Boo!

Volunteers offer spine-tingling tales

A. E. Gualtieri Staff Writer

Screams and shouts were heard at Valley Road Elementary School last Friday night, but neighbors shouldn't have worried.

The school's courtyard was turned into a haunted graveyard, complete with ghostly storytellers intent on scaring students with their tales in the Legends of the Courtyard event.

"There are so many activities for the little ones, we wanted to do something for the older ones," said Jill Curran, chairwoman of the PTA Reading Committee, which organized the event.

The event, held for fourth and fifth grades, drew about 85 student attendees, who were split up into five groups. There were four story stations set up in the courtyard, and after their rounds, students headed to the cafeteria to sample doughnuts made in front of them by parent volunteers.

"We've had no complaints about our doughnuts," said Carol Savoca, who has children in both fourth and fifth grades, as she handed out bags of powdered sugar and cinnamon. "I think this is fabulous; it's so great for the kids."

Tracy Eltringham, a Valley Road teacher, told the "Ghost Plane of Clark" and "The Billion Legger," a story of a giant millipede that terrorizes a small boy. Dressed as a witch, she said "I don't think my stories are scary enough."

Fifth-grader Amanda Dowzycki disagreed. '1 thought the Ghost Plane story was the best!" she said.

Mark Cerpial, a parent storyteller, was confident of his stories, "Mrs.



Valley Road School PTA's first 'Legends of the Courtyard' on Friday provided blood-curdling stories for fourth- and fifth-graders. Assistant Superintendent Susan Miksza, center, puts a scare into students Michelle Teixeira, left, and Nichole Brougham, right.

Jones' Fright Night" and "Shieve and thought he was really a hobo. "Was reviews from students. his Dog," which both occurred local-

"Shieve and his Dog" is about an elderly man who disappeared while walking his dog by the train tracks, only to be found dead two weeks later.

"I've really got them going! These are real live stories that have happened here in Clark and Westfield. I've seen it all," said Cerpial, who was dressed as a hobo.

The most theatrical storyteller, Cerpial paced, jumped and yelled to elicit screams.

Cerpial was so effective that fourth-grader Jonathan Barbosa

that really a hobo? His story was the best!" Barbosa said.

Cerpial's daughter, fifth-grader Cheyanne Cerpial, agreed. "My dad was definitely the scariest!" she said.

Assistant Superintendent Susan Miksza told the story "Next of Kin" while dressed as a skeleton. "I had tons of fun. This is a great idea. It's a safe way for the kids to have fun," she

The last ghostly storyteller was Trish Peitz, the fourth-grade teacher in charge of the reading program. Peitz's stories about the Jersey Devil and the White House drew rave

"My favorite was the Jersey Devil! It had more detail than the others," said Nicholas Buccarelli, a fifth grad-

His classmate, Karen Blacklock, agreed, saying "Yeah, the Jersey devil was the best!"

The teachers and parents who spent the afternoon transforming the courtyard with ghosts, ghouls, spiders, fog, lights and dry ice completed their mission to make the event a suc-

As fourth-grader Tyler Ringwood put it, "I give it seven thumbs up. They should do it again next year!"

New concerns raised over sites

A. E. Gualtieri Staff Writer

Concerns over the proposed Terminal Avenue senior housing facility raised at the last public council meeting have yet to be resolved. Meanwhile, residents are bringing new concerns to light.

Bill Fidurski, chairman of the Clark Environmental Commission, raised questions both about the Schwarz farm and Terminal Avenue properties.

He said the zoning ordinances passed last week that allow high-density housing on the Schwarz property will have an environmental impact on

"It's an environmentally significant site," he said, explaining that building high-density housing would intrude on the flood plain.

When similar housing was proposed two years ago, it was defeated, he said, and now the administration has approved rezoning the property.

Sterling Associates LLC proposed in 2003 a 41/2-story, 72-unit apartment building on the property that would not be age restricted.

Fidurski described the Terminal Avenue property as "a builder's dream" due to the large number of market-rate units being proposed on the property.

"The plan is not to provide affordable housing, it's to provide 240 market-rate units on Terminal Avenue, and more on the Schwarz farm," he said.

Fidurski also noted that a large agerestricted project could burden other municipalities' education systems.

Families with children younger than 19 could not move into the apart-said, "it says 'We the people."

ments, even those where grandparents are the primary caregivers for young children, which would end up displacing families to other towns, he argued.

While there has been some discus-

sion about the Schwarz property, the bulk of the debate has been over the Terminal Avenue site. The Township Council was

as a result of the pending lawsuit filed by the Villa Corporation. But others are not afraid to show

instructed not to comment on the issue

their dislike of the housing complex.

In a statement issued this week. L'Oreal spokeswoman Rebecca Caruso said "We agree that affordable housing for seniors is important, and we support that effort. However, we feel that locating senior housing in the middle of an industrial area is not fair to the residents of that housing, and it is not fair to the companies who conduct their businesses in the area."

L'Oreal owns an industrial facility on Terminal Avenue.

L'Oreal, which has expressed interest in the Terminal Avenue property, is also committed to working to propose alternate sites for the housing, Caruso

Bill Caruso, no relation, of Clark Senior Housing Inc., has said that the grievances filed by the companies on Terminal Avenue are an attempt to intimidate the township out of providing for its citizens.

"I feel confident that we will get COAH's approval," he said.

Caruso said that the residents of Clark have spoken, and deserve to have their needs met by the town.

"It's there in the Constitution," he

Three arrested in car break-ins

A. E. Gualtieri Staff Writer

A report of suspicious persons on James Avenue led to three arrests early in the morning of Oct. 21 after a spate of break-ins to cars in the area.

David Bodine, 22 of Rahway, his brother Brandon Bodine, 24 and Nicolet Kirk, 19, also of Rahway, were arrested on charges of burglary, theft of credit cards, and possession of controlled dangerous substances and possession of drug

The three were arrested after police officers Joe Loprete and Dan Pitts saw a crack pipe in plain view in the front seat of their Chevrolet Blazer, police said. As a result, all three were charged.

Police then searched their vehicle and discovered stolen

credit cards. Police tied the credit cards to thefts from three vehicles that had been reported broken into the night before, Wednesday, in the area of Sunset Drive, Coldevin Road, and James Avenue.

Although nine thefts were reported in the immediate area between 12:08 p.m. Wednesday and 9 p.m. Thursday, police only have been able to connect the Bodines and Kirk to three of the break-ins.

Clark Police Capt. Denis Connell said the incidents are still under investigation, but that "We believe that most if not all of them were related."

Kirk was able to post \$10,000 bail and was released. David and Brandon Bodine are still being held at Union

Barr

Five township seats up for election

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he would work to secure state and

county grants for open space projects.

He would also like to continue the

planned reconfiguration of the Park-

sites for the pro-

housing project.

Republican

Patrick O'Connor

is challenged by

Democrat Geral-

dine Zimmerman

in the 2nd Ward.

O'Connor,

who has held the

seat since Carleen

Staff Writer

Though President George W. Bush and U.S. Sen. John Kerry lead election news, with less than a week to go until Election Day, Clark has five township positions up for election.

Republican and incumbent Mayor Sal Bonaccorso is challenged by Democrat Sheree Bosze.

Bonaccorso cites his record, which includes the lowest tax increase in Union County, improvements to the Municipal Building and library, the widening of Raritan Road to control traffic, 24-hour ambulance coverage and the proposal to reconfigure the Garden State Parkway circle.

Bosze proposes other traffic control measures that include a greater police presence to control speeding and the possibility of another Garden State Parkway exit, so Clark does not shoulder the burden for the entire area.

She also would like to implement programs for downtown redevelopment that encourage pedestrian traffic and a cohesive architectural plan to create a downtown identity.

Republican incumbent Council members At-large Angel Albanese and Al Barr, are running with former school board member Sheila Whiting, and are challenged by Democrats Nancy Sheridan, James Spaziani and Leslie Romano.

Albanese, Barr and Whiting all name programs in place to help effect positive changes for Clark seniors, youth, and homeowners. The library improvements, the plans for Esposito Park, and the Clark Web site and TV-36 council meetings have all been cited as positive plans and changes.

Democrats seek to limit Clark's debt and spending, citing improvements to the Municipal Building and



Albanese













Romano

way Circle and work to implement the rezoning of Westfield Avenue between Brant Avenue and Madison Hill Road.

Zimmerman proposes traffic controls and the development of a downtown district as well.

Where do I vote Tuesday?

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the following loca-

 Ward 1, Districts 1, 2 and 3: Frank K. Hehnly School gymnasium, 590 Raritan Road. Ward 1, District 4: Carl H. Kumpf School gymnasium, 59 Mildred Ter-

· Ward 2, Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4: Municipal Building, gymnasium of the

former Brewer School, 430 Westfield Ave.

Ward 3: Valley Road School gymnasium, 150 Valley Road.

Ward 4, District 1: Clark Firehouse, 250 Broadway.

· Ward 4, Districts 2, 3 and 4: Carl H. Kumpf School gymnasium, 59

Students have the day off from school and will not be present at the schools during voting.



As the leader of the John Kerry team during St. Agnes' mock debate, eighth-grader Jordan Smith, right, speaks to students about his candidate's choices. Conor Scott, right, also in eighth grade, led the George W. Bush team.

St. Agnes students debate the finer points of Bush and Kerry

A. E. Gualtieri Staff Writer

Eighth-grader Conor Scott will vote for George W. Bush

in the Nov. 2 elections. His vote will count at St. Agnes' School in Clark, where

school officials are holding their own election. Before that happens, however, students in grades four through seven watched a mock presidential debate last week to make up their minds, where two teams of eighthgrade students representing the two major-party candidates

hoped to persuade the St. Agnes electorate. Jane Burns, a St. Agnes teacher and the director of the event, moderated while the nine students on each team handled questions from Mayor Sal Bonaccorso, Marylou Motto and Sister Maryann Katlack of Mother Seton Regional High School, former St. Agnes student Christian Duffy, and St. Agnes administrators Father John Chadwick

and Barbara Telleri. "Students volunteered for the teams they were on," Burns said. "They had to give me a strong statement as to why they supported the candidate they did.'

The students were assigned teams, and set to work informing themselves of the issues and becoming familiar with the campaign.

The month and a half of preparation included daily reading of The New York Times and class discussion of current events, as well as after-school team meetings that occurred both at the school and at students' homes.

would handle the war better.

Both sides were sure of their candidate.

"I like Kerry better, and I think he should win," said Jordan Smith, the leader of the Kerry team. Conor Scott of the Bush team said "I support George

Bush, and I think he's a better leader than Kerry could ever

Different team members were assigned to research campaign issues in order to respond to questions about them during the debate. Both teams agreed, though, that the war on terror was the biggest issue of the campaign.

"It's the right war, and we did what we thought was right to fight terrorism, and we're winning," said Scott. Of course, members of the Kerry team argued that Kerry

Education was also an important issue for the students involved in the debate. "I think students should be evaluated on more than just a standardized test," said Smith, a member of the Kerry

team. "They should look at what we do all year."

While the Bush team also addressed standardized testing and the No Child Left Behind Act, they talked about school vouchers as well, those certificates that offer families public funds for education to pay tuition to private or religious schools.

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Town administers 400 flu shots

By A.E. Gaultieri Staff Writer

The Clark Health Department administered 400 flu vaccinations, including one to a 6-month-old child, during the township's mini-health fair Saturday.

Due to the recent shortage of the flu vaccine, flu shots were administered on a first-come, first-serve basis to residents who met the high-risk priority requirements.

Requirements included proof of residency and either proof of age - the priority group includes persons 65 or older — or a doctor's note as proof of a chronic disease, such as diabetes, asthma or high blood pressure.

The first resident to arrive at the Brewer School Cafeteria waited from 3:45 a.m. until Health Department staff started registering people at 8 a.m., an hour earlier than the original start time of the health fair, according to Health Officer Nancy Ogonowski.

Ogonowski also said that all 400 vaccinations the Health Department received were administered.

Well over 400 people attended the event, Ogonowski estimated, and at least 10 residents were unable to receive flu shots when the supply was exhausted.

At the same clinic, residents were also able to have their blood pressure checked, their blood sugar monitored by Health Department staff, as well as undergo a spinal screening performed by staff of Westfield Spinal Center.

The fair, which ran until noon, also included information provided to residents, such as pamphlets on most cases reported in January and February.

Alzheimer's disease awareness provided by the National Alzheimer's' Association, information on alcoholism and drug addiction by the National Council on Alcohol and Drug addiction, and health information from University of Medical and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Although Clark is not scheduled to receive another shipment of the vaccine, Ogonowski said, private doctors, hospitals, emergency facilities, and long-term care facilities expect to receive more of the scarce vaccine in six to eight

While in years past, all residents have been encouraged to receive a flu shot every winter, this year many will be left out in the cold without the immunization.

British authorities suspended the license of a major supplier of the vaccine to the U.S., Chiron Corporation.

Chiron, a California-based company expected to supply half of the U.S. vaccines, had operations shut down at its Liverpool, England, plant after authorities determined there was contamination in its vaccine due to problems with sterility in the manufacturing process.

Aventis Pasteur, the other company approved to produce the flu vaccine for the U.S., has yet to ship 20 million doses of the vaccine it has already produced, according to the Centers for Disease control Web site.

According to physician Michael Beams of Sports Extra — a Clark-based sports medicine firm — the flu season typically starts in November and runs until April, with the

Students will cast votes in their own presidential elections

(Continued from Page 1) good schools," said Scott.

The students proved knowledgeable about state issues as well.

"We feel that McGreevey's resignation shouldn't affect Kerry," Smith said. "New Jersey voters are smarter than that."

dent teams. The Kerry team won "Best Teamwork," while the Bush Team was "Best Prepared." The individual award for "Best Presentation" went to Sara Paczkowski for her opening statement for the Bush team. Kerry team mem-

Awards were given out to the stu- ber Marc Azuino won "Most Cre-

Which team won? St. Agnes' School students will vote by secret ballot for either Kerry or Bush on Tuesday, when ballot boxes will be set up in their classrooms.

EVENTS

Skulski gallery brings pair's art to America

Skulski Art Gallery, 177 Broadway, will present the work of Agnieszka and Dariusz Golen from Friday through Nov. 12.

The opening reception will run from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Friday. The public is welcome. Admission is free.

Husband and wife Agniezka and Dariusz Golen were born in Poland. Both graduated from the sculpture department of the Tadeusz Brzozowski School of Fine Arts in Miejsce Piastowe, Poland.

They studied painting, sculpture, drawing and graphic design.

This will be their first exhibit in the United States.

\In their work they use a wide variety of media and techniques. The exhibit will include oil and pastels paintings, drawings, graphics, collages, sculpture.

The art gallery is open to the public from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday to Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Satur- rabies shot was 2001

For more information, call gallery director Aleksandra K. Nowak at 732-382-7197.

Lions host annual Halloween parade

The Clark Lions Club will host the 44th annual Halloween parade Sun-

Correction

In "Mayoral candidates spar over downtown, senior housing," in the Oct. 21 edition, Democratic mayoral candidate Sheree Bosze suggested the Madey property as a site for senior housing, not the Miele property.

It is the policy of this newspaper to correct any significant errors brought to the editor's attention. If you believe such an error has been made, contact Tom Canavan, editor in chief, PO Box 3109, Union, 07083, or call 908-686-7700, ext. 329, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.





day. The assembly point is on Denman Avenue off Westfield Avenue. Children may line up by grades starting at

Children must march in the parade to be judged. Prizes will be awarded.

The parade will begin at 2 p.m. and proceed along Westfield Avenue to the Brewer School Municipal Building.

Refreshments will be served after the parade.

Health Department offers rabies shots

The Clark Health Department will offer free rabies shots to dogs and cats owned by Clark residents on Nov. 4 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave.

Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers. Your dog and/or cat should receive a rabies shot if:

• It is at least 7 months of age

Your animal has never received a

• The last time your pet received a

As a reminder, all dogs and cats owned, harbored or kept within the township of Clark must be licensed beginning January. Late fees will be applied after January. Proof of rabies

is required to obtain a license. Call Nancy Raymond, Health Officer at 732-388-3600, ext. 3045, the day before the clinic to make sure no changes have been made to the clinic

American Education Week next month

Clark public schools will celebrate American Education Week with open house visitation on the following days at the following schools:

· Arthur L. Johnson High School, Nov. 15, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• Frank K. Hehnly School, Nov. 17, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

· Carl H. Kumpf Middle School, Nov. 18, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. · Valley Road School, Nov. 19, 9

ABC, Key Club join town for holiday festival

a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Advocates for a Better Clark, in conjunction with the ALJ Key Club, the mayor and the Township Council, will sponsor a holiday winter festival and tree/menorah lighting on Nov. 28 at the Municipal Building, 430 West-

Festivities will kick off with the mayor's annual breakfast with Santa Claus at the Gran Centurions from 9 a.m. to noon. Activities will begin in the afternoon at the Municipal Building with fun for all ages.

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Today

• The township Department of Public Works will have a free waste pickup in the 1st Ward. Materials should be curbside by 6 a.m.

DPW workers will collect furniture, toys, storm windows, car tires, rugs, storm doors, doors, clothing, windows, wood fences, tree stumps, lawn furniture and carpeting.

For more information, call the DPW at 732-388-5305.

Sunday

• The Clark Lions Club will host the 44th annual Halloween parade, which will assemble on Denman Avenue off Westfield Avenue at 1 p.m. The parade will begin at 2 p.m. and proceed along Westfield Avenue to the Brewer School Municipal Building.

Refreshments will be served after the parade.

Monday

- · Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road, will have a storytime at 10 a.m. for children younger than 6.
- The Township Council will meet at 8 p.m. in Room 16 of the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 450 Westfield Ave.

Tuesday

- · Election Day. Residents will select a mayor, three at-large council members, and a 2nd Ward council representative to complete the term of Peter Nevargic.
- Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road, will have a storytime at 7 p.m. for children 3 and older.

Wednesday

• The Department of Public Works will collect newspaper, magazines, junk mail, catalogs, notebooks, office paper and telephone books bundled together in a paper bag or tied with string. Corrugated cardboard must be flattened.

Food and beverage containers made of glass, aluminum and steel will be collected, as will plastic pop, water, milk, juice and detergent bottles. All these items can be mixed together in a sturdy metal or plastic reusable container no larger than 32 gallons. Rinse all containers thoroughly.

• Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road, will have a storytime at 10 a.m. for children younger than 6.

Upcoming Nov. 9

• Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1180 Raritan Road, will have a storytime at 7 p.m. for children 3 and older.

• The Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet from 8 to 11 p.m. in Room

16 of the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 450 Westfield Ave. Ongoing • Diversity Art Gallery in Union County Baptist Church, 4 Valley Road,

will feature the exhibit, "Water-Escapes," through Dec. 26. Regular gallery hours are from 1 to 3 p.m. Sundays, with special tours for individuals, schools and organizations also available by appointment.

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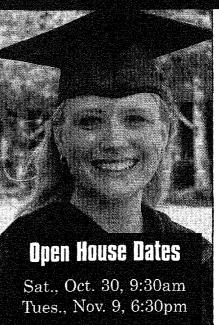
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Game off until floor repaired

A. E. Gualtieri Staff Writer

"It's getting larger and worse every day," said Lisa Hagen, a seventh-grader at Kumpf Middle School, referring to the bubble in the gym floor.

That's the good news. The bad news is that it's going to be a while until the bubble gets fixed, at least six to nine months, according to Superintendent of Schools Glenn Tillou. It will also be an expensive process, as rough estimates put the cost of replacing the floor as high as \$250,000.

"There is no easy fix and no fast solution," Tillou told the Board of Education at last week's meeting.

The floor, laid in 1966 when the school was constructed, is no longer completely flat. There is one large section where the floor boards are pulling up, and five or six other spots that are beginning to show signs of damage.

Age and fluctuating humidity in the school over the course of years has dried out the glue holding the floorboards down, Kumpf Principal James Carovillano said. The problem is not the result of water damage.

"You could do a spot repair, but six months later you'd have the same thing happening again," Carovillano said Friday.

The high cost of the floor is a result of the asbestos mastic, an adhesive, beneath the floorboards. As a result of the presence of asbestos, the repair project must include the cost of removal and abatement. Replacement of the flooring itself is estimated at \$80,000 and the other \$170,000 is for the removal and abatement process.

While it does not currently pose a health hazard, the project could not occur while the students are present. Planning and permits must be obtained from the Economic Development Agency, and the Board of Education must solicit bids before repairs can start, which Tillou hopes will occur next summer.

Until then, students only have use of half the gym. "There's caution tape around it," said Isabelle Filiciello, a Kumpf student.

According to students, gym classes are also encouraged to play outside as much as possible. "Right now, it's not a big impact because we're holding

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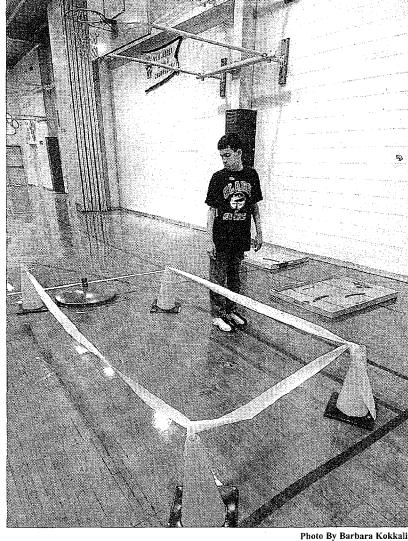
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Matt Calo, an eighth-grader at Carl H. Kumpf Middle School, stands near the risen bubble in the floor at his school's gymnasium. The bubble was caused by age and

activities outside," Carovillano said, but there will be "a big impact on the winter activities, especially afterschool activities such as the boys' and girls' basketball teams.

"They told us we might have to come to Brewer or play all away games," said Melissa Fabijanczuk, a seventh-grader. Students also reported they were told that they might have to forego some gym activities such as

School officials have cordoned off the sections of floor that show damage for safety reasons, said Tillou. Students say that there have been incidents where some have tripped on the uneven flooring.

Officials are working on finding a way of paying for the repairs. So far, the costs will be included with the current three-year bond referendum, final costs of which have not yet been received from the state. The state will split the costs with the district 40/60,

said Tillou. It's going to put "a real strain and stress on all facilities," he said at the board meeting.

Currently, the project is nearing completion of Phase I, where repairs to Carl H. Kumpf Middle School and Valley Road School such as roof work, exterior door work and window replacements have been performed. The work done during this phase at Kumpf was initially estimated to be \$411,000 and the total cost of Phase I was estimated at \$3 million, though those figures are not official and do not take into account the cost of repairs to the gym floor.

