his degree, and utilized his knowledge of psychology in his work. "I still use psychology interacting with people in my work and dealing with them accordingly," he said. "Being an actor today takes some degree of psychology and personal preference when it comes to musicals or dramas in the theater. I can

do both," he admitted. "But my musical education comes from my uncle and aunt. My aunt attended the prestigious Juilliard School of Music in Manhattan. And it was from my family that I learned how to play the piano, the violin and to sing."

People want to know if he is related to the famous movie and television star, Ricardo Montalban. He laughed. "Funny that you should mention it. But no, I'm not related. And yes, I did, early on in my career, refer to him as a relative."

Montalban, who has also done some movies for television, including "Mortal Combat Conquest," in which he played King Lao, "American Adobo" and "The Great Raid," also has made such recordings as a musical solo album, "Paolo Montalban," "Heading East" and "King Island Christmas."

"This is my third time at the wonderful Paper Mill Playhouse," he recalled. "Back in 2000 I did 'King Island Christmas.' I also played the role of the young lover in 'The King and I' and I appeared in 'Nine' at the Paper Mill."

Montalban said he especially loves doing "Cinderella." The current Prince Charming exclaimed, "It's such a joy in being able to burst out in song when there are no more words to say. Sometimes you can't express everything in words; you just have to sing them. I do enjoy every aspect of it."

And just being in the theater, whether in musicals or drama, Montalban heaved a sigh. "I just want to be a well-rounded actor."

Readers may write to Bea Smith by contacting Jeff Cummins at jcummins@thelocalsource.com.



Angela Gaylor as Cinderella and Paolo Montalban as Prince Charming in 'Cinderella' at the Paper Mill Playhouse.

ART SHOWS

"FATHER & SON," a joint showing of painting and sculptures by George Tarr and his son, Robert Martin Tarr, will be exhibited at the Les Malmatit Gallery, Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave., Union, through Oct. 19. George Tarr was commissioned by West Orange to create an eagle sculpture, which is on view at Eagle Rock Avenue in West Orange. For more information, call the library at 908-951-1450.

"OF TIME, PLACE & PEOPLE: CONTEMPORARY FIGURE PAINTING/RECENT WORKS," will be on display at the Rahway Arts Guild through Friday. Exhibited artists will include Neal Korn, Wendy Leverson and Michael Nirenberg. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For more information, call 732-381-7511, or log on to www.rahwayartsguild.org.

"CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: THE 2005 MERCK JURIED UNION COUNTY ART SHOW," will mark the sixth year that the Arts Guild of Rahway has presented this juried exhibit, which is chosen by submissions from Union County artists. The exhibit will begin on Oct. 16 and continue through Nov. 10. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For more information, call 732-381-7511, or log on to www.rahwayartsguild.org.

"CONNECTIONS III," curated by Ross Wagner, will feature the work of 35 participating photographers on display at the Watchung Arts Center through Oct. 29, with a reception Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, log on to www.watchungarts.org, or call 908-753-0190. The Watchung Arts Center is located at 18 Stirling Road, on the circle in Watchung.

"COINSUMED: PAINTINGS BY VALERI LARKO," will be on exhibit from Nov. 20 through Dec. 16 at the Arts Guild of Rahway, located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For more information, call 732-381-7511, or log on to www.rahwayartsguild.org.

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BOOKS

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

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

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 732-574-1818.

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

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DAVID HARRIS EBENBACH, winner of the Druce Heinz Literature Prize and teacher of writing at Colham Writers Workshops and Montclair State University, will present a writer's workshop on plot on Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Springfield Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. Bring pen, paper and a desire to write fiction. The group meets monthly in the quiet Children's Department. For information, call 973-376-6581.

HAVE A MISERABLE TIME celebrating the release of the "Book the Twelfth" in the depressing Series of Unfortunate Events books by Lemony Snicket. Trivia games and crafts will take place. Pre-registration is required, the event is on Oct. 18 at 4:30 p.m. at the Springfield Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-6581.

JENNIFER O'CONNELL is back with her latest book, "Off the Record, the story of Jane Marlow," a true-blue, good girl who may have been a rock-'n'-roll love interest way back when. A true writer about Jane years ago is back in style and can change Jane's present life, but is she ready and willing to take the risk? Join the chick lit book group for a special evening with Jennifer O'Connell on Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-6581.

CHILDREN ARE INVITED to a special storytime with Susan Wigden, author of a new children's book, "Suppose," on Oct. 27 at 11:30 a.m. She will read and sign her book as well as provide an imaginative craft workshop. Barnes & Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-6581.

AMERICAN GIRL: JOSEFINA'S FIESTA will provide children ages 6 to 12 the chance to dress up in a bright, full skirt, white blouse and long shawl for Josefina's fiesta on Oct. 28 at 4:30 p.m. There will be dancing, crafts and fun. Pre-registration is required in the Children's Department and space is limited. Barnes & Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-6581.

EDUCATORS ARE INVITED to earn professional development units while learning the latest news on books and publishing. Marcie Aboff, the author of picture books, easy readers, chapter books and magazine stories for both trade and educational markets, will present "Especially for Teachers — The ABCs of Getting Published," on Oct. 21 at 4:30 p.m. at the Springfield Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. Dr. Vanita Braver, child psychiatrist and children's book author, will present a program on character centered education in schools. She will provide tools to enhance character education curriculums in schools. Call 973-376-6581 for reservations.

THIS MONTH'S "DISCOVER" meeting presents Gwendolyn Bounds, author of "Little Chapel on the River: A Pub, A Town and the Search for What Matters Most," on Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Bounds is a former Wall Street Journal fashion columnist who had been living near the World Trade Center when the

On display in Summit



"The King," by Chris Gollon, is on exhibit at the Domo Gallery, 447 Springfield Ave. in Summit, through Oct. 22. For more information, call 908-608-0079, or log on to www.domogallery.com.

WESTFIELD ARTIST FRANCESCA AZZARA will teach the art of encaustic painting on Oct. 15 at the Arts Guild of Rahway. This one-day workshop will cover some of the very many ways that the encaustic technique can be used to create stunning original works of art. This session is suitable for beginners, intermediate or advanced students. The workshop runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The workshop fee is \$65 plus a \$25 materials fee. The Arts Guild will provide wax, pigments, electric palettes and heat guns. Students will be responsible for some additional materials and supplies in order to participate.

To register, call the Arts Guild of Rahway at 732-381-7511, or e-mail artsguild1670@earthlink.net, or mail to artsguild1670@earthlink.net. Some students have already registered, but there are spots still open for this session. Maximum enrollment will be kept at 10 students.

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

THE SUMMIT INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS group has begun a new season with sessions on Fridays at 8 p.m. at the Connection, Morris Avenue at Maple Street, in Summit. Beginners are welcome, no partners are needed. All sessions begin at 8 p.m.; newcomers may arrive at 7:30 p.m. for extra help. Admission is \$2 for the evening. Call 973-487-8278 for information and a flyer listing the session schedule.

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