Students, however, regard the bubble more as a novelty than a nuisance. "It makes a hollow sound if something bounces on it," said one eighth-grader.

"We still play in the gym," shrugged Clinton Schroeder, a seventh-grade student. "We just cut that side off."

Two men charged with purse theft

 A pocketbook was reported stolen from a motor vehicle at 11:32 a.m., Oct. 19. The vehicle was parked at a residence at 225 Valley Road.

Officer Steve Francisco arrested Joseph C. Santos, 20, of Westfield, and Jason Mateyak, 24, of Cliffwood Beach, on St. Georges Avenue in Rahway. Both were charged with theft and then released after posting bail.

· Criminal mischief that resulted in damage to the lawn at 15 Roberts Road was reported to police on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

A motor vehicle, reported stolen from a lot at 151 Westfield Ave., at 12:44 p.m. Saturday, was later recovered by the Irvington Police Depart-

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Officer Susan Ricci was the inves-

tigating officer. · Officer Alex Yanes arrested Jeffrey J. Popolillio after a report of a suspicious person at 4A Acken Drive was made at 12:36 p.m. Friday.

Popolillio, 37, of Jersey City was arrested for obstruction of justice and was found to have outstanding warrants for his arrest from Jersey City and Hoboken totaling \$283.

Popolillio was released on his own recognizance on the Clark charges pending a court date, and posted bail on the other charges.

· Credit card fraud was reported by a resident of Thomas Drive on at 4:52

p.m. Oct. 20. · A routine motor vehicle stop along the 100 block of Walnut Avenue led to the arrest of Gregory Ben. 37, of 113B Rose St., Newark, by Officer

Steve Francisco at 10:04 a.m. Oct. 20. Ben had an outstanding warrant from Newark on charges of contempt of court from motor vehicle violations totaling \$550. He was turned over to the Newark Police Department.

· An incident of criminal mischief to a motor vehicle parked at 220 Gibson Blvd. was reported to police at 8 a.m. Oct. 20. The driver's side was reported damaged.



Tying ribbons on the breast cancer research tree at Mother Seton Regional High School are, from left, Emily Migliore, Allison Telleri, Sarah Ann Costello and Catherine Hanson, of the Religion Department.

Mother Seton fights breast cancer

Students, faculty and staff at Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark participated in National Denim Day to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Posters announcing the event were posted throughout the school.

Students who donated \$1 or more were eligible to wear denim on denim day. Both students and staff received a pink "ribbon pin" to wear throughout the

All participants were asked to hang a pink fabric ribbon on the MSR Breast Cancer research tree located in the school's main rotunda. A total of \$725 was collected.

The program was coordinated by Catherine Hanson, a member of the Religion Department at Mother Seton. The student chairperson for this endeavor was Sarah Ann Costello of Roselle Park. Costello is vice president of the student council and has conducted this event since her





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Former presidential candidate stumps for Democrats at UCC

A. E. Gualtieri Staff Writer

"Keep Jersey Blue!" read one of the signs held by an audience member, referencing New Jersey's record of voting for Democratic presidential candidates, during Howard Dean's appearance at Union County College in Cranford on Monday afternoon.

Campaigning for Kerry/Edwards Democratic presidential ticket, the former Vermont governor questioned President George W. Bush's policies as well as his vision for this country's future during the event sponsored by the New Jersey Democratic State Committee.

Prior to Dean's taking the stage, Steve Brozak, who is running against Rep. Mike Ferguson, R-7, for a seat in Congress, spoke to the standing-roomonly crowd in the Commons.

"Nov. 2 is a very important day," Broziak said, noting that Election Day is the same day that the National Guard unit from this area will be shipped to Iraq.

Broziak told the crowd to go to the polls to make their opinions heard for the Guard members, urging voter turnout among those remaining in the

Although a few Ralph Nader supporters handed out fact sheets on the Nader/Camejo campaign, the crowd was largely receptive to the Democratic Party and the Kerry/Edwards ticket, judging from the standing ovation Dean received as he took the podium.

He opened his speech with a signature "Dean Scream," before beginning his attack on Bush.

"You may be spending your junior year involuntarily in Iraq," he warned students, "The president did not tell us the truth about why we're there.'

Dean discussed the current health care policy, stating that the United States is the only industrialized nation without a national health care system.

"John Kerry will do that," he argued, stating Kerry is in favor of affordable healthcare for all Ameri-

The next part of his speech was devoted to his organization, Democracy for America, which raises money to

Caregivers group meets monthly

This group affords caregivers the opportunity to discuss issues, share personal experiences and learn about community resources available for those caring for the elderly.

Ruth Adelman, director of Caregiver Support Services at Trinitas Hospital, will lead the meetings.

The next meeting will be Nov. 16 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Atria Senior Living, 10 Jackson Drive, Cranford. The group meets in the Library and coffee and refreshments will be served. Note that beginning in December this group will meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

According to a recent survey conducted by AARP in conjunction with the National Alliance for Caregiving, there are over 44 million family caregivers in the U.S. While many of these caregivers are caring for elderly family members in their homes, others are coordinating care for loved ones who live across town or, in some cases, across the country. While each person's circumstances are unique, all caregivers experience challenges and stress as they balance caregiving, work and family responsibilities.

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donate to candidates regardless of the increased as a result of the NCLB likelihood of their success.

Dean highlighted the importance of citizen's participation in the political process, not just by voting, but also running for office and volunteering for campaigns.

"We can't just run candidates for offices we know we can win," he said, 'If you don't run, you can't win. That's the first rule of politics.'

Dean also blasted Bush for his educational policy, specifically No Child Left Behind. He asked the audience how much their property taxes had

mandates, which requires that by 2014 every student within the district of the United States meet proficiency stan-

"Send him back to Crawford," said a heckler in the crowd, echoing Dean's primary campaign slogan about Bush. Dean replied that, as the Crawford, Tex., weekly newspaper the "Lone Star Iconoclast" has endorsed Kerry, "Crawford doesn't want him."

Dean urged his audience not only to vote for all offices, federal, state, county and local, on Nov. 2, but also to consider taking time off of work to aid get-out-the-vote efforts.

Electing John Kerry is "necessary, but not sufficient," he said. "Office by office, town by town, state by state, we are going to take back this coun-

Students had mixed reactions, though more about the Kerry/Edwards ticket than about Dean.

Yasmin Approbato, a UCC student, said "I'm a Dean supporter, not a Kerry supporter." She said she'd vote for Bush because she agrees more with his policies.

"I thought his talk was great," said Michael Ruple, a UCC student and Cranford resident, who has still not decided how he will cast his vote next week. "I didn't know very much about politics before this election, but now I'm much better informed. I think Dean has a lot of energy and gets peo-

ple excited.' Two students reported that their professor had recommended that they attend the event. One remarked that he was still unsure of which candidate would get his vote, but that it would probably be Kerry.

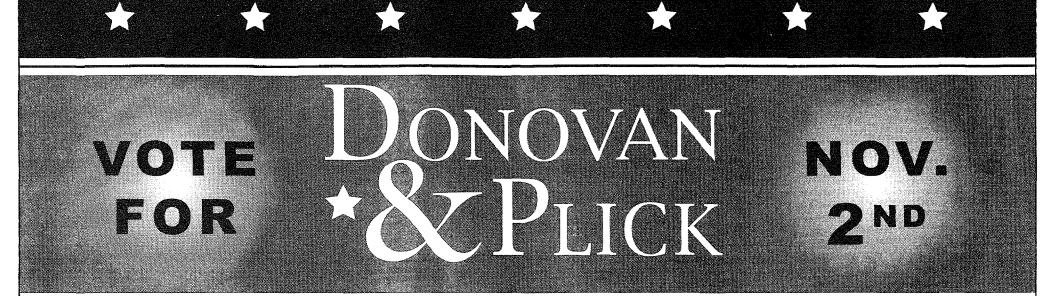
The other, who identified himself as Harry, said he doesn't feel either candidate is worthy of his vote.

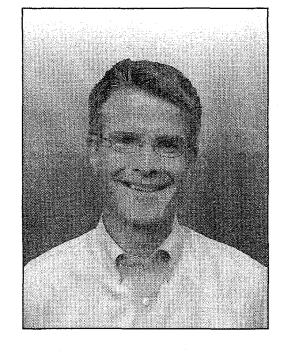
"I see it as screwed one way or screwed the other," he said.

Hyacinth Ford, another UCC student and a resident of Orange, said she'll be voting for Kerry.

"I think healthcare and stem cell research are very important," she said. "I support our troops, but I think

Kerry has a more stable outlook. Bush just goes off and does what he wants to do without thinking how it affects



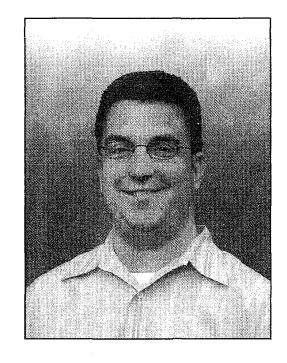


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NOW, IHEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the governing body of the Township of Clark that Chapter 11 of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Clark shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 1: Reservation Required

The use of the Township athletic activities is unrestricted and subject only to advance reservation by the individual(s), group or organization (user) seeking the use and availability of the fields on a given date.

SECTION 2: Permit Required

OBITUARIES

Harold Drechsel

Harold "Spanky" Drechsel, 78, of Cranford died Oct. 15 in the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park.

Born in Newark, Mr. Drechsel lived in South Orange for 25 years before moving to Cranford 11 years ago. He was a social worker for the Essex County Welfare Board for 32 years before retiring in 1992.

He served in the Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Theresa; three sons, Robert, David and Kevin; two daughters, Patricia Banas and Deborah Zboyan, and seven grandchildren.

Susan Popp

Susan Eleanore Popp, 47, of Cranford, formerly of Clark, died Oct. 16 in Union Hospital.

Born in Rahway, Mrs. Popp lived in Clark before moving to Cranford in 2002. She was an account clerk for Comtrol Inc., Clark, for 10 years and retired in 2001.

Surviving are her husband, Nelson; a daughter, Eva; a son, Michael; a brother, Donald Hoffman, and four sisters, Nancy Higgins, Carol Wirth, Linda Caulfield and Gloria Moore.

Charles Stecher

Charles E. Stecher, 77, of West Windsor, formerly of Cranford and Roselle, died Oct. 17 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Stecher lived in Cranford for 44 years and Roselle before moving to West Windsor last year. He was a crossing guard in Cranford for four years. Earlier, Mr. Stech-

er was a salesman for Methalwash Machinery Corp., Elizabeth, for 41 years before retiring in 1992. He was an Army Air Corps veteran and served during World War II.

Mr. Stecher was a charter member of the Cranford Elks Lodge 2004 and a member of the John Dawson Gilary Shea Assembly 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, Elizabeth.

Surviving are a son, Charles Jr., and two grandchildren.

Anne Eckler

Ane Gresko Eckler of Watchung, formerly of Cranford, died Oct. 14 at

Born in Garwood, Mrs. Eckler lived in Cranford for 30 years, Vero Beach, Fla., for 10 years before moving to Watchung recently. She was the owner of The Frameworks Gallery in Westfield, with her former husband, Jack Eckler, for 16 years and retired in

Surviving are two sons, Silvio James Papandrea and Steven Eckler; a daughter, Phyllis Patyk; two sisters, Mary Saparito and Irene Thorne; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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Doris Edwards, 74, of Cranford died Oct. 17 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Philadelphia, Mrs. Edwards lived in New York, Jersey City and Newark before moving to Cranford in 1974. She was an assembler at RCA Corp., Harrison, for 10

Surviving is a son, Charles W.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board, Township of Cranford, County of Union, New Jersey will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 107 of the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey to hear the following case:

1. Application #SD09-04; Kimm Construction, Applicants, 112 Park Drive, Block 198, Lot 1 Zone R-1, to permit a minor subdivision within a flood zone that will require the following variances: less than the minimum lot width required for a corner lot (136-30.5); less than the minimum required rear yard setback (136-30.7) on one lot; less than the minimum required combined side yard setbacks (136-30.8) on one lot; less than the minimum required lot width (136-31.B(2); and site plan data (136-42.C).

U91984 CCE October 28, 2004 (\$16.88)

LEGAL NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Adjustment (Zoning), Township of Cranford, Country of Union, New Jersey will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 20, 2004 at 7:45 p.m. in Room 107 of the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey and to hear the following case:

1. Application #Z31-04: Peter and Kathy

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Lewis, Applicants, 8 Moss Lane, Block 143, Lot 20, Zone R-3, To permit construction of an addition with less than the minimum required rear yard setback (136-30.9) and a deck with less than the minimum required that yard setback and the minimum required that yard setback 136-1. required rear yard setback (136-

num required rear yard setback (136-34.F).

2. Application #Z39-04: Paul Conway, Applicant, 325 Casino Avenue, Block 268, Lot 7. R-3 Zone, To permit construction of an addition that will connect the principal structure to the existing garage with less than the minimum required rear yard set-back (136-30.7).

All maps and papers relative to said application are on file in the Planning/Zoning Office, Cranford Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey and are available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. Any interested party or person or persons affected by this application will have an opportunity to present any objections to the proposed development. The Board does, however, have the right to exclude repetitious testimony in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Barbara Ginsberg, Secretary U91986 CCE October 28, 2004 (\$17.63)

LEGAL NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

TAKE NOTICE that on the 18th day of October, 2004, the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union took the following

1. Application #Z27-04: Granted a variance with conditions to Anthony Buontempo, Applicant, to permit construction of an in-ground pool with less than the required rear yard setback and less than the minimum allowable distance between a pool and the principal structure on Block 505, Lot 5 as shown on the Township Tax Map, also known as 630 Lincoln Park East in a R-2 Zone.

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2. Application #Z28-04: Granted a variance with conditions to AT&T Wireless, Applicant, to permit construction of cellular antennae which will exceed the maximum allowable height on Block 639, Lot 3 as shown on the Township Tax Map, also known as 11 Commerce Drive in a ROI-1 Zone.

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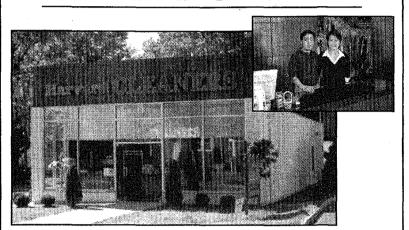
3. Application #Z18-04. Adopted resolution memorializing the approval of a variance to Jonathan and Carrie Jaffe to permit construction of an addition with less than the required rear yard setback on Block 162, Lot 54 as shown on the Township Tax Map, also known as 35 Tulip Street in the R-1 zone.

4. Application #Z21-04. Adopted resolution memorializing the approval of variance to Charles and Claire Lafferty, Applicants, to permit construction of an open front porch with less than the required front yard setback on Block 542, Lot 13, as designated on the Township Tax Map, also known as 7Behnert Place in the R-4 Zone.

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Barbara Ginsberg Board Secretary U91985 CCE October 28, 2004 (\$18.00)

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NOTICE OF INTENTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a Regular Council Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey on Monday, October 18, 2004 and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration and final passage at a Special Meeting at 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey on Monday, November 8, 2004 at 7:45 p.m. prevailing time, at which time and place all persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUP-PLEMENT CHAPTER 11 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN-SHIP OF CLARK ENTITLED PARKS, RECREATION AREAS AND FACILITIES TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE USE OF ATHLETIC FIELDS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK

WHEREAS, the Township of Clark has expended substantial public funds in the creation and maintenance of athletic fields within the Township of Clark; and WHEREAS, the Township of Clark desires to regulate the use and availability of those fields in order to insure that they will be properly conserved and maintained and to avoid any potential conflict among prospective users; and WHEREAS, the Township of Clark determines it to be in the Township's best interest that the use of these facilities be pursuant to a schedule to be maintained by the Township of Clark and by reservation in order to facilitate the foregoing

use and availability of the fields on a given date.

A prospective user shall file an application with the Township Business Administrator specifying the date, time and purpose of its proposed use, providing the name and address of the organization seeking such use and specifying the field preferred. Said application shall be on forms provided by the Township of Clark.

SECTION 3: Conflicting Applications

Applications for field reservation shall be received and permits granted on a first come first served basis. No two permits shall be given for the same facility on the same date and time.

SECTION 4: Posting

All Township athletic fields shall be posted with signage indicating that use is by advance reservation permit only, to be obtained from the office of the Township Business Administrator.

SECTION 5: No Charge

There shall be no charge or sum required to be paid by any person or entity in connection with the reservation permit application and issuance and the use of the fields shall be without fee.

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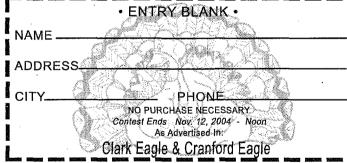
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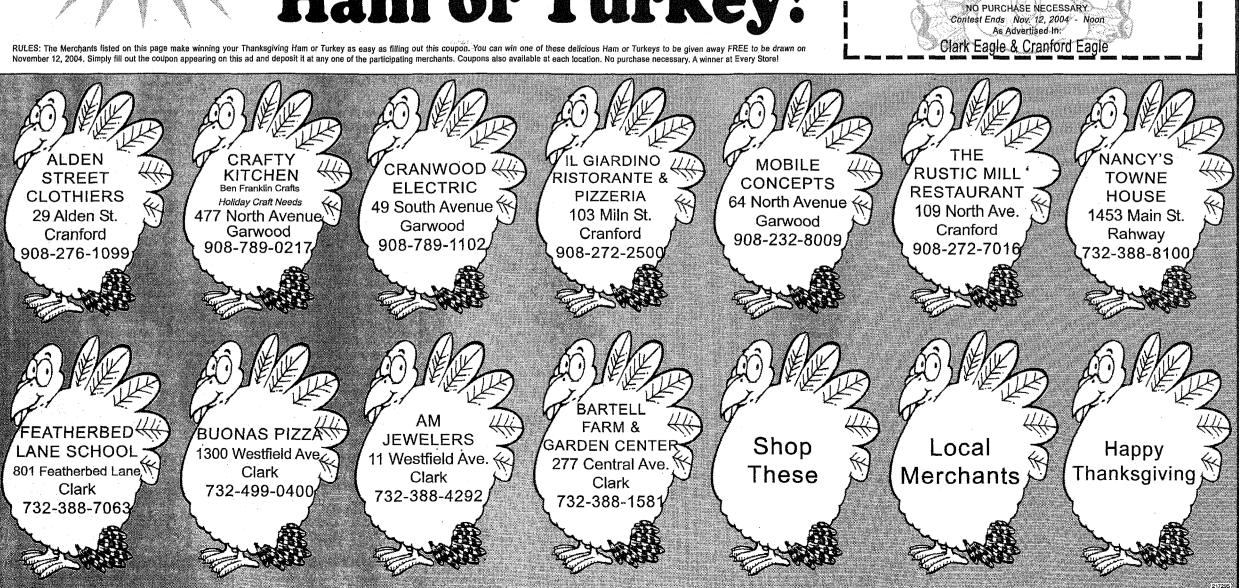
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Another term for Bonaccorso

During Mayor Sal Bonaccorso's first term, the township has expanded the public library, created a fitness center for seniors, and instituted daytime ambulance coverage, among other things, while keeping municipal tax increases to a minimum. He deserves another four-year term.

Bonaccorso has shown he can work across party lines. When the county purchased the Esposito Farm last year, he helped to avoid a plan by the Democratic-controlled freeholder board to construct a children's museum there. Seeing that the Clark Reservoir would be too expensive an initiative for the township, the mayor has started to talk to the county about assuming the project.

In his next term, Bonaccorso has promised to continue the process of implementing the township's master plan, which will take some time. He also has talked about alternatives to another Parkway exit, which likely will not happen because of opposition from neighboring towns. These are initiatives that should be tackled in his second term.

Albanese, Barr, O'Connor, Sheridan

Two years ago, Republicans swept into office largely on the issue of expanding the public library. There doesn't really seem to be a major issue in this year's election. But that doesn't mean citizens shouldn't get to the polls.

At the local level, it really shouldn't, and usually doesn't, matter much with which party a candidate is affiliated. It's not uncommon for candidates to switch parties simply to offer a challenge. Perhaps at the federal level, party affiliation influences policy and the decision-making process.

Locally, there's no real "Republican" or "Democratic" way to do things. In Clark, Democrats are opposed to the proposed senior housing site. Four years ago, they were opposed to spending money to expand the public library. Even this year, the platforms of the Republican and Democratic candidates don't appear to be all that different once you get past senior housing. Both encourage reasonable development for a downtown area along Westfield Avenue.

There is a perception in some circles that the council is a mere rubber stamp for the Bonaccorso administration. Perhaps because they brand themselves as a "team," it can seem that way, but council members must ensure that such a perception does not become reality. But looking at votes by the Township Council during the past four years, there aren't very many that one can argue would have been different if a Democrat was casting it.

Both tickets this year have presented themselves as unified tickets, which likely will lead to voting all the way down the line for the three at-large council seats and the 2nd Ward seat. Both sides have presented their platforms and no candidate seems to wander from it. But rather than provide an endorsement for an entire team, we seek to endorse the individuals who we think will do the best job.

Incumbent at-large council members have served Clark well. As liaison to the library board, Republican Angel Albanese has helped in the expansion of the public library. and her experience as a certified public accountant also can be helpful. Republican Al Barr has shown his abilities during the past year as council president, leading meetings in an efficient and respectful manner.

Democrat Nancy Sheridan has served on the Planning Board during the master plan process. Having that experience would be helpful as the township moves ahead in implementing the plan. She also advocates more trafficcalming measures along roads within the township's borders, and that's why we selected her as the third at-large candidate.

Second Ward residents also will select their representative for the next two years. A lifelong resident of Clark, Patrick O'Connor is our choice in this race, bringing his experience as a Little League and Pop Warner coach and years as a business professional.

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> — Judea Pearl Father of slain journalist Daniel Pearl

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week's mock debate at St. Agnes School, seventh-graders Marissa Steinberg, left, and Kaitlyn Duffy videotape the event.

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While many students

Sullivan, Quattrocchi, Arena and Paterson

Union County freeholder elections have gone to the Democrats nine years in a row, and come Tuesday, could very well be 10 years. The last time Republicans won a countywide election was 1994. Since Democrats have taken complete control of the county, you've seen more of your tax dollars spent on marketing firms and campaigns to promote freeholders and spending in areas where county government just doesn't belong.

While Democrats castigate Republicans for not offering any "alternatives," Democrats are known to do the same. One need only look at the push-polling they do with taxpayer dollars. In "surveys" sent to targeted constituents the last two years — paid with tax dollars — citizens have had no option other than to support whatever bloated initiative the freeholders have proposed. Last year it was "Yes! I support the Union County children's museum," and this year, "Yes! I support the county's purchase of the Union County Arts Center!" Where is the "Stop finding new ways to spend our money" option?

Patricia Quattrocchi has served on the Garwood Borough Council, and during last week's candidates' forum had quite possibly the best statement of the night when she said she knows when to speak and when to keep her mouth shut - a lesson some current freeholders would do well to learn. She stresses the need to implement local ethics reform or pay-to-play ordinance at the county level, limiting campaign contributions from vendors that receive no-bid contracts. Ethics reform is sweeping across the Garden State and there's nothing holding Union County back from enacting its own measures. But we won't hold our breath for the current freeholder board to make any such moves, as the county's Democratic Committee raises hundreds of thousands of dollars from

Her running mate, Frank Arena of Westfield, also emphasizes getting county government back to essential services. While we don't necessarily agree with his idea of ending the Open Space,

Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, we do share his position that county government has its hand in too many things.

In addition to three, three-year terms on the freeholder board this year, there is a one-year unexpired term on the ballot. Nicholas Scutari resigned from the board in March after winning election to state Senate. His term does not end until the end of 2005, so the final year of the term is open.

Bruce Paterson of Garwood has been actively following county affairs for many years and is familiar with the bud-get and its numerous programs. Though we question how realistic his claim of reducing property taxes while providing the exact same services, he probably is more knowledgeable about the budget and county operations than either opponent for the one-year term.

Daniel Sullivan of Elizabeth is seeking a fourth term on the board, having served continuously since 1995. Any governing body needs that kind of long-term perspective and history in its decision- and policy making. And that's what Sullivan offers.

During his tenure, Sullivan has consistently shown himself to be among the most thoughtful and intelligent of freeholders. He has served regularly in prominent roles, including the finance committee, open space trust fund committee, and chairman of the board. Sullivan must be wary of becoming just another yes vote, something the board certainly doesn't need.

Having served so long, Sullivan has been a member of freeholder boards that had a GOP minority and majority. One could make the case that he's served on the board during the years when Democrats have increased spending on unnecessary public relations and other unneeded initiatives. But he's among the more intelligent freeholders and the few who don't appear to just read the Democratic Party's scripts.

On Tuesday, we encourage voters to cast their ballots for Sullivan, Arena and Quattrocchi for the three three-year terms, and Paterson for the one-year term.

CANDIDATES

Sal Bonaccorso

Editor's note: Due to an error, this Candidates Corner was not published last week with the othercandidates.

I would like to thank all of my friends and neighbors for the honor and privilege of representing them as mayor for the last four years. It has been a great experience that I am proud to have shared with my wife, Geraldine, and our three children, Christina, Kellie and Joseph. What a special township Clark is.

I truly believe Clark is a better place to live than it was four years ago. I think back, before I took office, as I thought "Boy, I have my work cut out for me!" And busy is what I have been ever since!

Four years ago, our public library was small, outdated, and in desperate need of expansion and updating. Today, construction is under way, and the building is shaping up beautifully.

We will soon be enjoying 13 acres of wonderful parkland on Madison Hill Road named after the man who farmed the land longer than anyone can remember. Esposito Park will soon begin to be transformed, all thanks to bipartisan government at its

This Republican mayor and council reached across party lines to an all-

Democratic freeholder board to work for Clark to preserve open space. And soon we will make this a real gem for Clark, with recreation and relaxation for all ages.

I believe another very significant change came in an area which hopefully most of you don't know about. The implementation of daytime ambulance coverage. This problem that plagued Clark was talked about for six years prior to my administration.

Our neighbors lay in pain waiting for another town to answer their emergency calls. I am so proud that today Clark is covered seven days per week, and our residents no longer have to depend on another town. This plan was up and running in four short months.

When I think back, look around Clark, and compare to years prior, services are without a doubt at a premium. Leaves are collected faster than ever, branches are picked up monthly, bulky cleanups are given every year — not just elections — and the town overall is a cleaner, happier place.

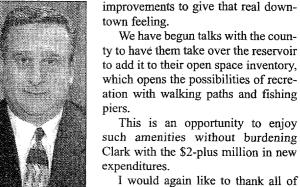
The municipal building is taking shape nicely as our neat, professional center of town. The Brewer gyms and bathrooms are now fixed and clean.

We received \$200,000 from the Field of Dreams grant, the most in all of Union County, and a state grant for \$150,000 which went directly to the youth of Clark, the first time this has every hap-

pened. The future will be bright in Clark with the reelection of my team and myself. We have begun working with both the county and the state to reconfigure the Parkway circle.

Republican

A real plan for downtown Clark is taking shape between Brant Avenue and Madison Hill Road on Westfield Avenue. Some buildings are already making major



Bonaccorso

encouragement. With your vote for the Bonaccorso Team on Nov. 2, I will only promise you four more years of hard work, progress and dedication to all of you and to the township of Clark.

you for your support, kind words and

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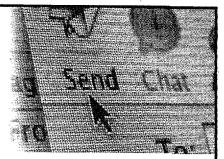
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Revised Ordinances of the Township of Clark.

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Any Ordinance or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 8: Effective Date
This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and upon publication according to law.

Kathleen Leonard U91987 CCE October 28, 2004 (\$38.63)

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, the following action was adopted at the Public Meeting of the Clark Board of Adjustment, held on October 13, 2004. Call# 24-R-04: The application of Juztino Construction, LLC was denied variances from the provisions of the Zoning Ordinances of the Township of Clark, Chapter 34, Section 34-9.3 (c) (3) and Section 34-9.3 (c) (3) (b) for the property located at 204 Miller Avenue,

Clark, New Jersey. The file papers for the above decision are available at the Clark Township Building Department, Clark Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, for public review during 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. FINK ROSNER ERSHOW-LEVENBERG, LLC by: Stanley A. Fink Attorneys for Applicant U92111 CCE Oct. 28, 2004 (\$9.75)

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NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS

NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Revised Statutes of New Jersey, 1937 Title 54, Chapter 5, and the amendments and supplements thereto "An Act concerning unpaid taxes, assessments and other municipal charges and real property and providing for the collection thereof, by the creation and enforcement of liens", together with the general laws of the State, the undersigned Collector of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey will sell at Public Auction in the Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave. Clark, Union County New Jersey at 11:00 O'Clock in the forencom on Monday the 22ND day Of November, 2004 as computed and shown on the list.

Said property will be sold in fee to such persons as will purchase same, subject to the redemption at the lowest rate of interest, but in no case in excess of Eighteen (18%) percent per annum. Provided that if any person at such sale shall offer to purchase subject to redemption at a rate of interest less than One (1%) percent per annum, then such person may, in lieu of any rate of interest, offer a premium over and above the amount of taxes, assessments and other charges, plus the highest premium.

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At any time before the sale, the Collector will receive payment of the amount due on any property with interest and costs incurred by cash, certified check, or money order.

The said properties to be sold and the names of the persons against whom said taxes, assessments and charges are due, including i

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I. THOMAS J. GRADY, COLLECTOR OF TAXES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC SALE ON THE 23rd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2004, AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 8 SPRINGFIELD AVE, CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY AT 10:00 AM OR AT SUCH TIME AND PLACE TO WHICH SAID SALE MAY THEN BE ADJOURNED, EACH AND ALL OF THE SEVERAL LOTS AND PARCELS OF LAND ASSESSED TO THE RESPECTIVE PERSONS WHOSE NAMES ARE SET OPPOSITE EACH RESPECTIVE PARCEL AS THE OWNER THEREOF FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MUNICIPAL LIENS CHARGEABLE AGAINST SAID LANDS RESPECTIVELY, AS COMPUTED UP TO THE 23rd DAY OF NOVEMBER ALL AS REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 54 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF NEW JERSEY 1937, ENTITLED "SALE OF REAL PROPERTY TO ENFORCE LIENS", SECTION 54:5-19 TO 54:5-111 AND AMENDMENTS THERETO

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LANDS AND EACH OF THE RESPECTIVE PARCELS THEREOF, WILL BE SOLD TO MAKE THE AMOUNT OF MUNICIPAL LIENS SEVERALLY CHARGEABLE AGAINST THE SAME ON THE 31st DAY OF DECEMBER 2003 EXCLUSIVE HOWEVER OF THE LIENS OF THE YEAR AS COMPUTED IN SAID LIST AGAINST EACH PARCEL OF LAND SEVERALLY ASSESSED AS ONE PARCEL, TOGETHER WITH INTEREST ON EACH OF THE SEVERAL AMOUNTS RESPECTIVELY TO THE DATE OF THE SALE AND THE COSTS OF THE SALE. PARCELS WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT INSTALLMENTS NOT YET DUE AND ANY OMITTED OR ADDED ASSESSMENTS OF IMPROVEMENTS AS PROVIDED IN N.J.S.A. 54:4-63-2 AND 63:4-6:31

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini **Sports Editor**

With two weekends to go that count toward qualifying for the state playoffs, it appears that Union County has at least six teams that are already in.

As many as four more could join them.

In already, according to my power point calculations, are: Elizabeth in North 2, Group 4. Cranford and Rahway in Central Jersey, Group 2.

New Providence and Brearley in Central Jersey, Group 1. Gov. Liv. in North 2, Group 2.

Barring upset, Elizabeth will be 8-0 after beating West Orange and Westfield. The Minutemen are battling 2001 champ Phillipsburg (7-0) and 2003 champ Piscataway (6-0) for the top seed in the section.

Cranford and Rahway will be in the CJ, G2 playoffs for the first time after qualifying in North Jersey sections previously.

New Providence and Brearley are back in the CJ, G1 playoffs. New Providence ousted Brearley in last year's quarterfinals.

Governor Livingston last qualified for the state playoffs in 2002, falling at West Essex 23-18 in the quarterfinals. The Highlanders have reached only one final, the 1989 North 2, Group 2 championship

GL should get back in whether it wins or loses at home to Roselle

Linden will get back to the North 2, Group 4 playoffs with wins over Scotch Plains and Newark East Side. The Tigers may also qualify with just a win over East Side, even though the Red Raiders are now a Group 3 school and still winless.

Scotch Plains will qualify in North 2, Group 3 with wins over Linden and Union. A split will be

Roselle Park will qualify in Central Jersey, Group 1 with wins over Brearley and Middlesex, both 5-1 teams in its section. A split will be

Hillside is eighth in power points in North 2, Group 2 and would definitely make it with wins over North Plainfield and Spotswood. A split will be close.

WEEK SEVEN GAMES

Friday, Oct. 29 (4) Bridge.-Raritan at Union, 7 p.m. Plainfield at Cranford, 7 New Providence at Butler, 7 Brearley at R. Park, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30 (7) Elizabeth at West Orange, 1 p.m. Westfield at Irvington, 1 Linden at Scotch Plains, 1 North Plainfield at Hillside, 1 Newark Central at Rahway, 1 Roselle at Gov. Livingston, 1 Han. Park at Summit, 1:30 p.m.

Off: Johnson

WEEK SIX SCORES Friday, Oct. 22 (2) Cranford 45. N. East Side 0 Hillside 38, Delaware Valley 6 Saturday, Oct. 23 (7) Union 24, Westfield 3 Irvington 41, Linden 20 Shabazz 15, Plainfield 14 Gov. Livingston 19, Johnson 0 Rahway 28, Roselle 0 New Providence 47, Manville 0 Mendham 37, Summit 14 Off: Roselle Park, Brearley Elizabeth, Scotch Plains.

WEEK SEVEN PICKS (11) Union over B-Raritan

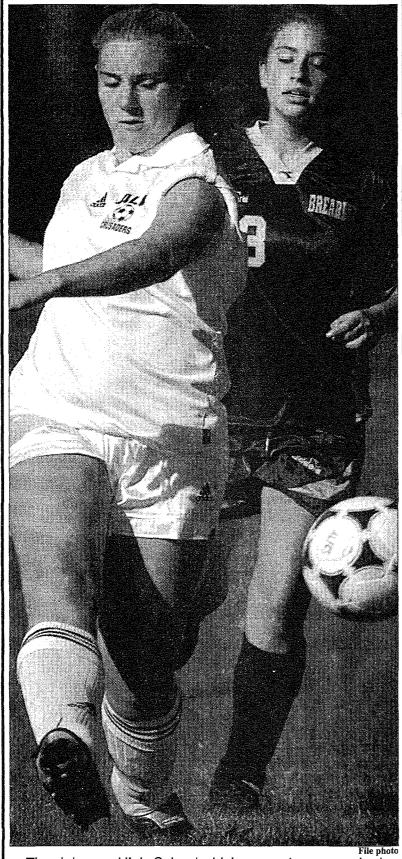
Cranford over Plainfield Brearley over Roselle Park Elizabeth over West Orange Irvington over Westfield Linden over Scotch Plains North Plainfield over Hillside Rahway over Newark Central Gov. Livingston over Roselle Summit over Hanover Park Butler over New Providence Last week: 7-2 This year: 54-21 (.720)

UNION COUNTY

- 1. Elizabeth (6-0)
- 2. Linden (4-2)
- 3. Cranford (5-1) 4. New Providence (6-0)
- 5. Rahway (5-1)
- 6. Brearley (5-1)
- 7. Scotch Plains (3-3) 8. Plainfield (2-4)
- 9. Union (2-4)
- 10. Roselle Park (4-2)
- Gov. Livingston (4-3) Hillside (3-3)
- Roselle (3-3) Summit (2-5) Westfield (0-6)

Johnson (0-7)

On to the states



The Johnson High School girls' soccer team, sparked by the play of Melissa Pastor (No. 19), qualified for the Central Jersey, Group 2 playoffs. The Crusaders were edged by Governor Livingston 1-0 in overtime in last Saturday's UCT quarterfinals in Berkeley Heights. Johnson began the week with a 9-4 record.

Clark Soccer Club squads outstanding

There were plenty of outstanding performances in Clark Soccer Club competition as of Oct. 23.

Here's a look at some:

DIVISION 3

J&E Auto 1, Personal Threads 0: Michael DeMarco scored the game's lone goal, with additional outstanding play coming from goalkeeper Kyle Myers, Zachary Sandler and Thomas Messina.

Starmatic 3, Bonaccorso Landscaping 2: Michael Rojek took possession of the ball late in the game and scored on a breakaway to net the game-winning goal, which was his third of the match. Ryan Lugo and Tanner Westcott earned

Jersey One Insurance 1, Red Legs 0: Both teams excelled on a cold field. Jersey One Insurance 4, Little Jimmy's 0: Adam Kedra and Matthew Diorio scored, while Noelle Fathalia, Anthony Fillicello and Christian Barbosa excelled on defense.

J&E Auto 2, Printmark 1: Zachary Sandler made the save of the year by stopping a breakaway late in the game. Michael DeMarco scored a goal and played outstanding all over the field. Ryan Gibb, Mitchell Becker, Mia Campanella and Domenic "Sly" Stallone kept the offense-line pressure up the entire game. Kyle Myers, Andrew Calo and James Walsh also excelled.

Red Legs 4, Merchants of Venice 2: Victoria Isidron scored her first goal of the year to give the Red Legs the lead. Scott Tombs played well in goal in the first half and then scored two goals for the Red Legs in the second. Starmatic 5, Personal Threads 1: Connor Ford, Nicholas Cunningham and

Tanner Westcott earned assists and Ford, Jacob Pajewski, Steven Villaverde and Westcott had shots on goal, but who scored the goals was not reported. Others who excelled on offense were James Webb, Nicholas Cunningham and Rebecca Egner. Playing well on defense were goalies Brendan Mulvihill and Ryan Lugo and teammates Amber Tami and Haleigh Rojek.

Little Jimmy's 2, Merchants of Venice 0: Chris Viera scored Little Jimmy's first two goals of the year to give Little Jimmy's its first victory of the season. Also playing well for LJ were Emily Baily, Ryan Bohm, Alex Pezzella, Ryan Simas and Arlene Vill on offense and Brian Wells, Jessie Riddlestrofer, Cameron Hund, Jenna Moore, Jessie Sbarro and goalies Katelyn Dougherty and Wyatt Bohm on defense.

UCT INFORMATION RIGHT HERE

Union County Tournaments continue beginning today with the girls' volleyball semifinals at Roselle Catholic.

The boys' soccer and girls' soccer semifinals are Saturday and the field hockey finals Saturday.

Here's a closer look:

UCT Weekend

Girls' Volleyball: Semifinals at Roselle Catholic today at 6 p.m. and 7:30

3- New Providence vs. 2-Union Catholic, 6 p.m.

5-Westfield vs. 1-Rahway, 7:30

Final is Saturday at RC at 6 p.m. after JV final at 4.

Field Hockey: Finals at Chatham Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and 11:30 a.m. Varsity: 3-Johnson vs. 1-Oak Knoll, 1:30 p.m. JV: Summit vs. Oak Knoll, 11:30 a.m.

Boys' Soccer: Semifinals at Elizabeth's Williams Field Saturday at 6 and 8. 3-Scotch Plains vs. 2-Elizabeth, 6 p.m. 17-Summit vs. 4-Union, 8 p.m.

Girls' Soccer: Semifinals at Union Saturday 5 and 7. 6-Westfield vs. 2-Gov. Livingston, 5 p.m. 9-Rahway vs. 4-Cranford, 7 p.m.

ALJ field hockey finally reaches UCT title game

It will be Johnson vs. Oak Knoll for crown

By Jeff Wolfrum Staff Writer

CRANFORD - Leaving them feeling cornered.

That's what the Johnson High School field hockey team did to Cranford in its 2-0 win in the semifinals of the Union County Tournament last Friday afternoon at Orange Avenue School.

Even though Johnson had only half the corner opportunities its opponent was awarded, the Crusaders held the second-seeded Cougars off the scoreboard en route to gaining their first-ever appearance in the championship game.

Third-seeded Johnson, which improved to 11-3-1 with the victory, takes on top-seeded Oak Knoll in the final. Oak Knoll, which began the week a perfect 16-0, downed defending champion Kent Place 2-0 at home in last Friday's other semifinal. Oak Knoll began the week with a perfect 16-0 record.

The championship game will be played Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Oak Knoll's home field in Chatham.

In the two previous meetings this year, Oak Knoll has come away with a pair of victories. On Sept. 20, Oak Knoll won at home by a 3-1 margin. The Royals needed overtime to beat the Crusaders 3-2 in Clark on Oct. 14.

"We have only had the field hockey program at our school for the past 10 years," Johnson head coach Katrina Anderson-Dobbins said. "This is the first year we're going to the county final."

Cranford, which dropped to 9-3-2 with the loss, finished with a 24-10 edge in corners during the match.

"I have a very experienced defense that really came to play," Anderson-Dobbins said. "When they come to play, this is the way that they can play.'

That's exactly what the Crusaders did in the early going as they controlled the ball deep in Cranford territory.

That led to a corner for Johnson and at the 26:40 mark the Crusaders made good on it as Allison Severage scored off a feed from Kerri Polidore to make it 1-0.

"That goal got us really pumped up," Johnson senior Jessica Megill said. "We knew if we could get another goal we would be in good shape."

That's because the Johnson defense, led by Polidore, Laurie and Lynne Kovolisky, was outstanding at deflecting shots and clearing passes.

When getting through to take a good shot, Cranford still had to get the ball past Johnson junior goalkeeper Jenna Feminello, who was brilliant in making 20 saves for a

Midway through the first half, Cranford had its best chance when Alana Buonaguro ripped a shot from the left corner that Feminello made a pad save on.

"I came into the game pretty confident with myself," Feminello said. "After a while, I was feeling like I had

What Johnson had with 10 minutes left before halftime was a golden opportunity to put itself up by two goals, but Cranford goaltender Theresa Meise made three consecutive stops from point-blank range. However, on the last stop, a whistle was blown in the crease, thus resulting in a penalty shot for the Crusaders with 9:31 remaining before inter-

Polidore lined up to take the shot, but her high liner to the upper left corner was stopped by Meise.

"I think Meise is an amazing goalie," Anderson-Dobbins said. "This was the first time we were able to score on her all season, so I think she's in a class of her own in Union County this year."

Even though Johnson didn't get on the scoreboard there, the Crusaders did some seven seconds later as Megill grabbed a loose ball and fired a 15-footer into the lower left corner to make it 2-0.

"They were taking a free hit and I guess they didn't hit the ball far enough," Megill said. "I just tapped it and then brought it into the circle, saw the corner and got it in."

The goal seemed to finally awaken the Cranford offense as it put major pressure on the Crusaders, resulting in a half-dozen corners.

However, the Cougars were turned aside every time as they trailed at halftime by a two-goal margin.

"Sometimes your on every single ball and they just don't go in," Cranford first-year coach Jodie Davis said. "They made their corners and we didn't, so that was the

The second half was more of the same for the Cougars, who had a 13-7 advantage from the corners.

"The key to the game was we were able to move to the ball and cut them off," Megill said. "We all came mentally prepared for this game."

The win was also a measure of revenge for the Crusaders, who dropped a 3-0 decision at Cranford on Oct. 8 after tying the Cougars 0-0 on Oct. 4 in Clark.

"I have a lot of respect for the Cranford program," Anderson-Dobbins said. "I used to wear the uniform for them in high school, so

Impressive performances at county gymnastics event

this makes it even sweeter."

Johnson's Rusin places among the best

By Jeff Wolfrum Staff Writer

CRANFORD - Plenty of fine efforts.

Before entering the start of the Union County Gymnastics championships at Martin Gymnasium last Friday night, Elizabeth High School senior Tiffany Lewis had the pressure of a community on her shoulders to have an outstanding effort.

Lewis didn't disappoint as she took two events and the all-around title as well in compiling a score of 36.350. Those marks helped Elizabeth finish eighth overall in the team standings with a score of 52.050.

Johnson was sparked by the outstanding efforts of Marissa Rusin, who proved to be one of the top gymnasts in the county.

"Not too many gymnasts come from Elizabeth," Lewis said.

"This was something big for us because, earlier in the day, all of the officials there were saying to me that I better go out there and win for our school. That's exactly what I did, so I'm very happy." Lewis took top honors in the uneven bars with a score of

9.050 and the vault with a 9.200. "In the past few years, I have always fell off the bars, but this year, I really stayed with my routine and did what I had

to do," Lewis said. "However, I was most surprised by my score on the vault because I never thought they where going to give me

In the balance beam, Lewis placed second and in the floor exercise took third as she recorded an identical score

of 9.000. "I was worried a little because I changed my whole rou-

tine on the beam, but my coach (Evie Leonard) assured me that I would be fine," Lewis said.

"On the floor, I did decent considering the situation because it's not a great floor." Dayton/Brearley, which won the team title with a score

of 102.850, was paced by the performance of sophomore

Andie Sablosky, who placed second in the all-around with a score of 35.575. Sablosky took second in the vault with an 8.950 and floor exercise with a 9.075. She also placed third in the balance beam with an 8.950 and fifth in the uneven bars with

an 8.600. Teammate Jessica Zalutko was fourth in the floor exercise with a 9.000, while Lisa Madonia was sixth in the same event with a 8.875.

"Even though you always want to do better, I'm happy with my performance," Sablosky said. "I'm very proud of my team, though. Last year, we tried

to get use to one another because we didn't know each other. "However, this year, everyone had more trust and was

out there to get what we wanted." Union, which finished seventh overall with a score of 79.00, was sparked by the stellar performance of freshman Jessica Greenwald, who placed third in the all-around with

Greenwald took top honors in the balance beam with a 9.050, fourth in the uneven bars with an 8.800 and fifth in the vault with an 8.800.

a score of 35.350.

"I was really proud of my beam routine because it was the first one I stuck all season," Greenwald said. "I also got a pair of 8.8s to go along with an 8.7 on the floor exercise, so I'm happy with that."

Rusin placed fourth in the all-around with with a score of 35.300, followed by Claire McDonald of Westfield with a 35.275 score and Katie Zaleski of Scotch Plains with a 35.100 mark.

Rusin did well to place third in the uneven bars with a score of 8.900, fourth in the vault with a score of 8.800 and sixth in the balance beam with a mark of 8.750. Rusin was also seventh on the floor exercise with a

score of 8.85. She will represent Johnson at sectional competition on Nov. 5. Scotch Plains, which won the title last year, finished

second with a score of 101.525, followed by Westfield with a score of 101.025 and Cranford at 94.000. Union Catholic finished fifth with a score of 92.700, fol-

lowed by Johnson with a score of 84.350. Roselle Park, which had one individual participant in Angelena Badillo, placed ninth with a score of 32.000, while Rahway, who also had one participant in Nicole

Romeo, placed 10th with a score of 31.400. The county was well-represented by all gymnasts.

2004 UCT GYMNASTICS Teams: 1-Dayton/Brearley 102.850. 2-Scotch Plains 101.525. 3-Westfield 101.025. 4-Cranford 94.000. 5-Union Catholic 92.700. 6-Johnson 84.350. 7-Union 79.000. 8-Elizabeth 52.050. 9-Roselle Park 32.000. 10-Rahway

All-Around: 1-Tiffany Lewis, Elizabeth, 36.350. 2-Andie Sablosky, Dayton/Brearley, 35.575. 3-Jessica Greenwald, Union, 35.350. 4-Marissa Rusin, Johnson, 35.300. 5-Claire MacDonald, Westfield, 35.275. 6-Katie Zaleski, Scotch Plains, 35.100. Vault: 1-Tiffany Lewis, Elizabeth, 9.200. 2-Andie

Sablosky, Dayton/Brearley, 8.950. 3-Claire MacDonald, Westfield, 8.850. 4-Marissa Rusin, Johnson, 8.800. 5-Jessica Greenwald, Union, 8.800. 6-Katie Zaleski, Scotch Plains, 8.450. Uneven Bars: 1-Tiffany Lewis, Elizabeth, 9.050. 2-

Katie Zaleski, Scotch Plains, 9.025. 3-Marissa Rusin, Johnson, 8.900. 4-Jessica Greenwald, Union, 8.800. 5-Andie Sablosky, Dayton/Brearley, 8.600. 6-Claire MacDonald, Westfield, 8.600.

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

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

Johnson gymnastics

Coach: Dawn Davis.

Gymnasts: Stephanie Barbosa, Brittany Pinkham, Marissa Lombardi, Cristina Coler, Marissa Rusin, Jill Fiore, Jess Augustyn, Stephanie Vagie, Stephanie Roszkowski, Patty Matejek, Krista Lombardi, Danielle Kane, Brittney Barat.

The Crusaders are scheduled to compete at Somerville today at 4:30 p.m.

Scores this year include:

Sept. 28: Union 79.45, Johnson 74.3 Oct. 5: Scotch Plains 100.9, Johnson 83.0

Oct. 12: Johnson 79.4, Elizabeth 62.15



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Final kick

Nate Adams came out of Purdue University in the mid-'60s. His amazing speed in the 100-yard dash found him as the only person to ever beat the then world's fastest human Bob Hayes. Later, as our friendship and his business success both grew, Adams would talk about the final kick as the way to succeed in life.

The final kick is showing among candidates pressing the flesh in the county in the final days. It's getting more intense and some would even say nasty.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

Republican Michael Plick spent a chunk of Saturday positioned outside the Cranford Post Office. An executive with an impressive following in the town's large yuppie segment, he even shaved his small goatee.

Plick is obviously serious about his run for Township Committee. He can be spotted most evenings going door to door. Now he does so without the facial hair.

A little west on North Avenue. Democratic candidate for Congress Steve Brozak stood at the Westfield Post Office. Later he would press the flesh at the Rustic Mill diner in Cranford.

The latest contribution reports find him being outspent by his opponent, incumbent Michael Ferguson, by about three to one. Come Sunday Brozak made a quick stop at the Democrats' annual get-out-to-vote breakfast. He then raced to his one debate with Ferguson.

The Democratic event in Mountainside saw County Chairwoman Charlotte DeFilippo confess that when an emergency call brought her back in her house in Hillside, her remarks left on the car, blew away probably easterly to Elizabeth. She recovered quickly to pump up the troops, and spoke of her concern of the nasty turn this year's election has taken.

The chairwoman left the Bush bashing to the three congressmen, Bob Menendez, Frank Pallone and Donald Payne, who were present. They spoke about the political map of Democrats in blue and the Republicans in red which now dominates our country.

About the time the Democrats were finishing up their eggs, Alvin Barr, Republican Council at-large incumbent, was going door to door in Clark's hotly contested 2nd Ward. The streets were the same that Democratic 2nd Ward candidate Gerri Zimmerman had walked the day before.

On the star power side, Cranford attorney Bill Palatucci, with considerable influence in the Bush White House has already brought number one sister Doro Bush for stops in Westfield and Cranford. DeFilippo countered bringing Howard Dean on Monday to Union County College.

A troubling article in US News and World Report last week stated the deep divide in the American electorate is getting worse. Examining the rift on foreign policy and the so-called "cultural war" they predict it will all continue in the

The county got a dose of the ill feelings at the debate among freeholder candidates. The moderator from the League of Women Voters was actually forced to gavel down three hand-waving, insult-yelling hecklers.

The usually staid Cranford Township meeting hall even saw the quick arrival of a plainclothes detective and an officer who left his black and white in front of the building.

If the polarized climate is really upon us, it explains the final kick. Playing for all the marbles is a pretty big incentive to get over the finish line first.

A Democrat, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.

Four freeholder seats up for grabs

By Mark Hrywna Regional Editor

In the largest field of county candidates in recenty memory, voters will choose six countywide posts in Tuesday's General Election.

In addition to the three seats on the freeholder board that are up annually, this year the county sheriff and county surrogate are also on the ballot, along with a one-year, unexpired term on the

The sheriff and three freeholder candidates seek three-year terms while the surrogate will be elected to a fiveyear term.

In the race for sheriff, Democrat Ralph Froehlich seeks another term against Republican Peter Lijoi. For surrogate, incumbent Democrat James LaCorte faces a challenge from Republican Michael Panagos.

The only incumbent in this year's freeholder race is Daniel Sullivan of Elizabeth, who is seeking a fourth term. He's running with Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski of Cranford, who was appointed to her seat last month, and Plainfield City Council President Adrian Mapp. Freeholders are considered part-time positions and earn annual salaries of approximately \$28,013.

Freeholder John Wohlrab's name is still on the ballot for the one-year seat, but was replaced on the board last week by Nancy Ward, also of Linden. He was appointed to replace state Sen. Nicholas Scutari earlier this year but resigned amid assault charges stemming from an alleged domestic violence incident. For Republicans, Bruce Paterson of Garwood seeks the

Republicans also are running Joseph Renna of Cranford, who ran as

Sheriff,

surrogate

challenged

By Anna Kreyman

Staff Writer

candidates on Tuesday to fill two con-

stiutional officer positions at the coun-

dent Shawn Gianella argued that he is

the man for the job and stated that it is

unconstitutional for an attorney to act

iffs should deal with peace enforce-

ment, not law enforcement and cannot

attorney for more than 20 years.

"The Constitution states that sher-

Republican Peter Lijoi has been an

One of the issues that all three

opponents agree on is that "the public

needs to gain more knowledge to com-

bat disasters such as the Sept. 11 ter-

Gianella said. "I have anti-terrorism

training and I wrote safety programs

for hotels and restaurants, so I can

help educate the county on this stuff."

in Elizabeth, said people have confi-

am always looking for new and better

things to do as sheriff," Froehlich, a

resident of Union, said. "People see

me as a law enforcement person that

Gianella, a field manager for a

mechanical engineering company,

said the county's current sheriff has

done a poor job of teaching residents

how to react during a sudden terror

code red anyone found on the street

can be shot," he added.

marshals in their place.

event of danger.

"People do not know that during

Lijoi, a resident of Summit, said

"This needs to be done in such a

Gianella said the main reason he is

there must be community forums that

teach residents how to react in the

way that does not frighten, but instead

running is to educate the sheriff's

office on their rights and duties and

added that he is aware that the federal

government is working to do away

with county sheriffs and put federal

county sheriffs do not take orders from

the federal government, but not too

many people know that," he said.

"According to the Constitution

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educates the people," he added.

produces, not a man of politics."

dence in him because of his success.

Froehlich, who was born and raised

"I've had a great career because I

"I served as a military policeman,"

as county sheriff.

rorist attacks."

be lawyers," he added.

When it comes to sheriff, Indepen-

Voters will decide between five

an Independent last year, Patricia Quattrocchi of Garwood and Frank Arena of Westfield for the three threevear terms

Alexander Savin of Union is the only Independent running in this year's election.

Candidates gathered last week for a candidates' forum in the Cranford Municipal Building. Throughout the two-hour segment focusing on the eight freeholder candidates, there was an occasional remark from the audience but only once was the evening interrupted.

Sullivan began to say that Renna was terminated as an employee of the county when Renna's wife, Tina, began shouting and calling Sullivan a liar. Once that outburst began, several county employees in attendance shouted back at her to remain quiet.

The forum was interrupted for several minutes as the League of Women Voters moderator was unable to regain control. Ultimately, a Cranford police officer was stationed at the door. A brief interruption several minutes later prompted a warning from the officer to Renna supporters.

Joe Renna was a public information employee at Runnells Specialized Hospital until early this year. Renna and the county had been in and out of administrative law hearings for months prior to that.

Alexander Savin

Savin, the lone Independent, said he will not accept a salary, if elected to the freeholder board. His main concern is creating affordable, accessible health care for elderly, disabled and disadvantaged citizens.

"What we really need is new leadership with vision for future."

Who's on the ballot

Freeholder, three three-year terms

Frank Arena, Republican Bette Jane Kowalski, Democrat Adrian Mapp, Democrat Patricia Quattrocchi, Democrat Joe Renna, Republican Alexander Savin, Independent Daniel Sullivan, Democrat

Freeholder, one-year term

Bruce Paterson, Republican John Wohlrab, Democrat*

Sheriff, three-year term Ralph Froehlich, Democat

Shawn Gianella, Independent Peter Lijoi, Republican

Surrogate, five-year term

James LaCorte, Democrat Michael Panagos, Republican

* Wohlrab is on the ballot but resigned his seat on the freeholder board and has been replaced by Nancy Ward. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

freeholder after his wife needed longterm healthcare and entered Runnells Specialized Hospital. "What I see there, it's the sole reason I'm running."

Problems, he said, have been neglected by the current leadership.

Savin also called on the two major parties to "stop bickering...and at least have honest government."

Daniel Sullivan

"We've taken a government that crumbled under Republican control, and reconnected it to the public," Sul-Savin said he decided to run for livan said. Where the GOP looked to cut education, Democrats hvae provided the Senior Scholars and Freeholder Scholars programs and expanded the county's vocational-technical school, he added. He also said that Runnells Specalized Hospital, which Republicans have wanted to privatize, is now turning a profit. The opposition "provides no options, no vision," Sullivan said.

Countering GOP charges that Democrats have raised taxes, Sullivan said that from 1997 to 2000, the all-Democratic freeholder board cut or stabilized property taxes. "Because they say it, doesn't make it so."

Republicans "will try to tell you county government is not important. Tell that to patients at Runnells," Sullivan said.

Bruce Paterson

Paterson called county government "a big jigsaw puzzle," but upon closer inspection, "not all the pieces fit." He charged that all the programs that Democrats tout only make up about 5 percent of the budget. "The system has become stagnant and bloated."

The county fails to mention that the state took \$17 million in expenses out of its budget after taking over the cost of running the Superior Court system, Paterson said. Bond rating services indicated that Union County has "great cash flow. That's because taxes keep going up."

"It's up to all of use to stop this boondoggle," Paterson said.

Frank Arena

"Most homeowners pay more of their property tax bill to the county than to municipalities, and still don't know what or who a freeholder is," Arena said. "County government lacks focus and accountability."

If as a freeholder he can remove the current invisible status of county government, Arena said he will have provided a service to people of Union

Democrats "think things are just peachy in Union County," however, most constituents don't know what freeholder does or who they are.

"There's a lot of duplication of services because residents just don't

Arena fears the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund is "morphing into some-See VOTERS, Page B2

Kean U. remembers Estabrook

By Anna Kreyman Staff Writer

Kean University honored and remembered a man who was considered one of the most prominent attorneys in the Garden State.

The university, on Morris Avenue in Union, presented a fountain, in the form of an infinity symbol, and building, in Kenneth Estabrook's name during a ceremony Friday. The fountain, representing infinite bursts of knowledge flowing all in one direction, is named Estabrook Garden.

Mr. Estabrook, 79, died of a heart attack on Nov. 13 but he is survived by friends, co-workers, seven children, 11 grandchildren and a sister, all of whom attended the university's memorial on Friday.

During the cold and windy afternoon, men, women and children spoke of Mr. Estabrook and described him as being a "ball of energy," always looking to accomplish new things.

"Our honoree can best be described with this phrase: 'When I die, I want it said of me that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower will grow," Kean University President Danwood Farahi said. "Our Ken Estabrook planted thousands of flowers here at Kean University."

The man who stood tall and spoke sharp, Mr. Estabrook, was on Kean University's Board of Trustees for eight years and chairman for almost

"He always had a smile - even during dull board meetings," Farahi said. "His single-mindedness was what accomplished a great many things at Kean."

Mr. Estabrook, said by many to be an outspoken fellow, put his drive into the renovation of a building, where former Sen. Hamilton Fish Kean used to live, a building that is now fully upgraded and houses various offices, admission and a one-stop service center for students: the Kean Hall and Conference Center.

The founder of the Conference Room in Kean Hall, he also funded it along with other numerous endowments to the college, according to Kean University officials. His last gift to the university was a \$50,000 endowment for the New Jersey Center for Science and Technology Education.

"Ken's vision was to make the uni-

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Vigil for those lost



Photos By Reena Rose Sibayan

The YWCA of Eastern Union County and Kean University's Office of Community and Disability Services sponsored a candlelight vigil Oct. 20 in memory of women in Union County who have lost their lives through domestic violence. At the vigil are, from left, Laurie, a domestic abuse survivor, Gloria Brown of the Union County Section of the National Council of Jewish Women, and Shari Bloomberg, domestic violence program director for the Jewish Family Service Agency of Central New Jersey.

Court system tackles caseloads

By Anna Kreyman Staff Writer

Union County is speeding up the wheels of justice with a program spearheaded by the county's assignment judge. For the past year, Superior Court Assignment Judge Walter Barisonek piloted a program that brings cases to

trial three weeks ahead of normal schedule. "This program brings closure to cases quicker because the assistant prosecutor's office goes to the Linden, Union, Rahway, Roselle and Hillside police departments and helps with the investigation, especially the written part," he said.

Barisonek said the plan is to expand the program to the rest of the county, the manpower is not yet available. Assistant Prosecutor Julie Peterman travels to the five

municipalities weekly and gives officers legal advice. Barisonek added that this process helps the police get the reports done quicker and in turn have more time for other duties.

"We can bounce the investigation plans off of her," Union Police Chief Thomas Kraemer said. "Peterman gives us a grand jury preparation package that tells us what we need to tighten up our cases." He added that before, legal advice would be given to the officers a number of months later, when the case had already gone to trial.

"We need the legal information when we are preparing for the case, not when it is already in front of the judge," Kraemer said.

Rahway police officials are also pleased with the process, saying it makes the investigation smoother and more efficient.

"Peterman determines right away if a case needs to be downgraded to the municipal court level," Rahway Detective Capt. Paul Wohltman said. "This way the investigation report does not bounce around from the municipality to the county back and forth, in some cases taking over a month until it is finally taken care of."

The county handles roughly 7,000 indictment cases each vear, according to officials.

"With this program the Prosecutor's Office also creates a dismissal list every month, which helps to readily identify which cases have been pre-screened and which are going to the township court," Barisonek said.

The Hillside police officials were not in favor of the program when it first was started.

"At first, the detectives were wondering why someone outside of the department would be coming in to do their job," Hillside Police Chief Robert Quinlan said, "but, we really have benefited tremendously from having Peterman's input. This speeds up everything. She helps us with warrants, gives legal advice and gives a helping hand to get the paperwork done."

The Hillside Police Department wrote a letter of thanks to the Prosecutor's Office. "We let their office know that our success with cases has

never been so high," Quinlan said. "We try to keep up with case law, but knowing that we have Peterman - it's the difference between winning and losing a case."

Prosecutor Theodore Romankow said that Peterman's assignment has helped to improve case processing and cut down on the court's backlog of criminal cases.

COUNTY NEWS

McGovern to lead 2005 St. Patrick's Day parade

The 2005 Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee has selected Frank Michael McGovern as general chairman for the 2005 parade, to be March 12 in the Township of

McGovern has been an active parade committee member for the past six years. He most recently served as first vice chairman, who is responsible for assisting on oversight of committees affiliated with the



McGovern

parade. McGovern has also served as chairman of the

Investiture Mass, financial secretary and chairman of the St. Patrick's Honor Guard.

McGovern was born in Elizabeth over 40 years ago to Frank and Gail McGovern. He attended and received his high school diploma from Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark. He then pursued and received a bachelor of science in business administration from Farleigh Dickinson in

In August 1981 he married the former Eileen Whalen. They have four children: Daughters Megan Ann, Kelly Elizabeth, Brigid Kathleen and a son, Frank Patrick.

McGovern and his family reside in the Cranford. He has been employed for the past 20 years with Pirelli Power Cables & Systems, USA LLC, in South Plainfield and currently holds the position of division vice president, cable accessories.

His charitable contributions include but are not limited to being a member of the Friendly Son's of St. Patrick of Union County, St. John's (Linden) Irish Association, trustee and member of the St. John's Social Concerns and Capital Campaign Committees, and a volunteer at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Adopt-A-Trail meeting

Looking for a great volunteer opportunity? Need to log in some hours for that community service project? Maybe you're an avid hiker, equestrian or nature lover who uses the trails in the Watchung Reservation, Union County's 2,000-acre park and wants to "give something back." Whatever the reason the county's Adopt-A-Trail orientation meeting will be tonight from 7 to 9:15 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center's TMA Room, below the museum building, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. Light refreshments will be provided.

A meeting for new trail stewards who would like to adopt a section of hiking or bridle trail is scheduled from 7 to 7:45 p.m. Potential trail stewards will be introduced to the Adopt-A-Trail Program and assignments will be given out. Following the AAT meeting for new stewards, current volunteers will meet from 7:45 to 9:15 p.m. to discuss topics such as maintenance how-to's and tool safety.

Participants will also hear an update on the Sierra & Blue trail blazing (marking) project and Outstanding Trail Stewards Awards will be given

AAT participants are required to adopt their trail for a period of at least

two years, visiting the trail, removing litter, doing minor pruning, clearing drainage pipes of debris and re-marking trails as needed. It is mandatory that AAT volunteers attend an orientation meeting and one additional meeting during the year.

Pre-registration for the orientation and general AAT meetings are required. Call Trailside at 908-789-3670, ext. 221, to register and/or for more information.

Clerk's office will be open on Saturdav

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi will open her office on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for voters seeking last-minute absentee ballots. The office will be open as a public service for voters seeking absentee ballot applications who will be unable to vote at the polls in the General Election on Nov. 2.

Mail-in applications legally cannot be accepted if they are postmarked after Oct. 26. Walk-in applications are accepted up to 3 p.m. on Nov. 1, the day before Election Day.

Voters will be able to drop-off their completed absentee ballot at the Union County Clerk's Office. This option, initiated two years ago, allows voters to pick up their ballots, vote in privacy and deposit them in a secured lockbox - all at the same office through 3 p.m. on Nov. 1.

Completed ballots will be kept in a secure lockbox under the control of the Union County Board of Elections, who will collect them for counting.

The Clerk's office has processed more than 9,000 absentee ballots to date for the General Election and expects the number to exceed 12,000 by Election Day.

Voters who need absentee ballots should apply as soon as possible to: Office of the County Clerk, Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad St., Room 113, Elizabeth. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Voters can also see sample absentee ballots in English and Spanish and can print out absentee ballot applicaby visiting http://www.ucnj.org/ctyclerk/absent04 .html on the Internet.

Setting the stage to sell

If you're planning on selling or buying a home in the near future, plan on attending the Mothers & More meeting on Wednesday where a real estate agent will be able to answer all your questions at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St.

This meeting will also be an opportunity for mothers in the area to find out more about the chapter's activities, which include mom and tot outings, mom's night out, playgroups, book club and more.

The Union County chapter holds meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield YMCA.

For more information, call K.C. at 908-789-8626 or Kim at 908-889-2286 log on www.geocities.com/mothersand-

Get passports early

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi would like to remind county residents planning on traveling abroad this holiday season to apply for their passports as early as possible to avoid any complications that may disrupt travel plans.

"Families and individuals who plan to travel over the December holidays and New Year should apply for, or, if necessary, renew their passports before the Thanksgiving rush," Rajop-

"We experience a crush of applications in late November and don't want to disappoint anyone planning on traveling in December."

Union County residents interested in obtaining a U.S. passport for foreign travel are required to complete an application form and provide the following items:

· An original birth certificate issued by Vital Statistics/City Hall with a raised seal and date of issue;

· A naturalization or citizenship certificate, if applicable;

· An old U.S. Passport, if any, is preferred over any of the above;

• Two recent professional 2x2-inch photographs, front facial pose, available at office for \$7;

· Total fee is \$85, of which \$55 must be by check or money order payable to US Department of State, and a \$30 execution fee payable by cash, check, or money order to the County Clerk;

For parents, a new federal law applies for children younger than 14; call for requirements.

For children younger than 16, the fee is \$40 plus \$30 execution fee;

· A valid driver's license or three types of identification and a witness.

Passport applications may be submitted in person at the County Clerk's Office in the Union County Courthouse at 2 Broad St., Elizabeth, or at the satellite office in the Venneri Building at 300 North Ave. East,

"Our Westfield office has convenient night hours and an experienced, helpful staff ready to assist you in any way we can," Rajoppi said. "Our Elizabeth office opens at 7:30 a.m. and is fully staffed also."

The County Clerk's Office in Elizabeth is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The passport office in Westfield is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The Westfield office is open from 8 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

ing a U.S. passport, please call 908visit or http://www.ucni.org/ctyclerk/passport.html on the Internet.

For more information about obtain-

Voters to decide come Tuesday

(Continued from Page B1) thing else," just as Social Security originally started as a voluntary program for 1 percent of a person's

Adrian Mapp

Mapp he has experience as an advocate for citizens, building consensus, most of all, getting results.

He has benefited from public education and wants to work hard to pass along that opportunity to others.

In Plainfield, "I've had to make hard chioces: I know when to cut, and when to make adjustments.

"It's extremely important how well you manage the budget," Mapp said, adding that the county enjoys and excellent bond raiting. "There's reason why have good rating."

Faced with an oppressive property tax system in New Jersey, Mapp said he supports a constitutional convention to address the matter. He also supports economic development through the Union County Improvement Authority and chastised Republicans for their calls to privatize Runnells Hospital.

Mapp promised to examine the continuing problems of congestion along Route 22 and North Avenue.

"I bring a perspective from the western end of the county but I will

work for the entire county Bette Jane Kowalski

Kowalski said Democrats have done an outstanding job of providing services and making Union County an attractive place to live and raise a fam-

"I think everyone is aware of cutbacks; money is not there from state and federal governments," Kowalski said. "The county and municipal levels have to pick up the slack to provide services people expect."

"You've heard very different views," Kowalski told residents at last week's forum, charging that Republicans are divisive, seek to cut healthcare, senior services and open space.

The opposition provides "no serious ideas on how to improve county government," she said, while Democrats have improved recreation and others services and enhanced the county's role in international trade.

Joe Renna

Renna believes that the county hasn't even tried decreasing taxes. The county's governing body has increased taxes "mainly they can," and not on essential services but for waste and growth in government.

"I'm not beholden to any party bosses," Renna said. "I've given solutions to every problem I see." There

was a purpose for county government at one time, he said, but it has grown beyond providing only essential serv-

In response to a question about homeland security, Renna said while the county says it's tightening its belt, \$1.8 million would "go a longer way than putting a new porch on the Administration Building," referring to the new atrium on the county building.

Patricia Quattrocchi Quattrocchi said she can bring a "no-nonsense way of making decisions" to the freeholder board. "What needs to be done is a sweeping change in how business is done in Union," she said, such as awarding no-bid contracts to vendors that contribute to the Democratic Committee.

She said county government should get back to concentrating on services that residents really want, count on and need.

"I wouldn't want to see anyone lose their job," Quattrocchi said, but indicated there have been 250 salary increases since a hiring freeze was announced several years ago. She also claimed that some county employees who took a early retirement incentive last year have been brought back as consultants.

Surrogate and sheriff seek re-election

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Gianella, a 16-year resident of Union, is also running for the Union Township Committee, but said that if elected to both posts, he would put his full-time job on hold.

The duties of county sheriff include overseeing courthouse security, transportation of inmates, executing criminal and domestic warrants as well as investigations involving drugs and missing people. Other services such as fingerprinting and gun safety are also taken care of by sheriff.

County sheriff is one of three elected constitutional positions within the county, each with a three-year term and \$115,000 annual salary.

Republican Mike Panagos is challenging incumbent Democrat James LaCorte for surrogate.

Both candidates believe that a probate agency should have evening hours to allow the elderly a comfortable way of getting there.

"Usually seniors ask their kids to drive them to take care of probate issues, but kids work," Lacorte said. "So, I have started night hours in Cranford, Rahway, Union and Sum-

LaCorte added that evening hours of the surrogate open at 5:30 p.m. and close only after every individual is helped.

Panagos, an attorney for 15 years, said he would increase the evening probate hours even further, adding that a mix of politics is needed for accountability in Union County, as Democrats have held every county post for

Fountain, garden dedicated at Kean U.

(Continued from Page B1) versity's entrance spectacular," Farahi said. "There were few topics that Ken didn't have an opinion on."

The lawyer who believed that education is always worth the investment, Mr. Estabrook opened a law firm with his son-in-law in Westfield.

"My father believed in the American dream that every generation does better than their parents," son Jeffery Estabrook said. "That's why he fully paid for all of his seven children's college educations."

The man who coined the phrase, "You know we are having fun" after a board meeting, graduated from Cornell Law School, was editor of the Cornell Law Quarterly and practiced law before the U.S. Supreme Court.

He also went before the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the U.S. District Court of New Jersey and New York and was a member of the American, New Jersey State and Union County Bar Association.

"Ken loved flowers," wife Ann Estabrook said. "He loved watching" what he had planted bloom into beau-

always seen wearing a colorful bow

tie, Mr. Estabrook was chairman of the

The blue-eyed, grey-haired and

Union County Alliance and the Frost Valley YMCA in Montclair. "My grandfather loved lilies, but

he hated rabbits running around his garden," granddaughters Lily and Sarah Estabrook said. The ceremony ended when Father

Elias Lorenzo of the Delbarton School blessed the Estabrook Garden and a parade of roughly a hundred Estabrooks went up a cemented hill and around the fountain, but not before the family cut a blue ribbon.

"We miss your booming voice and your counsel," Farahi said, "and don't worry we are making progress."



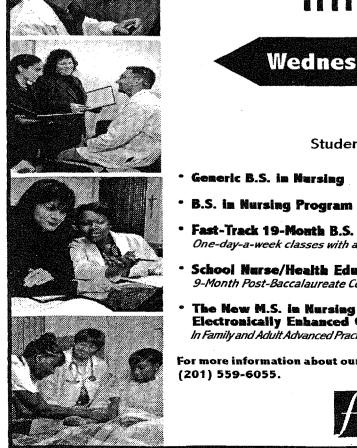
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Just imagine if your life had all the charms of a baseball game

What if life were a baseball game? Or if, at least, you could play it by baseball rules? Think how different life would be. There are firm rulers in baseball who eliminate our constant worrying about how we're doing. They're called umpires who rule on your every move.

While cooking, you look round and spot an umpire staring over your shoulder. Nervously, you finish the stew, adding extra spice. The guy behind you takes a taste and yells, "Striiike Three!" You turn ready to throw the stew at him, except he's got a mask and chest protector. All you got is your T-shirt monogrammed with your baseball moniker. Just like "Godzilla" and "Rocket," yours is an equally threatening: "Food Handler." You'd first picked "Cookie Monster"

The Art Laughter By Helen Argers

but you're too tough to crumble. You're tempted to throw a little spice in his eye, but that would eject you. Anyway, you conclude that a strike call is better than what daily happens with your family.

You serve the meal, having worked your fingers to the bone, and they just gobble away between baseball talk. No praise for you at all. Following baseball procedures, you bring out a scoreboard and demand, "Well, guys, is it a hit or a strike!" Instantly the family is silent, having to pay atten-

tion. With a magic marker you've written each kid's name and your husband's in capitals. "Food Handler" shakes the scoreboard menacingly. Your 10-year-old son quickly shouts, "You've hit it outta the park, Ma." Your husband stands up and indicates with his hands, "You've got the pitch right over my home plate!" Your daughter says you're batting .500. Being voted MVC - Most Valuable Caterer, you walk back into the kitchen and give yourself a slap on your rear. You've scored.

Baseball simplifies. You get instant answers. But even if it's a strikeout, you at least know where you stand. In real life, everything depends on another's interpretation. You can't prove you're right. The spin from the other side clouds the issues you believe in.

You love a movie, but a reviewer gives it a thumbs down, and that leaves you feeling insecure — especially when another reviewer gives it a thumbs up. Oh, what an unbrave, ambivalent world we live in!

In baseball maybe there's quibbling over a called strike or ball, but when you've hit the ball out of the park, no one can spin it as really being a single, or a pop fly, reducing your accomplishment to zero. That ball you hit is in the stands and you're trotting round the bases. It's your foot that touches home plate. Those thousands of voices from the stands are yelling for you! Here's another version of living in a baseball world. You've worked hard for several weeks on a presentation. The facts and figures are right. You present it to a board

of bored executives, waiting for high fives. One of them says, "Not the right way to go. I'd do it differently." That influences the rest. They agree there are other ways to go.

Of course, there are other ways to go! For every decision we make, we wonder if we could have chosen another path. Don't let them deflect you. Remember your baseball. Stand up and say, "When you catch a ball and it lands in your mitt, who says: 'A better way to catch it would been over your shoulder with a more graceful pirouette.' What counts is I caught the ball and we won the game!" Put that way, they line up and high fist you. You're a hit!

However, there's no need to go too far in following baseball. Skip the spitting and crotch scratching — especially at work and in front of your female co-workers.

But quickly adopt baseball's team spirit. If one day you strike out but another team member gets a hit, you all share in the final victory, don't you? Isn't it a pity most households today don't feel like a team?

You lost a client, but little Janie was promoted. That means your team scored!

Another baseball plus: you've worked two jobs all day and you're so tired, you no longer can get the ball over the plate. Yet, you've got to go home and put something on the family

In baseball, they would send in a reliever. He'd take over and let you sit down and just rest, while he handled

Macbeth takes matters into his own hands at Drew's Kirby Theatre

Just as the "curse of the Bambino" is over for the Boston Red Sox, so is the "curse of the Scottish play," as evidenced by the current stunning production of "Macbeth" at the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey in Madison.

Everyone who graduated from an American high school knows the plot. Three witches prophesy that a courageous Scottish warrior named Macbeth will become Thane of Glamis, Thane of Cawdor and "King hereafter." The first two predictions are fulfilled in short order, but his hopes for the third are dashed when King Duncan names as heir his young son Malcolm. Egged on by his beautiful spouse, Macbeth takes matters into his own hands, murders Duncan, assumes the throne of Scotland when Malcolm and his brother flee the country and, to cover up the crime, commits subsequent murders, among them the vulnerable family of his nemesis, Macduff. Buoyed by further predictions by the witches, Macbeth faces Macduff, and upon learning that he is not "of woman born," accepts his fate with dignity.

The tendency of most productions on stage for most of the play is noth-

is to portray Lady Macbeth as a maneating ogress, in league with the witches and hell-bent on making her husband king. Director Bonnie J. Monte and Laila Robbins have avoided that characterization, opting instead for a more human woman who, once she has unleashed a killing machine, descends into madness. Robbins' sleepwalking scene is a masterpiece of acting; she even manages to make the character sympathetic.

Robert Cuccioli's "Macbeth" is delightful in the opening scenes; returning from battle with his buddy Banquo, the two engage in boyish horseplay, and Macbeth playfully mocks the predictions made by the witches for Banquo, much like teenagers josh each other over their achievements. Faced with the possibility of regicide, this basically good man wrestles with his strong sense of morality, and in the scene where he envisions a dagger floating in the air - though there's none there for the audience to see — his ambivalence is palpable. And his soliloquys at the end of the play believably convey a sense of world-weariness and nihilism.

Monte's idea of having the witches

ing short of brilliant. They appear suddenly, behind a scrim, lurking in the shadows, or out in the open as in the final scenes of the play. And staging the cauldron scene in Macbeth's bedroom highlights the protagonist's troubled mind as he attempts to sleep, a luxury denied him since murdering Duncan. Caralyn Kozlowski is especially riveting as the beautiful head witch, pouring into Macbeth's mind the disgusting ingredients of the "charmed pot."

Gregory Derelian as Macduff and Michael Steward Allen as Banquo provide solid support as the forces of good ranged against Macbeth. Derelian's response to the news of his family's murder — he "must feel it like a man" - is especially affecting. Jimonn Cole is excellent in the difficult role of Malcolm, from the snotnosed heir to the throne to the clever and calculating king in exile attempting to discern the depth of Macduff's allegiance to him.

Eric Hoffman has a fine ear for comedy as the drunken porter, the wise fool who correctly pegs Macbeth's castle as an outpost of Hell.

Rick Sordelet has staged an exciting fight scene between Macbeth and

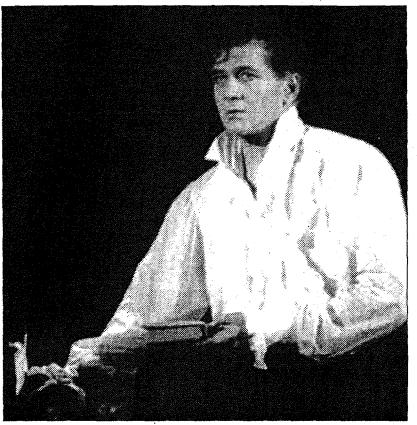
Macduff, and Michael Schweikardt has designed a set that evokes a "blasted heath," as well as a dark, dank Dark Ages castle.

Props carried on and off in the style of the Globe Theatre and a black scrim opened and closed across the back of the stage extend the playing space and, along with lighting by Brenda Gray and sound by Richard M. Dionne, project a mysterious, ominous atmos-

Far from the usual caricature, Bonnie J. Monte and her cast present a Macbeth worthy of being called a tragedy.

It's the tale of a highly regarded man who brings about his own downfall by a flaw in his character — in other words, "a tale told by an idiot, signifying nothing." But this production is far from that, one that breaks the play's curse, one that should be revisited by all former students and experienced by those currently reading the play in class.

"Macbeth" will be performed Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. beginning on Saturday and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7



A scene from 'Macbeth,' currently being performed at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre on the campus of Drew University.

Book features a spirited discussion of the works of Jane Austen

By Jon Plaut

Rudyard Kipling wrote about English novelist Jane Austen, "Jane lies in Winchester — blessed be her shade! Praise the Lord for making her, and her for all she made!"

have been viewing the five films made from Austen's greatest books, written in a brief 15-year period from 1790 to

The quote from Kipling is specifically prompted by the best-selling novel, "The Jane Austen Book Club" by Karen Fowler, about five women and one man who are reading and discussing the books of Austen in contemporary southern California.

Jennifer Ehle personifies the Austen female in "Pride and Preju-

She plays Elizabeth Bennett, one of This couplet comes to mind as I a family of sisters, with intelligence, wit and depth. This BBC production is about as fine a movie made from a great book as can be experienced.

"Sense and Sensibility" carries forth the same themes as "Pride and Prejudice," encompassing the breadth of upper-middle-class life for women in the England of the early 19th century, while at the same time circumscrib-

ing in vulnerabilities and narrowness. Emma Thompson not only stars in

this film, but she wrote the screenplay for famed Taiwanese director Ang Lee. One of the great characters in West-

ern literature is Emma Woodside, the lonely, knowing, manipulative and sensitive young woman of Austen's

As played by Doran Goodwin, she is "the flower destined to blush unseen," until the plot's brilliant resolution rescues her.

Similarly, Amanda Root gives meaning to the struggle of the multifaceted and wise heroine, Ann, in the

brilliant BBC version of "Persuasion." In some ways, the Arts Council of

England movie of "Mansfield Park," written and directed for the screen by Patricia Rozema, most fully realizes Austen's struggle with not only woman's place in a man's world, but the class and economic conflicts of

As W.H. Auden wrote, "It makes me most comfortable to see an English spinster of the middle-class reveal so frankly and with such sobriety the economic bases of soci-

Austen is a hero to thinking

women and men of today, as well as of her own time.

In the "Jane Austen Book Club," Fowler writes lives for each of the book club members that intertwine with Austen's plots and character development.

the simplifications and changes in the from their original distribution to their television serializations to their video store availability represent a new conquest for Austen.

Virginia Woolf wrote, "Here was a

without hate, without bitterness, without fear, and without preaching. That was how Shakespeare wrote.

"When people compare Shakespeare and Jane Austen, they may mean that the minds of both consumed all impediments and pervade every While the book's characters bewail word that either wrote."

In truth, one cannot see the great film, they recognize that these movies BBC film of "Pride and Prejudice" and the overwhelming artistry of Ehle, without realizing the timeless power of Austen's work.

Jon Plaut contributes to the Arts & Entertainment section of Worrall woman about the year 1800s, writing Community Newspapers.

Pollini performs with precision

By Joel Levin

He has been described by some critics as "clinical," but the most apt medical metaphor I can come up for Maurizio Pollini's assault on the keyboard is "surgical."

In last Saturday's New Jersey Performing Arts Center Chopin and Debussy recital, the venerable maestro approached each selection as a surgeon would: He followed the book. Every note of every phrase was hit with scalpel-sharp precision. But there's more: like a great wine, Pollini showed balance, structure, and finesse. I would score this session a 99, reserving that last point only for the true performance of a lifetime.

In a program longer than an hour and performed from memory, Pollini played it straight. And that was by choice. After all, he knew the music so well that he could have added personal fillips. Instead, this strict constructionist demonstrated the genius inherent in the works - and the restraint to not mess with the masters.

Pollini's unornamented, unembellished readings were what the doctor ordered. Dottore Pollini did not order schmaltz, but the renderings were in no way cold. The knowing audience, which included many pianists and lifelong piano students, had come to hear the works as they were written and were intended to be heard. That's what they got. That's what brought the audience to its feet many times with appreciative cries of "bravo."

The maestro took confident strides to the piano, sat down without adjusting the bench — or anything — and just went to work. The entire afternoon was spent in no-nonsense, nosmiling-allowed style, to the delight of those who had traveled to hear one of the last active classical piano meis-

ters of the pre-boomer generation.

Plunging into Chopin's Nocturne No. 1 in B major, Pollini immediately showed his mastery of timing, the magic of his interpretation residing in the rests, not the notes. Like a skilled comedian or a great raconteur, he would pause for the beat that made

The other attribute that sets Pollini apart from his colleagues is his exquisite accuracy. So many of the greats pound out the gist of the music but manage to slur or jumble notes. We're talking about differences of hundredths of a second, but it doesn't take a trained ear to hear the difference between clarity and muddiness. Pollini's playing was as clear as air.

The pianist started the Chopin Ballade No. 3 in A-flat major with a firm and authoritative left hand. This is the ballad that sounds like moviechase-scene music but on a higher plane. A lesser artist could easily have made missteps throughout, but Pollini brilliantly coordinated all the changes in tempo while maintaining the fluidity and coherence of a flood

Pollini turned the third movement of Sonata in B-flat minor, Op. 35, the famous funeral march, into something really quiet beautiful despite its somberness.

Days later, I found myself still whistling it, and all because of unmeasurable subtleties of timing and pedaling. By the way, the acoustics in the Arts Center's Prudential Hall were so great, that, sitting two-thirds back in the orchestra, I heard the unintended buzz of a string on the \$100,000

In the finale movement, that buzz gave way to a tumbling gush of notes as busy as "Flight of a Bumblebee"

with the now customary perfect articulation.

Twelve preludes from Book II comprised the Debussy portion of the program. The second prelude, "Dead Leaves," was a tour de force unto itself, as Pollini created such diverse voicings and timbres as to sound like a small orchestra.

Each prelude was a precious treat, with No. V filled with optimism like the gateway to a better world; No. 6 a close cousin to the humorous "Golliwog's Cakewalk;" and No. 12 commencing with a harp-like sound that I could swear was being produced electronically — and ending with rolling thunder. This prelude, appropriately called "Fireworks," seemed to be tailored to the versatility of the 62-yearold pianist. The audience loved it and called Pollini back for four encores.

It was a generous and spectacular set of encores, including a Debussy prelude from Book I and Chopin's Ballade in G-minor, a gift to Pollini's fans that was worth \$20K at overtime rates. The highlight of the encores was Chopin's "Berceuse," an impressionistic exercise that conjured golden nectar dripping into a dark forest pond. It had this writer, who doesn't cry at movies, quite choked up.

What we witnessed in Pollini at NJPAC — a program to be repeated at Carnegie Hall later in October - was a virtuoso of such flexibility and facility that he can only be compared to that impossible motor vehicle that one minute can pull tree stumps and haul boulders, and the next minute can race 200 miles per hour with perfect stability. Mille grazie, maestro.

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Pianist adds strings to his jazz

Correspondent

Jazz pianist/composer Kuhn, during a 40-year career, has lately been recording with drums and bass, so I didn't know what to expect of his new CD collaboration with a full string section and a conductor. I was prepared to dislike it, since the idea of jazz "plus strings" is a personal turnoff, however the concept for the album came from Kuhn, not some arts and recording staffer. In fact, Kuhn's latest project is the jelling of a dream

of the man himself. First of all, even if you resist calling it jazz and don't have a pigeonhole for it, it's listenable even when not hummable; there's not an awkward bar anywhere. Even the dissonances that the composer throws in for a change of pace are interesting.

Kuhn can make his grand sound like a tinkly electronic or he can milk it for all its classical nuances of timbre. Starting with "Lullaby," the first minute is quite touching, with sounds straight from heaven. And the third cut, "Trance," left me stunned, muttering "Wow" under my breath.

The title tune, "Promises Kept" is pretty; a slow waltz. Even if you're not captivated by the melody, you'll be taken in by the subtle dynamics of Kuhn's piano playing.

The closer, "Pastorale," was a bit of a throwaway, a little slow - well, pastoral, - and soft for my taste. A bigger disappointment was "Morning Dew," which lacked luster. Do not listen to this CD while watching TV or doing a crossword puzzle or operating dangerous machinery.

The painfully beautiful "Nostalgia" could be the soundtrack to any discovering-and-falling in love scene in a French film, a very good thing.

"Oceans In The Sky," is another sleepy one, but has worthwhile high

spots. It opens with the tension of pizzicato strings and the same chords as "Shangri-La," and ends with Kuhn's harp-toned arpeggios and a perfectly-timed left-hand diminuendo.

This album is a real mixture of highlights and dull spots. If you're looking for adventure, don't. The tempi are sleepy and the writing is cerebral - but just right for listening on a cold night with a glass of Irish

OK, the inside joke is that the Rogers Sisters are sisters like The Thompson Twins are twins. In fact, lead vocalist/guitarist Jennifer and drummer Laura share a last name, but the third "sister," bassist Miyuki Furtado, packs a Y chromosome.

The other joke is that, title notwithstanding, "Purely Evil," is a froth, a mousse, a frappe. The entirety of the album played with such light impact that I didn't realize that a half hour had passed. Being thoroughly professional, I listened to it three more times. OK, not every band has to have the social import of Dylan or Springsteen, but despite an assertive bass and attacking guitar, the production is watery and doesn't do justice to this

popular dance band. Some of my colleagues have compared The Rogers to The Go-Gos. I disagree. It didn't need four playings to figure out that the Rogers Sisters are The B-52s leavened with a pinch of David Byrne and a trace of '80s girl-band toughness. I'm not convinced that Kate Pierson would be flattered by these imitators, but I am sure she would recognize The Sisters as her illegitimate heiresses. Yeah, you can dance to it; after all, this is a dance

Listen to "I am a Ballerina," for a classic example of punk innocence. Upon closer listening — I wore my favorite Ross samarium cobalt ear-

phones to not provoke the family dog, there is some thoughtful musicianship on this album. Just listen to the keyboards on "Calculator" with its neat truncated last line ending with a

restrained vibes-like guitar. "I Can Tell You How I Feel About You" is written in an old-fashioned round form, very dance-y, but it dribbles to a soft landing. It's about feelings toward the United States, but it cops out by not iterating those feelings. A look at the cover art, however might clue you in to those feelings. The primitive collage features President Bush's face with a black bar covering his eyes.

"Purely Evil" is clearly the best cut. It has everything: Miyuki's lead vocal, his clanging bass line, the ensemble's screams challenging the Hives, but it's too short. I haven't listened to all of the just-out "Three Fingers," but I hope that these talented and spirited copycats have warmed up their sound and beefed up the produc-

Loveless has released "My Bloody Valentine," - CD on Sire Records, reissued LP on Plain Recordings. Newly available on vinyl, Loveless is a truly amazing studio effort of esoteric electronica that you will find filed under "Rock" and "Pop" because the taxonomists haven't figured this one out yet. Serious students will recognize The Pixies and the Breeders in the massed vocals, but other segments sound like Phillip Glass on Red Bull. An amazing six-note riff pops up as a trancelike leitmotif among the keyboards, guitars, and synthesized strings. Not easy listening, but try on Bloody Valentine's layers of unidentifiable noise for a challenge.

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- 57 Woe
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- 62 of the land 63 Shepherd's charge

Art from many cultures displayed

The James Howe Gallery at Kean for the multicultural landscape that ed with the assistance of Kean Uni-University will present "The Space Between Words," an innovative exhibition featuring New Jersey artists of Asian. Native American, African-American and Latino heritage. The exhibition is part of Transcultural New Jersey, a statewide initiative examining cultural diversity in the visual arts and developing relationships between immigrant cultures and the existing population. The featured artists include Sung Baik, Palisades Park; Geffrey Gibson, Jersey City; Marlene Lewis, Newark; and Vivian Massry, Oakhurst. The title, "The Space Between Words," is a metaphor

these artist inhabit — a space between languages and between cultures. The exhibit continues through Nov. 13, at 1000 Morris Ave., Union.

An exciting component of the exhibition will be the four projects that the artists will create for the James Howe Gallery and the Student Gallery in Vaughn-Eames Hall, and the Nancy Dryfoos Gallery in the Nancy Thompson Library. These spaces will offer a glimpse into the private world of each artist, similar to what might be found in their studios, in their sketchbooks and in their imagination. The spaces will be creat-

versity's art students and faculty. The art to be featured in The Space Between Words is as diverse as each artist's background. Judith Page, curator for the exhibition, characterizes the art as "experiential, it is about the moment - a brash, clattering confluence of the artistic spirit." Hours for all galleries are Monday

through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For additional information, contact Jennifer Crupi, Kean University Department of Fine Arts, at 908-737-4394 or at icrupi@kean.edu.

HOROSCOPES

Nov. 1 to 7

ARIES, March 21 to April 19: Meet with financial counselors and let them help you solve a fiscal problem. Leave your worries behind and adopt a goal-attaining plan.

TAURUS, April 20 to May 20: Associates or partners are cooperative and willing to discuss your concerns and answer your questions. Make note of the information provided.

GEMINI, May 21 to June 21: Find time to read instructions before undertaking a challenging task and it becomes a lot less threatening. Proceed with caution.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22: Open your mind and seek a broader view of a baffling situation. Understanding comes with patience and, perhaps, feedback or input from others.

of rejection or judgment. Make a con- Get in tune and find peace. fession and free your heart and mind to forgive.

VIRGO, Aug. 23 to Sept. 22: Think quickly and on your feet this week and come up with some outlandish ideas. Mix in humor and laughter and you are home free.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: A good deed is sure to be rewarded in monetary or beneficial terms. Stack the deck in your favor with an act of kindness and consideration.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 21: Take time when it comes to making an important decision. Additional research allows you to attain greater insight and understanding.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 22 to Dec. 21: Get quiet and listen to your inner

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 22: It is OK voice and use the guidance and to express your feelings without fear instruction that comes from within.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 19: A new friendship has great potential for a long-lasting camaraderie. Do not overlook an opportunity to exchange contact information.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 20 to Feb. 18: Effectively communicating your goals and ambitions is the key to success in the world of business and finance. Step up and speak out. PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20:

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If your birthday is this week, you have the focus and concentration to succeed in a variety of mental pursuits during the coming year.

FAIR SUNDAY

FRIDAY & SATURDAY November 5th, 6th, 2004

EVENT: Holiday Fair PLACE: Community United Methodist Church, Chestnut and Grant Avenue, Roselle Park, NJ TIME: Friday 1:00-8:30PM;

Saturday 9:00AM-2:00PM **DETAILS:** Turkey Dinner with Homemade Pies. Seating 5:30pm & 7:00pm, Nov 5. Reservations Necessary, Tickets Adults \$8.50, Children (under 12) \$4. Pancake Breakfast/ Brunch, 9am-1pm, Nov 6, Tickets at door, Adults \$5, Children (under 12) \$3. Santa Visits Nov 5, 3-4pm & 6-7pm; Nov 6, 11am-12noon. Homemade crafts/baked goods, nearly new items, books, CD's, DVD's, face painting, children's games and much more. For information call 908-245-2237 ORGANIZATION: Community United Methodist Church

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY

November 6th, 2004 **EVENT:** Flea Market PLACE:140-144 Bloomfield Ave., Mont-

PRICE: VENDORS WANTED. For more information call 973-673-7975 or 973-746-5914 or 973-678-8339 ORGANIZATION: Bright Hope Baptist

SATURDAY November 6th, 2004

EVENT: Outdoor Flea Market PLACE: Frank Vincent Marina, Kearny, New Jersey (Grassy Side). Passaic Avenue and Bergen Avenue, (by Burger

TIMÉ: 9AM - 5PM

DETAILS: New merchandise, collectibles, crafts and a garage & tag sale section. For information 201-997-9535 ORGANIZATION: Sponsored by Kearny

SATURDAY

November 6th, 2004 EVENT: Big Indoor Flea Market
PLACE: Roselle Catholic High School, Raritan Road, Roselle TIME: 9am-4pm

PRICE: Call for information 908-245-ORGANIZATION: Roselle Catholic High

SATURDAY November 6th, 2004

EVENT: Holiday Bazaar PLACE:Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church, Stuyvesant Avenue and W. Chestnut Street, Union

TIME:9am-3pm
PRICE: No Charge or Free Admittance
Holiday Gifts (Jewelry, knitted articles,
craft, cake sale, etc. For info call 908688-6315 ORGANIZATION: Sponsored by The Presbyterian Women of Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church.



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ORGANIZATION: Sponsor by:BHS Var-

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EVENT: Flea Market PLACE: St. Mary's High School, 237 South Broad Street, Elizabeth

TIME: 8am-3pm
INFORMATION: Over 100 tables of bargains. Limited space. For more information call 908-352-4350
ORGANIZATION: St. Mary's High

RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY October 29th, 30th, 2004

EVENT: RUMMAGE SALE- Short Hills Huge Sale
PLACE:Short Hills Community Congregational Church, 200 Hartshorn Drive, Short Hills

TIME: Friday -9am-3pm Saturday -9am-1pm
DETAILS: Clothes, Furniture, Household items. For information call 973-379-5600 ORGANIZATION: Community Congre-

FRIDAY & SATURDAY November 5th, 6th, 2004

EVENT: St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Westfield Sale PLACE:414 East Broad Street, Westfield TIME: Friday 9:30am-2:30pm,

Saturday, Bag Day 9:30am-12noon INFORMATION: Clothing, collectibles, ORGANIZATION: St. Paul's Episcopal

SATURDAY

Church of Westfield.

November 6th, 2004 EVENT: Rummage Sale PLACE: Holy Trinity & St. Joseph's Church. Ziegler Ave. Linden, NJ. TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. PRICE: Free Admission. **ORGANIZATION:** Blessed Sacrament Society

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DETAILS: Wine & Cheese will be served at 6:30P.M.

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SATURDAY

November 6th, 2004 EVENT: Christmas Bazaar 2004 PLACE: The New Reid Temple, 154

Oraton Parkway, East Orange, NJ

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admin@bjcfinc.org ORGANIZATION: Kingdom Fellowship

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EVENT: Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Chapter's 57th Annual Show
PLACE:Rahway H.S. 1012 Madison
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TIME: Saturday-8PM; Sunday 2:20PM
PRICE: Adults \$15 at the door, \$12 in
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Tickets ranging in price from \$31 to \$68 are on sale now. Student rush tickets are \$16 available day of performance with current ID. For tickets call 973-376-4343 or buy online at www.papermill.org.

"She Loves Me" boasts a book by Joe Masteroff, and music by Jerry Bock and lyrics by Sheldon Harnick. The classic score includes such tunes as "Will He Like Me?," "Tonight at Eight," "Dear Friend," "Ice Cream" and "She Loves Me."

It is the rare musical theater aficionado who doesn't have a soft spot in his heart for this intimate show, considered by many the most charming musical ever written.

"She Loves Me" stars George Dvorsky, Michele Ragusa, Nancy Anderson, David Hess, Paul Schoeffler, Bradford Anderson, Bill Bateman and Tony Award-winner George S. Irving; with Richard Todd Adams. Leslie Becker, Ryan Dietz, Katherine Harber, Cecily Kate, Alisa Klein, Jean Marie, Mary Jo McConnell, Ed Romanoff, Todd Stern, and Branch Woodman.

The production team for "She Loves Me" includes Michael Anania, Gail Baldoni, F. Mitchell Dana, and Randy Hansen. Tom Helm is musical director.

Georg, played by George Dvorsky, and Amalia, played by Michele Ragusa, are two feuding clerks at a European parfumerie in the 1930s who secretly find comfort in their anonymous romantic pen pals, not realizing their respective correspondents are none other than each other.

Funny, intelligent, honest and sentimental, "She Loves Me" is a warm romantic comedy with an endearing innocence and a touch of old world elegance and nostalgia, yet as universal and relevant as ever in this age of internet romances.

"She Loves Me" is based on the play by Miklos Laszlo, whose own confection was titled, "Parfumerie" when it premiered in Budapest in the

Subsequently, Ernst Lubitsch in 1940 spun the enchanting tale of love temporarily askew into "The Shop Around the Corner," starring James Stewart and Margaret Sullavan. In 1949, a second motion picture, the

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sey. The rehearsals are held weekly on

Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sep-

tember to May, and take place in the

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in Westfield, located at the corner of

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Street. Singers interested in joining are

invited to attend a rehearsal and meet

with James S. Little, the society's

The fall semester will be spent

preparing for the Jan. 15 performance

of Handel's "Dixit Dominus," a lively

and beautiful work score for strings.

continuo, chorus and soloists. Also on

the program is John Rutter's "Birthday

Madrigals." These five madrigals

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May 14 performance of Luigi Cherubi-

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musical version "In the Good Old Summertime," boasted Judy Garland, Van Johnson and the first screen appearance of Liza Minnelli. Most recently Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan starred in the 1998 film "You've Got

With a top ticket price of \$9.60, "She Loves Me" opened at Broadway's Eugene O'Neill Theatre April 23, 1963, playing 302 performances. Directed by Harold Prince - with musical staging by Carol Haney — the cast included Barbara Baxley, Jack Cassidy, Barbara Cook, Daniel Massey, Ludwig Donath, Nathaniel Frey and Ralph Williams. The 1993 revival for the Roundabout Theatre Company began life at the Criterion Center/Stage Right before transferring to the Brooks Atkinson Theatre. Directed by Scott Ellis with musical staging by Rob Marshall, the cast included Jonathan Freeman, Boyd Gaines - Tony Award - Best Actor in a Musical, Brad Kane, Judy Kuhn, Sally Mayes, Howard McGillin, Lee Wilkof and Louis Zorich.

Making her Paper Mill debut is Michele Ragusa in the role of Amalia Balash. Michele's Broadway credits include Evelyn Nesbit in "Ragtime," "A Class Act," "Titanic," "Cyrano" and most recently, "Urinetown." Off-Broadway: "Bloomer Girl" at Encores! and "Tintypes." Regional: "Guys & Dolls," "South Pacific," "Phantom," "My Fair Lady," "West Side Story," "Carousel," "Me and My Girl," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Paper Mill favorite George Dvorsky returns to Paper Mill for his sixth production after starring as Billy Crocker opposite Chita Rivera in "Anything Goes," Billy Buck Chandler in "My One and Only," Peter in "Jesus Christ, Superstar," Richard Henry Lee in "1776," and James in "Shenandoah." He has starred on Broadway in the title role of "The Scarlet Pimpernel," and played Henry Spofford in the revival of "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes." Other Broadway credits include the Tony Award-winning "Passion," "Marilyn: An American Fable" and "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas." Off-Broadway credits include "Dames at Sea" and "And the World Goes Round." George starred in Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" as Prince Charming at Lincoln Center where he also played Tommy in "Brigadoon." Off-Broadway credits include Pete in "Pete 'N Keely," "Dames at Sea" and "And the World Goes Round." For information, www.georgedvorsky.com.

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under its present name.

son as musical director.

Paper Mill stage is George S. Irving who plays the owner of the Parfumerie, Mr. Maraczek. Irving last appeared as Merlin/Pellinore in "Camelot" and counts Panisse in "Fanny" as his favorite role here. George's Broadway debut was in the original cast of "Oklahoma!" He's been called the quintessential musical comedy character men with roles in "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," "Can-"Bells Are Ringing," "Tovarich," "The Happy Time," "On Your Toes," and "Irene." Irving was also the voice of Underdog and Heat

James Brennan, a resident of Midland Park, is one of Broadway's premiere "song and dance" men, having starred as Bobby Child in "Crazy for You," Billy Lawlor in "42nd Street," Don Lockwood in "Singin' in the Rain" and Bill Snibson in "Me and My Girl." He recreated his role of Bill Snibson in "Me and My Girl" at Paper Mill, and starred as King Arthur in 'Camelot."

Brennan directed Paper Mill's 'Noises Off," "Crazy For You" and last season's hit "The Sound of Music."

This summer Brennan directed 'Call Me Madam" at Goodspeed Musicals, "On Your Toes" and "Noises Off" at the Cape Playhouse and starred opposite Sutton Foster in "Me and My Girl" at Pittsburgh CLO.

Jerry Bock was born in New Haven on Nov. 23, 1928. Thirty years later he and Sheldon Harnick gave birth to "The Body Beautiful" in Philadelphia. In between was "Catch a Star" and "Mr. Wonderful," starring Sammy Davis Jr. Bock and Harnick's celebrated collaboration yielded five scores in seven years: "The Body Beautiful," "Fiorello!," "Tenderloin," "She Loves Me," "Fiddler on the Roof," "The Apple Tree" and "The Rothschilds."

In addition to the silver anniversary production of "Fiddler," a highly esteemed revival of "The Rothschilds" enjoyed a successful run Off-Broadway. Since then, Bock and Harnick were inducted into the Theatre Hall of Fame, received the Johnny Mercer Award from the Songwriters Hall of Fame and were awarded the Spirit of American Creativity Award.

Sheldon Harnick's musical theater career began in the 1950s with songs e.g. "The Boston Beguine," "Merry Little Minuet" - in revues on and Off-B'way. In 1957 he teamed with Bock to create the scores for a number of memorable musicals, including "Fiorello!," "She Loves Me," "Fiddler on the Roof," "The Rothschilds"

Making his 12th appearance on the and "The Apple Tree." Other musicals include "Rex," "A Wonderful Life," "A Christmas Carol," "The Phantom Tollbooth," and "Dragons." Harnick has won two Tony Awards, two Grammy Awards, three gold records and a platinum record. He is a longtime member of the Dramatists Guild and Songwriters Guild.

Joe Masteroff wrote the librettos for Bock and Harnick's "She Loves Me" and Kander and Ebb's "Cabaret." He also wrote the play "The Warm Peninsula," which starred Julie Harris. In the near future his new musical collaboration with composer Howard Marren, "Paramour," based on Jean Anouilh's "The Waltz of the Toreadors," will be presented at San Diego's Globe Theatre.

Paper Mill Family Week - Oct. 27 through 31. During Family Week for each of the shows, patrons may purchase one full price adult ticket and get one children's ticket - age 18 and under - for half price. This special offer is subject to restrictions and availability. Not to be combined with any other offer. Does not apply to previously purchased tickets. Not available for sale on the theater Web site.

Paper Mill Conversation series is free and open to the public. Join members of Paper Mill's Education Department for a conversation on how this charming romantic tale has warmed the hearts of audiences for decades. Meet in the theater's mezzanine on the following: today and Nov. 4, 11, 18 and Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. Audiences will meet and ask questions with members of the cast and staff. The Conversation Series is free to all Thursday evening ticket holders, and is an educational way to further enjoy your Paper Mill experience.

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Nov. 24, starting with a 12:30 p.m. seminar and a 2 p.m. curtain.

Nov. 27 with a 1 p.m. seminar and a 2:30 p.m. curtain.

Nov. 28 with a 6 p.m. seminar and 7:30 p.m. curtain.

Paper Mill Sign-Interpreted/Open-Captioned Performances will be Nov. 28 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. at 8 p.m.

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permitted into mainstage shows

"She Loves Me" is produced in association with Gene R. Korf and is made possible by a grant from The Blanche & Irving Laurie Foundation.

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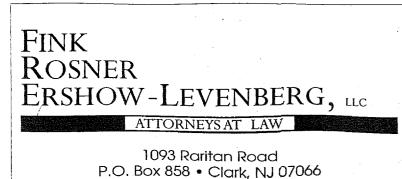
For more than 65 years as one of the country's leading regional theaters, Paper Mill Playhouse, a not-forprofit arts organization, is supported in part by grants from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, in addition to contributions from many corporations, foundations, businesses and individuals. Paper Mill is a member of the Theatre Communications Group, the National Alliance for Music Theatre, the Council of Stock Theatres, and the New Jersey Theatre Alliance.



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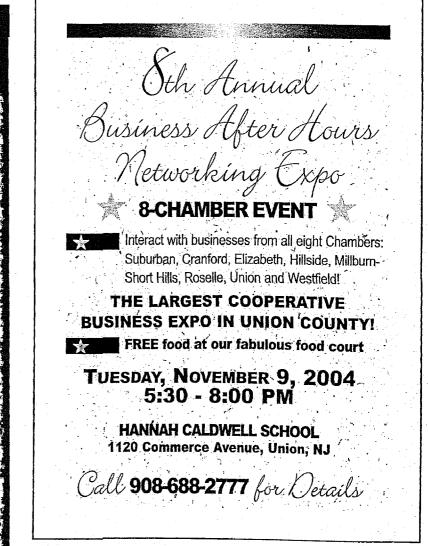
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· "Tosca," Stanislavsky Opera, Friday, at 8 p.m., Prudential Hall. The Stanislavsky Opera Comp, established in 1918 as the opera studio of the famed Bolshoi Opera. Eightystrong, they return to NJPAC with their powerful production of Puccini's immortal masterpiece, "Tosca." This moving morality tale of courage, revenge and ultimate tragedy, is fully staged with orchestra. Presented in Italian with English subtitles. Tickets, \$65, \$56, \$48, \$38, \$24 and \$14.

· Groupo Corpo, Friday and Saturday, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, at 2:30 p.m., Victoria Theater. Groupo Corpo, the most successful contemporary dance company in Brazil, presents a vibrant fusion of ballet, jazz, modern dance and popular Afro-Brazilian dance styles, all infused with dazzling technique, lightning fast footwork and sultry sensuality. Its high-energy programs are as rich and multi-faceted as Brazilian culture itself. Tickets, \$38.

· Bale Folclorico Da Bahia, Saturday, at 8 p.m., Prudential Hall. Experience the sights, sounds and unique energy of Carnivale with this showstopping company — the epicenter of traditional Afro-Brazilian rhythm and movement — when they return to Prudential Hall with an all-new program. "With its choreographed carnival and slave dances, in the capoeira, and, above all, in the gaiety of the samba, this exuberant, uniquely Brazilian group should absolutely been seen," says The New York Times. Tickets: \$50, \$44, \$36, \$28, \$20 and

· Vladimir Spivakov with the Moscow Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra, Sunday, at 3 p.m., Prudential Hall. Spivakov, one of the most famous violinists and conductors of our time, arrives at NJPAC with his internationally renown Moscow Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra, an expert ensemble

New Jersey Performing Arts Cen- comprised of some of the top-ranking soloists from throughout Russia. Program: Strauss: Sextet for Strings from Capriccio, Op.85; Mozart, Violin Concerto No. 2 in D, K. 211; Bach, Concerto in C for Violin, Oboe and Strings; Shostakovich, "Preludium and Scherzo"; and Shoenberg, "Verklarte Nacht." Tickets, \$56, \$50, \$42, \$34, \$22 and \$14.

> · Michael Flatley's "Lord of the Dance," Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 4, at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m., Nov. 5, at 8 p.m., Nov. 6, at 2 and 8 p.m., and Nov. 7, at 3 p.m., Prudential Hall. The theatrical extravaganza that has helped catapult Irish dancing into the global spotlight returns to NJPAC. A mesmerizing blend of traditional and modern Celtic music and dance. Flatley's "Lord of the Dance" features more than 40 performers and is played out on a grand scale with precision dancing, dramatic music and vibrant costumes. The New York Post calls it "fascinating, rewarding and above all, entertaining." "A showpiece extravaganza." says the Los Angeles Times. Tickets, \$64, \$52, \$42, \$24 and \$14.

Black 45's Lyrical Combat. MC battle. Curated and hosted by Black 45. Nov. 11, at 8 p.m., The Chase Room. As part of the Planet Hip Hop Festival, NJPAC hosts this electrifying MC battle. Participants will be chosen from Lyrical Combat's statewide competition, and a limited number of performance slots will be available on a first-come, first-served basis; cash prizes will be awarded to the top three contestants. Tickets: \$17.

 All-State Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Choir Concert. New Jersey Music Educators Association, International Association for Jazz Education, New Jersey Chapter. Mike Tomaro, jazz ensemble conductor; Nancy Stickle, choir conductor. Nov. 12, at 7 p.m., Victoria Theater, ages 8 and up. This special concert brings together some of the best young jazz musicians and vocalists from across the state for a dynamic group performance. The performance will feature jazz classics in the big band style under the musical direction of composer, arranger and

musician Mike Tomaro, director of Jazz Studies at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, and vocalist Nancy Stickle, conductor of the Willingboro High School Jazz Choir. A For Kids, By Kids event, featuring young performers. Tickets: \$21 and \$9.

· Sacred Circle Cafe, curated and hosted by Marjorie Barnes and Jerry Gant. Nov. 12 at 8 p.m., The Chase Room. This evening of cutting-edge artistry welcomes some of the hottest, most innovative artists representing the latest trends in spoken word, poetry, hip hop theater and solo performance. Performers include Ella Turenne, Fauzi Ra Oof, Flo Brown, Jennifer C. Armas, Marcella Goheen, Marubi Selah, Pandora Scooter, Rasheed Adero, Steven Wong and Taalam Acey. Tickets \$17.

· Verse 4 Verse Open Mic, hosted by Ras Baraka and Juba Dowdell, Nov. 12 at 11 p.m., Flava, 24 East Park St., Newark, around the corner from NJPAC. Planet Hip Hop and long-standing poetry forum Versde 4 Verse invite both established and upand-coming artists to exchange ideas and share their work at this lively open mic event. Come early and sign up as one of the evening's performers, or just sit back and listen to what's sure to be a diverse array of popular as well as undiscovered voices. Tick-

· Poetry Speaks, an original program of Akila Worksongs. Panel discussion/workshop curated and hosted by April Silver, Nov. 13 from noon to 6 p.m., The Chase Room. April Silver, founder of the Brooklyn-based Akila Worksongs, will produce a full day of panel discussions, poetry readings and workshops with legendary poets. as well as renowned poets of the hip hop generation. Tickets: free.

Paper Bag Players, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m., Victoria Theater, ages 3 and up. This acclaimed troupe of performers specializes in subject matter that reflects a child's every day experiences - with a healthy dash of the fantastic thrown in for fun. The Paper Bag Players return to NJPAC with their short plays, rousing songs, freewheeling dances and audience participation, bringing imaginative new life to family objects. "Unquestionably, the leading United States theater company for kids," says People Magazine. "They exemplify excellence in children's theater," says The New York Post. Tickets, \$19 and \$10.

· Beat, Scratch, Tag, Nov. 13 at 8 p.m., Victoria Theater. Beat Box Entertainment and Scratch DJ Academy will come together to present some of the most awesome beatbox and turntable artists in the country, featuring beatbox phenomenon Kenny Muhammad and others. Newark's own Jerry Gant will create a living art piece as the backdrop at this evening's event. Tickets, \$17.

• Peter, Paul and Mary, Nov. 13, at 8 p.m., Prudential Hall. This Grammy Award-winning trio has built a peerless musical legacy thanks to timeless hits like "Blowin' in the Wind," "If I Had A Hammer," "Leaving On A Jet Plane" and "Puff, The Magic Dragon." After four decades of recordings and live performances, Peter, Paul and Mary continue to lend their rich sound and strong social conscience to America's great folk music heritage. Part of the AT&T Premier Artist Series. Tickets, \$56, \$44, \$36, \$24 and \$14.

· "Deliverance." Planet Hip Hop After Party, Nov. 13 at 11 p.m., Masonic Oriental Lodge, 37 Fulton St., downtown Newark, around the corner from NJPAC. NJPAC's Planet Hip Hop invites you to dance, mingle and rock the house at "Deliverance," Newark's monthly underground premier dance party. This high-energy celebration will feature music, courtesy of the resident disc jockey for "Deliverance," DJ Earon and special guest disc jockey, Hard Hittin' Harry, formerly of The Fugees. Tickets: free.

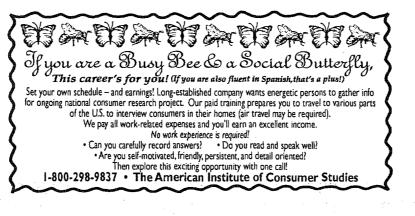
· D/BA ... Doing Business As Usual? Panel discussion, keynote speech, featuring Doug E. Fresh, Nov. 14 at noon to 5 p.m., The Chase Room. This day-long event will feature a panel discussion with noted leaders in the hip hop entrepreneurial community who will share their insights and strategies on hustling and doing business in the world of this vital, ever-expanding art form. Planet Hip Hop concludes with a keynote speech by trend-setting hip hop pioneer Doug E. Fresh. One of rap's first superstars, Fresh is known worldwide as "The Original Human Beatbox" and as the hit-maker behind classic cuts like "The Show," with then partner MC Ricky D., and influential albums, "Play" and "The World's Greatest Entertainer." Tickets \$12.

· All-state Orchestra and Chorus Concert. New Jersey Music Educators Association. William H. Sylvester, orchestra conductor; Anton Armstrong, choir conductor, Nov. 14 at 3 p.m., Prudential Hall, ages 8 and up. This annual musical event puts the spotlight on the state's most outstanding young musicians and vocalists. The concert features a 100-piece orchestra and a 350-voice chorus under the musical direction of a professional orchestra conductor. A For Kids, By Kids event featuring young performers. Tickets: \$21, \$13, \$11

 Solo Jazz Piano: Marian McPartland and Jason Moran, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m., Victoria Theater. Two generations of pianists come together for an evening of the very best in solo jazz piano. Marian McPartland is the "First Lady of Piano Jazz" and the host of Marian McPartland's Piano Jazz series on NPR. For more than 65 years, she has been delighting audiences in clubs and concert halls around the world and has recorded more than 60 albums and CDs. Jason Moran has achieved an incredible feat: unanimous praise among jazz critics. As both pianist and composer, he is rapidly blazing a trail as the most innovative and important new voice in jazz to come along in years. Each artist will play a solo set and then col-

laborate on two pianos. Tickets: \$42. Karen Akers, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m., The Chase Room. One of America's most riveting concert and cabaret stars returns to NJPAC. From Carnegie Hall to Broadway -"Grand Hotel," "Nine" - to the famed Oak Room of New York's Algonquin Hotel, Akers has long delighted critics and audiences alike. "Akers is a great voice," says The Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, "an instrument with the power of Streisand's, the dark passion of Piaf's and the lean irony of Dietrich's ..." Tickets: \$47.

· Bobby McFerrin and Savion Glover, Nov. 26 and 27, at 8 p.m., Prudential Hall. This unique evening of song and dance brings together for the first time two of the most formidable talents of our time. Bobby McFerrin is a superb vocalist, composer, arranger, conductor and a 10time Grammy Award-winner. His vocal range and technique are almost superhuman and his solo a cappella concerts have achieved a near legendary status. Newark's own Savion Glover has elevated the art of tap to new creative heights, both through his own shows, Savion Glover's Stop, Slide and Swing: In Performance, and as the Tony Award-winning star of the smash Broadway hit, "Bring in 'Da Noise, Bring in 'Da Funk." In this historic collaboration, each artist will "do his own thing," as well as perform together. It is an event not to be missed. PSE&G Holiday Celebration. Tickets: \$56, \$44, \$36, \$24, \$14.





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

The evening will offer a unique opportunity to witness and experience the music played by Elkan and some of her current students and to learn of the remarkable effects that harp music

The Arts Guild of Rahway, in conhas had on hospital patients during the Rahway, formerly Rahway Hospital, Trenton in February 2003, is both a of healing. Indeed, the harp was used course of their hospital stay.

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

This is an ideal program for people who are interested in the relief of stress and for counselors and other professionals who work with people for the reduction of stress-related con-

Bedside Harp was launched at Robert Wood University Hospital at

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Bedside Harp, LLC, formed in

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Bedside Harp's mission is three-

- · To provide harp music at the bedside to comfort and soothe patients, their families and staff.
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- · And to offer a certification program to train harpists to work in a variety of health-care environments.

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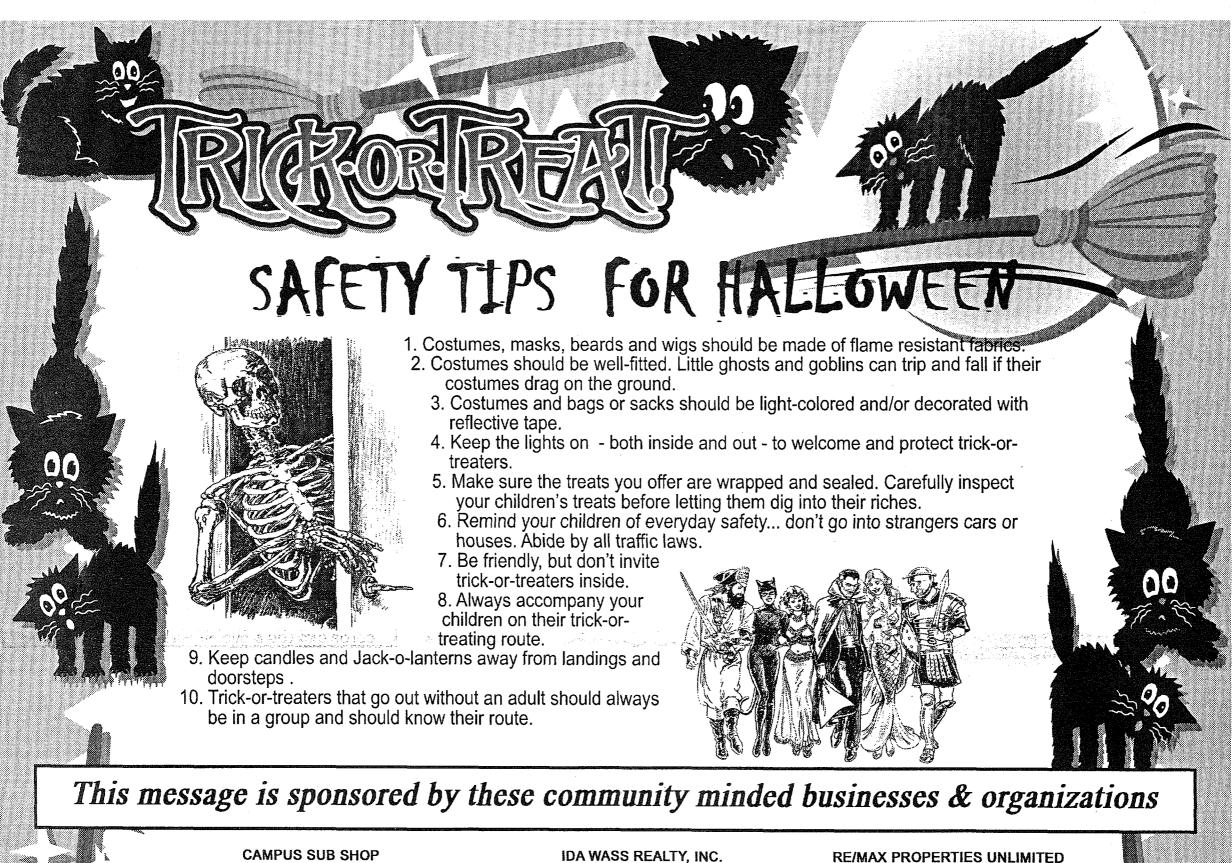
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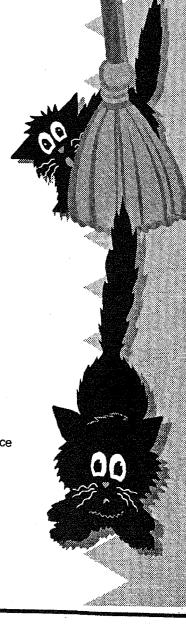
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LES MALAMUT ART GALLERY will host the presentation of "A Garden Journal," a series of photographs of Union County Public and Private Gardens by Nancy Ori of Berkeley Heights. The exhibit will continue through Dec. 1. The gallery is open at the Union Library, 1980 Morris Ave. Union, during regular library hours. Operated by the Wheelchair Gallery,

NEW EXHIBIT OPENS AT ARTS GUILD OF RAHWAY. On Nov. 17, the Arts Guild of Rahway will present "Illusions:Collusions/Collisions by Patricia Cudd, Anuradha Das and Erena Rae." The show will run until Dec. 10. An opening reception will be held on Nov. 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. There will be free admission.

The gallery hours are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. and Thursday, from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. at the Arts Guild, 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For more information, call 732-381-7511, or visit the Web site at www.rahwayartsguild.org, or e-mail artsguild1670@earthlink.net.

BOOKS

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PAGE TURNERS DISCUSSION GROUP will meet the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-

BOOKS WE LIKE, a reading group featuring staff recommendations, will meet the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading Group meets the third Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, to read a Shakespeare play out loud. For information, call 732-574-1818.

WOMEN'S READING GROUP meets the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

WRITERS WORKSHOP meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

COMEDY

THE WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER presents Cornedy Night on the third Saturday of each month. The Comedy Night series at the Watchung Arts Center has managed to build a following in its suburban location by drawing from a mix of New York City comedy club stand-ups. Each show features new faces and fresh material.

Host Phil Hochman will present master of ceremonies John McMinamen, a headliner and a feature performer. Ticket price includes light refreshments after the show. The show begins at 8 p.m. Saturday, and tickets are \$15.

The seating at the Watchung Arts Center is in an intimate art gallery, with limited capacity. Reservations may be made by e-mail at www.watchungarts.org or by phone, calling 908-753-0190 and leaving a message if necessary. Tickets will be held at the door.

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

CONCERTS

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

Concerts are presented at Union Village Methodist Church, 1130 Mountain Ave., Berkeley Heights. For more information, call 973-376-4946, or visit the Web site, www.sanctuarycon-

JAZZ VOCALIST ROSEANNA VITRO AND HER ENSEMBLE will take guests on a "Jazz Journey of the American Song Book" on Nov. 22 at 8 p.m. at Kean University's Wilkins Theatre, at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. Tickets are \$10 for the public; \$8 for seniors and alumni; and \$6 for students and children, and can be purchased by calling the Wilkins Theatre box office at

THE SEVENTH JAZZ SEASON at

the Arts guild of Rahwah continues on Nov. 12 with composer/pianist Diane Moser. Tickets are on sale daily at the Guild. Advance sale tickets are \$14; admission at the door is \$16. There are three concerts to follow in the series in February, April and May. Multiple-concert ticket prices are also available at special rates. Call 732-381-7511 for tickets. For further information, visit the Web site, www.rahwayartsguild.org.

DANCE

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

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

DISCUSSION

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

WRITERS' WORKSHOP will meet every other Monday at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF

FREEHOLDERS invites local nonprofit organizations, individual artists and scholars to apply for funding from the 2004 Union County HEART — History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands Grant program. Recognizing the importance of culture and the arts to the economy and quality of life, the freeholders established the HEART Grants in 1998. This innovative program supports projects related to history, the arts, and humanities, and demonstrates a commitment to the artists and nonprofit organizations of Union County. "The response to the HEART Grant program in past years has been exciting," said Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada. "The recipients are a wonderful mix of creative people - poets and writers, historians, painters, photographers, musicians and dancers - plus arts, history, and other cultural organizations and civic groups." "The services provided by these artists, scholars and organizations directly benefit the residents of our county," said Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "These cultural assets are a vital part of community life, economic development

and cultural tourism in Union County." To request HEART Grant information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202; call 908-558-2550, Relay users dial 711; or send inquiries via e-mail to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

HILM

ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY, 11 S. Broad St., will sponsor a series of free film classics at the Main Branch. All films begin at 10 a.m. For information, call 908-354-6060.

SCI-FI DOUBLE FEATURE and Halloween Film Event will be part of the 7:30 p.m., the Union County Arts Center will present a pair of movies from 1956, "Forbidden Planet" and "Earth vs. The Flying Saucers," with the second movie starting at approximately 9:40 p.m. On Saturday, 2:30 p.m., the Union County Arts Center and cosponsor Garden State Theatre Organ Society will present "Nosferatu," a silent film with music accompaniment by Bernie Anderson Jr. on the Arts Center's original Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ. For more information, call 732-499-0441, ext. 232. The Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving Street in Rahway.

Movie Palace Experience. On Friday at

HOBBIES

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC. meets at 295 Jefferson Ave., Union, behind Home Depot on Route 22 East. The club is open to the public Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call 908-964-9724 or 908-964-8808, send inquiries via e-mail to TMRCInc@aol.com or visit the Web site at www.tmrci.com

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC., was founded in 1949 in the basement of the late Paul Mallery, who was a pioneer in the hobby of model railroading. The club occupies a building on Union County park land designed, built and maintained entirely by the members, under a unique arrangement with the Union County park system.

The club building is located off Route 22 East, behind The Home Depot in Union. Free parking is available on site and the building is wheelchair-accessible.

For more information, call 908-964-9724 Saturdays from noon until 4 p.m., or 908-964-8808 for a recorded message, or visit the club's Web site at www.tmrci.com.

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

INTERNET

THE INTERNET LOUNGE, 256 South Ave., Fanwood, hosts an Open Mic/ Karaoke Night. Join the group for a cup of gourmet coffee and a wide variety of organic foods and participate in an original poetry reading, a standup comedy routine or a musical number. There's no cover charge. To ask about a schedule of events, call 908-490-1234 or visit its Web site: www.theinternetlounge.com.

KIDS

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

POETRY

POETRY OUT LOUD! will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, For information, call 973-376-8544.

OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT takes place the second Sunday of every month at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-241-5758.

SINGLES

DINNERMATES and Entrepreneurs Group invites business and professional singles to dinner at a local restaurant; wine and mingling is at 8 p.m., dinner is at 9 p.m. Two age groups are available. For information on dates and locations, call 732-822-9796 or visit www.dinnermates.com.

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Donation is \$2. For information, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751.

SOCIAL SINGLES DANCING, for 45year-olds and older, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Yankee Buffet Grand Ballroom, 2660 Morris Ave.. Union. Admission is \$7. For information, call 908-688-8816.

Union Social Singles Dancing, 45 and up, meet every Tuesday 7 p.m. at The Yankee Buffet Grand Ballroom, 2660 Morris Ave. Union. Admission is \$7, for information call 908-688-8816.

THEATER

THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOL OF DRAMATIC ARTS announces its partnership with 12 Miles West Theater Company at 562 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield. For more information, call 973-566-9700 or visit the Web site, www.njactors.org. KEAN UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES

SENIOR CITIZEN THEATER TICKET PROGRAM. In an initiative led by the university president, Dawood Farahi, free tickets to several of the stellar performing-arts events held at the university's theaters are available to seniors through local senior citizens centers. "Senior citizens are very important to our communities," said Farahi. "As a leader in education, it is imperative that Kean University uses its resources to include them in the wonderful cultural offerings on this campus." He added that, while planning this new program, Kean polled seniors living locally to find out what kinds of outings they would enjoy. The overwhelming response was for performing arts. "We have great programming that we can share with our seniors. I know this plan will be especially beneficial for those living on a fixed income, who might otherwise not be able to see events of this caliber as much as they would like," said

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

Upcoming Senior Night Out shows include:

· Wilkins Theater: Tonight, 7:30 p.m. Melba Moore in Concert. Melba Moore entered show business when she replaced Diane Keaton in the original Broadway production of "Hair." Since then, she has won a Tony Award for her performance in "Purlie," performed in various musicals, including "Les Miserables," released her album titled

"Happy Together," and appeared in the movie, "The Last Temptations."

· Wilkins Theater: Nov. 22, 8 p.m. Jazz Journey. Andy Fusco, Kean University affiliate artist in saxophone and jazz, brings his post-bebop quintet to Wilkins Theater in another of its patented barn burners.

THE PLAYHOUSE ASSOCIATION OF SUMMIT presents its production of "Fiorello" at the Summit Playhouse from Nov. 5 through Nov. 20. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. A special matinee performance will take place on Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students. For more information, call 908-273-2192, or order tickets on line at www.summitplayhouse.org.

VARIETY

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mic Night every Thursday night, a disc jockey every Friday night and solo artists and bands on Saturdays. Happy Hour is 4 to 7 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, with \$1 drafts and \$3 Long Island iced teas. Mondays are Mexican Mondays with \$2 shot specials, \$2 Coronas, \$2 margaritas and \$1 tacos. Wednesdays are Ladies Nights and karaoke.

The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-6544.

CROSSROADS, 78 North Ave., Garwood, presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts, as well as foot-

ball-themed nights. Every Sunday: Live comedy, funk and poetry; "Live at Instant Coffee," 8 p.m. Every Monday: Open Mic Night, Happy

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Clark will present entertainment in the coming weeks. Thursdays are Ladies Nights, and Sundays feature NFL games and \$2 drafts. Molly Maguire's is located at 1085

Central Ave., Clark. For information, call 732-388-6511. SECOND SATURDAYS COFFEE-

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. Featured will be an "open mic" forum of music, poetry, comedy and performance art. Refreshments are served. Admission is \$4. Talent is sought for future dates.

For information, call 908-928-0127 or send an e-mail to info@secondsaturdays.org.

VAN GOGH'S EAR, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesdays are "Acoustic Tuesday," some of which feature open mic from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer. Open mic participants sign up at 7:30 p.m. and get 10 minutes at the microphone. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. The cover charge is \$3 for all Sunday concerts, unless oth-

For information, call 908-810-1844.

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB announced that discount advance sale tickets for its annual light and sound and open house have gone on sale and will be available at the club ticket window on Saturdays, between 1 and 4 p.m. An order form in PDF format will be available to download off the club's Web site, www.tmrci.com, for ordering tickets by mail. Advance ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$2 for children aged 12 and under and \$3 for seniors aged

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Debbie Coury, director of the Yvette Dance and Fitness studio in Cranford, announced the opening of the studio's 50th season.

The studio, founded and directed by Yvette Cohen in 1954 and then passed on to Debbie Coury in 1984, has enjoyed many years of quality training for its students.

Whether the goal is a professional career, the development of grace, coordination, fitness or dancing just for fun, a total range of training is avail-

The large facility has three dance

studios, dressing rooms, offices and a kitchen available for the students.

Classes offered at the school include tap, jazz, ballet, pointe, hip hop, and modern, for pre-school through adult.

In addition, classes in step, body sculpting, relaxation and pre-dance for 3-year-olds are available. Returning to the dance faculty will

be Debbie Coury, Bernadette Baron, Irene Ulesky, Julie Gale, Colleen Belliot, Danielle Wegryn, Carol Straffi and Joan Guarino.

In addition, two teachers have been

added to the fitness faculty. Brenda Werneiwskei is no amateur when it comes to working out, staying fit and keeping the beat.

For the past 15 years, she has kept up with the trends of the fitness scene with great aerobics and great music.

She has packed step aerobics and body sculpting classes for previous health clubs such as Bally's Fitness, Living Well Lady, and more.

Werneiwskei is certified in CPR and a Club Health Industry member. Ewa Jackson-Feldt, before working in the fitness field, was assisting a pul-

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has produced students who have gone on to Broadway, television commercials, Atlantic City and Las Vegas shows, New York industrial shows,

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companies, board of directors of national dance organizations, judges for national dance competitions, choreographers for local theater and school productions, Radio City Rockettes, and more.

Recently, the studio was voted the best dance studio in Union County by the readers of local newspapers and was given the Readers Choice Award for 2004 by the Suburban Style maga-For further information about the

school, call 908-276-3539 or come in person from 4 to 7 p.m.

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DJ Tamir in schedule for Dusty's in Roselle

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

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

Thursday and Sunday nights are karaoke nights.

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

Chestnut St. in Roselle at the site of the former Cove Jazz Club.

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

NJSO plans concert for adults, children

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will present the the final entry in the Family Concert programs of the 2004-05 season in November.

This concert series is designed for families to enjoy classical music together in a fun and educational set-

The program will feature excerpts from Dvorak's most famous works, including selection from Slavonic Dances, The American Suite and the "New World" Symphony. Each hour-Dusty's Place is located at 112 long performance will engage you and your children through beautiful

> The orchestra will be led by guest conductor Mark Mandarano.

The final performance of this program will be presented on Nov. 20 at New Jersey Performing Arts Center, located in Newark, beginning at 2

This performance is made possible through the generous support of the Laraja Foundation Inc.

The NJSO's Family Concert Series is designed to provide parents and grandparents with the opportunity to spend important time with their children/grandchildren in shared experiences that can bring both generations pleasure and which permit the transfer of cultural traditions from one generation to another.

This three-concert subscription series is presented in Newark and Plainsboro each season, and is an out-

growth of the orchestra's in-school education programs.

ART CLIPS

Tickets are available at \$19 and \$14, and can be obtained by calling the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra ticket office at 800-255-3476, Monday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or online at www.njsymphony.org.

'Connections II' will show photos by Summit artist

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

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

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

Salon and pictorial imagery are deemphasized.

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

Thus, the images often say more about the photographers than they say about the subjects before the lens.

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

Some of the local photographers

the viewer.

showing their work are Jennifer Bailey, Arnis Balgalvis, Norma Bernstock, Ron Brown, George Bujarski, Marvin Cline, Brian Geldziler, Pam Greene, Linda Guerci, Fred Hedge, Tom Heller, Dot Kuehn, Sheila Lenga, Coleen Marks, John Martancik, Walter Oliver, Lester Pfeiffer, Jody Pfeiffer, Glenn Podel, Joe Riggio, Maureen Rock, Joan Shyers, Neal Snitow, Tom Stillman, Ray Yaros and Sue Zwick.

Additionally, several prints by Pam Constable, who participates via the Internet from New England, will be

The exhibit will run from Nov. 1 through 30.

For more information about this particular exhibit, call 908-753-019, or visit www.watchungarts.org.

Theater association adopts a new name to reflect its mission

lence in Community Theater, has announced its new name, corporate structure and board members.

New Jersey Association of Community Theater, or NJ ACT, its board will consist of nine community theater professionals.

"We still have the exact same function and intent as RECT," says Chris Fitzgerald, president, from Cranford. "And that is to recognize excellence in the New Jersey community theater arena. This new setup

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is going to facilitate our growing and encompassing the entire state. We're really excited about it."

RECT has been in existence since Now operating under the name of 1997, with its predecessor, ACT, originating in 1994. Previous to ACT, the Avy Association, founded by Perry Morgan, reviewed and awarded community theater productions since the late 1970s.

"NJ ACT really has been around in some form for the past 30 years," said Fitzgerald. "We've grown bigger and taken in more theater members every one of those years. We

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theaters and, last season, we reviewed more than 200 shows."

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currently have more than 60 member attendees. Such categories as best actor, actress, scenic and lighting design as well as direction and overall production are reviewed and scored throughout the New Jersey

These scores are compiled and tallied with the highest score garnering the Perry for that year. In addition to 12 performance categories, there are 10 technical areas that qualify for the Perrys

"The review, nominating and award process is going to remain the same," said Fitzgerald. "It has worked in the past and, since it doesn't seem to be broken, we're not going to fix it."

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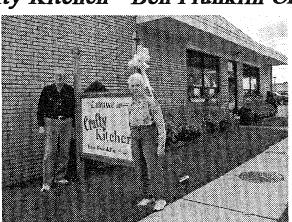
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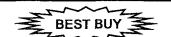
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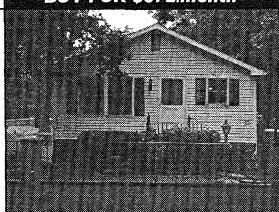
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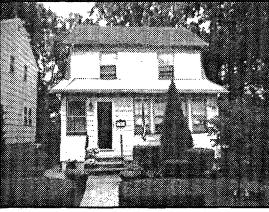
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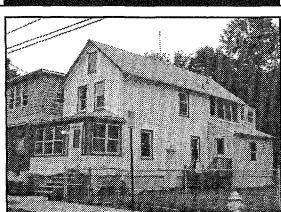
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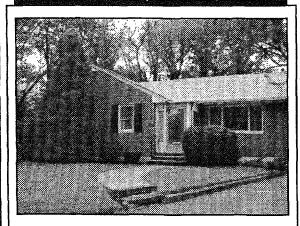
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The ERA Brokers of New Jersey of ERA Reed Realty, sent six of his agents to the program. His group achieved a record-breaking 1,411 percent increase in their production during the course and continued to dramatically increase their production and accountability thereafter. Now three years later, Reed plans to send four more agents to the upcoming academy and continues to praise the program.

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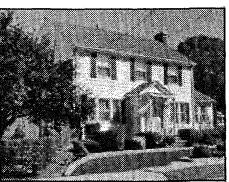




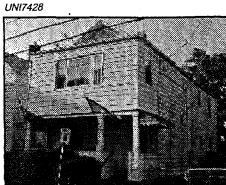
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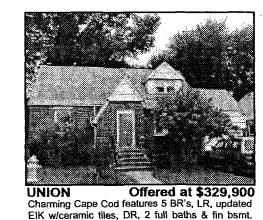
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Kukoff joins Coldwell

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Equipped with outstanding sales, communication and organizational skills, along with a genuine love of working with people and providing them with the highest level of customer service, Kukoff was frequently recognized among the top producers in her former office.

As she anticipates continued success and growth with Coldwell Banker, Kukoff also appreciates the importance of good training, guidance and education. She consistently attends classes and workshops in order to stay on top of the latest trends in real estate, thus allowing her to assist clients more effectively.

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Nixa I. Rivera and Atlantic Home Health Care, Inc.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon the Attorneys for Plaintiff, Powers Kirn, LLC, 9 East Stow Road, Suite C, Marlton, NJ 08053; P.O. Box 1568, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054, an Answer to the Complaint (and Amendment to Complaint, if any) filed in a Civil Action in which Bank of New York, as Trustee is plaintiff and Nixa I. Rivera, et al., are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within thirty-five (35) days after October 28, 2004, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, CN 971, 6th Floor, North Wing, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure. A \$135.00 filing fee payable to the Clerk of the Superior Court and a completed Case Information Statement must accompany your answer or motion.

The action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage dated 12/12/2003, made by Gustavo Serrano to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. and duly assigned to plaintiff, Bank of New York, as Trustee, and concerns real estate located at 50-52 Clinton Avenue, Plainfield, NJ.

YOU, Nixa I. Rivera and Atlantic Home Health Care, Inc. are made a defendant because you are a lien holder in the above matter and so have an interest in the property being foreclosed.

An Individual who is unable to obtain an attorney may communicate with the New Jersey) or 609-394-1101 (from out of state), you may also communicate with the New Jersey) or 609-394-1101 (from out of state), you may also communicate with the Legal Services Office. The phone numbers for the county in which this action is pending are: Legal Services (908) 353-4715.

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Weekly Mortgage News McLean, VA — Freddie Mac (NYSE:FRE) today released the results of

its Primary Mortgage Market Survey in which the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage (FRM) averaged 5.69 percent, with an average 0.7 points, for the week ending October 21, 2004, down from last week when it averaged 5.74 percent. Last year at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 6.05 percent.

the average for the 15-year FRM this week is 5.07 percent, with an average 0.6 points, also down from last week when it averaged 5.14 percent. A year ago, the 15-year FRM averaged 5.36 percent.

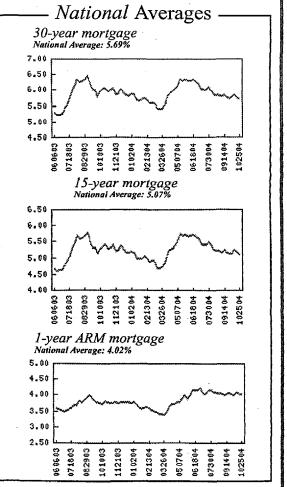
One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 4.02 percent this week, with an average 0.7 point, up slightly from last week when it averaged 4.01 percent. At this time last year, the one-year ARM averaged 3.79 percent.

(Average commitment rates should be reported along with average fees and points to reflect the total cost of obtaining the mortgage.) Treasury bond yields eased somewhat this week, causing long-term

nortgage rates to drift a little lower from last week, said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac chief economist. Mortgage rates for 1-year adjustable-rate mortgages, however, were almost unchanged, rising only one basis point in the same time frame.

Lower mortgage rates, in turn, caused mortgage application activity to increase last week in both the refinance and home-purchase sectors Meanwhile, housing starts took a breather in September, following the robust pace set in August.

Freddie Mac is a stockholder-owned corporation established by Congress in 1970 to create a continuous flow of funds to mortgage lenders in support of homeownership and rental housing. Freddie Mac purchases mortgages from lenders and packages them into securities that are sold to investors. Over the years, Freddie Mac has made home possible for one in six homebuvers in America.



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A new link-coil type rear sus-By Jerry Garrett pension, with a Watts linkage sys-Copley News Service When the Dodge Durango tem, helped improve not only towdebuted in 1997, it was heavy, ing stability and payload capacity, slow, cramped inside, handled but also facilitated a needed lowerrudely and got abysmal fuel ing of the rear load floor for more clue — get the Hemi.

The Durango actually has been a relatively popular vehicle for Dodge and a modest sales success. As the lone sport utility vehicle in Chrysler's otherwise minivanladen lineup, it filled a glaring gap.

mileage. But other than that

For 2004, Dodge has redesigned the Durango and addressed its shortcomings in key areas, while offering new functionality in oth-

So, the new Durango looks to be more of a win-win vehicle for the customer and the company.

The redesigned Durango, built in a refurbished plant in Newark, Del., comes on its own specific platform. It no longer shares much of anything with the mid-size Dakota pickup, upon which it was based originally.

Durango actually shares quite a lot of its mechanicals, such as suspension and brakes, with the fullsize Ram pickup now.

It is 7 inches longer, 3 inches wider and rides on a wheelbase stretched 3 inches.

Dodge calls it a full-size SUV. is still considered its archrival. The Durango is actually 1 foot longer than the Explorer now, and specs up favorably in some key areas against large SUVs like Expedition.

The Durango starts with a stiff, hydro-formed, fully boxed frame. The frame ends are crushable, as on the Ram pickup redesign two years ago, and can be easily repaired without frame replacement.

Major components, such as the steering box, were moved behind the crush zones for added crash protection.

Rack and pinion steering and an independent front suspension, combined with the longer frame and wheelbase, give the Durango improved handling, stability and steering feel.

interior room.

New Durango is a winner for the customer

This is an area where the Explorer, with its new independent rear suspension, achieved considerable packaging flexibility, stability gains and, supposedly, industryleading space for a third row of

But both Durango and Explorer third-row seats offer 34 inches of

"We examined IRS designs," says Frank Klegon, truck design vice president. "But we found that we could save weight with our design, and still achieve our ride targets, with the link-coil setup.

"Our rear-wheel geometry is markedly better under load than with an IRS system, and that translates to a more settled trailer, and smoother handling while towing."

The Durango's GVWR of 6,600 pounds, and towing capacity of 8,950, is a big advantage; Ford's patented "Hole in the Frame" IRS system limits the Explorer to a 5,880-pound GVWR and just a 7,000 towing capacity.

although the midsize Ford Explorer Durango achieve some of its impressive hauling numbers.

> Big news is the availability of the lovely sounding Hemi V-8. The highly touted 5.7-liter power plant boasts 335 horsepower and 370 foot-pounds of torque. That's a 40 percent boost over the 5.9-liter Magnum it replaces.

> And the Hemi gets better gas mileage, 14/19 mpg, will run on regular unleaded, although midgrade is recommended, and goes 0-60 in 8 seconds flat.

> For the truly fuel-conscious, a 210-horse, 3.7-liter V-6 is also offered for the first time, as the base motor. Respectable fuel economy numbers, 16/21, almost compensate for the lost power.

The 4.7-liter Magnum V-8 is also carried over, but it is barely as powerful as the V-6, is heavier and gets

worse gas mileage than the Hemi. 4.7 V-8, 230 at 4,600; 5.7 V-8, 335 So, we're not sure who would want it, although Dodge expects a 50 percent take rating on it.

For just \$895 more, guys, get a

A four-speed automatic comes mated to the V-6. A five-speed auto is standard with the V-8s. No manual transmission is offered.

Full-time four-wheel-drive is optional on the V-8s only, it knocks about 1 mpg off the highway fuel economy numbers.

Inside, the third-row-seat denizens will appreciate finally having enough room to feel, not to mention stretch, their legs. Rearseat entertainment systems further occupy the occupants. And a sunroof can lighten up the environment for the first time.

Thanks to 3 more inches in width, a full load of seven passengers no longer feels quite so intimate, and cargo such as 4-by-8 sheets of plywood can load flat on the floor between the wheel hous-

Dodge deserves kudos for extending the available side curtain air bags to cover all three rows of seats, not just the first two, as most competitors do.

No question, the Durango has a A revised engine lineup helps truck-like feel and stance. Styling cues were borrowed from the recent macho Power Box and Power sion bars, monotube shocks, stabi-Wagon concepts. But it also has a few minivan or Pacifica-style touches, such a carlike bumper height and overhangs, a steeply raked windshield and sleek aerodynamics.

Very competitive pricing — \$26,565 base, \$38,875 loaded has helped Durango get a running start since its November launch.

2004 Dodge Durango

Body style: Seven-passenger. body-on-frame, sport utility vehicle Drive system: Rear-wheel or optional four-wheel-drive

Engine: 3.7-liter 12-valve SOHC V-6, optional, 4.7-liter 16-valve SOHC V-8 or 5.7-liter 16-valve push-rod Hemi V-8

Horsepower: 210 at 5,200 rpm, zine.

at 5,400

Torque: 235 foot-pounds at 4,000 rpm, 4.7 V-8, 290 at 3,600;

5.7 V-8, 370 at 4,200 Transmission: four-speed automatic; 5-speed automatic with V-8s

Acceleration: 0 to 60 mph, V-6, 10.2 seconds; 5.7 V-8, 9.1 seconds; Hemi, 8 seconds EPA fuel economy estimates: 16

mpg city, 21 highway; 4.7 V-8 2WD, 14/19, 4WD, 14/18; 5.7 V-8 2WD, 14/19, 4WD, 13/18

Fuel capacity: 27 gallons

Interior cargo volume: 20.1 cubic feet, behind third-row seat; 68.4 behind second-row seat with third row folded; 102.4 with second and third row seats folded

Front head/leg/shoulder room: 40.8/41.5/59.3 inches

Middle head/leg/shoulder room: 39.2/37.4/59.6 inches

Rear head/leg/shoulder room: 39.2/34.4/59.3 inches

Length: 200.8 inches

Wheelbase: 119.2 inches

Curb weight: V6, 4,671 to 4,676 pounds; 4.7 V-8, 4,825 to 5,045; 5.7 V-8, 4,896 to 5,079

Brakes: Four-wheel discs, with rear ABS

Steering: Power-assisted rack and pinion

Suspension: Front: Independent with upper and lower A arms, torlizer bar. Rear: Live axle, link-coil Watt-type, monotube shocks, stabilizer bar

Wheels and tires: Standard 17inch.

Base price: \$26,565 to \$38,875

The competition: Chevrolet TrailBlazer/GMC Envoy, Toyota 4Runner, Nissan Pathfinder, Ford Explorer/Mercury Mountaineer, Honda Pilot

Where assembled: Newark, Del. Pluses: Improved in virtually every aspect over the model it replaces. Minuses: Overcoming the old Durango's shoddy reputation.

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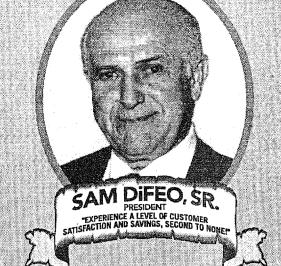
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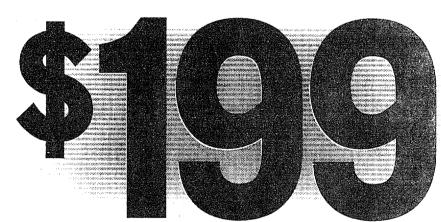
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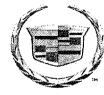
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Silver, 8 cyl, auto trans, air, pwr str/ABS, p/wind/seats/lex/s/runk/ant/mirrs, AM/FM sterpo-case, 00 till, cruise, 9/64 (lbt in Int. 28), int wip, alum whils, dual air base, fog lts, 7/45 mi. Sik. #812697, VIN #40108653.

2001 Cadillac Seville SLS Silver, 8 cyl, aulo trans, air, pwr str/ABS, Pwind/seats/lcks/trunk/mirr, AWPM stereocass, CD, tilt, cruise, r/def, alum whis, lithr int, rads, int win, dual air bags, tog lts. 18,048 mi, Stk. #812639, VIN #10278002.

\$24,901

2003 Cadillac DeVille
White, 8 cyl, auto trans, air, pwr str/ABS/wind/seats/cks/frunk/mirrs, AM/FM stereo-case, Cyll, cruise, v/del, fltv int. rds, int win, alum whis, dual air bags, 27,696 mi, Stb. #812596, WIN #3U209405.

2004 Cadillac SRX
Silver, 8. cyl., auto Itans, ait, pwr str/ABS/wind/seats/fcks/trun/brumrrs, AMF/H stere-cass, CD, till, cruise, ddef, lith inl, rads, alum whls, dual air baps, log lts, 8736 mi, Stk. 4812692, VIN #40189844.
\$40,994

2002 Cadillac Seville STS Silver, 8 cyl, auto trans, air, pwr str/ABS, P/wind/seats/rks/trunk/an//mirrs, AlMFM stereo-cass, CD, bil, cruise, r/det, lithr int, s/b bires, alum with dual air bas, fog lts, 41,708 mi, Stk. #812683, VIN #2U181522.

\$25,902 2004 Cadillac DeVille

Silver, 8 cyl, auto trans, air, pwr str/ABS/wind/seats/tcks/trunk/ant/mirrs, AMFM stereo-cass, CD, tilt, cruise, r/def, tithr int, rads, int win, alum whis, dual air bass, 15,241 mi, Stk. #812686, VIN #4U215451.

2004 Caclillac SRX
Silver. 6 cyl, auto trans, air, pwr str/ABS/wind/seats/icks/trun/sex. full; ruise, full; lift int, rads, int wip, alum whis, dual air bags, fog lts, 9487 mi, Stk. #812691, VIH #40190107.
\$40,994

2001 Cadillac DeVille
Black, 8 cyl, auto trans, air, pwr str/ABS, p/wind/seat/s/cks/trunk/mirrs, AM/FM sterocass, 00, tilt, cruise, r/def, alum whits, rads, int wp, dual air bag, 26,910 mi, Stk. #812612, VIN #10291581.

\$26,901

2003 Cadillac DeVille DTS Blue, 8 cyl, auto Irans, air, pwr str/ABS, p/wind/seals/fcks/tranb/ant/mirrs, AMFM stereo-cass, Co, ltt, cruise, vfdel, ftbr int, rads, int wip, alum whts, dual air bags, 29,430 mi, Stk. #812704, VIN #3U113640.

 $\begin{array}{c} 2004 \ Cadillac \\ SRX \\ Silver, 6 \ cyl, auto trans, air, pwr str/885/wind/seats/icks/trunk/ant/murs, AM/M steep-cass, CD, lift, crusse, r/del, lift inl, rads, int wip, alum whis, dual arr bags, log lts, 5883 mi, Stk. #812685, VIN #40190475. \\ $40,994 \\ \end{array}$

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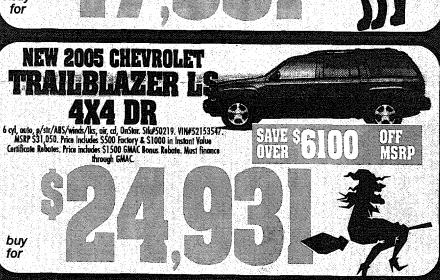


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